



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time

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DECEMBER 13, 2015



Third SUNDAY of ADVENT

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 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

Trustees:

Susan Coleman

Bill LaMorte

The **Parish Office hours** are Monday - Wednesday 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM
Thursday 24 Dec & 31 Dec close noon. Open Sunday 9 AM - 12 NOON.

Mass Intentions for the Week 14 December - 20 December

Monday 14 December 9:00AM in the Chapel

John of the Cross, Priest, Religious, Doctor of the Church

Tommy Dwyer by Marge Messler

Roy Milligan by Fred Otilie and Lisa Sorrentino

Tuesday 15 December 9:00AM in the Chapel

Tue of 3rd Week of Advent

Vincent Salvo by Diane Antico & Family

Neal Crilley by Joan LaVance

Jerome O'Sullivan by Stephanie & Tim McFarland

Wednesday 16 December 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Wed of 3rd Week of Advent

Richard Cahill, Jr. by the Eng Family

Ralph Manfra by Susie Carega

Peg Clark by Marilyn & Carl Simone

Thursday 17 December 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Thu of 3rd Week of Advent

William T. Dawson by Carl & Marilyn Simone

Hallie Lucille Gardner by Pat & John Steed

Barbara Varga by Treasure & Al Herman

Friday 18 December 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Fri of 3rd Week of Advent

Gregory A. Voit by Family

Mary Czerwinski Cerwin by Marie & James Collins

Saturday 19 December in the Church

5:00 PM

Bronislaw & Katherine Jurgielewicz by Janet Jurgielewicz

Anthony Martucci by Ralph & Sophia Martucci & Mrs. Marie Graham

Sam Lutz by Barbara Saake

Sunday 20 December in the Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM

Helen & John Sionas by Eileen & Mike Stivala

Leo Ellison by Joan, Paul & Maureen

10:00 AM

Tony Garito by Arlene Garito & Family

Ruth Ridgway by the Ridgway Family

Members of the Ambrosia Family by the Gruenling Family

12:00 PM

Rachel Loprete by Mr. & Mrs. John Sce

Sila Myers by Jeanne Kolakowski


Mary McNally by the Zita and Neustater Families

5:00 PM

Barbara Varga by Martha Mary Guild

For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors

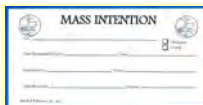
Please pray for the following members of our parish family who are ill:

PRAY
FOR
THE SICK 

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

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

732-780-2666 or parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org



2016 Mass Book is now open.

Obtain a Mass Intention Envelope at the parish office. Each Mass Intention is \$10. Date of intention will be provided by our Mass Book Volunteer. (scheduling occurs approximately 1 time per week)

Thank You

2016 Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

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

The suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$25.



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

Musical Notations: Advent reflections (continued)

Greetings, once again! We sure are covering a lot of liturgical and musical ground as of late, so incase you're joining us for the first time in these articles, we've discussed the new liturgical year that begins the 1st Sunday of Advent annually, a number of Advent selections that date back as early as the 6th century, and a new instrument to our ever-growing music ministry!



A number of musical selections throughout the Advent season would be considered ancient. The chant *Creator of the Stars of Night*, infused with ethereal elements of period harmonizations as well as modern tonality ~ arranged by our very own organist & composer Andrew Macirowski, dates to the 6th century and is debuted at the 12:00 Mass by the choir. Also at the 12:00 Mass, we have a lovely consort of woodwind instruments, which complement our newly restored harpsichord, lovingly donated by Colts Neck resident, Judy Laufer. Offering these instruments on the Basque folk Carol *Gabriel's Message* or *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* and the handbell piece *O Come O Come Emmanuel* create a pensive and bouyant reflection of how these would have been presented in the time period of their composition.

So what's all the hub-bub? Well, it is Gaudete Sunday...Gaudete Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The Introit of the day begins with "Gaudete..." and is Latin for "Rejoice". Additionally, Bishop David M. O'Connell, to open the Year of Mercy as decreed by Pope Francis, declared our parish to be a site of pilgrimage in the Diocese, in which, under certain conditions, a person can obtain a plenary indulgence. The center doors were shut and sealed last weekend with the papal decree of the Year of Mercy and re-opened at the 12:00 Mass. Much to be excited about!

Stay tuned for more exciting happenings in your parish music ministry!

