



**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

**Deacons:**  
Fred Sorrentino  
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 welcome!  
Next New Parishioner Orientation  
- Sunday, 26 February 11 am  
Contact Parish Office  
*Registration is required*

**Sacraments:**

**Penance & Reconciliation**  
Saturday 3 pm or by appointment.

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

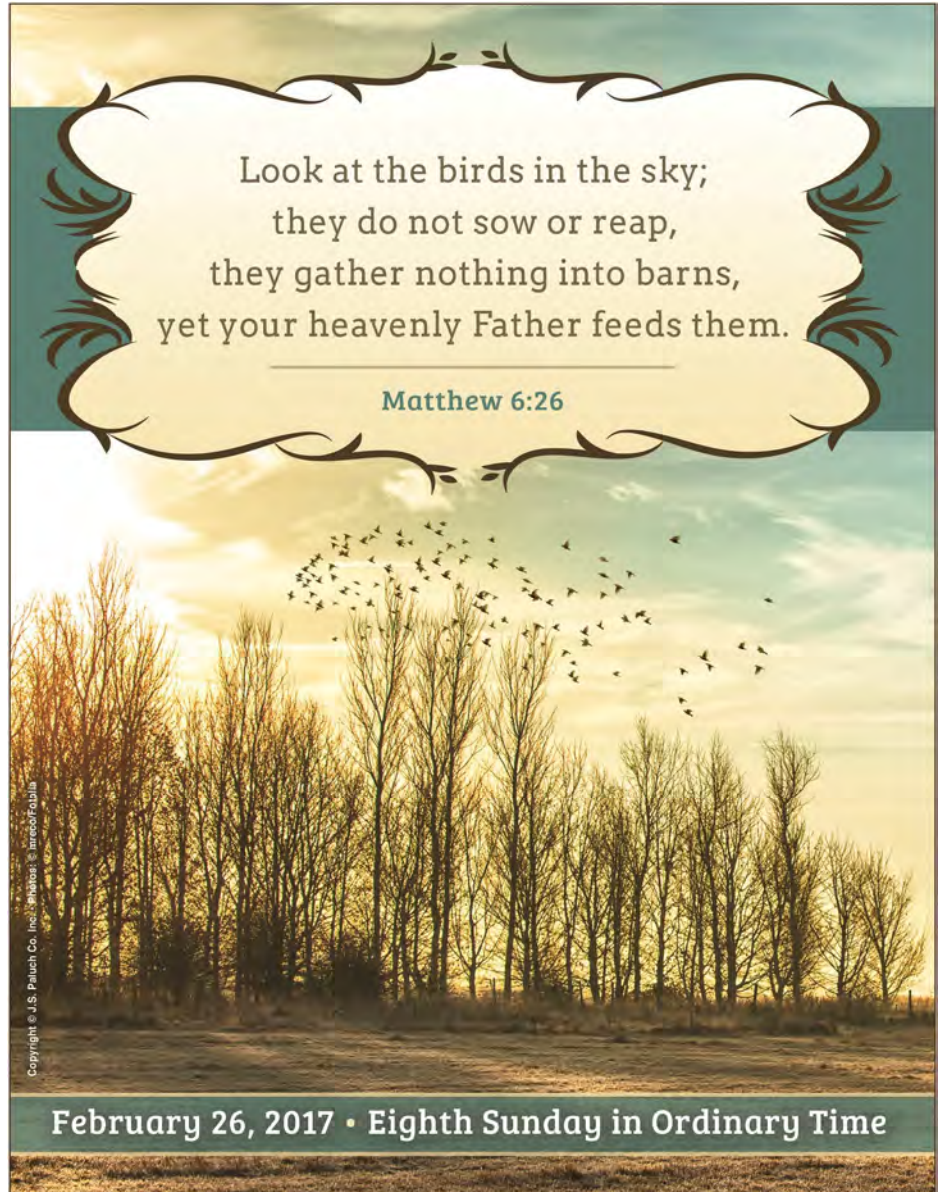
**Baptism**  
Contact the Parish Office for  
information & required paperwork  
two months in advance.

