



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time
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NOVEMBER 29, 2015

First SUNDAY of ADVENT



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Mass Schedule: Eucharist

Weekend Saturday 5:00 PM (Anticipatory)
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon
& 5 PM (Nov. 1, 2015 - March 6, 2016
except Nov. 29, Dec. 27 & Jan. 3)

Weekday Monday through Friday 9:00 AM in
Christ Chapel unless otherwise noted.
Funerals in the Church.

Parish Membership: New Parishioners are always
welcome! Registration is required.
Contact Parish Office.

The next New Parishioner Orientation is
10 January, 2016, 11:00 AM.

Parish Office: 732-780-2666
parishoffice@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Bulletin Deadline: Electronic format
by 12 noon Thursday of the prior week (10 days).
Deadlines noted for Christmas submission
parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Sacraments:

Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 PM or by appointment.

Marriage

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

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office in advance for information and
required paperwork. Baptisms take place the second
Sunday during 12:00 noon Mass and all other Sundays
immediately following 12:00 noon Mass.

Visit our Website: www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

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

Pastor: Reverend Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee

Deacons:

Fred Sorrentino
Vincent Rinaldi
James V. Gallagher

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Fr. William J. Bausch

The **Parish Office hours** are Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM
and Sunday 9 AM - 12 NOON.

Trustees:

Susan Coleman
Bill LaMorte

**Mass Intentions for the Week
30 November - 6 December**

Monday 30 November 9:00AM in the Chapel

*Andrew, * Apostle, Feast*

Tommy Dwyer by Tommy McGuire
Ralph Manfra by Loretta and Sal Panassidi

Tuesday 1 December 9:00AM in the Chapel

Tue of 1st Week of Advent

Digde De Garmo by Marge Messler and Tommy McGuire
Rev. Fr. Arthur F. Conlon by Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff
and Parishioners

Wednesday 2 December 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Wed of 1st Week of Advent

Vincent Salvo by Gail and Bill Cargiulo
Intentions of Angela Kinlin by Maureen Beyer

Thursday 3 December 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Francis Xavier, Priest, Religious, Missionary

Richard Cahill, Jr. by Eng Family

Friday 4 December 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Fri of 1st Week of Advent

Robert Flood, Sr by Flood Family
Sarah Spinella by Michael Spinella and Children
Lawrence Patrick Dickinson by Dickinson Family

Saturday 5 December 5:00 PM in the Church

Sharon Sturchio by Barbara Saake
Joseph Di Giovanni by John Carlucci
Carl Valenziano by Limeri Family

Sunday 6 December in the Church

Sat of 1st Week of Advent

8:00 AM

De Stefano and Al Bruno Family By M. Franceschetti

10:00 AM

Albert Addler, III by Dolores Addler
Rosaria and Salvatore Pati by Gerbino Family
Anne M. Kovalsky by Discenza Family

12:00 PM

Robert A. McNamara By The McNamara Family
For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors
William O'Doherty By Florence and Kevin Swan

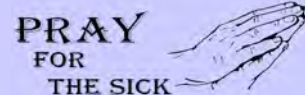
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Vera Yurecko by Sergio DeGioia

**The start of Standard Time marks
the return of the Sunday 5 PM Mass.**

**This Mass will continue until - March 6, 2016
except for Nov. 29, Dec. 27 & Jan. 3**

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



Izilda Alberti	Lori Lettieri
Jacqueline Andres	Angela Liguori
Mary Barbagallo	Angela Kinlin
Bill Barnett	Mary Klein
John Beckley	Arnold Marchesi
Joan Blatz	Leonidas Mavrookas
Jennie Borowski	John McInerney
Florence Brillante	Marjorie Messler
Natalie Chiaino	Tom Nolan
Anthony Citro	Tere Nolan
Jo Clement	John Orrico
Linda Damen	Frances Renna
Logan Dayton	Lori Romer
John DeStefano	Lou Schmitt
Ruth Fiedler	Jim Shatzle
Mary Fournier	Linda Sobel
Margaret Gesner	Hayden Sprat
Emily Gioacchini	Philip Valenziano
Tom Hudak	Kevin Venancio
Joseph Jurgielewicz	Kathleen Walsh

*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



Pray for Our Military

*Lance Corporal Scott MacConnell
Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki*

Rest in Peace

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



Hallie Gardner



Welcome to the newest member of our
St. Mary's family who was Baptized recently:
Charlotte Elizabeth Pires

Pastoral Associate for Worship & Evangelization
Deacon Vincent Rinaldi worship@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Social Concerns: Roger Zurro Music Ministry: Lauren Walters music@stmaryscoltsneck.org Organist: Andrew Macirowski



The **Catholic Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation** has three elements: conversion, confession and celebration. In it, we find God's unconditional forgiveness, and as a result we are called to forgive others.

