



**Bishop of the
Diocese of Trenton:**
Most Reverend David M.
O'Connell, C. M.

Pastor:
Reverend Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee

Pastor Emeritus:
Reverend Fr. William J. Bausch

Deacon:
Vincent Rinaldi

Trustees:
Bill LaMorte
Irene Weller

Parish Office hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am - 7:30 pm
Open Sunday 9 am - 12 noon.

Parish Membership:

New Parishioners are welcome to register at the office at any time.
Next New Parishioner Orientation
- Sunday, 11 February at 11 am
Contact Parish Office at
parishoffice@stmaryscoltsneck.org
Registration is required.

Sacraments:

Eucharist

Detailed Mass times listed on page 2

Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday 3 pm or by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office one year in advance for information & guidelines.

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office for information & required paperwork three months in advance.

There are no Baptisms during Advent or Lent, please plan accordingly.

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THIRD SUNDAY

OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



Masses for 4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday, 23 December 4 pm Mass & Sunday, 24 December 10 am Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th

3:00 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm & 10:00 pm
9:30 pm Choral prelude & Adult Handbell Choir

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25th

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass (No 5:00pm Mass)

*(All Masses will be celebrated in the Church
through the Octave of Christmas)*

*Wishing that this season
of Advent fills your
heart and home with
peace and happiness!*

Visit our Website: www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

18 December - 24 December
For * Requested by

Monday, 18 December 9AM - Chapel

Gregory A. Voit * His Family
Rev. Fr. Gerard J. McCarron * Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff and Parishioners

Tuesday, 19 December 9AM – Chapel

Frank Flood * The Flood Family
Anthony M. Marion * Josephine Bogacz

Wednesday, 20 December 9AM – Chapel

Brandon Wieboldt * Neil and Jane Slattery

Thursday, 21 December 9AM – Chapel

St. Peter Canisius
Rev. Fr. Michael J. Waites * Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff and Parishioners
Dolores Theresa Wilk * Tom & Angela Kinlin

Friday, 22 December 9AM – Chapel

Intentions of Leonidas Mavrookas * Suzanne Schlesinger

Saturday, 23 December 4PM – Church

St. John of Kanty
Pro Populo
Dorothy Deckert * Jeanne Cerbone
Veronica Grabowski * Family

Sunday, 24 December – Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
10 AM
Steven Piecuch , MD * Drs. Elvira and Gener Dapul

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)

3:00PM, 4:30PM, 6:00 PM & 10:00PM
All Masses offered for the People of the Parish



Please pray for the following members of our parish family who are ill:

To add a family member to the sick list, please call or e-mail the Parish Office.

A person is put on the list for 8 weeks unless a renewal call is received. Thank you!

732-780-2666 or parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

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| Kay Amatel | Inez Fieramosca |
| Frank Baker | Emily Gioacchini |
| Eileen Beckley | Thomas Giuffrida |
| John Beckley | Edward Habrack |
| Raymond Binaco | Tom Hudak |
| Deborah Blasucci | Theresia Kopp |
| Daniel Brown | Lori Lettieri |
| Harry Brown | Donna Lodi |
| Sal Castro | Henry Lohn |
| Jo Clement | Pauline Madzin |
| Logan Dayton | Joseph Mascaro |
| John DeStefano | Leonidas Mavrookas |
| Joseph Di Fedele | John McInerney |
| Kaitlin Donahue Nagle | Mary Joan McNamara |
| Sarina Dormelus | Marjorie Messler |
| Glenn Duenas | Tere Nolan |
| Jose Espinoza | Anna May Schellenberger |
| Jake F. | Owen Shoemaker |
| Gary Federico | Remmington T. |
| Ruth Fiedler | Jay Vida |
| James Fiedler | Tommy Zita IV |

Feast: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30th - 4 pm Mass
Sunday, December 31st - 8 am, 10 am & 12:00 noon Mass

Solemnity: Mary, Mother of God

(Octave Day of Christmas)

Sunday, December 31st - 5:00 pm Anticipatory Mass
Monday, January 1st - 10:00 am Mass

Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
-- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers, those who entered into their new and eternal life in Christ recently.