Pax Christi, Lauren Walters



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24th
(All Masses will be celebrated in the Church)
(No 9:00 am Mass this day)

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

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25th
9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass (No 5:00pm Mass)

"Year of Mercy"

"Holy Door of Mercy"

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. (complete article in the November 29th bulletin available www.stmaryscoltsneck.org)



"Clothe the naked" – Many Catholic agencies and parishes have special Christmas Programs during Advent to assist families/individuals in need of new clothing (and household items such as blankets, towels, etc.). Consider contributing to one of these agencies and/or parishes during this "Year of Mercy" and "Clothe the Naked." Outreach opportunities at Saint Mary:

Sponsor-a-Family & Tree of Love

Works of Mercy

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the afflicted.
5. Forgive offenses.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

Worship Ministry Schedule: December 19 - December 20

	Altar Serv-	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Mark Hines Tommy Zita	Louise Habrack - Center Cup Suzanne Schlesinger - Organ Host Bill Cargiulo - Center Host Gail Cargiulo - Tabernacle Host Frank Baker - Organ Cup Paul Fournier - Tabernacle Cup	John Carlucci	Phil Limeri	Margaret Caponegro NOT FILLED	Diane Dragone	Jack Davis Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskas
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Heather Boliver NOT FILLED	Rosane LaCava - Center Cup Maureen Staub - Organ Host Lisa Aldridge - Center Host Michael Staub - Tabernacle Host Paul Osmulski - Organ Cup Susan Osmulski - Tabernacle Cup	Stanley Drusdow	Mary Ellen Griffin	Anne Baker NOT FILLED	Kathy Woolston	George Illmensee James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Kathryn Ortenzio Valeska Yaninas	Helen DeCerce - Center Cup Mathilda Said - Organ Host Edward Moskal - Center Host Winifred O'Doherty - Tabernacle Host Joseph Merante - Organ Cup (sub req.) Amy Orrico - Tabernacle Cup	Andrew Befumo, Jr.	Barbara Schaflin	Mary DeSalvatore Denise Smith	Kathi Blinn	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Allen Montefusco Christopher Montefusco	Patricia Gesner - Center Cup Lee Gesner - Organ Host Monica Barr - Center Host Marycatherine Noble - Tabernacle Host Sandra Montefusco - Organ Cup Maria Gerbino - Tabernacle Cup	Dan Mazzeo	Richard Gerbino	Donna Murphy Tina Repetto	Lauren Walters	John Barr James Dolan Lee Gesner Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce
Sunday, 5:00 PM (Confirmation Prep Sunday Evening)	Anthony Buzzetta Patrick Dickinson	Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Center Cup Irene Weller - Center Cup Susan Murphy - Organ Host Diane Antico - Center Host Margaret Hernandez - Tabernacle Host Dolores Addler - Organ Cup Maria Thompson - Tabernacle Cup	Charles Young	John McCrae		Kristen Kohm	James Austin Ken Camarco Christopher Pancila

Sunday 5 PM Mass:
*This Mass will continue until - March 6, 2016
except for Dec. 27 & Jan. 3*

Lifelong Catechesis
Week of 14 December - 20 December

3rd Sunday of Advent

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6-7)



St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Monday: Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21: 23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13; Mt 21: 28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7: 18b-23
 Thursday: Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Mt 1: 1-17
 Friday: Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1: 18-24)

20 December 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Mi 5: 1-4a; Heb 10: 5-10; Lk 1: 39-45

Question for Children: When you pray, how do you hear God's voice in response?
Question for Youth: God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in this dream. What is your experience of hearing God speak in this way? What is God asking of you?
Question for Adults: What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer?



Welcome to the newest members of our St. Mary's family who were Baptized recently:
Jayda Lynn Giuffrida

Pray for Our Military
Lance Corporal Scott MacConnell
Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: 24 - 25 December

Worship Ministry Christmas Mass Sign-Ups are done online through MSP Scheduler.
 Please call the office to sign up for the Christmas Mass Schedule. If you are having difficulty accessing the ministry scheduler system please call the parish office and speak to Catherine Love.