In this sacrament, the outward sign is the absolution, or forgiveness of sins, that the priest grants to the penitent (the person confessing his or her sins); the inward grace is the reconciliation of the penitent to God.

To receive the sacrament worthily, three things are required of the penitent:

- To be contrite - or, in other words, sorry for his or her sins.
- To confess those sins fully, in kind and in number.
- To be willing to do penance and make amends for his or her sins.

Since Advent is a time for preparation, Penance and Reconciliation helps make us ready in mind, heart and soul for the coming of Christ, which we will soon celebrate in the Mass of Christmas.

All are invited to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at the parish Penance and Reconciliation Service held this Advent

Sunday, 6 Dec 2015 at 3 pm & 6:30 pm

Sixteen (16) priest confessors will be available to you for your convenience to reduce wait times. To prepare yourself, please take some time out prior to attending the Penance and Reconciliation Service to examine your conscious. *Visit our website for a short video on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.*

Penance and Reconciliation page via the following:

stmaryscoltsneck.org/index.php/worship/sacraments/reconciliation

Immaculate Conception

Solemnity the Immaculate Conception

Monday, Dec. 7, 7pm Mass in the Church

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 9am Mass in the Church

Lifelong Catechesis
Week of 30 November - 6 December

Monday: Rom 10: 9-18; Mt 4: 18-22

Tuesday: Is 11: 1-10; Lk 10: 21-24

Wednesday: Is 25: 6-10a; Mt 15: 29-37

Thursday: Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7: 21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9: 27-31

6 December **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Bar 5: 1-9; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6

Question for Children: Jesus is always kind to those who love him. How do you show your love for Jesus?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Question for Adults: As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do? What does Isaiah call us as a people to do?

Thank You **Sincere thanks to**

John and Karen Nottarfrancesco
Edward & Susan Fanelli,
Bob & Linda Rossano, and
Elena Sanfilippo

for the Ciborium donated in memory of
Christopher LaSalle.

It will be entrusted to the Missions
where it is very much needed.

“Holy Doors of Mercy”

In response to Pope’s call, Bishop O’Connell designates the Parish of Saint Mary as one of 13 pilgrim churches in the Diocese of Trenton.

On April 11, 2015, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, issued a bull of indiction, designating Dec. 8, 2015 – Nov. 20, 2016 as a Jubilee Year, a “Holy Year of Mercy” throughout the Catholic Church. In his announcement, Pope Francis wrote that “in every local church, at the cathedral – the mother church of the faithful in any particular area – or, alternatively, at the co-cathedral or another church of special significance, a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year. At the discretion of the local ordinary, a similar door may be opened at any shrine frequented by large groups of pilgrims, since visits to these holy sites are so often grace-filled moments as people discover a path to conversion.”

Later this year, on Sept. 1, 2015, our Holy Father wrote “to all the faithful who, whether in individual Dioceses or as pilgrims to Rome, will experience the grace of the Jubilee. I wish that the Jubilee Indulgence may reach each one as a genuine experience of God’s mercy, which comes to meet each person in the Face of the Father who welcomes and forgives, forgetting completely the sin committed. To experience and obtain the Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door, open in every cathedral or in the churches designated by the diocesan bishop, and in the four papal basilicas in Rome, as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion.”

At The Parish of Saint Mary, the two outside center doors to the church have been designated for this purpose. They will be locked on Tuesday, December 8th and will be re-opened at the 12noon Mass on Sunday, December 13th, Gaudete Sunday. The doors, as well as portions of the gathering space, will be decorated appropriately and include the necessary informational signage, as well as the Coat of Arms of Pope Francis and Bishop O’Connell.