Joseph Scala



Parking head-in on the grass:

It is so wonderful that we are blessed with many parishioner families & visitors to our parish during the Christmas Season as well as big turnouts for many parish events. Please be reminded that all staff, ministry volunteers & choir members should park *head-in on the grass* around the parish campus. Visitors are invited to do the same for additional parking especially at:

- Christmas Eve for the 3 pm, 4:30 pm & 10 pm Masses
- Christmas Day for the 11:00 am Mass

Remember that visitors will be with us and **hospitality** can be a wonderful hallmark of our community. Please welcome those who might be joining us even if they are in "your seat."

For the Troops

*All-powerful and ever-living God,
when Abraham left his native land
and departed from his people
you kept him safe through all his journeys.*

Protect these soldiers.

*Be their constant companion
& their strength in battle,
their refuge in every adversity.*

*Guide them, O Lord,
that they may return home in safety.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Pray for Our Military

- Chief Blake Conley, USN*
- Lt. Col. John Anthony Coppola, US Army*
- Sergeant Scott MacConnell*
- Pvt Michael John Mento, US Army*
- 1st Lt. Adam Sjoholm, US Army*
- 2nd Lt. Ryan Tanguay, US Army*
- Staff Sergeant Stephen Witherow, USAF*
- Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki*

If there is a family member you wish to be placed on the list, please call the Parish Office at 732-780-2666. Please include rank and branch of service.

Parish Office will be closed the following dates during Christmas Season

- ⇒ Sunday, 24 December 2017
- ⇒ Monday, 25 December 2017
- ⇒ Sunday, 31 December 2017
- ⇒ Monday, 1 January 2018

Winter Weekend Mass Schedule thru Sun., March 4

Sat. 4pm Mass Sat. Penance/Reconciliation 3 pm

Sun. 8am, 10am, 12pm & 5pm Masses

*No Sunday 5pm Mass on the following days:
Dec. 24, Jan. 14 & Feb. 18*

**Lifelong Catechesis Week
18 December - 24 December**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
 - Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
 - Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
 - Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45
 - Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
- 24 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Questions for Deeper Reflections:

Question for Children: If you were to tell someone one thing about Jesus' mother, Mary, what would you say?

Question for Youth: Gabriel's greeting to Mary was, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." This is God's greeting to each of us - he loves us just as we are. What are some of your personal strengths that God rejoices in?

Question for Adults: Name one area of your life where God has surprised you with love, abilities, or even a pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon you in this dimension of life?

- Lifelong Catechesis



Sanctuary Lamps

Consider donating the sanctuary lamp that burns in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church or Christ Chapel in memory of a loved one who has died or to honor a living person. These intentions are on a weekly basis starting with the Sunday, therefore a new request is published each week in the bulletin.

The suggested donation for Sanctuary Lamp is \$25.

Cards available to present

Upcoming availability

Church & Christ Chapel:

12/31 - 1/6, 1/28 - 2/3

Christ Chapel: 1/7 - 1/13, 1/14-1/20 & 1/21-1/27



CHAPEL

Theresa Grabowski
*Suzanne Grabowski,
Janet & Christopher Munger*



CHURCH

Robert A. McNamara
McNamara Family

Liturgical & Worship Ministries
Andrew J. Macirowski
Worship@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Music Ministry
David Maliakel
Music@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Worship Ministry Schedule: December 23 - December 25 Fourth Sunday of Advent & The Nativity of the Lord