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Thursday, 3:00 PM (Church) Christmas Eve	Daniel Cowles Mathew Bongiorno NOT FILLED	Susan Murphy - Organ Host Suzanne Schlesinger - Center Host Martha Cowles - Tabernacle Host Mike LaCava - Host Pew Tabernacle Rosane LaCava - Host Pew Organ Helene Lind - Gathering Space 1 Gina Shute - Gathering Space 2 Heide Lohn - Corner Host Tabernacle 2 Mary Aiello - Corner Organ Host	Andrew Befumo, Jr.	Annette Raynor		Marybeth Jacobson	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Thursday, 4:30 PM (Church) Christmas Eve	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED - Organ Host NOT FILLED - Center Host Suzanne Schlesinger - Tabernacle Host Monty Matrisciani - Host Pew Tabernacle NOT FILLED - Host Pew Organ NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 1 NOT FILLED - Gathering Space 2 Trudy Matrisciani - Corner Host Tabernacle 2 NOT FILLED - Corner Organ Host	John Carlucci	Alicia Mendez		Meghan Kryscnski	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Thursday, 6:00 PM (Church) Christmas Eve	Patrick Dickinson NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Dolores Addler - Organ Host Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Center Host Matilda Said - Tabernacle Host Edward Moskal - Host Pew Tabernacle Barbara Moskal - Host Pew Organ	William Lutkewitte	Caroline Lutkewitte		Lauren Walters	Christopher Pancila Robert Lutkewitte NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Thursday, 10:00 PM (Church) Christmas Eve	Patrick Dickinson NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Cathy Limeri - Organ Host Phil Limeri - Center Host NOT FILLED - Tabernacle Host NOT FILLED - Host Pew Tabernacle Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Host Pew Organ	Dering Sprague	NOT FILLED		Anne Baker	Christopher Pancila NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Friday, 9:00 AM (Church) Christmas	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Carol Rodeck - Organ Host Jane Slattery - Center Host Joseph Flanagan - Tabernacle Host NOT FILLED - Host Pew Tabernacle NOT FILLED - Host Pew Organ	Barbara Schafflin	NOT FILLED		Abby Clyne	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Friday, 11:00 AM (Church) Christmas	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Maria Gerbino - Organ Host NOT FILLED - Center Host NOT FILLED - Tabernacle Host NOT FILLED - Host Pew Tabernacle NOT FILLED - Host Pew Organ	Kathy Maher	Richard Gerbino		Diane Dragone	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

The week of December 20- 27, the Parish Office will be open

Monday -Wednesday 8:30 am-7:30 pm, Thurs, Dec 24, 8:30 am - 12 noon. Closed Fri & Sat. Open Sunday Dec. 27, 9am -12 noon.

The week of December 28- January 3, the Parish Office will be open Monday -Wednesday 8:30 am-7:30 pm, Thurs, Dec 31, 8:30 am - 12 noon. Closed Fri & Sat. Open Sunday Jan. 3, 9am -12 noon.

Parking head-in on the grass:

It is so wonderful that we are blessed with many parishioner families and 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 the:

- Sunday, Dec 13th with advent pancake
- Christmas Eve for the 3pm, 4:30 and 10pm Masses
- Christmas Day for the 11:00 am Mass



Sincere thanks to Mr. Ed Brock for his gift of the 4 Advent wreathes adorning the Sanctuary and Rotunda for the Season of Advent.

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday (notice that the presider and deacon are wearing rose vestments). When we've ordered our lives in the minimal things—fulfilling the requirements of our state in life and job or ministry—then we can seek the greater things, the greater One. Our being baptized in the Holy Spirit means that we already share in divine life. This means that we are enabled to relate to Christ not as One “out there” but as One who is in our midst, one who is near. Relationship to others takes on a whole new meaning because we now enter into a unique relationship with the divine One. In our daily living we, too, point to the One who is to come first by doing well what is expected of us. Second and more importantly, we point to the One who is to come by being who we have become in Christ: the presence of Christ; we ourselves are to be the “mighty one” for others. Thus because of God's indwelling the doing and being collapse into one: whatever it is we do, we always do so as bearers of Christ because we are “in Christ Jesus” (second reading). For this reason—we are the presence of the risen Christ for each other—nothing we do is small or inconsequential. Everything we do brings the Lord near to those around us.

As we continue our journey through the Season of Advent the focus of our readings and prayers are directed away from the end of time and more toward the fulfillment of the covenant as revealed in the Birth of Jesus the Christ. In our daily lives we are picking up the pace. Shopping, baking, cleaning, decorating consume many of our waking moments. All of this is good and wholesome. I think it is important to remember why it is that we make such a fuss. It is important for us to effectively communicate to others, especially our children and young people, that life is more than merchandise and consumer items. Life is about relationships, service and giving from the heart. It is much easier to spend money to buy something physical and give it to someone. It is much more challenging for us to make ourselves present to someone in need. Our parish community has such a wonderful tradition of sharing and giving especially for the poor and needy. It is my hope that we will increase our resolve to avoid the temptation of

materialism and to embrace the spirit of the season that is rooted in the sacramental life of Jesus, most especially through frequent reception of Holy Communion.

