



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

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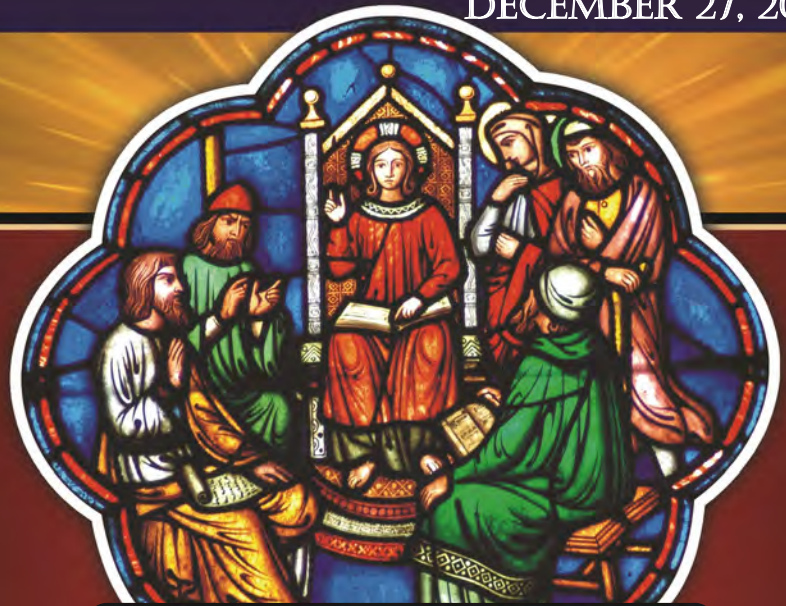
*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!!*

*We wish you health, happiness,
much peace and many blessings
throughout the Christmas
Season and in 2016.*

*The Parish of Saint Mary
Staff*



DECEMBER 27, 2015



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After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Catholic Childcare Center is open at The Parish of Saint Mary

Now enrolling via Rolling Registration

*Rolling registration: register your child for the childcare
program anytime during the year when your child reaches
the age of admission.*

Availability:

Open Monday-Friday 6:30am-6:30pm
Full/Part time scheduling options
Mother's Day out (3x a week 2 hrs a day)



Contact Maria Thompson
for more information

732-780-0135

Maria@Fgkids.org

www.fgkids.org

Mass Schedule: Eucharist

Weekend

Saturday 5:00 PM (*Anticipatory*)

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon &
5:00 PM (*March 6, except Dec. 27 & Jan. 3*)

Weekday

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM

In Christ Chapel unless otherwise noted.

Funerals in the Church.

Christmas Holiday Parish Office Hours

The week of Dec. 28- Jan. 3, M-W 8:30 am-7:30 pm,
Thurs, Dec 31, 8:30 am - 12 noon. Closed Fri & Sat.
Open Sunday Jan. 3, 9am -12 noon.

Have you moved? Changed your phone # or email
address? If so please contact the Parish Office:
communications@stmaryscoltsneck.org, drop a note
in the collection basket or call 732-780-2666.



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 31 Dec. close noon. Open Sunday 9 AM - 12 NOON.

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 (10days). Deadlines noted for Christmas submission
parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Sacraments:

Penance & Reconciliation

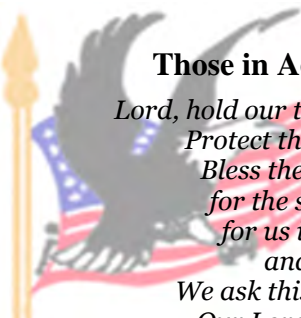
Saturday 4:00 PM or by appointment.

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. No Baptisms during Lent.