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Liturgy of Word Dismissal	Usher
Saturday, 4:00 PM (Church) Fourth Sunday of Advent	Anthony Buzzetta NOT FILLED	Helene Lind - Center Cup Rosemarie Estephan - Organ Host Louise Habrack - Center Host Suzanne Schlesinger - Tabernacle Host Monty Matrischiani - Organ Cup Justine Buzzetta - Tabernacle Cup Diane Antico - Alternate	Robert Lutkewitte	Bruno Savo	Margaret Caponegro Tina Repetto	Magnificat Choir	Fernando Pinguelo	John Grabowski Jim Davis Bob Lind Frank Sikorskas NOT FILLED
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church) Fourth Sunday of Advent	Gabriella Penczak NOT FILLED Alessandra Zilinski	Richard Yaeger - Center Cup Chris Barnett - Organ Host Maureen Geiger - Center Host Winifred O'Doherty - Tabernacle Host Barbara Moskal - Organ Cup Emily Santangelo - Tabernacle Cup Edward Moskal - Alternate	Anthony Bongiorno	Alicia Mendez	Denise Smith Muriel Rogers	Meghan Kryscenski	Jessica Ward	Michael Boliver George Watts James Pifer Joe Young
Sunday, 3:00 PM The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Allen Montefusco Christopher Montefusco	Suzanne Schlesinger - Organ Host Susan Murphy - Center Host Sandra Montefusco - Tabernacle Host Gail Hall - Host Pew Tabernacle Mike LaCava - Host Pew Organ Rosanne LaCava - Gathering Space 1 Gina Shute - Gathering Space 2 Louise Habrack - Alternate	NOT FILLED	Annette Raynor	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	David Maliakel	N/A	
Sunday, 4:30 PM The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Gabriella Penczak Daniel Cowles	Catherine Rinaldi - Organ Host Suzanne Schlesinger - Center Host Mathilda Said - Tabernacle Host Martha Cowles - Host Pew Tabernacle NOT FILLED - Host Pew Organ NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 1 NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 2 NOT FILLED - Alternate	Steve Rumsby	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	David Maliakel	N/A	
Sunday, 6:00 PM The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Mary Natale NOT FILLED	Barbara Moskal - Organ Host NOT FILLED - Center Host Edward Moskal - Tabernacle Host NOT FILLED - Host Pew Tabernacle NOT FILLED - Host Pew Organ NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 1 NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 2 NOT FILLED - Alternate	Alicia Mendez	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	David Maliakel	N/A	
Sunday, 10:00 PM The Nativity of the Lord - Mass at Night	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED - Center Cup NOT FILLED - Organ Host NOT FILLED - Center Host NOT FILLED - Tabernacle Host NOT FILLED - Organ Cup NOT FILLED - Tabernacle Cup NOT FILLED - Alternate	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Magnificat Choir	N/A	
Monday, 9:00 AM The Nativity of The Lord - Mass During the Day	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Joyce Flynn - Organ Host Jane Slattery - Center Host NOT FILLED - Tabernacle Host NOT FILLED - Host Pew Tabernacle NOT FILLED - Host Pew Organ NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 1 NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 2 NOT FILLED - Alternate	Mary Ellen Griffin	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	David Maliakel	N/A	
Monday, 11:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord - Mass During the Day	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Maria Gerbino - Organ Host Gregory Calderaro - Center Host NOT FILLED - Tabernacle Host NOT FILLED - Host Pew Tabernacle Patricia Gesner - Host Pew Organ NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 1 NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 2 NOT FILLED - Alternate	Barbara Schafflin	Richard Gerbino	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Magnificat Choir	N/A	

"The whole Advent season is about merciful love. We look upon God's Infinite Mercy and know He finds such joy in coming to us, and that He finds joy in forgiving us."

-Mother Angelica

Temporal Administration, Stewardship & Outreach
Edwin A. Sevillano TemporalAdmin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Sharing Our Treasure
10 December
2nd Sunday of Advent

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship	\$15,962
Envelope Contributions	\$11,848
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 2,904
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,210
Average Contribution per Household this week	\$ 35.12
# of Contributing Households	420
# Registered Parishioner Households	1,269

For end of the year charitable giving opportunities, please consult your financial advisors. Consider our parish for your end of year charitable gift.

THANK YOU
for the Sacrificial Stewardship Offerings
as we support the ministries,
programs and facilities of our parish.



Dear Parish of Saint Mary

Many thanks for your most generous donation of \$500, which was applied to our Thanksgiving food drive during which more than 300 families received a complete dinner for their family. Over the past 30 years, Mercy Center has brought hope, help and healing to those who struggle with the burden of poverty. Gifts of time, talent and treasure give hope in darkness, help in despair, and health to heal.

Your contribution truly makes a difference. Because of your commitment and support, the past three decades have helped make life brighter, happier and healthier for so many people. You help Mercy Center create miracles in our small part of the world through your compassion to the stranger.

Thank you for your belief in our work.
Sincerely,
Carol Ann Henry, RSM Executive Director



THANK YOU to all who have signed up for Online Giving.
This helps save the Parish of Saint Mary on postage and envelope printing expenses.

Interested? Please sign in for online giving at <http://goo.gl/Kzxrk7>



Did you receive your Christmas Mailing?
Have you moved?
Changed your phone # or email address?

To update your information in the parish database, each family can use the **My Own Church** login.

Have you heard about My Own Church?

This new online tool lets you update your family's records on the web! It's convenient. It's secure. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

The My Own Church **Button**  may be found on the parish website

www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

Located under the Parish Resources Block. **Select The Parish of Saint Mary, Colts Neck** from the dropdown menu (fourth from the bottom), and fill in the required information.

