



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 FEBRUARY 2015

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Electronic format by 5PM Thursday
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Parish office: 732-780-2666



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Mass Schedule: Eucharist

Weekend Saturday 5:00 PM (Anticipatory)
Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00Noon
& 5PM (Nov. 2, 2014 - March 1, 2015)
Weekday Monday through Friday 9:00AM in
Chapel unless otherwise noted
Funerals held in Church

Parish Membership: New Parishioners are always
welcome! Registration is required. Contact Parish
Office for information and paperwork.

The next New Parishioner Orientation is
February 22, 2015, 11:00AM.

Sacraments:

Penance & Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00PM or by appointment

Marriage

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

Baptism

Registered parishioners contact the parish office in
advance for information and required paperwork.
Second Sunday during 12:00Noon Mass and all other
Sundays immediately following 12:00Noon Mass.

Visit our Website: www.stmaryscoltsneck.org

WORSHIP & EVANGELIZATION

The **Parish Office hours** are Monday through Thursday 8:30AM to 7:30PM and Sunday 9AM-12NOON. The office is closed on Friday and Saturday.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
2 – 8 February 2015**

Monday, 2 February at 9am in the Chapel

Aida Mesa by the Stortz Family

Tuesday, 3 February at 9:00AM in the Church

Lousi Turkaly by Daryl Turkaly

Wednesday, 4 February at 9AM in the Chapel

Julia Camarata by Charles Camarata

Thursday, 5 February at 9AM in the Chapel

Rose Valentine by Gail and Bill Cargiulo

Friday, 6 February at 9:00AM in the Chapel

Stella Beilinson by Anna Marie and Robert Harbrant

Saturday, 7 February 5:00PM

Jack Pizzolato by the Family

Mark T. Zanantonello by his Family

Paul Saake by Barbara Saake

Sunday, February

8:00AM

DeStefano-Albruno Family by Marie & Michael Franceschetti
Rev.Fr. Xavier Vitacolonna by Eileen and Mike Stivala

10:00AM

For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors

12:00 NOON

Mary Lou Tollar by Joyce and Paul Daniele

5:00PM

Dorothy Connallon by DeCerco Family

**St. Blaise - Feb 3rd
Blessing of the Throats**

Tues, 9:00 AM Mass in the Church

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.



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Pray ...



Sick List:

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

Cara Apgar
Jacqueline Andras
Eileen Beckley
Rosemarie Bonavita
John Bomensatt
Natalie Chiaino
Jo Clement
Eleanor Corley
Eleanor Crawford
Logan Dayton
John DeStefano
Margaret Gesner
Leanne Green
Shawn Hamlin
Jacqueline Heppa
Joseph Jurgielewicz
Lori Lettieri
Mary Lodato
Leonidas Maurookas

Barbara Matuscak
John McInerney
Marge Messler
Joseph John Merante
Nicole Montagna
Harry Mousmoules
Tere Nolan
Tom Nolan
Susan Duffy Schatzle
Jim Schatzle
Lou Schmitt
John Sheehan
Linda Sobel
Daniel John Solasky
Robert Stalzer
Nancy Vida
Kathy Weber

To add a family member to the sick list, please call the Parish Office. A person will be put on the list for 8 weeks and then removed unless a renewal call is received. Kindly call to renew 732-780-2666. Thank You



**WORLD SICK DAY
11 Feb 2015**

(Vatican Radio) The theme of Pope Francis's message for the World Day of Sick being celebrated on 11 Feb 2015 is "I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame," taken from the book of Job.

Please visit the following link for more information
<http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-message-for-2015-world-day-of-the-sic>

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Christ recently:

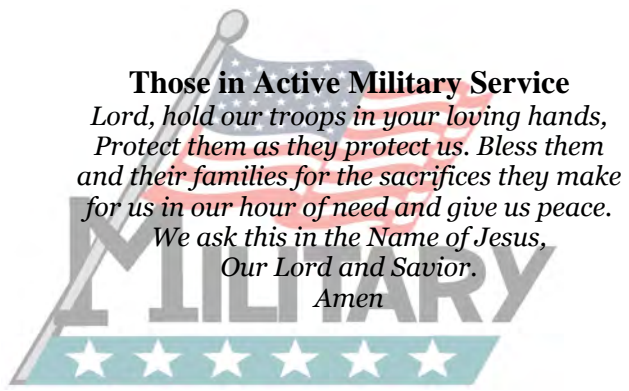
Barbara O'Shea,
mother of Brian O'Shea



WORSHIP & EVANGELIZATION

Worship Ministry Schedule: 7 & 8 February

	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Emily Santangelo - Organ Host Trudy Matrisciani - Center Host Monty Matrisciani - Tabernacle Host Rosemarie Estephan - Host Pew Organ	John Carlucci	Agnes Duffy	Susan Baker Tina Repetto	Michael Boliver NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Rosane LaCava - Organ Host Carol Rodeck - Center Host Eileen Beckley - Tabernacle Host Mike LaCava - Host Pew Tabernacle	Rita Duenas	Stanley Drusdow	John Rodeck Carol Rodeck	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Edward Moskal - Organ Host Mathilda Said - Center Host Sue Fitzpatrick - Tabernacle Host June Zeringue - Host Pew Tabernacle	Andrew Befumo, Jr.	Annette Raynor	Philip Walch Rose Walch	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	Marycatherine Noble - Organ Host MaryJoan McNamara - Center Host Anna May Schellenberger - Tabernacle Host Mafalda Coseglia - Host Pew Tabernacle	NOT FILLED	Dering Sprague	Donna Murphy NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Sunday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Margaret Hernandez - Organ Host Susan Murphy - Center Host Linda Dickinson-Pancila - Tabernacle Host Martha Cowles - Host Pew Tabernacle	Charles Young	Kathy Maher		Christopher Pancila NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED



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*

Pray for Our Military
 Lance Corporal Scott MacConnell

**There is a great need for
 Worship Ministry volunteers.
 Contact Deacon Vin
 for more information**

**Please be reminded that the last
 Sunday 5PM Mass is March 1, 2015**

**Next AGAPE: Sunday, Feb 15
 after 8, 10 and 12 Masses.
 No AGAPE during LENT**

LENT STARTS

Ash Wednesday Feb 18th

Mass: 9am
 Prayer Services:
 7:00am, 12:15pm, 4:00pm, 5:15pm, 6:30pm & 7:30pm



Stations of the Cross:
 Held Fridays at 7:00pm throughout Lent
 in the Lenten Chapel (Parish Hall)

Due to Cold & Flu Season

**Distribution of the
 Precious Blood
 (Chalice)
 at all daily and
 weekend Masses
 is discontinued
 until Holy Week.**



FAITH FORMATION & LIFELONG LEARNING

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups Forming!



Faith Sharing groups are forming. What better way to prepare for our baptismal renewal at Easter, then to join a Lenten Faith Sharing Group! Meet once a week starting Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 through Holy Week. Read and reflect on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday Liturgy. Each group has the option of meeting during the day or evening on church grounds or in a home for your convenience. Please contact Michele to join a group and/or to facilitate a group. All materials and instructions are provided for participants and facilitators. Please call Michele for more information and to join: 732-780-2666 X 312 faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Some Changes Coming Concerning Liturgy of the Word Dismissals!

Beginning Saturday, March 7th, Liturgy of the Word Dismissal will return to 5PM Mass on Saturday evenings.



However, we are in **desperate** need for facilitators for these sessions!!! Members of our current team will help whenever possible, however, we need new team members as well! You would need to commit to one Saturday night per month with a 6-8 week rotation! You could do this by yourself or with a spouse, friend, adolescent child- whomever!

What do you need to do?

You will be dismissed from Mass with the children and lead the children in scripture and prayer on their level of understanding. A lesson plan will be given to you in order to conduct a 15-20 minute proclamation and discussion of the Word with the children, ages 4-12.

It is fun!! Please call Michele for more information.