Those in Active Military Service

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands,
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
for the sacrifices they make
for us in our hour of need
and give us peace.*

*We ask this in the Name of Jesus,
Our Lord and Savior. Amen*

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



Pray for Our Military

*Lance Corporal Scott MacConnell
Lance Corporal Edward Zarzecki*

**Mass Intentions for the Week
28 December - 3 January**

Monday, 28 December 9:00 AM in Chapel

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Florence and William O'Sullivan by Freda O'Doherty
Rachele LoPrete by Angela and Tom Kinlin

Tuesday, 29 December 9:00 AM in Chapel

FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Vincent Salvo by Mary Dwyer and Lynn Brennan
Barbara Varga by Rev. Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff, and Parishioners

Wednesday, 30 December 9:00 AM in Chapel

SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Tina Rusinak by Virginia Miller
Hallie Gardener by Martha Mary Guild

**Thursday, 31 December - No 9:00 Mass
5:00 PM in Church**

Mrs. Caroline DeLucia by Mr & Mrs. John F. Connor, Sr. & Family
Neal Crilley by the Fink Family

Friday, 1 January 10:00 AM in Church

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Terry Deckert by Susan and John Murphy

**Saturday, 2 January in Church
5:00 PM**

For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors
Leonidas Mavrookas by Suzanne Schlesinger
Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Stoia by Sophia, Ralph, and Anna

Sunday, 3 January in Church

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM

DeStefano/Albruno Families by Mr. and Mrs. Franceschetti
Anna Messer by Delle Donne Family
Philip Valenziano by Susan and Ken Davis

10:00 AM

Anthony Garito by Arlene Garito and family

12:00 Noon

Robert A. McNamara by McNamara Family
Thomas Bracco by His Family

No 5:00 PM Mass

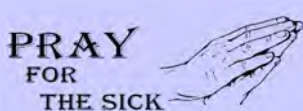
Rest in Peace



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

Philip Valenziano, *husband of Maureen*
Antonina LaMarca, *mother of Frank*

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



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| Izilda Alberti | Lori Lettieri |
| Jacqueline Andres | Angela Liguori |
| Mary Barbagallo | Rosanne Kerek |
| Bill Barnett | Angela Kinlin |
| John Beckley | Mary Klein |
| Joan Blatz | John Marra |
| Jennie Borowski | Arnold Marchesi |
| Florence Brillante | Leonidas Mavrookas |
| Jean Brock | 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 | Kevin Venancio |
| Joseph Jurgielewicz | 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

GROTTO CANDLES

The Grotto is stocked with Candles. Offering is \$3.00 per candle for your prayer intentions.



2016 Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Donations are accepted for intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel and the Church. This candle burns perpetually as a reminder that Jesus is truly and really present in the tabernacle.

If you wish to make the suggested donation of twenty-five dollars for an intention for the Sanctuary Lamp, contact the Parish Office.

Weeks starting 1/10, 1/17 & 1/24 are available in both the Chapel and the Church.

Honor God and respect the priest; give him his portion as you have been commanded. First fruits and contributions, his portion of victims and holy offerings. Sirach7:31



Spiritual Adoption - Week 16



My bones were not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, fashioned as in the depths of the earth. Psalm138:15

I am four months old now. My reflexes are working great! I can suck, swallow and blink! Fat is forming under my skin to keep me warm. I need to keep practicing my breathing so that my lungs develop and grow. See how wonderfully God takes care of me, with the help and protection of my mom, while I'm hidden here safe and warm. Thank you God and thank you Mom!

And, thanks for all of you who are praying for me.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



For parents: May their example of sacrificial and life-giving love be a source of hope and inspiration; We pray to the Lord:

"[W]e know what true, authentic love looks like. It looks like the man on the Cross. This deep, pure love that motivated Jesus to offer his life for ours, is the love that will answer the longing in our hearts, if we let it. -USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program "10 Surprising Tips for Love the Culture Won't Tell You"

Upcoming Christmas Season Liturgies

Solemnity: Mary, Mother of God
(Octave Day of Christmas)