Questions?

See the help page link or call the parish office.

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965**

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners: Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. This particular Sunday is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that can be translated as we rejoice. It's easy and comfortable to recognize Christ in the expected places and ways. When we enter the peace of a church, for example, we expect to find God. When we sit and pray in our homes, we expect to find God and have our prayers answered. All this is good. However, living the paschal mystery means that we take up the mission of Christ ourselves, that we ourselves are to be Christ for others. Especially during these final days before Christmas when everyone is so busy we can forget that our mission is like John's: to testify to the light. We do this by how we respond to those around us: take time to listen to the one hurting, visit those who might be forgotten, do with a little less ourselves so others might have more, take time to pray, remember to give thanks, offer a helping hand, reorganize our priorities, praise the God in others.

Congratulations to all those who helped to make this year's Pancake Breakfast a huge success. I have been told that more than 700 breakfasts were served to ticketed participants. Thanks to event co-chairs Christine McGrory, Jennifer Gioacchini & Alicia Mendez, Linda Dickinson-Pancila, our parish staff liaison, as well as those who worked the kitchen, served our guests, staffed the craft rooms and served as hospitality persons. This weekend we welcome all those who have participated in the Light Up A Memory Mass & Tree Ceremony. I am grateful to all those who work so very hard with the Light Up A Memory Tree as a way for all of us to remember the Faithful Departed...Our Beloved Dead. Special thanks to Freda O'Doherty, Molly Aiello and their dedicated team supported by Catherine Love in the parish office.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Jim Bridges who will join our parish staff beginning 2 January 2018. Dr. Bridges will serve as the Pastoral Coordinator for Faith Formation/Director of Religious Education. We have engaged Dr. Bridges from January through 30 June with the intention of

negotiating a full year contract in April for the twelve month period beginning 1 July 2018 in accordance with the norms established by the Office of Catechesis of the Diocese of Trenton. Linda Dickinson-Pancila informed me in November of her intentions to resign from our parish staff as of 15 December 2017. Linda requested that this announcement not be made until after the Annual Pancake Breakfast. Linda and her family will continue to be active parishioners here in our parish. When you see Linda thank her for all of her hard work in advancing the mission of our parish in the areas of community building, adult faith formation and communications. Thanks Linda!

Please be aware that when we are faced with significant snowfall, the Parish Staff will make a decision as to whether or not the Sunday (Saturday Eve, Sunday am, Sunday pm) Mass schedule will be altered. I need to be responsible for the public safety of our parishioners. If it is determined that our grounds, or the streets are not satisfactorily cleaned of snow and ice then we may cancel a Mass or Masses. A message will be posted on our phone system as soon as the caller is connected. Exercise good judgment and caution in maneuvering the inclement weather. I hope that you have received our Christmas Schedule which has been mailed to the residence of every registered household of our parish. If you did not receive one, please contact Catherine at the parish office.

There is a special Mass schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 23/24 December. Please check bulletin for details. As we prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas, please think ahead. Leave your homes a little earlier and consider carpooling. Be welcoming to those who join us for worship by welcoming them and introducing yourself. Christmas is not a day but a season that extends into January until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Try and keep the tree, nativity scene and decorations up in and around your home as long as possible until the Season concludes. Let us remember one another in prayer. Have a great week. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

Religious Education Grades 1 - 8, RCIA
ReligiousEd@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Confirmation Prep. Grades 7 & 8

Next few sessions

A	12/17	Mass at 5-7:30PM
No Class	12/24	Christmas Eve
No Class	12/31	New Year's Eve
B	1/7/2018	Mass at 5-7:30PM
No Class	1/14/2018	January 15 - MLK Birthday
A	1/21/2018	Mass at 5-7:30PM

ATTENTION:

On-Line Religious Education Students

Deadline for 50% completion of the program is **December 18**.

Please help your child to be up-to-date and not fall behind with his/her work.



Any questions, please contact us at ReligiousEd@stmaryscoltsneck.org as soon as possible!

Diocese of Trenton - Respect Life Annual Poster, Essay, and Photo-Meme Contest

Eligibility: *This contest is open to students in the Diocese of Trenton only*



This contest is for K-8 students enrolled in Catholic Grammar Schools, Parish Religious Education and Youth Programs, and Home-Schooled Students.