Catechists who are interested in certification

For those of you who have not completed the Methodology piece of the Certification process, Art of Catechesis (old Level 1 equivalent)

To register faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Date	Time	Topics
02/11/15	10-1pm	Session 1 - Catechesis / Session 2 - What to Teach
02/25/15	10-1pm	Session 2 - What to Teach / Session 3 - Managing the Classroom

Walking With Purpose

has a new Schedule and will finish up for the year on May 14:



- Feb 5 Balance Through Service
- Feb 19 Balance Through Contentment
- Feb 26 Balance Through Simplicity
- Mar 5 Connect Coffee
- Mar 12 Balancing our Cravings
- Mar 19 Balance Through Self Defense
- Mar 26 Balance Through Surrender
- Apr 16 Connect Coffee
- Apr 23 Balance Between Mediocrity and Perfectionism
- Apr 30 Balance in our Thought Life
- May 7 Balance Through Engaging Culture
- May 14 Connect Coffee

If you are interested in WWP join any of the Connect Coffee Dates

Lifelong Catechesis
Week of 2 February - 8 February

- 2/2 Monday Mal 3: 1-4; Lk 2: 22-40
- 2/3 Tuesday Heb 12: 1-4; Mk 5: 21-43
- 2/4 Wednesday Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15; Mk 6: 1-6
- 2/5 Thursday Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24; Mk 6: 7-13
- 2/6 Friday Heb 13: 1-8; Mk 6: 14-29

Saturday & Sunday Scripture Readings: 5th SUN IN OT:

Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1: 29-39

Adults: *What can I do to be better prepared to proclaim the Good news with conviction?*

Children: *How can I share my faith and trust in Jesus with my friends?*



FAITH FORMATION & LIFELONG LEARNING



Help Wanted: RE Staff Openings for Summer 2015

The Faith Formation Team is seeking staff members for the Summer Intensive Program this July & August.

Available positions include:

Catechists: These are individuals who are experienced teachers and have full diocesan certification. Priority will be given to Catholic School teachers and then certified Catechists teaching in public schools. Apply for positions teaching children in Grades 1-6.

Activity Leaders: These are individuals with special talents to share in music, art, drama or other areas of enrichment and want to volunteer their time and talent.

Teens welcome.

Support Staff: These are volunteers to assist with clerical and other light duties as well as provide an inviting environment for the children. Teens welcome.

For additional information and/or to apply, contact
Cristie Ritz-King smcn youthmin@gmail.com

7/8th Grade Confirmation Prep Classes:

- February 1st- Group A-Living the Sacraments
- February 8th- Group B-same
- February 15th-Group A-Jesus as Man
- February 21st-Group B-same

Still Room in Parish Workshop

Catholic Vision of Leading Like Jesus

There are still several seats available for this *valuable leadership training process!* All parish ministry leaders are recommended to attend. Whether you are a parent or a CEO, a teacher or an accountant, the program offers a path to strengthen your relationships and to help you see how to lead as Jesus did! Morning sessions are scheduled for Feb 3, 10th and 17th, immediately after 9AM Mass until 12:30PM.

Continental breakfast available. Evening sessions are planned for Feb 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 7-9PM. Sandwiches, etc. available.

There is no cost to the attendees- please email or call Michele McCue for more information or to reserve a spot. faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org or 732-332-8061.

Coming to St. Mary's Parish

ARRAY OF HOPE:

March 15th, 2015

Two shows: 2:30 PM & 6:30 PM

Will call tickets can be picked up from the parish office

Attention Ministry of Care Members

There are Lenten and other faith formation materials available for you to bring to those whom you visit. Please stop by the Faith Formation office Monday through Thursday to see what is available.

Thank you!

Rice Bowls and Little Lenten Books to Be distributed- What Are They?

What are Rice Bowls? 40 years ago, Catholics in the United States wanted to respond to famine in Africa. The question was asked, "Could we feed the hungry through Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving?" The answer was "Yes" – and it came in the form of a small cardboard box! 40 years later, Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowl remains your way to help our brothers and sisters in need each Lent.

How do we do it? Take your Rice Bowl from one of the ushers before or after any Mass next weekend, the weekend of February 7th and 8th. (There will be some available the following weekend as well.) Go on the CRS website, www.crsricebowl.org to learn all about Rice Bowl and how to make simple meatless meals using Rice Bowl recipes. Put your Lenten offerings in your Rice Bowl and return it to church during Holy Week. Next week, check the bulletin to find out how Rice Bowl donations are used throughout the world!