Many thanks to all those who helped us in preparing our children and young people for their first celebration of Penance & Reconciliation. Last week I enjoyed a brief visit from my good friend Augustinian Father Angelo DiBerardino, Dean Emeritus of the Patristic Institute in Rome, Italy, who was in America to promote the sale of his book. This weekend we Light Up a Memory tree to remember those who have gone before us. It is a lovely tradition here in our parish. Take a moment to page through the annual book. Thanks to the Freda, Molly & the committee who share their time and talent to make this a reality. Our Annual Pancake Breakfast is also underway this weekend. I would like to THANK YOU for purchasing your tickets in advance so that we might be adequately prepared. Thanks to Perkins for the Pancake batter, our Trustee Bill LaMorte for all of the paper products, and the entire committee. We will open the “Porta sancta”...for the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy announced by H.H. Pope Francis.

Our Advent-Christmas mailing has been sent and received by most of our registered parishioners. Included in this mailing is The 2015 Christmas Collection Letter and Stewardship Offering Envelope. Several parishioners have spoken to me about end of the year giving. Please consider an end of the year gift to our parish in the Christmas Collection or funding another project. Should you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rinaldi or myself. As we approach the Solemnity of Christmas choose wisely the mass you will attend. Invite family members and friends to come with you to pray on this most holy occasion. Wherever possible try to carpool with other family members and friends.

If you are making any special goodies for Christmas and would like to share some of them with the staff, please drop them off to the parish house or office so that we can enjoy your talents this 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



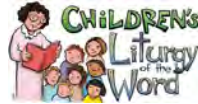
Little Church

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

Register on website in 2015-2016 Registration

Help! Liturgy of the Word Dismissal Needs Assistance!

LWD needs catechists to run sessions for our children ages 4-12!



LWD catechists leave with the children after the opening prayer and return during the preparation rite. Each catechist receives a book and an outline of the session, which usually lasts 15-20 minutes. The children hear the Word of God on their own level. It is a fairly easy ministry, but an **extremely important** one for the children of the parish.

Please contact Michele McCue to help. See above for contact information

Currently, the greatest need is during the 12 Noon Mass

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

Join us Monday Dec. 7 & 21 in Room 11.

Faith-filled playgroup for children birth to three years.

Pre-registration is not necessary attend whenever you wish.

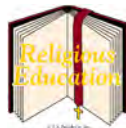
Contact St. Mary's volunteer, Elana Eng at

Elanaeng@gmail.com

Religious Education On-Line Program Intergenerational Schedule 2015

Sun, Dec. 13: All (Advent)

Duration of Pancake Breakfast in theater



Sun, Jan. 10: 2nd Grade (Bapt PPP) 1:00-2:30 pm

Save the Date- Parish Mission Coming April 9-12!

Yes, it seems far away, but why not put this exciting event on your 2016 calendar now! International Catholic speaker, author, and radio host, John Leonetti, will be here for all Masses that weekend as well as present a Parish Mission from 7-8 PM the evenings of the April 10th - 12th.

More information to follow. www.jonleonetti.com

Please, mark your calendar!

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

SMCN 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,

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.

To register for Fitness offerings email **Matt Butler** at youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

The RCIA needs you!

We are delighted to announce that there are 7 children and 2 adults in the process of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in our parish!



However, we need your help!

- We need catechists to work with the children during the 10 AM Mass in January.
- We need catechists to work with the adults during this time as well!

It need not be a weekly commitment- team members could be scheduled once or twice a month.

Please contact Michele McCue for more information. See above for contact information.

Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation last weekend! Please keep them, and their families, in your Advent prayers.

Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Adams	Alivia	Franco	Marianinez	Pinguelo	Colin
Alicea	Cameron	Galpern	Stefanie	Ramos	Sarah
Anderson	Matthew	Glusko	John	Reisinger	Andrew
Andreyko	Aiden	Grant	Charlotte	Riddle	Abigail
Annunziata	Daniel	Guglieri	Nicholas	Rocco	Thomas
Barca	Bryant	Guglieri	Christopher	Rodriguez	Mia
Barreiro	Cecilia	Guiliano	Priscilla	Ronca	Alexa
Bartolomeo	Anthony	Gulka	Colin	Schatzle	John
Bednarczyk	Sarah	Jordan	Hope	Schell	David
Borao	Christopher	Jordan	Ashley	Schibell	Ricky
Buss	Kennedy	Kapp	Olivia	Sciarrillo	Dylan
Camilli	Emma	Kappelmier	Kaitlyn	Solvang	Brooke
Campisi	Skyla	Kearney	Ryan	Strausbaugh	Nicholas
Cassidy	Josephine	Knowles	Olivia	Stubbs	Jonathan
Clemente	Sophia	Lennon	Alexander	Suarez	Isabella
Clemente	Isabella	Lopes	Joshua	Szary	Alexandra
Collins	Christopher	Main	Jack	Tormey	Jack
Correia	Hayley	Marchese	Corbin	Tormey	Julia Theresa
Cucchiara	Nicholas	Marchese	Isabella	Vaina	Salvatore
Davis	Kyle	Marx	Sofia	Veisz	Matthew
DeSerio	Daniel	Moran	Kallyn	Westby	Ryan
Drechsler	William	Moran	Owen	Whitman	Jack
Dugo	Jack	Murray	Richard	Willis	Michael
Ecklord	Richard	Muscio	Robert	Younger	Dillon Patrick
Fabbricatore	Matteo	Muscio	Luis	Zeni	Nicholas
Fazzolari	Madeline	Navroski	Julia	Zilinski	Alessandra
Flynn	Dylan	O'Shea	Riley		

Spiritual Adoption - Week 14

Pray for Unborn Human Life



I can open and close my mouth now. I've also discovered why God made my fingers---so I can put them in my mouth an suck on my thumb, of course! It is very comforting! Besides, it will also help me to know how to nurse after I'm born. Can't talk any-more- I have to suck my thumb now. Thank you for your prayers for me and my mom and dad.



Please keep praying.



Walking with Purpose Bible Study

Coffee Connect 12/17

Join women of our parish and beyond, at 12:30pm for a sampling of this wonderful Bible Study! All women are invite to attend. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP your attendance to

**Angela Kinlin 732-915-5152
or Molly Aiello 732-598-6808**

All are welcomed to the pilgrim walk along the prayer garden which leads to the Grotto. Please NO vehicles on the walk.



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

In the Parish:

Because of the Christmas holidays, the bulletin submission deadlines move to the following:

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

No December Meeting due to such a hectic month. We will meet in January on the **fourth** Wednesday, the 27th. We have many prayer shawls, so please focus on scarves, hats, baby caps and lap robes.

Thank you for all you have done for the Ministry. We have given much to community this year and I know it is appreciated.

Have a blessed Christmas. - Kathy A



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 13 - Advent Pancake Breakfast 10:30 am**

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

**CHRISTMAS
SPONSOR-A-FAMILY
GIFTS ARE DUE BACK
ON
DECEMBER 18TH.**



There is still time to sponsor a family in need in the community for Christmas. \$50 maximum per person per family. Most items listed are basic needs.

If you, your family, your neighbors, coworkers, or friends would like to purchase presents and food for family this holiday season, please contact:

Sue ifoman46@aol.com

Kathy wamaher2@aol.com

In the Community:

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 17

7:15 to 8:15pm,

St. Mary's Parish, Middletown

St. Mary's Chapel, 26 Leonardville Road,
New Monmouth.

Any questions, call 732-671-0071.

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



BLOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th

9 AM to 2 PM

at

The Parish of Saint Mary, in the parish hall

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

One of the legacies left by Bishop Reiss to the Diocese of Trenton is a strong commitment to quality catechetical formation. This is made more tangible in the **Bishop John C. Reiss Religious Education Scholarship Fund**. These funds can be a great help in strengthening the catechetical ministry in our parishes and schools through conferences, workshops and seminars. This also applies to course work for Doctorate Programs. Applications for grants are now available, upon request, from the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis.

For further information, please call 609-403-7144 or email dgalw@dioceseoftrenton.org.

ALERT. Ending slavery is everyone's work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) is a collaborative, faith-based network that offers educational resources, information about access to survivors' services, & engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery.

Visit the web site:

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