Thursday December 31st
(No 9 am Mass this day)
5:00 pm Mass

Friday January 1st - New Year's Day
10:00 am Mass

Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 2nd

5:00 pm Mass
Sunday, January 3rd
8 am, 10 am, 12 noon Masses
(No Sunday 5:00 pm Mass)

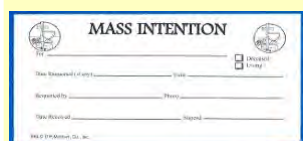
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Saturday, January 9th

5:00 pm Mass
Sunday, January 10th
8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 5:00 pm Masses

Worship Ministry Schedule: 2/3 January

	Altar Server	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Cantor	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Allen Montefusco Christopher Montefusco	Bill Cargiulo - Center Cup Gail Cargiulo - Organ Host Rosemarie Estephan - Center Host Paul Fournier - Tabernacle Host Cathy Limeri - Organ Cup Susan Murphy - Tabernacle Cup	Charles Young	Phil Limeri	Margaret Caponegro Tina Repetto	Diane Dragone	Jack Davis Jim Davis John Grabowski Bob Lind Ralph Martucci Frank Sikorskis
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Abigail Cowles NOT FILLED	Rosane LaCava - Center Cup Catherine Rinaldi - Organ Host Martha Cowles - Center Host Michael Stivala - Tabernacle Host Jeff Wilk - Organ Cup Joseph Flanagan - Tabernacle Cup	William Lutkewitte	Robert Lutkewitte	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	Kathi Blinn	George Illmensee James Pifer George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Kathryn Ortenzio Valeska Yaninas	Dolores Addler - Center Cup Joseph Merante - Organ Host Helen DeCerce - Center Host Dawn Reinhardt - Tabernacle Host Heide Lohn - Organ Cup Sue Fitzpatrick - Tabernacle Cup	Kevin Swan	Julia Cullen	Mary DeSalvatore Denise Smith	Kathy Woolston	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Tommy Zita (sub req.) NOT FILLED	Irene Weller - Center Cup Marycatherine Noble - Organ Host MaryJoan McNamara - Center Host Monica Barr - Tabernacle Host Patricia Gesner - Organ Cup Lee Gesner - Tabernacle Cup	Kathy Maher	Stanley Drusdow	Donna Murphy Anna May Schellenberger	Ellen Balistiero	John Barr James Dolan Lee Gesner Joe Mancino Joseph Rinaldo William Starce

No 5:00 PM Sunday Mass 3 January 2016



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



Lifelong Catechesis Week of 28 December - 3 January

- Monday: 1 Jn 1: 5 to 2: 2; Mt 2: 13-18
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2: 3-11; Lk 2: 22-35
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2: 12-17; Lk 2: 36-40
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2: 18-21; Jn 1: 1-18
- Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



3 January Sunday: Solemnity of the Epiphany
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: Life can sometimes be rough: losing your home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do you experience God being and staying with you in such times?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

Feast of the Holy Family *"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)*

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.



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

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

Musical Notations: Christmas Blessings

Christmas greetings to you and yours! The music ministry is overjoyed to have participated in such beautiful Christmas liturgies. As you may have noticed, the carols are further embellished, offering a variety of harmonies, descants, and reharmonizations. These lovely arrangements are brought to you by 100 Carols for Choirs by David Willcocks and John Rutter.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and continued blessings in the New Year!
Pax! Lauren Walters



Reharmonization is the musical equivalent of a new paint job on an old car. When you reharmonize a tune, you give the melody new color by changing its underlying harmonics.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes — can disconnect — then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to — and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.



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The Parish of Saint Mary, Father Jeff & Deacon Vin, We are extremely grateful for all that you've done to help Tommy grow and achieve his goals of Eagle Scout as well as his Ad Altare Dei religious emblem. Tommy successfully passed his Board of Review last week and officially became an Eagle Scout.

"Congratulations to Tommy Zita IV for earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. At only 14 years old, Tommy is the youngest Scout to achieve Eagle in his Troop's history. To benefit our Parish Community, he fundraised & landscaped a portion of our parking lot as his Eagle Project.