What are Lenten Little Black Books? If you are not already familiar with them, LBBs are wonderful Lenten companions, based on the scriptural meditations and writings of the late Bishop of Saginaw, MI, Ken Untener. The LLBs are meant to be enjoyed in 6 minute intervals each day of Lent- the left hand page has a variety of quotes, information, and timely thoughts. The right hand page is a walk through Luke's Passion narrative, a few verses at a time, with explanations and reflections along the way. You may begin to use these terrific little books beginning on Sunday, February 15th through Easter Sunday! Enjoy!

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Although it is a sabbath, Jesus begins the work of the kingdom, teaching, healing and redeeming. Note the response of the people in the synagogue at Capernaum. The author of the Gospel of Mark notes Jesus' command to the demon, upon which the assembly exclaims, "A new teaching with authority." But they also question, "What is this?" In the 1st verse of the Gospel, Jesus was identified as the Son of God. Today the challenge for each of us is: Who is this---for me?

This week we celebrate The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2 February). Simeon and Anna might symbolize paschal mystery living for us: they both long awaited the revelation of the Messiah, their enduring fidelity was rewarded by seeing the Christ, they were both holy. Our lives, too, are to be characterized by awaiting the return of Christ at his second coming; our enduring fidelity will be rewarded, too, by seeing Christ. The link between this expectation and fulfillment is to live lives that are holy. We are "refined," "purified," "tested" when we allow Christ to "help" us - when we listen to his word and come to the table to be nourished. We are reminded, however, that church (Temple) and life ("grew and became strong") are related. The paschal mystery celebrated in word and table is the very same mystery lived in the dying and rising of our everyday life. Paschal mystery living is Temple living. Like Simeon and Anna, our very lives exude the expectation of Christ's redemption. February 3rd is the memorial of Saint Blasé, bishop and martyr. Our parish will bless throats (after the gospel) during the regularly scheduled daily Mass. This is a wonderful custom of our

church and I would encourage you to keep this custom by coming to the church to have your throat blessed and asking God, through the intercession of Saint Blasé, to continue to protect you from all diseases of the throat. Our Married Couples Dance Party will be held this coming week. It is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to come together and enjoy each other and, maybe, meet some new friends who are members of our parish. I am grateful to all those who are helping us to develop some new customs and traditions to benefit our parishioners.

WOW! Many THANKS to all of those who generously participated in our 2014 Christmas Collection. Last weekend we provided an accounting for your review. Please take time to read it. This year has been different in several ways from previous years. The total amount received was higher than the recent past. We should be proud of our stewardship efforts. The net result continues to show that those who have participated are very generous and appreciative of the efforts of our parish as we move forward and I say THANK YOU. I would invite each and every person to continue to reflect on how we can grow in our stewardship efforts as we make a return to the Lord for the blessings in our lives especially during these challenging economic times. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday!

Peace.
Father Jeff

STEWARDSHIP & OUTREACH

Sharing Our Treasure 24 / 25 January

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering \$ 13,022

Envelope Contributions	\$ 9,879
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 2,215
Loose Contributions	\$ 928

Average Contribution per Household
this week \$ 31.33

of Contributing Households
(# envelopes & # online) 386

of Registered Parishioner Households 1,903

Additionally, because of your contributions, we were able to send \$1000 to the appeal for Latin America.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Blankie Depot update:



We are off to a great start with collecting items for our *Hugs for Hearts* Campaign. Currently we have just over a hundred items

with lots of items on the way. Contact Jo Towne if you have items to contribute. mjtowne@verizon.net

Food Collection This Weekend

Please place all food items for donation in the Parish Hall. All soup can for "Souper Bowl Collection can be placed in the bins provided.

SPONSOR-A-STUDENT

Once again there are students from St Antoine-St Augustine School in Petite Rivere des Nippes, Haiti who need your help. The cost to sponsor a student remains at \$180 per year to provide tuition, books, uniforms & a hot meal (sometimes the only meal they will eat that day). That's only \$15 per month.

If you would like to continue to sponsor a child, or if you've never sponsored one before and would like more information, call Kathy at 732-462-0560. For more information:

www.americanhaitianfoundation.org

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, June 1, 2015 Golf Outing and Summer Social Eagle Oaks Golf Club

Sponsored by the Marchese Family.

Join us for golf and dinner or if you are not a golfer, please join us for dinner.