The “Holy Doors of Mercy” shall be opened Dec. 13, 2015 through Nov. 20, 2016. All Catholics of the Diocese of Trenton who visit one of these churches and its Holy Door of Mercy on pilgrimage and who fulfill the conditions ordinarily attached to an indulgence (remission of temporal punishment for sins already forgiven, see canon 992) shall, with the proper intention and disposition, receive the plenary Jubilee Indulgence available during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Those conditions are:

1. recipient must be a baptized Catholic in the state of grace (free from mortal sin) at time of indulgenced work (pilgrimage);
2. recipient must internally express a detachment from and rejection of sin at time of indulgenced work (pilgrimage);
3. recipient must make a sacramental confession within 20 days of indulgenced work (pilgrimage), preferably but not required on the day itself;
4. recipient must receive Holy Communion within 20 days of indulgenced work (pilgrimage), preferably but not required on the day itself;
5. recipient must pray for the intention of the Holy Father at the time of the indulgenced work (pilgrimage), usually the “Profession of Faith (from Mass),” one “Our Father,” one “Hail Mary” and one “Glory be to the Father” or other suitable prayers.

The Jubilee Plenary Indulgence may be obtained for the living or the dead and will be available only one time daily.

(Taken in part, from The Monitor)

Worship Ministry Schedule: December 5/6

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Mark Hines William Hines	Diane Antico - Center Cup Monty Matriciani - Organ Host Suzanne Schlesinger - Center Host Helene Lind - Tabernacle Host Gail Cargiulo - Organ Cup Bill Cargiulo - Tabernacle Cup	Bruno Savo	John Carlucci	Margaret Caponegro NOT FILLED	Kathi Blinn	Jack Davis Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Matthew Bongiorno NOT FILLED	Joyce Flynn - Center Cup Carol Rodeck - Organ Host Paul Osmulski - Center Host Martha Leonhardt - Tabernacle Host Susan Osmulski - Organ Cup Gina Shute - Tabernacle Cup	Anthony Bongiorno	Stanley Drusdow	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Anne Baker	George Illmensee James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Kathryn Ortenzio Valeska Yaninas	June Zeringue - Center Cup Dawn Reinhardt - Organ Host Barbara Moskal - Center Host Richard Yaeger - Tabernacle Host Mathilda Said - Organ Cup Helen DeCerco - Tabernacle Cup	Matt Yaninas	Rita Duenas	Andrew Befumo, Jr. Denise Smith	Kristen Kohm	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Allen Montefusco Christopher Montefusco	Marycatherine Noble - Center Cup Patricia Balbo - Organ Host MaryJoan McNamara - Center Host Dolores Addler - Tabernacle Host Monica Barr - Organ Cup Sandra Montefusco - Tabernacle Cup	Alicia Mendez	Carl Simone	Donna Murphy Anna May Schellenberger	Marybeth Jacobson	John Barr James Dolan Lee Gesner Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
Sunday, 5:00 PM Confirmation Prep Sunday Evening	Abigail Cowles Patrick Dickinson	Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Center Cup Irene Weller - Center Cup Margaret Hernandez - Organ Host Cathy Limeri - Center Host Susan Murphy - Tabernacle Host Martha Cowles - Organ Cup Maria Gerbino - Tabernacle Cup	Richard Gerbino	Dering Sprague		Lauren Walters	James Austin Ken Camarco Christopher Pancila
Monday, 7:00 PM (Church) Immaculate Conception	Patrick Dickinson NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED - Center Cup NOT FILLED - Organ Host Susan Murphy - Center Host Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Tabernacle Host NOT FILLED - Organ Cup NOT FILLED - Tabernacle Cup	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED		NOT FILLED	
Tuesday, 9:00 AM Immaculate Conception	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED - Center Cup NOT FILLED - Center Host NOT FILLED - Cup Pew Organ NOT FILLED - Cup Pew Tabernacle	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED		Kathy Woolston	

Advent is a season of preparing: 5 simple ways to prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent.

1. **Prepare room at the Inn** - Your heart is where Christ wishes to dwell and Advent is the perfect time to make room in it for His presence. If your heart is filled with unforgiveness, it has no room for Christ. Begin Advent by an Examination of Conscience wherein you ask your Heavenly Father to reveal to you any unforgiveness that exists in your heart.
2. **Clean Out the Cobwebs** - After an Examination of Conscience, it is important to clean out the vestiges of cobwebs that may still be lurking in the dark corners of your heart. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of preparing your heart for Jesus.
3. **Hang new curtains** - Many of us fall into a rut in our daily lives and forget how to live in joy. You are preparing for Christ's indwelling and He abides best in those who have joy in their hearts. So throw out the old curtains of fear and despair and exhaustion and hang new curtains of hope and joy and anticipation.
4. **Get Out the Fine China and set the table** - We are certain in our belief of His arrival and every cell in our body joyfully shouts, "He's on His way!" This is the time we get the fine china out of the cupboard—our attitude is one of enthusiastic expectation. Our hearts pound in anticipation of His presence. Our fine china goes so well with our new curtains!
5. **Open the Front Door** - So in preparing our hearts for Christ this Advent, the last step after all the prep work is to simply "be." In this state of "be-ing" we don't question how time slipped through our fingers; we don't worry if there was more we should have done. We've been good and faithful servants and are ready for Christ. <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com>

