



THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY

A Catholic Community Proclaiming the Greatness of God in our Time

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15 FEBRUARY 2015

Brothers and sisters,
whether you
eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the

Glory

of

God

1 Corinthians 10:31

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.

Parish Office: parishoffice@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Sacraments:

Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00PM 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.
Second Sunday during 12:00Noon Mass and all other
Sundays immediately following 12:00Noon Mass.

Bulletin Deadline: Electronic format by 5PM Thursday
parishbulletin@stmaryscoltsneck.org

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

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Fr. William J. Bausch

Deacons:

Fred Sorrentino
James V. Gallagher

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.

Trustees:

Susan Coleman
Bill LaMorte

**Mass Intentions for the Week
16 – 22 February 2015**

- Monday, 16 February at 9am in the Chapel**
Stella Beilinson by Anna Marie and Robert Harbrant
Eleanor Coleman by Carol and Frank Donahue
- Tuesday, 17 February at 9:00AM in the Chapel**
Mrs. Claire Belmont by John F. Connors & Family
- Wednesday, 18 February at 9AM in the Church**
For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors
- Thursday, 19 February at 9AM in the Chapel**
Anna Tedesco by Rev Fr Jeffrey E. Lee, Staff & Parishioners
- Friday, 20 February at 9:00AM in the Chapel**
Bill O'Doherty by Freda O'Doherty
Mario Alfred Sessa by Sessa Family
- Saturday, 21 February 5:00PM**
Lydia Davis by Anton and Theresia Kopp
Mr. Robbi Gaglioti by Sophia and Ralph Martucci
Michael Kindya by Marguerite and Joe Amato
- Sunday, 22 February
8:00AM**
Elizabeth Tricarico by Molfetta Family
- 10:00AM**
Joseph Ehlinger by the Staub Family
Lydia Davis by the Staub Family
- 12:00 NOON**
Stella Beilinson by Anna Marie and Robert Harbrant
Margaret DeSimone by JoAnn Buhler
- 5:00PM**
For the Living and Deceased Members and Benefactors

Pray ...



Sick List:

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

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| Cara Apgar | Barbara Matuscak |
| Jacqueline Andras | John McInerney |
| Eileen Beckley | Marge Messler |
| Rosemarie Bonavita | Joseph John |
| John Bomensatt | Merante |
| Natalie Chiaino | Nicole Montagna |
| Jo Clement | Harry Mousmoules |
| Eleanor Corley | Tere Nolan |
| Eleanor Crawford | Tom Nolan |
| Logan Dayton | Frances Renna |
| John DeStefano | Susan Duffy Schatzle |
| James Fiedler | Jim Schatzle |
| Giuseppe Gavinelli | Lou Schmitt |
| Margaret Gesner | John Sheehan |
| Leanne Green | Linda Sobel |
| Shawn Hamlin | Daniel John Solasky |
| Joseph Jurgielewicz | Robert Stalzer |
| Lori Lettieri | Nancy Vida |
| Mary Lodato | Kathy Weber |
| Leonidas Mavrookas | |

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

Bottle Caps are no longer being collected .

Please do not leave them in Parish Hall or anywhere else on the grounds.

Thank You for your cooperation.



IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Elizabeth Ann Shilders,
sister of Sue Colman