Golf Outing SPONSORSHIPS now available. Please contact Bill (908) 419-6694 or Fred (732) 946-7060 for more information.

To advertise in our Commemorative Journal please contact Peter Griffin 732-863-6630.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Please bring soup and non-perishable food items to help Foodstock in Freehold stock their shelves for the hungry.

Collection boxes will be in Parish Hall and outside of Madonna Hall near the Chapel. We'll collect non-perishable items from **Jan. 25th until Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1st.**



Please contact Katie Ciccarone jkciccarone@optonline.net or Stephen Hawthorne babshawo@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

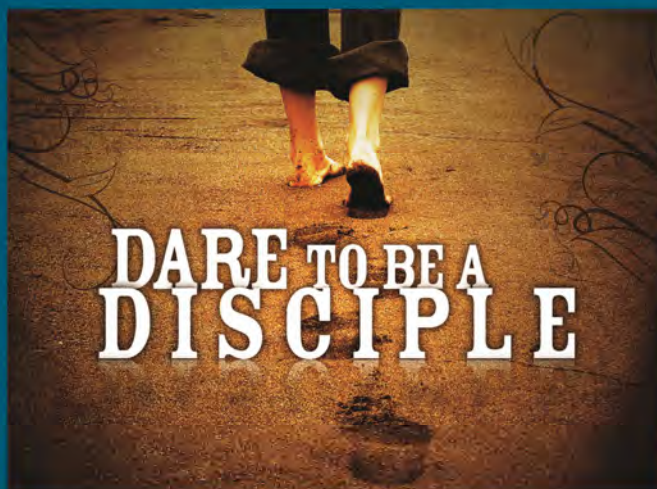


Saturday, February 28, 2015
9 am to 3 pm

*(Doors open at 8 am for bagels and coffee;
lunch also included)*

St. Gregory the Great Parish
4620 Nottingham Way • Hamilton, NJ 08690

18th Annual Men's Conference



SPEAKERS

Holy Mass

Mass will be celebrated by Reverend Monsignor Leonard Troiano, Pastor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish in Lavallette, NJ. Msgr. Troiano has been a priest in the Diocese of Trenton for over 30 years. He is the Episcopal Vicar for Ocean County as well as the chaplain for Legatus of Jersey Shore.

Mike Piazza *(Former Major League Baseball Player)*

Mike Piazza is a twelve-time Major League All-Star catcher and holds the record for most home runs ever hit by a catcher (397). Although not drafted until the 62nd round of the 1988 Major League draft, Mike overcame all obstacles to become regarded as one of the best hitting catchers in Major League history. Mike played for the Dodgers, Marlins, Mets, Padres and Athletics. And though perhaps he is best known for his heroics on the field, Piazza isn't shy about sharing another of his passions – his Catholic faith.

Jesse Romero *(Catholic Author, Radio Host and Evangelist)*

Jesse Romero has a Masters Degree in Catholic Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH and is one of the top Catholic Speakers and Evangelists in the nation. After rediscovering his Catholic roots, Jesse studied and prayed his way back to a fervent on-going practice of the Catholic faith. Jesse will give two of his most popular talks for men. The first is about the three types of men in the world and who we are called to be, and the second is about David and Bathsheeba, which shows the ugliest of sin, its consequences and God's incredible mercy.

Special Blockbuster Speaker

We have a special blockbuster speaker this year, but due to reasons of confidentiality, we cannot announce the name in advance. You will need to come to the event to find out who it is, and we promise you won't be disappointed!

Young Men's Track in Partnership with Catholic Athletes for Christ

For young men from 8th grade to college age.

\$25 Pre-registration • \$30 at the Door • \$10 for Students

Order tickets at www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org

or

Send your check with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:
Catholic Men for Jesus Christ
P.O. Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067

For additional info: www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org

609.587.4877 • info@catholicmenforjesuschrist.org



COMMUNITY BUILDING & COMMUNICATIONS



**Parish wide
Clean up March 21
Rain date: March 28**

**Help us meet our goal of
300 participants!!**

Join us as many in the parish will pick up leaves, fallen branches and miscellaneous debris deposited on our beautiful grounds during the winter months.

Groups will also prune trees and bushes. This is a great community service opportunity. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. **Food trucks** will be on site for lunch, drinks and snacks so why not make a day of it!! Bring supplies: gloves, rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, chain saws, extra trash cans and wheel barrels.