There are six entry categories:

Grades K – 2 Posters Grades 6 – 8 Posters
Grades 3 – 5 Posters Grades 6 – 8 Essays
Grades 3 – 5 Essays Grades 6 – 8
Photo-Meme (*new*)



Contest Rules: and more information may be found on the Respect Life webpage

For additional information about the theme, visit:
www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/

Wigilia Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia!
That is the way to say “Merry Christmas” in Polish.



OPLATEK

One of the most beautiful Polish customs is the “*breaking of the oplatek.*” The use of the Christmas wafer is practiced all over the world. The oplatek is a thin white wafer with various pressed scenes pictured on each one. In Poland, colored wafers are used to make Christmas tree decorations. Formerly, these wafers were baked by parishioners and distributed during Advent.

The custom:

On Christmas Eve, the whole family gathers and waits for the appearance of the first star. They then approach the table with a vacant chair (for an unexpected guest which is always provided for in hospitality). The father or eldest member of the family reaches for the wafer, breaks it in half and gives one half to mother. Then, each of them break a small part of each other’s piece and they wish each other long life, good health, joy and happiness, not only for the holiday season, but for the coming year and many more to come. The same ceremony is repeated between the father and children, as well as among the children, relatives, friends and even strangers, if they happen to be present. The ceremony is over and they all sit down to eat. Sometimes, the oplatek is sent in a greeting card to loved ones away from home.

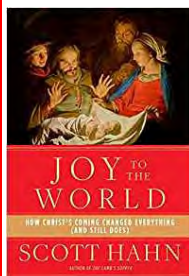
There are oplatek wafers available in the gathering space for anyone wishing to celebrate this tradition

A **GIFT** from the parish:

Christmas book give away

Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed Everything (and Still Does)

By Scott Hahn



Be sure to pick up your copy from the gathering space of parish office.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Adult Faith Formation
 faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

732-780-2666 x305

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year?



Art: Gerard van Honthorst, Adoration of the Shepherds, 1622

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Faith Formation Events coming 2018!!



Event: Night of Renewal St Mary CN

Tickets: available at the parish office

Cost: Renewal free,

*There is a charge for the pasta dinner portion of the evening.

Presenter: Chris Bray

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018

What: Night of Renewal Concert and Talk



Event: Reboot at

St Leo the Great Parish in Lincroft

Tickets: are for sale at the Saint Mary parish office or can be purchased on line

RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot

Cost: \$22

Presenter: Chris Stefanick

When: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 7:00 –9:30pm

What: Become in closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Chris's mission is to ignite a bold contagious Faith in the heart of every catholic in America



Event: Dynamic Catholic's

Find Your Greatness at

St. Mary Parish, Colts Neck.

Tickets: paper ticket will be available at parish office soon. You can buy tickets online now:

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/find-your-greatness-colts-neck-nj-sep-22-2018>

Cost: \$25

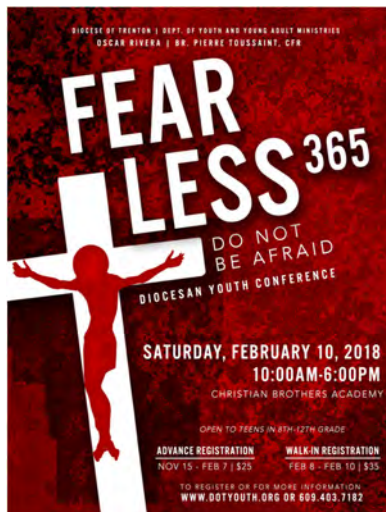
Presenter: Dr. Allen Hunt

When: September 22, 2018 from 9:00am-1:30pm

What: Great habits create great lives. What are your habits? Are they helping you become the-best-version-of-yourself? Find Your Greatness and discover the four habits that will radically transform your life.

For more information or if you would like to help, please contact: Linda Dickinson-Pancila 732-780-2666 x 305
Faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**DYC —
Diocesan Youth
Conference 2018
FEARLESS 365
Saturday,
February 10, 2018**