Tommy's also a member of Project CARE and is a dedicated Altar Server at our noon Masses. He is currently a freshman at CBA & a member of the Nationally ranked Crew Team."

Congratulations on a job well done!"

God Bless,
The Zita Family

Celebrating the "Year of Mercy"

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a great new free app from Our Sunday Visitor!

The theme for the year is '*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,*' reflected in the elements of the app, which include:

- Daily reflections on mercy
- Daily Scripture reflections
- Book excerpts
- Year of Mercy resources
- Pope Francis' tweets throughout the year
- Year of Mercy news stories
- Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena
- And more!

i-Phone & Android
365 Days of Mercy



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.

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The familiarity of family can sometimes blind us to see the goodness in each other. This feast reminds us to open our eyes and be “astonished” at the goodness of each other rather than anxious about our own concerns. Families grow in strength when each person in the family (from parents to the smallest child and including anyone in the extended family to whom we show hospitality) is treated as one dedicated to God and, therefore, holy. This is challenging when sometimes all we can see is each other’s faults. It takes a great deal of self-emptying to get beyond the normal, everyday annoyances that are part of family life and see others as both gift and consecrated to God as we are. Mary and Joseph were not free from family struggles; after all, they lost Jesus on a trip! But they did not give up until they found him. Neither does God give up on us!

Many thanks to all those who have helped us prepare our parish church for the Solemnity of Christmas. Inside and outside, all has been done with loving care and in good taste. Thanks to all of our Liturgical Ministers for the sacrifices that were made and continue to be made so that our parish worship might truly be a sacred action of the Christian Community. Some generously served more than one Mass so that we could be properly staffed at all of the Masses for the convenience of our parishioners and guests. These days are wonderful opportunities for families to gather and to tell stories, for visiting, and for dining (that is not just eating

to nourish our bodies...but taking the opportunity to eat slowly and enjoy company and conversation together.) The liturgies during the Christmas Season (25 December through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord) are times of great grace and opportunities for reflection. I think of those who have gone before us and the sacrifices they have made for us.

I am truly grateful for all of the sacrifices we are making in order to provide for the needs of our community. A special thanks to all those who have made their 2015 Christmas Gift to our parish this year. This collection is a major source of income for our community each and every year, but more so this year as we continue the important work of ministry. I am grateful to you for your kind and generous sharing. If you have not, please do so this coming week. We will provide you with a report of this collection at the conclusion of the Christmas Season. I invite you to pray in a special way for those who are sick and homebound during this Christmas Season. They hold a special place in our community and our common prayer. Masses have been scheduled for New Years Eve and New Years Day. Please consult the bulletin and plan to participate as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Octave day of Christmas. May God continue to bless all of our families. Let us pray in a special way for all expectant families. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Buona Domenica. Buon Natale, Feliz Navidad, Merry Christmas. 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



Women's Bible Study Christmas is Hectic Enough

WWP Cancelled the Dec 17th meeting but it has been scheduled to January 7th, for an Epiphany Party in the evening at 7:30 pm,

The schedule will be re-typed, and the program will be extended for two additional weeks. The final gathering of the program will be on May 4, 2016.

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.

Please, mark your calendar!

"Jon Leonetti speaks with passion about our Catholic faith. His heart is filled with enthusiasm about the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church!"

TOM PETERSON

Founder and President, CatholicsComeHome.org

The RCIA needs you!

- 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.



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

Join us the 1st & 3rd Monday 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 2016

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

Sun, January 24: Online (Lent) 1:00-2:30 pm

Sun, January 31: Online (Lent) 1:00-2:30 pm

Summer Intensive Registration at Reduced Tuition Rate

- Begins 1 February 2016
- Ends 31 March 2016

Fall 2016 Re-Registration (*returning students*) Reduced Tuition Rate

- Begins 1 May 2016
- Ends 30 June 2016

All Re-Registration

- Ends 1 Sept 2016

Notifications from Religious Education as to the particulars of registering will be the Weekly Bulletin, e-Newsletter and on the website.