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

# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

*A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time*

**One Phalanx Road Colts Neck, NJ 07722**  
**Phone: 732-780-2666 Fax: 732-780-0394**



**February 26, 2017 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Schedule for March 4 & 5**

- Sat. 4 pm Mass
- Sat. 3 pm Penance/ Reconciliation
- Sun. 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 5 pm Mass

**Day Light Savings Time Schedule (March 11 & 12)**

- Sat. 5 pm Mass
- Sat. 4 pm Penance/ Reconciliation
- Sun. 8 am, 10 am, & 12 noon



**Mass:** 9am

**Prayer Services:**

7:00 am (*Lenten Chapel*), 12:15 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, & 7:00 pm

*Services will be held in the Church except where noted*

Ash Wednesday Offertory Envelope can be found in the monthly mailing of envelopes.  
(extra envelopes will be on the credenzas within the Church)

**Visit our Website: [www.stmaryscoltsneck.org](http://www.stmaryscoltsneck.org)**

### Mass Intentions for the Week

27 February - 5 March  
For \* Requested by

#### Monday, 27 February 9 AM – Chapel

*Julian Calendar Lent begins*

Robert Haines \* Antoinette and Joseph De Pierro

#### Tuesday, 28 February 9 AM – Chapel

Mary Shaw \* Barbara Saake

#### Wednesday, 1 March 9 AM – Church

*Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence*

Joseph Scuteri \* Mafaida Coseglia

#### Thursday, 2 March 9AM – Lenten Chapel

Pauline Winch \* Linda and William Stagliano

#### Friday, 3 March 9 AM – Lenten Chapel

*St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer*

Intentions of Rev. Fr. William J. Bausch \* Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff and Parishioners

#### Saturday, 4 March 4 PM – Church

*St. Casimir; First Saturday*

Pro Populo

Intentions of Leonidas Mavrookas \* Suzanne Schlesinger

Michael Duffy \* Duffy Family

#### Sunday, 5 March - Church

*First Sunday of Lent*

##### 8AM

DeStefano/Albruno Families \* Mr. and Mrs. M. Franceschetti

Robert Arcoleo\* Ed Brock Family

Judith Joyce \* The Steeds

##### 10 AM

Mrs. Marcia Reid \* Mr. and Mrs. Franceschetti

Paul Latzko, Sr. \* Margaret Dedalis

##### 12 PM

Robert A. McNamara \* McNamara Family

##### 5PM

John Zegarski \* Cathy DiCostanzo

### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Consider donating the sanctuary lamp that burns in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church or in Christ Chapel in memory of a loved one.

*The suggested donation is \$25.*

*Intentions are available these weeks for the*

**Christ Chapel** : 3/12 - 3/18, 3/19- 3/25 & 3/26 - 4/1

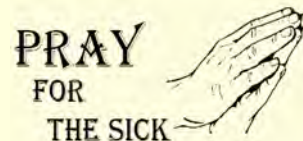
**Church** : 3/12 - 3/18 & 3/26 - 4/1



### CHURCH

*JoAn P. Patten  
Carol McKay*

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



Jacqueline Andras

Eileen Beckley

John Beckley

Sal Castro

Jo Clement

Linda Damen

Logan Dayton

John DeStefano

Kaitlin Donahue Nagle

Virginia Endlicher

Gary Federico

Ruth Fiedler

James Fiedler

Jim Gardner

Mario Geneve

Emily Gioacchini

Edward Habrack

Shawn Hamlin

Tom Hudak

Dean Johnson

Theresa Kopp

Julianna K

Richard V. Kelly

Mary Klein

Lori Lettieri

Pauline Madzin

Leonidas Mavrookas

Harold McBride

John McInerney

Marjorie Messler

Tere Nolan

John (Jack) Sadlon

Juliana Schmitt

Lou Schmitt

Owen Shoemaker

Bill Szostak

Robert Towler Jr.