Worship Ministry Schedule: 21 & 22 February

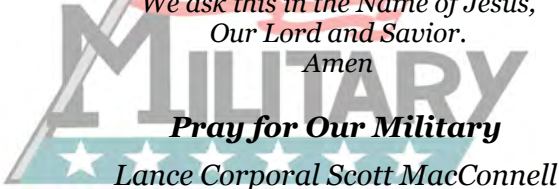
	EMs of Holy Communion	Reader 1	Reader 2	Greeter	Usher
Saturday, 5:00 PM (Church)	Maria Thompson - Organ Host NOT FILLED - Center Host Paul Fournier - Tabernacle Host Mary Fournier - Host Pew Tabernacle	Bruno Savo	John Carlucci	Margaret Caponegro NOT FILLED	Jim Davis Jack Davis John Grabowski Ralph Martucci
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Paul Osmulski - Organ Host Susan Osmulski - Center Host Gina Shute - Tabernacle Host Michael Stivala - Host Pew Tabernacle	Anthony Bongiorno	Rita Duenas	Tina Repetto NOT FILLED	Michael DiScenza George Illmensee George Watts Joe Young
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Amy Orrico - Organ Host Dolores Addler - Center Host Helen DeCerco - Tabernacle Host Joseph Merante - Host Pew Tabernacle	Richard Gerbino	Christopher Aquinas	Mary DeSalvatore Peter Janiw	Vince Cerulo Eleanor Crawford Leigh Gavinelli John Orrico William Spence Joe Walsh Jack Zumba
Sunday, 12:00 PM (Church)	MaryJoan McNamara - Organ Host NOT FILLED - Center Host Mafalda Coseglia - Tabernacle Host Marycatherine Noble - Host Pew Tabernacle	Carl Simone	Annette Raynor	Donna Murphy NOT FILLED	Joe Mancino Joeseph Rinaldo William Starce NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Sunday, 5:00 PM	Margaret Hernandez - Organ Host Susan Murphy - Center Host Martha Cowles - Tabernacle Host Diane Antico - Host Pew Tabernacle	Kathy Maher	Dering Sprague	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	James Austin Ken Camarco Anthony Mendoza Christopher Pancila

AGAPE: This Sunday
after 8, 10 & 12 Masses.
No AGAPE during LENT

Due to Cold & Flu Season
Distribution of the Precious Blood (Chalice)
at all daily and weekend Masses
is discontinued until Holy Week.



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*



Recycle Last Years Palms
A receptacle has been placed in the
Gathering Space to collect old palms,
so that they may be disposed of
properly.

LENT STARTS
Ash Wednesday Feb 18th

Mass: 9am (Church)
Prayer Services:
7:00am(Lenten Chapel/Parish Hall),
12:15pm, 4:00pm, 5:15pm, 6:30pm & 7:30pm(Church)



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

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

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

18th Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference

Sat. Feb. 28



Saint Gregory the Great Parish
(4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton, NJ 08610).

The theme of this year's conference is "**Dare to Be a Disciple.**" The day runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (doors open at 8:00 am for bagels and coffee) and will feature Holy Mass and inspiring talks by: Jose Romero, Catholic author, radio host, and evangelist; Mike Piazza, former Major League Baseball All-Star catcher; and a blockbuster speaker, who cannot be announced in advance, but is someone you will not want to miss! There will also be Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to interact with other men who are looking to grow in their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age.

Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door: \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org. To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ
PO Box 816
Morrisville, PA 19067

IS GOD CALLING YOU? Feb 22nd

Vocational discernment groups meet to assist young men who are discerning the possibility that God may be calling them to a life of priestly ministry. These groups are designed to explore a priestly vocation with other like-minded men through prayer and sharing vocation stories and experiences. The group meetings aren't meant to convince anyone that the priesthood is their vocation. They are designed to assist you in discovering if the priesthood is your true vocation and build your relationship with Christ along the way.

If you are a faithful, single, Roman Catholic man, between the ages of 18 and 40, and are asking yourself whether God is calling you to be a priest, you are cordially invited to attend this month's discernment meeting on February 22nd, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Saint James Parish, 115 E. Delaware Avenue, Pennington, New Jersey. Join Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Walsh, as he shares his experiences of the priesthood, followed by prayer and conclude with conversation and a meal.

Please register with Diocese of Trenton Vocation Office at vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or by calling (609) 406-7449. Join us at this exciting time as you discover and respond to His invitation!

ARRAY OF HOPE: MEET THE ARTISTS



The Josh Blakesley Band

Born in Louisiana, Josh began speaking and leading worship in his late teens, and has since been featured at international events such as the 1993 Denver and 2011 Madrid events. Josh now partners with Franciscan University of Steubenville youth conferences, Life Teen International gatherings, Catholic Heart Work Camps, Adore Ministries, and parishes of all sizes to bring the message of the gospel to communities across the U.S.

His latest album, *You Are the Light*, was released in March of 2012, debuting at #16 on the iTunes Christian and Gospel charts, and #4 on the Christian Radio weekly chart. Three prior albums, *Immersed*, *Waiting*, and *Free*, stress that blessings really do come to those who wait on the Lord.