Send updates of family e-mail and address to communications@stmaryscoltsneck.org

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

The greatest need is during the 12 noon Mass.

Little Church

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

Register on website in 2015-2016 Registration



That as grateful children of God, we remember to tell family and friends that we love them every day.

Sharing Our Treasure

Due to the holiday season and the early transmission deadlines of the bulletin, Sharing of our Treasure numbers for 19 & 20 December will be reported in the coming weeks.

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.



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

2015 Christmas Collection:

We will provide you with a report of this collection at the conclusion of the Christmas Season.



We are grateful to all who contributed; if you have not yet participated, please do so this coming week so that we can offer a timely proper accounting to you.

End Of Year Contribution Statement

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2015 contributions, please provide a **self-addressed stamped envelope** to the parish office by mail or drop it in the collection basket by January 15, 2016. Requests will be processed by the end of January.

Please do not make your request by phone.



EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

In the event that the Parish Office is closed and Religious Education classes or Masses must be cancelled due to inclement weather, loss of power, etc., we will attempt to keep you informed as follows:

- Updated outgoing announcements on our main telephone line
- Parish-wide email sent to all families whose email address is on file
- Notification on website stmaryscoltsneck.org

Thank you Parish Staff

Thank you to the entire Parish of Saint Mary for your generous support for the Tree of Love. This benefits so many in need, but it could not be completed without all of you. Whether you fulfilled a request by taking a tag, donated extra gifts or gift cards, wrapped gifts or helped with the sorting and deliveries, your kindness will be sincerely appreciated by the 800+ children, adults and families who received gifts from our parish family.



Tree of Love Committee

Office Volunteers Needed!

Many volunteer jobs and responsibilities are available in the parish. The list is endless and there is a task for everyone. Open to ages: High School and up.

Please call Linda
732-780-2666 x305 for more information

End of Year Extraordinary Gifts

\$5000.00

Gift from a non-parishioner friend of our parish to be used to reduce our unpaid bills from prior years.

*Let us remember in our prayer
all those who support our parish.*

Did you know that Saint Mary's Outreach Room #10 is used by several support groups.

SUNDAY

7:30 - 9:00 AM Gamblers Anonymous

MONDAY

9:30 - 11:00 AM AA

12:00 - 1:30 PM Al-Anon

TUESDAY

8:00 - 9:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous

WEDNESDAY

11:30 - 12:30 PM AA

6:30 - 7:20 PM Families Anonymous -Beginner

7:30 - 9:00 PM Families Anonymous

THURSDAY

7:30 - 9:00 PM DBSA- Depression Bipolar Support Alliance of Colts Neck

FRIDAY

7:15 - 9:15 PM AA - (Parish Hall or Theater)

Pastoral Coordinator for Community Building and Communications:

Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org



Lord Jesus Christ,
 Word of the Father, we turn to you.
 Watch over our plans.
 Enliven our service to the Church.
 Sustain our labors.
 Guide our steps in the search
 Of the best ways to proclaim your Gospel.
 Our poverty is great.
 We do not place trust in ourselves
 But only in you.
 Encourage us, reassure us,
 Give us your blessing.
 You who with the Holy Spirit live
 And reign in us and in the Church
 Forever and ever.
 Amen

Prayer of the Blessed Pope Paul VI

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING PARISHES AND MINISTRIES set by the Diocese of Trenton

#2 of 9 Every activity undertaken by the parish community is “suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than self-preservation.” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, # 27)

May our core Team be blessed and strengthened, as it participates in the Faith in Our Future.



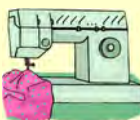
Safe Travels to all who venture forth during this Christmas Season.