Kevin Venancio

*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](mailto:parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org)**

### Rest in Peace



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

Bill Barnett

### Pray for Our Military

*Sergeant Scott MacConnell*

*Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki*

*Lt. Col. John Anthony Coppola, US Army*



Welcome to the newest members of our Saint Mary's family who were Baptized recently:

Declan Thomas Christensen

Gabriella Rose Pellegrino

**Parish Office: 732-780-2666**

*parishoffice@stmaryscoltsneck.org*

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Electronic format by 12 noon Thursday of the prior week (10days).

*parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org*

**Adult Faith Formation & Community Building**

Contact: Linda Dickinson-Pancila  
FaithFormation@stmaryscoltsneck.org  
CommunityBuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Liturgical & Worship Ministries**

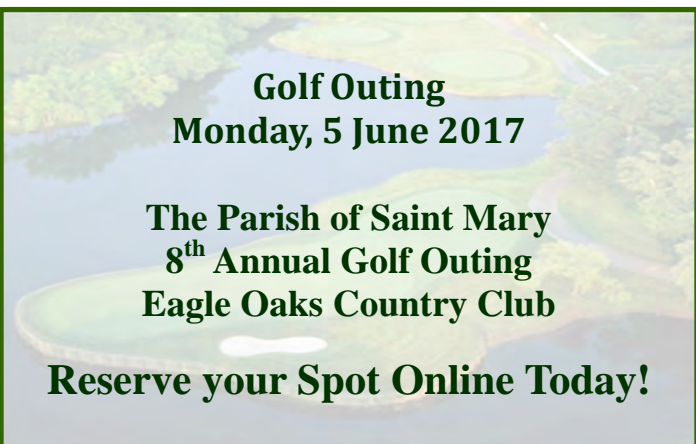
Contact: Andrew J. Macirowski  
Worship@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Music Ministry**

Contact: Lauren Walters  
Music@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Religious Education Grades 1 - 8  
RCIA & Pastoral Care**

Contact: Deacon Vincent Rinaldi  
ReligiousEd@stmaryscoltsneck.org



**Golf Outing  
Monday, 5 June 2017**

**The Parish of Saint Mary  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing  
Eagle Oaks Country Club**

**Reserve your Spot Online Today!**

**Sign-ups are open Online**

- ◆ Golf Registrations
- ◆ Sponsors
- ◆ Volunteers



**www.stmaryscoltsneck.org**  
*link on right-hand side*

*https://stmarycoltsneck.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/  
GOLFEVENT2017/tabid/845174/Default.aspx*

**As of Feb. 20:**

**Total Pledged: \$1,177,194.00**

**Total # Pledges: 141**

**Avg. Pledge: \$8,348.89**



**Minimum goal \$1,250,000.00.**

*Please take a pledge card  
from the credenzas at the rear of the Church and  
prayerfully fill it out.*

**Please drop the pledge card in the basket  
during the offertory collection.**

**Contact**

**Deacon Vin Rinaldi for more information  
732-780-2666**

*The parish kiosk is  
stocked for LENT!*

- Various Lenten materials, spiritual readings/ literature, prayer cards, reflections for all ages are available for you on the kiosk in the gathering space.
- Materials provided for you free of charge.
- Please take the opportunity to pick up a few and share with friends/family