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. Vigilance for the many comings of Christ in our daily lives involves a dying to self. This means that our focus is not on our own wants and needs but on the Christ who chooses to be intimately present to us. Our prayer for strength might be that Jesus helps us see his presence in the people around us. This is pretty easy (with a practical reminder to ourselves) when the other person is pleasant or cooperative or helpful. The dying happens when the other is cranky or not to our liking or threatening. How can we see Christ in the other when the other doesn't conform to our image of Christ? This is the question "anxieties of daily life" raises. The dying comes in growing in our image of who Christ is! The dying comes in forming the habit of seeing Christ in all others because Christ came to redeem all. The rising comes in constant vigilance, for Christ comes in many ways.

I hope that your Thanksgiving observance was truly a family time to gather and give thanks for the many blessings we receive. Wow...what a great response for our Thanksgiving food drive... the bags of food and the turkeys surely made a difference in the lives of some needy families. Thanks so much for your generous sharing. This past week was filled with all kinds of activity in the parish office. Worship aids have been assembled for the new liturgical year, Christmas Schedules and other materials are being folded and assembled for mailing. Trees and other decorations will be assembled in the church, parish house and other public areas in order to create a festive environment. None of these could have been possible without the assistance of scores of parishioners who graciously volunteer their time and talent. What a wonderful asset we

have here in our parish in the person of our faithful volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering periodically just let one of our parish staff persons know.

As we begin a new liturgical year with the Season of Advent, this year our Diocese of Trenton is beginning a comprehensive study process for all of our parishes, diocesan sponsored chaplaincies (hospitals, jails & prisons, campus ministries, etc...). This initiative is called *Faith in our Future*. It is an important part of evaluating how we are true to our mission as church. We have a parish core team that will be engaging all of us and forwarding recommendations and data to the diocesan planning commission. Our core team members will also be engaged with other parish core teams that are called cohorts. This part of the process will surface possible ways for us to share resources and ministry opportunities. *Faith in our Future* is a strong initiative to provide transparency as we prayerfully discern new ways to bring Christ into our World. There will be much more information in the coming weeks and months. Thank you for your openness to this process and for your prayerfulness as we honor our past, celebrate our present and look forward with hope into the future.

Please join us next weekend for the Annual Advent Penance & Reconciliation Service. Some of our parish families will present their children to us as they celebrate this awesome sacrament of God's mercy for the very first time. I encourage all of our parishioner families to come and participate as one of the easy ways in which we prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday. Peace. Father Jeff

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation & Life Long Learning

Michele McCue faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Coordinator of Adolescent Catechesis and Ministry: Matthew Butler

youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Religious Education On-Line Program
Intergenerational Schedule 2015**



Sun, Dec. 6: Online (Advent)

Noon Mass - 2:30 pm

Sun, Dec. 13: All (Advent)

Duration of Pancake Breakfast in theater

Jesus, Mommy and Me * 9:45-11:30AM

Join us Monday Nov 30th in Room 11.

Faith-filled playgroup for children birth to three years.

Pre-registration is not necessary attend whenever you wish.

Contact St. Mary's volunteer, Elana Eng at

Elanaeng@gmail.com



Little Church

Children post-diaper through school age are welcome during the 10AM Mass.

Liturgy Word Dismissal (LWD)

**5:00 pm Sunday Mass LWD
needs your help!**



For more information on how you can help please contact Michele McCue, faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Why not join SMCN youth at our first
Youth Ministry Meeting**

Tuesday, December 15th from 7 pm to 8 pm

What to expect: 1) one fun meeting a month, 2) discussion & topic each meeting, 3) bring snacks to share, 4) social time

DECEMBER MEETING: 1) Christmas theme, 2) pizza 3) discussion of upcoming youth activities and service projects 4) Gift Collection—bring a new package of socks, underwear or t-shirts (adult/child) to be donated to those in need.