Team captains needed to oversee a group of 5-10 volunteers in the clean up efforts at various locations on the parish grounds.

Boys Scouts, youth groups, school groups, leadership hours, and community service volunteers are all welcome.

Please contact Linda Dickinson-Pancila
732-780-2666 x 305
communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Soup & Bread February 27, 6pm

Friday evening, February 27, join us for a light meal of meat-free soup, bread and Stations of the Cross.

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

All are welcome
Please RSVP so we have a head count by contacting Sue at Jimc941@msn.com or for more information on how you can help prepare the meal.



**Palm Cross Weaving Instruction and Activities
Palm Sunday, March 29th after all Masses
All activities will be held in Madonna Hall.**



Volunteers of all ages needed to assist, demonstrate and instruct.

If you have skill with weaving palms or would like to learn so that you can assist, please call Linda 732-780-2666 x305 for more information and to volunteer.

**Quilting and Sewing Ministry will meet:
February 10th and 24th
from 1-3pm in Meeting Room 11**

lindad16@optonline.net for more information.

NEW LOGO

Saint Mary Parish presents her new LOGO designed by parishioner **Stephanie Bartner**.

A special thank you and note of gratitude goes out to Stephanie for her hard work and patience on the designing and multiple revisions of the new logo.

What does it all mean?

Moving to a more traditional style logo each symbol is representative of the of Saint Mary Parish, her patroness the Virgin Mary and the community in which we are located.



The Miller's Cross is reminiscent of Buck's Mill and is also represented in the Diocesan Code of Arms.



Fleur de lis is a symbol of The Blessed Virgin Mary; it resembles both the Iris and the Madonna Lily.

Blue, the color used in the field and in the fleur de lis, is traditionally associated with Mary.



The lower portion of the logo contains three **horses** symbolic of the Trinity and representative of Colts Neck with its many horse farms. This section also contains the **year** our parish was established (1972).



The Logo's **banner** reminds us of how we can be good stewards using the three elements of Stewardship: *time, talent and treasure*.

Over time, you will see many variations and shades of this same logo used. For example, a green logo version was used for ordinary time. The black and white logo has already been used on parish letterhead and mailing envelopes as well as on the recent stewardship report you received.

You may have also noticed the new parish tagline:

THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in Our Time

Adapted from the Magnificat; evening prayers, Luke's Gospel.

COMMUNITY BUILDING & COMMUNICATIONS

World Marriage Day is the second Sunday if February

8 February 2015



World Marriage Day Purpose Statement World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

History of World Marriage Day - The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, La., in 1981, when couples encouraged the Mayor, the Governor and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentines Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day". The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and was adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership. By 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day", designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year.

Symbol of World Marriage Day - Symbol speaks readily of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world. The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and unity.

Theme of World Marriage Day - Our Theme for WMD has been permanently adopted as "Love One Another". This phrase is the commandment given us by Jesus in John 15:12. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Father wishes us to live. Loving one another is a daily decision, simple but challenging.

Prayer for World Marriage Day - "Father, as we prepare for WMD, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind and Body. Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the Church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen" - Fr. Bill Dilgen, S.M.M.

Information from wwme.org
 Events to celebrate World Marriage Day:
 Couples Night Out: Feb 6 at Parish
 Diocesan Dinner Dance: Feb 7 in Princeton Junction



February 7th, 2015
 Church of St. David the King
 in Princeton Junction
 4:00PM Mass
 5:00PM Appetizers, Dinner and Dancing
 \$75/couple
www.dioceseoftrenton/worldmarriageday
 (deadline for registering February 1, 2015)

In celebration of Married Couples :
Couples Night Out

Friday, February 6, 2015

Love is in the Air...



Madonna Hall from 8:00pm-12:00am

Tickets: \$5.00 each No sales at the door.

Plan with friends to fill a table of 8 and plan your table menu—appetizers or dinner, you choose. We supply the venue, atmosphere, music (DJ), water, tea /coffee.. **BYOB & BYOF.**

Attire: Dressy Casual

Come with dancing shoes!

For questions contact: Michael_maureen_staub@hotmail.com
 ddevaney@holmdelschools.org
 communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org