**PARISH CRUISE PARISH CRUISE**

**Let's celebrate the 45th Anniversary of  
our parish in BERMUDA  
aboard the Norwegian Breakaway!**

**July 30, 2017 - August 6, 2017**

**\$500 Deposit per stateroom due by 3/10/17.**

**Final payment due 5/01/17**



*For information or to reserve your spot, please  
contact:*

**Tammy Dascoli  
Glorious Getaways Travel, LLC -  
732-276-5321 or email**

**Tammy@gloriousgetawaystravel.com**



**Worship Ministry Schedule: March 4 & 5 - First Sunday of Lent**

	Altar	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b> (Church)	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Trudy Matrisciani - Center Cup Helene Lind - Organ Host Emily Santangelo - Center Host <b>NOT FILLED</b> - Tabernacle Host Monty Matrisciani - Organ Cup Suzanne Schlesinger - Tabernacle Cup Rosemarie Estephan - Alternate	Michael Zarraga	Carl Simone	Margaret Caponegro <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Diane Dragone	John Grabowski Kevin Venancio Jim Davis Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Dan Clifford Frank Sikorskas
<b>Sunday, 8:00 AM</b> (Church)	Heather Boliver Anthony Buzzetta	Maureen Staub - Center Cup Michael Staub - Organ Host Gina Shute - Center Host Gail Hall - Tabernacle Host Joyce Flynn - Organ Cup Paul Osmulski - Tabernacle Cup Susan Osmulski - Alternate	Charles Young	Mary Ellen Griffin	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Lauren Walters	Michael Boliver George Watts James Pifer Joe Young
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b> (Church)	<b>NOT FILLED</b> Valeska Yaninas	Amy Orrico - Center Cup Edward Moskal - Organ Host Barbara Moskal - Center Host Heide Lohn - Tabernacle Host Richard Yaeger - Organ Cup Helen DeCerco - Tabernacle Cup Carol Donahue - Alternate	Kevin Swan	Alicia Mendez	Muriel Rogers Anne Baker	Kathy Woolston	Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico Greg Penczak Jack Zumba Charlie Gavinelli Allan Ryan Vince Cerulo
<b>Sunday, 12:00 PM</b> (Church)	Tommy Zita <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Diane Antico - Center Cup Lee Gesner - Organ Host Joseph Merante - Center Host Margaret Hernandez - Tabernacle Host Patricia Gesner - Organ Cup Irene Weller - Tabernacle Cup Patricia Balbo - Alternate	Richard Gerbino	Dan Mazzeo	Tina Repetto Donna Murphy	Briget Farrow	James Dolan Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b> Last until Daylight Savings time ends	Patrick Dickinson <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Center Cup Monica Barr - Center Cup Dawn Reinhardt - Organ Host Maria Gerbino - Center Host <b>NOT FILLED</b> - Tabernacle Host Susan Murphy - Organ Cup Martha Cowles - Tabernacle Cup Justine Buzzetta - Alternate	Annette Raynor	John McCrae		Lauren Walters	Anthony Mendoza Ken Camarco John Barr James Austin Christopher Pancila

**Lifelong Catechesis Week of  
27 February ~ 5 March**

- Monday:** Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

**5 March: 1st Sunday of Lent**  
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

**Question for Children:** What do you plan to do during Lent this year as a way of showing you want to grow closer to Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus was tempted by the devil. How are you tempted? What helps you resist these temptations?

**Question for Adults:** When you yourself pause to be alone with God, what distracts and prevents you from dwelling in that? Busyness? The demands of life? TV? The internet?

- Lifelong Catechesis

**Guidelines of the Universal Church**

The Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics to observe the following:

*The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.*

*All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).*

**Fast**—consume only one full meal.

**Abstinence**— consume no meat; this obligation prohibits the eating of meat but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Baptized Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast and those from the age of 14 are also obliged to abstain.

**All are encouraged to embrace these practices as part of our spiritual journey.**



## Musical Notations: Sing for a Season

Greetings, Friends! Once again, we find ourselves on the cusp of a changing season. This week, we move from Ordinary Time to Lent. Our Mass setting changes from the chants of the Roman Missal to Janco's Mass of the Angels and Saints. We say "good bye" to the Alleluia, after singing rounds and rounds of it this weekend and last at Mass. Our music becomes more solemn and pensive...even the song after the Mass has ended is omitted to remind us of the season of Lent. We sing the appropriate Attende Domine – "have mercy on us Lord, Jesus our Savior; burdened with sin we implore you". Pretty intense, right?