Please RSVP: Matt,
youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

See you then!

JERSEY SHORE YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION
SPONSORING CO-ED YOUTH FLAG RUGBY FOR
GRADES K THRU 8



**COLTS NECK
ONE DAY**

FLAG RUGBY CAMP

12/5/15 SATURDAY 10:00AM – 11:30AM

Come join us 10:00am Saturday 10/5/15 at St Marys Church for Rugby Camp! We will introduce your kids to non-tackle rugby where everyone gets to run, pass, and score a try!!!

WHO: Boys and Girls, Grades K thru 8

WHAT: Youth Co-ed Non-tackle Flag Rugby Camp

WHEN: Saturday @ 10:00 AM

To register for Fitness offerings email

Matt Butler at youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Fitness Activities

Matthew Butler, Coordinator of Adolescent Catechesis and Ministry for The Parish of Saint Mary, is putting strengthening of the body into action. The following are various offerings coordinated for both the youth & families.

- **Family Fitness Night -**
7 pm on Mondays in Parish Hall. Good Music, Kettle Bell, Body Weight, Band work, and a log press. I hope to see you on Monday for a great workout!!!
- **Brazilian Jiu-jitsu class -**
Sundays through December 13th, 1:30 pm -2:30 pm (no meeting Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend).



To register for Fitness offerings email

Matt Butler at

youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Attention Grade 1-6 Religious Education Families

Please contact Michele McCue, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, should you have questions regarding Grades 1-6 Religious Education. This would include questions concerning Grade 1 and 2, Online RE, or the Summer Intensive program. faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org or 732-780-2666 X312

**Sharing Our Treasure
21/22 November**

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and the early transmission deadline for the bulletin, Sharing Our Treasure for Nov 21/22 will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

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.

Additionally, because of your contributions, we were able to send \$500 to the appeal for the Human Development.



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

1st Sunday of Advent

***“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”
(Luke 21:28)***

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

Join an Advent Faith Sharing Group:

If you are interested in joining a faith sharing group based on the Advent scripture readings, please call Michele at x 312 or email faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

All adults are welcome - there is no fee and all materials are provided. Groups meetings can take place at the parish or in your home.

Depending on the facilitators schedule, etc. the groups will meet once a week during the weeks of Nov 29th, Dec. 6th, Dec. 13th, and Dec. 20th.



Please consider this wonderful way to ready our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior!



O Divine Jesus You who taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into the harvest, grant to the Church and throughout the world, many holy priests and religious. May they dedicate their talents, their strength, and their zeal to the salvation of souls and the Glory of Your Father!

The Parish Community of Our Lady of Sorrows/St. Anthony in Mercer County cordially invites you to join them in a **Solemn Vesper Service to pray for Vocations, Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m., and with Eucharistic adoration being held throughout the day beginning at 7:30 a.m.** The Holy Hour will consist of scripture reading, reflection, meditation and closing the evening with Benediction. The Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows is located at 3816 East State Street Extension, Mercerville, N.J.

“Pray... pray to the lord of the harvest to send workers into his fields!” Please consider joining us – your presence and your prayerfulness are important!”

For further information, please contact Mercer County regional vocation director, Fr. Todd Carter at thoddcarter@gmail.com or at (609) 587-4372.

Spiritual Adoption - Week 12



My eyelids have fused shut to protect my sensitive eyes. I know what color my eyes are now. I can lift my head and make funny faces by squinting and wrinkling my forehead. I can swallow too. My vocal chords are beginning to form but I'm not ready for the opera yet!

Please keep praying the Spiritual Adoption Prayer and a Hail Mary each day for my mom and dad.



Please keep praying.



The holidays ahead mean the bulletin submission deadline moves to the following:

Bulletin	New Submission Date
12/27/2015	Friday 12/18/2015
1/3/2016	Wednesday 12/23/2015

“Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is enough room for Jesus.” Neal A Maxwell

Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building and Communications:
Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Outreach Opportunities this Christmas:



'Tree of Love'



The Tree is Up!

Purchase gift items for individuals from tags that are placed on the Christmas Tree of Love.

Parishioners may take as many tags off the tree as you desire. Return gift with the tag by Dec. 4th.

Please do not go over the value noted on the gift tag.

Thank you, for your generous support.