Sewing Ministry:

Please join us in the new year on Tuesdays, January 12 & 26 from 1-3pm in room 11.

New members are always welcomed!

More info email Kathe at kjflan@aol.com



AGAPE is January 10th!

Join fellow parishioners after Sunday Masses for donuts, bagels, coffee/beverages and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Parishioners will host Jan. Agape *

The following will be present:



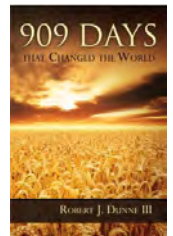
- Robert Dunne author of *909 Days That Changed the World*
- **Faith in our Future**
- **On-Line Giving**
- **Parish Mission**
- **Youth Ministry**
- **New Parishioner Orientation 11 am**

****Please bring a baked item to share with the Parish Community to the parish hall between 7:30 am - 1 pm.**

Help is always needed at Agape. RSVP what you can share with others. Jack jcoppola007@yahoo.com

‘ 909 Days’ *A vivid portrayal of the life of Christ.*

909 Days that Changed the World features short, thoughtful, easy-to-read chapters in the order of events as they likely happened and includes a chronological table with the four gospels cross-referenced.



Meet Robert Dunne at the January 10th AGAPE

Prayer Shawl Ministry



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.

Have a blessed Christmas. - Kathy A

Coffee and Conversation at Panera Bread



Join us on Saturday January 9, 2016 for coffee, conversation, and lunch. We will planning our calendar for the next three months and would love your input.

Kindly RSVP to either

- Kim at kimleshick@yahoo.com or 732-618-7983
- Marisa at marisaarts@aol.com or 732-722-7902

Advent Pancake Breakfast was a wonderful fun filled community building event!!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Jim and Sue Coleman for chairing this year’s Advent Pancake Breakfast and coordinating all the details that made it a big success. Thank you to Faith Formation Team for the planning of the faith filled activities especially volunteer mom, Kim Boliver, and all those who assisted with the activities!



Thank you to all the Breakfast committee volunteers (to many to name...over 100!) who pitched in to help with shopping, making centerpieces, preparing the kitchen, setting up the event, decorating, greeting at reception and check-in, food preparation, serving, table leaders, garbage duty, crafts, choir presentation, our costumes characters (elves, Olaf, St. Nick, and the Christmas Tree), the clean-up crew and all the other jobs involved with such big event. We could not have done it without each and every one of you!!



Thank you to the community business owners who contributed to the event: Perkins, Ronstan Paper Company, The Bagel Store, Dunkin Donuts, Mueller’s Bakery, and Holiday Meat. Your generosity of product and discounts was greatly appreciated and helps us to provide breakfast at a reduced price.



Thank you to all who purchased tickets in advance this year. 600 tickets...were sold in advance (432 paper tickets and 168 electronically through our online sales option). Knowing how many people to expect in advance, gave the committee a better idea to plan accordingly. Only 105 tickets were sold at the door the day of the event. Nearly 800 breakfasts were served to those in attendance including volunteers who helped out with the event.

We need your help!! Interested in working on the 2016 Advent Pancake Breakfast or on another community building event, please contact Linda Dickinson-Pancila at communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org for more information and to place your name on the list for next year.

PEACE!!



Many Thanks for Many “Memory Lights”

The eighth year of our “Memory Tree” was another huge success, thanks to the participation of many people. It is always heartwarming to receive the requests for lights in memory of beloved deceased family and friends **and** in honor of living family and friends. As the lights shine so beautifully, let us all remember to say a prayer for the many people they represent.

The committee would like to express a very special “**Thank You**” to everyone and especially to the following:

- Fr. Jeff and Deacon Vin for conducting the lovely ceremony
- Lauren Walters and our choir for the wonderful music and bells – at Mass and afterwards
- Delicious Orchards and Dunkin Donuts for supplying treats for the reception
- Barbara Schaflin for being our “official photographer”

May God bless all of you at Christmas and throughout 2016!



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