We build liturgically and musically as we head towards Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) and the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil)...the pinnacle of our faith and salvation! There are elements of the dramatic everywhere, drawing us in closer and more intimately to Our Lord's anguish and suffering; and ultimately, to His triumph for us all.

Why not be part of all of this and join us for just a season? The Music Ministry is ALWAYS in need of YOUR support and efforts to continue to enhance the liturgy and worship of all present. What a beautiful sacrifice of time and prayer to render your abilities to God in such an intimate way! To sing of His sacrificial love during the Mandatum (foot washing), to vocalize scripture during the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and to ring in His triumphant Resurrection at the Easter Vigil, and to sing the Good News on Easter Sunday... no better gift, my friends...to both God and our faith community.

You can join us THURSDAY evenings at 6:30 for bells, 7:30 for choir. Our Youth Schola (ages 8-18) and Cherub Choirs will begin rehearsing Tuesdays March 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 and Sundays following the 10:00 AM Mass respectively. We even now have the option for all choirs (except bells) to learn music from the convenience of your home with sound links and rehearsal videos as guides with minimum rehearsals to meet the demands of an ever increasing busy world.

Always remember: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life (John 3:16). Looking for something new to give back to God? \*See above\*.

Until next time... *Lauren Walters*  
music@stmaryscoltsneck.org



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## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is best known for the many Masses and ceremonies scheduled so that believers may receive the Sign of the Cross in ashes on their forehead. Where and when did this practice originate? The first datable liturgy for the sprinkling of ashes is in the Romano-Germanic pontifical of 960. Before that time, ashes had been used as a sign of admission to the Order of Penitents (the discipline for those who had committed serious sin.) By the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, it was customary for all the faithful to take part in a ceremony on the Wednesday before Lent that included the imposition of ashes - near the end of that century, Pope Urban II called for the general use of ashes on that day. Only later did this day become known as Ash Wednesday.

At first, ashes were sprinkled on the heads of men and the Sign of the Cross was made with ashes on the foreheads of women- now the Sign of the Cross is used for all. In the 12<sup>th</sup> Century, a rule was developed that the ashes were to be created by palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday.

Today, the baptismal focus of Lent has been recovered through the use of formula, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." This clear call to conversion during Lent does not negate the need for penance, but includes our constant need to turn to Jesus and the Good News of salvation.

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## Summer Intensive Religious Education

**Religious Education Registration Summer Intensive 2017 has started**  
 Reduced tuition per child will only be available through March 31st.

[www.stmaryscoltsneck.org](http://www.stmaryscoltsneck.org)

**Now enrolling children ages 2-10.**  
**Child Care \* Summer Camp \* Mother's Day Out**  
**Call to schedule your personalize tour!**

Come and meet Future Generation families and staff while the children are entertained with various arts and crafts in our Art Room.


*Parents can see some of our local vendors!!*

**When:** February 26<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 1:30 pm  
**Where:** **Future Generation at Parish of Saint Mary**  
 1 Phalanx Road, Colts Neck, NJ 07722

**Danielle Corde, Director**  
 732-780-0135  
 danielle@fgkids.org  
[www.fgkids.org](http://www.fgkids.org)



# ABLAZE



**When? Saturday,**  
 10:30 am – 7:00 pm  
**Where?** St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton  
**Who?** Students, grades 9-12 are invited

St. Gregory the Great  
 Hamilton, NJ

**Diocesan Youth Conference**

**March 4, 2017**

**Registration:** The first twenty SMCN youth to register to attend will be paid for by the parish.  
**SIGN-UP Contact:** [faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org](mailto:faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org)  
 (note youth conference in the subject line)

For more information and to view pics and video from DYC 2016 please visit:  
<http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/youth/>  
 COST: Jan 3- Feb 3: \$25pp, Feb 4 - March 3: \$30pp  
 Drop off child at event or car pool.