CHRISTMAS SPONSOR-A-FAMILY

This program adopts families from Aslan Youth Ministries, The Center in Asbury Park, Family Resource Associates, the Highpoint School, and others in need in the community.

The goal of the outreach program is to purchase gifts and food items for families in need at Christmas.

If you, your family, your neighbors, coworkers, or friends would like to sponsor a family in

The Martha Mary Guild welcomes:



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Monmouth & Middlesex Counties

On Wednesday, **December 9**, there will be the special Christmas meeting for the **Martha Mary Guild at 7:30pm**, with a heartwarming program to be presented by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth & Middlesex Counties (BBBSMMC). Marybeth Bull, Director of Development for BBBSMMC, presenter, will include a video entitled "The Big Impact", which will most certainly **impact** its viewers. Another very moving moment will be the testimonial of a Big Sister and Little Sister. (Bring your tissues!)

There will be a Christmas box for interested attendees to donate \$20 - \$25 gift cards to restaurants, clothing stores, movie theaters, craft shops, etc. for BBBSMMC. This is in addition to the Guild's annual Christmas collection of baby clothes (0-18 months), towels, crib sheets (no blankets) and diapers (up to size 4 - no size 2 needed) for Birthright of Red Bank. Embracing the Christmas spirit of charitable giving, members may choose to donate to both or either.

Join us in the Spiritual Center Chapel at 7 p.m. for the rosary, followed by delicious holiday desserts and this wonderful Christmas program in Madonna Hall.



Join with other singles for social activities.

Meet new people, build community & plan fun filled activities.

ALL welcomed: widowed, divorced, never married.

Upcoming dates:

- * **Dec 11 - Christmas Party and Movie 7 - 9 pm** at the parish in Madonna Hall
- * **Dec 13 - Advent Pancake Breakfast 10:30 am**

Contact Kim: kimleshick@yahoo.com 732-618-7983



Advent Pancake Breakfast

Sunday: December 13, 2015

Purchase tickets electronically on the parish website via a secure Paypal account. Tickets are also available for purchase at the parish office.

Advance Tickets: \$5.00, children 5 & under free.

Tickets at the door: \$10.00 each.

In the Community:

The winter months are a **critical need** time for blood donation.

BLOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th
9 AM to 2 PM

The Parish of Saint Mary, parish hall

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, you can go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-733-2767, or email bbblooddrive@gmail.com.

We will also be available at AGAPE after all Sunday Masses on November 29th for sign-ups.



Messiah Part D

Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 pm

Church of Holy Cross
 30 Ward Avenue, Rumson

Holy Cross Choir ~ choral artists
 Harpsichord & Chamber Orchestra
 Don Carolina, Conductor
 732-842-0348 *Free will offering*



Upper Room Spiritual Center
 3455 West Bangs Avenue, Building 2
 Neptune, NJ 07753
 e-mail: office@theupper-room.org
www.theupper-room.org

The Advent Journey: From Darkness to Light

Presenter: Trudy Ahern, SSJ
 Date: Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015, 7 - 9:30pm
 Fee: \$25-\$40

Woman's Gathering

Presenters: Women's Gathering Core Group
 Date: Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, 10am - 12noon
 Fee: \$15-25

Sunday, December 6, 3:00pm – 4:30pm
WATERSPIRIT

Praying, Reflecting & Drumming for Earth

From November 30 to December 11, more than 190 nations will gather to negotiate global solutions that can realistically and effectively address climate change. Join WATERSPIRIT on December 6th in prayer, reflection and drumming for positive results at the Paris Conference. Stella Maris Retreat Center, 981 Ocean Avenue, Elberon, NJ, 07740. Donations According to Means. Reservations Preferred. Call 732-923-9788 or waterspirit@stellamaris.comcastbiz.net

Saint Anthony Padua – Red Bank - Welcomes the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is a beautiful hand-carved image of Our Lady of Fatima given to the United States by the bishop of Fatima after being blessed by Pope Paul VI in 1967. Since her reception in Washington DC, the statue has traveled throughout the United States.

Schedule of Events:

December 7th – Welcoming ceremony at 6:00 pm in the church. All are welcome.

December 8th

- *Mass at 7:30 am followed by visitation all day.
- *Rosary & Special Presentation Message of Fatima - 1:00 pm
- *Candlelight Mass : Immaculate Conception - 7:00 pm

December 9th - Morning Mass at 7:30 am followed by the departure of the Statue of Our Lady.


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