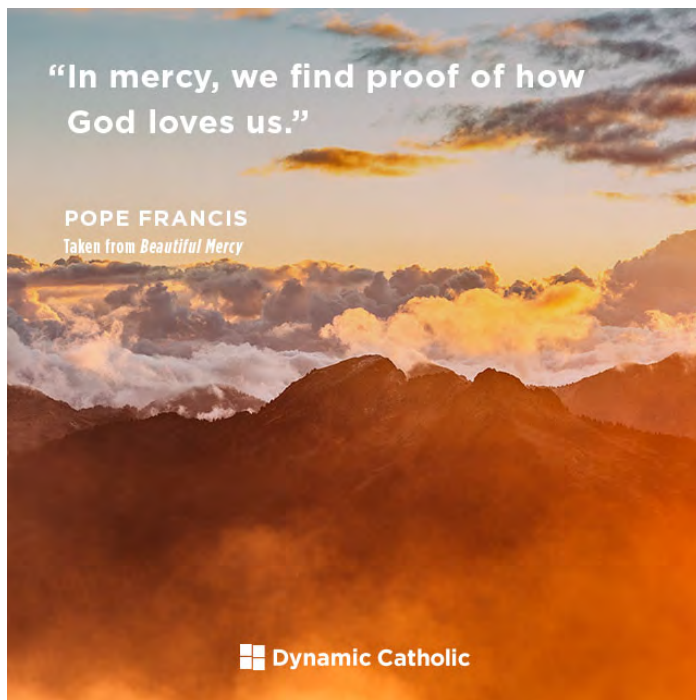


What is DYC?

DYC is a yearly gathering of the young church of the Diocese of Trenton. This is an opportunity for **students in grades 8-12** (including those in preparation for Confirmation) to encounter Jesus in a new dynamic way through the gift of challenging witnesses and time with our God. There will be a time for adoration, confession, & Mass with Bishop David O'Connell, C.M.

The Bible reminds us 365 times, Do Not Be Afraid. At this year's DYC we will be challenged to live this truth as we become **Fearless in God's Love... Fearless in Battle... and Fearless in Jesus Christ!** Join us!

Interested in attending? Visit the DoT website <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/www.dioceseoftrenton.org/dyc> for more info. Contact ReligiousEd@stmaryscoltsneck.org to add your name to the list of attendees.



PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

--Georg C. Lichtenberg

**YOUR PRAYERS MATTER.
YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**
9daysforlife.com

9 DAYS FOR LIFE
PRAYER • PENANCE • PILGRIMAGE

Thursday, January 18 - Friday, January 26, 2018
*9 Days for Life is an annual period of prayer and action
focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life.*

Surrounding the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, the overarching intention of the centerpiece novena is the end to abortion. However, the novena also highlights many other facets of respecting each other's God-given dignity, especially by respecting human life at every stage and in every circumstance.


9 Days for Life is an opportunity to:

- ◆ PRAY for the respect and protection of each person's life;
- ◆ GATHER together in prayer, action, and fellowship with others;
- ◆ SHARE your stories online!

In the Community:

CONNECTING OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

COHORT 13 **Faith in our Future**



DIOCESE OF TRENTON

ST. BENEDICT, HOLMDEL ST. GABRIEL, MARLBORO
ST. CATHARINE, HOLMDEL ST. MARY, COLTS NECK


Cohort 13, Connecting our Catholic Community

We are so excited to be partnering with St. Benedict, Holmdel; St. Gabriel, Marlboro; and St. Catharine, Holmdel. We meet regularly in order to share news and events in our various ministries and groups. We are working to support the good work we are all doing in our individual parishes and to share this with our parishioners. We work together to implement action plans to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We will be sharing events and news as they unfold in the coming months!

Thursday, December 21
WATERSPIRIT's "Winter Solstice"

Pause in the middle of busy holiday preparations and experience the sacred in the darkness and the coming of the light of the Winter Solstice. In music and prayer hope is sparked and peace is deepened as the darkness is illuminated by the lighting of fire. The Core of Fire dancers are featured. Reservations preferred. 7 – 8:30 PM. Donations accepted according to means. To register or for more info email waterspirit981@gmail.com or call 732-923-9788.

WATERSPIRIT
at 4 E. River Rd.,
Rumson , NJ,
07760



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Charismatic Healing Mass
December 19, 2017, 8pm

Holy Cross Church
Ward Ave & Rumson Road
Rumson, NJ



Father Alex Enriquez
is the celebrant.

NEXT: January Mass Monday 1/22/2018

Additional Info: 732-345-8400



HANDEL'S
MESSIAH



PART I AND THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS
SING-ALONG

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 7PM
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
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BRING YOUR OWN SCORE OR BORROW ONE AT THE DOOR
NO ADMISSION CHARGE
COOKIES & CAROLS TO FOLLOW IN THE LOWER CHURCH

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