**Stations of the Cross—**  
*Lenten Chapel/Parish Hall*  
 Fridays: 7 pm March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

**Lenten Penance and Reconciliation Service**  
**PARISH WIDE**  
 Sunday, April 2— 3:00pm



*Stations of the Cross*  
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### Soup & Bread with Stations

**MARCH 10 & 31, 6pm**



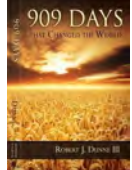
Join us two Friday evenings for a light meal of meat-free soup, bread & Stations of the Cross.

*Soup and Bread* 6 pm in Madonna Hall  
*Stations of The Cross* 7 pm in Parish Hall

**All are welcome!**

*Please RSVP so we have a head count, for more information on how you can help, prepare a soup to share or earn service hours, contact:*  
[communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org](mailto:communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org)

**Meet the author Lecture Series—**  
**part 1: Bob Dunne**  
 Sunday 3/12/17 or Sunday 3/19/17  
 5:30pm Madonna Hall



“909 Days that Changed the World”  
 ...this Lent walk beside Jesus during his public ministry.

\*\*You can purchase a signed copy from the parish office, \$16 incl. sales tax,  
**7th/8th grade RE classes A/B are required to attend all others please RSVP your attendance to**  
[faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org](mailto:faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org)

### Confirmation Prep. Grades 7 & 8

**Group A**

March 5, Mass at 5-7:30 pm  
 March 19 5-7 pm

**Group B**

February 26, Mass at 5-7:30 pm  
 March 12 5-7 pm

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# Quo vadis...

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My Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. One of the most noteworthy characteristics of the Gospel of Matthew is its realism. We see this in the precept "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." "First": the priority is what is important. Besides, the search for the kingdom goes hand in hand with the search for his justice. This is to say that "to seek the kingdom" does not mean escape from this world by drifting into pious daydreaming. Righteousness and justice are nothing else than the active conformity to God's will.

We begin the month of March this week. We honor and celebrate Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church; Saint Patrick, missionary to Ireland; the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This week we begin our Lenten Observance. Ash Wednesday is observed 1 March and next weekend the First Sunday of Lent. Our Ash Wednesday schedule has been prepared for your convenience. Please car pool whenever possible. Try to arrive prior to the beginning of the liturgy and prepare yourself and your family to hear the Word of God and receive this sign of humility as we prepare to begin the Lenten Journey together. I encourage you to utilize all the entrances/exits to the church building, especially since we have listened to you and have installed holy water fonts at each of these entrances/exits. Once again we are offering the "Little Black Books" for your spiritual enrichment. There are also faith sharing groups for your participation. It is still customary that we tone things down in our social lives during Lent.

There is no need to be morbid or overly dramatic about our Lenten Disciplines; however, it is always good to have a little bit more quiet time for prayer, reflection and spiritual reading. The images of the season are very powerful when we take the time to ponder them. I trust that you will be candid enough with yourself to "choose the more noble path in preparation for the great Solemnity of Easter". Begin to consider what you might "give up" and what you might "choose to do" this Lenten Season in preparation for the renewal of your baptismal promises at Easter.

The ceremony elevating Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish Church to the dignity of a Co-Cathedral Church was very beautiful, rich in symbolism and greatly needed to serve the needs of our four county Diocese of Trenton. I saw a few parishioners there as well as my mother and some parishioners from previous assignments. I had the opportunity to greet the recently designated Cardinal Archbishop of Newark and the recently appointed Papal Nuncio of His Holiness to the United States of America. May this new co-cathedral for our diocese be a place of prayer and a model of Christian charity. Sr. Helen Clifton, SSJ, celebrates her birthday (4 March). Also, our Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Bill Bausch, observes his birthday this week (3 March). Let them both know of your prayerful appreciation for their ministry among us. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

**Sharing Our Treasure  
18/19 February  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship</b>	<b>\$14,602</b>
Envelope Contributions	\$10,328
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 3,042
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,232
Average Contribution per Household this week	\$35.75
# of Contributing Households	374
# Registered Parishioner Households	1,955

Additionally, because of your contributions, we were able to send \$500 to the appeal for the Catholic Churches in Eastern Europe.

Included in next week's offertory will be the collection for the Black and Native American appeal.



*Please remember  
The Parish of Saint Mary  
in your Will and Estate planning.*

**THANK YOU**  
*for the Sacrificial Stewardship Offerings as we support  
the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.  
May God Bless you for the sacrifices that you make.*



**Thursdays:**

- 10:00-11:00 am (Beginner);
- 11:00-12:00 noon (Intermediate)
- 7:30 – 8:30 pm (Evening Session)

*Tia Chi will be held in the  
Gathering Space during Lent.*

**GOOD TIMING**

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

--Anonymous

**The New Day  
Bereavement Support Group**



The Parish of Saint Mary -  
Ministry of Consolation

**Invites You...**to participate in a **nine week program** for those who are grieving the death of loved ones and want to work through the tasks of grief in a structured way using the ***New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing.*** The sessions include readings, reflection, sharing and journaling.

Group meets 7 pm in the Spiritual Center's Chapel.

**Starting Date: Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Ending Date: Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

For information and pre-registration:  
Marilyn Simone at 732-462-8088.

**Martha Mary Guild -  
Wednesday, 8 March**



The Lenten season is almost upon us, and what would be most appropriate for this time of year would be none other than a 'Mini Retreat', which will be presented by Fr. Tony Carotenuto. Fr. Tony is a retired pastor of the Diocese of Trenton. He continues to assist several parishes, retreat centers, convent and brothers' residences with liturgical ministry and spiritual direction. With members of Saint Mary's Prison Ministry, he volunteers as a chaplain at the Trenton State Prison.

Perhaps we can ponder, 'Where will our Lenten journey take us? ' Will it be an inward journey or will it extend outward and include others? Perhaps a little bit of both? Will we be moved down to the core of our being and enlightened within our mind and heart? Will we be moved by the words and actions of the Lord and Holy Spirit?

Will we pray with a humble heart and feel the presence of the Lord right where we are? 'Lord, let your gaze be my gaze...may my being be a reflection of you in me and shared with all those I will meet face to face on my journey. Let me grow more deeply in love with you!'

Don't forget the Rosary will be said at 11:30 in the Christ Chapel, followed by bringing your bagged lunch, and refreshments will be provided by the Martha Mary Guild. The meeting begins promptly at 12:30, followed by the program presentation at 12:45 pm, in Madonna Hall.



## Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building &amp; Adult Faith Formation

Linda Dickinson-Pancila

faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**2017 Movie Series:**

Join us for a faith inspired movies in 2017. Movies are complimentary and will be shown on Mondays at 9:45 am and Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in the theatre **Next movies scheduled:**

- **Monday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 15**  
**Heaven is for Real**, PG rating, starring Gregg Kinnear and Kelly Reilly. A young boy emerges from life-saving surgery with remarkable stories of his visit to heaven. A father finds the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world.

- **Monday, April 3 and Wednesday April 5**  
**Risen** starring Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton, Peter Firth, and Cliff Curtis

LIMITED SEATING - RESERVE YOUR SEAT: Contact [communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org](mailto:communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org)

**There is still time to join a Faith Sharing groups this Lent to prepare for our baptismal renewal at Easter.**



Groups meet at home or at the parish once a week, days or evenings, Ash Wednesday through Holy Week. Read and reflect on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday Liturgy.

*All materials provided.*

*Facilitators needed.*

*Simple training available if needed.*

Please contact: [tomkinlin@gmail.com](mailto:tomkinlin@gmail.com) or [faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org](mailto:faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org) to join.



An Implementation Commission is being established to guide and encourage parishes in the process of putting my decisions in place and monitoring their progress. Msgr. Troiano and Terry Ginther will coordinate the process and will be the contact persons at the Chancery for any questions. It is important to note that the recommendations and decisions offered through the "Faith in Our Future" initiative are a "first step" in the reorganization of the Diocese, a "work in progress." Once implemented, these decisions, no doubt, will give rise to other decisions and changes as the future of the Diocese unfolds.

**PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES FOR DECISIONS**

Following the lead and example of Pope Francis in developing "principles" for the reorganization and revitalization of the leadership of the Universal Church, I have identified my own set of principles and priorities for the task at hand. These include:

- (1) **evangelization**, the all-important and all-encompassing effort to bring the Gospel prayerfully and effectively to the parishes and people of the Diocese for our future;
- (2) **collaboration**, the strategic model chosen by the Cohorts and DPC, to ensure that parishes work together with programs, staffing and resources to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of the people of the Diocese for the sake of evangelization;
- (3) **stewardship**, the effort to establish the best possible use of parish resources, assets, facilities and properties — "doing MORE with less" — for the sake of evangelization;
- (4) **accountability**, the process of providing transparency in the management of the Diocese and all its parishes for the sake of evangelization, and
- (5) **service**, spiritual and pastoral "in-reach" and outreach to the populations that need to be served by the parishes of the Diocese, especially the sick, the elderly, the poor, the immigrant, youth and young adults, families and Catholics who have become estranged from the Church, again, for the sake of evangelization.

I would like to express my own thanks and that of the entire Diocese to everyone involved in this lengthy process; there are too many to name. Their monumental effort and investment of time give great witness to their "Faith in Our Future."

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





### New Broadway Musical – “Anastasia”

The Martha Mary Guild is planning to attend another exciting NYC play on Wed., May 3, 2017. **Anastasia** is the stage adaptation of the 1997 film, featuring a score by Ahrens and Flaherty. It is the story of a brave young woman attempting to discover the mystery of her past while finding a place for herself in the rapidly changing world of a new century.

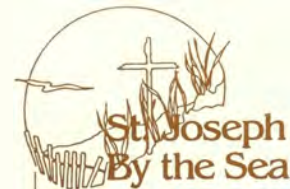
There will be 2 hrs. & 30 min. of exciting singing and dancing – from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920’s.

The cost of the matinee and bus (which will leave St. Mary’s at 9:00 a.m.) will be \$125.00. These trips usually sell out soon, so if you are interested in this wonderful new show, please call Treasure Herman at 732-946-8982 or Susan Monaco at 732-965-5590.



## In the Community:

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**March 20, 2017 - HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER** - In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Liturgy as we celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Please call to register by March 17. Refreshments and Blessed Bread after the program. Arrival: 10:30 a.m. / Mass: 11:00 a.m. / Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF and Sr. Dolores Bianchi, MPF) Cost: Donation

**APRIL 5, 2017 - WHOA** - Does your life feel like a runaway horse? Escape for a day with Jesus simply to STOP and BREATHE. Come for prayer, music, meditation, a walk on the beach and BREATHE. Lunch and Mass included. Arrival: 9:30 a.m. / Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD) Cost: \$45

**MAY 19-21, 2017 - BLESSINGS OR BURDENS** - What does it mean to come face to face with the second half of life? Embracing the gift of years is about living all of life to the fullest. This retreat will wake us up to the wisdom, joy and humor found in choosing “a wise path with heart”. Mass included. Arrival: 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD) Cost: \$210

Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

### **WATERSPIRIT’S - Meditation for Earth Tuesdays, 12:15pm – 12:45pm**

“Meditation for Earth” could become part of your lunch break on Tuesdays. Pope Francis' words explain why we are praying intentionally for Earth: “The environmental challenge that we are experiencing and its human causes, affects us all and demands our response.” WATERSPIRIT has responded by inviting you to join us on Tuesdays at 12:15pm a time of quiet meditation.

For more information please call WATERSPIRIT at 732-923-9788 or email: [water@waterspirit.org](mailto:water@waterspirit.org), Stella Maris, 981 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740.