Their refreshingly simple, yet passionate style has been featured on EWTN's *Life on the Rock*, in concerts with Jars of Clay and Newsboys, on tour with Matt Maher and Audrey Assad, and even at Papal events such as the World Youth Day of 2012.

www.joshblakesley.com

**Coming to St. Mary's Parish
March 15th, 2015!**

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

Don't miss out! Tickets are limited!

Contact: m.mccue@stmaryscoltsneck.org

**Pope's -Lent 2015:
"Make your hearts firm"**

...During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: 'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum': Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.



**Join us Feb. 27th
Stations of the Cross
after Soup & Bread**

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.



Guidelines of the Universal Church

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

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

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

Fast—consume only one full meal.

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

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

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



Lent & Easter Dates at a Glance

Ash Wednesday Feb 18

Mass: 9am - Church
Prayer Services: 7am- Lenten Chapel/Parish Hall
12:15pm, 4pm, 5:15pm, 6:30pm & 7:30pm (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration—Chapel

Wednesdays: Feb 18, 25 March 4, 11, 18, 25

Stations of the Cross—Lenten Chapel/Parish Hall

Fridays: 7pm Feb 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27

**Lenten Penance and Reconciliation Service
PARISH WIDE**

Sunday March 22— 3:00pm and 6:30pm

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, March 29:

Palm distribution— **All Masses held in Church**
(Sunday Schedule)

Palm Cross Weaving & Instruction—Madonna Hall

Sunday, March 29- after all Masses

Chrism Mass— St. Robert Bellarmine Church in

Freehold, NJ on Monday, March 30th at 7:30 pm



Monday, March 30—9:00am Mass - Lenten Chapel
Tuesday, March 31—9:00am Mass - Lenten Chapel
Wednesday, April 1—9:00am Mass - Lenten Chapel
Holy Thursday April 2—7:30pm Mass in the Church
Good Friday April 3—12:00pm in the Church
Outdoor Stations of the Cross—3:00pm
Holy Saturday April 4—9:00am Chapel
Morning Prayer
RCIA Rites
Blessing of the Food

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Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is best known for the many Masses and ceremonies scheduled so that believers may receive the Sign of the Cross in ashes on their forehead. Where and

when did this practice originate? The first datable liturgy for the sprinkling of ashes is in the Romano-Germanic pontifical of 960. Before that time, ashes had been used as a sign of admission to the Order of Penitents (the discipline for those who had committed serious sin.) By the beginning of the 11th Century, it was customary for all the faithful to take part in a ceremony on the Wednesday before Lent that included the imposition of ashes - near the end of that century, Pope Urban II called for the general use of ashes on that day. Only later did this day become known as Ash Wednesday.

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

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

LENT



Lent is a liturgical season what begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. How-

ever, this liturgical reality marks a period of inward preparation for all in the assembly, that is, for those preparing to renew their baptismal promises at Easter. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity we move together toward Jesus; after a good and spiritually fruitful Lent, we are open and ready to reject sin and profess our faith in the Risen Christ. The baptismal focus of Lent originates from the fact that this season was dedicated to the final purification of the catechumens (non-baptized seekers) prior to their celebration of baptism and Eucharist at Easter.

Since 1988, catechumens in this country once again celebrate Lent in this fashion - we, the fully initiated Catholic-Christians accompany the catechumens on their journey and prepare to renew our own baptismal promises. The penitential nature of Lent emerged in the Middle Ages when, without a vibrant catechumenate, the focus of Lent became the passion and death of Christ. Lent became a time to acknowledge our sinfulness and the role sin played in the suffering and death of Jesus. Acts of mortification and penance entered into the Lenten practices.

Today, the baptismal theme remains, however, acts of reconciliation are part of the process of spiritual renewal and, therefore, aptly fit into our Lenten observations.

Walking With Purpose

Meets Thursdays 12:30 & 7:30pm in Madonna Hall



- 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 16 February - 22 February

- 2/16 Monday Gn 4: 1-15, 25; Mk 8: 11-13
- 2/17 Tuesday Gn 6: 5-8 and 7: 1-5, 10; Mk 8: 14-21
- 2/18 Wednesday Jl 2: 12-18; 2Cor 5: 20-6: 2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
- 2/19 Thursday Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9: 22-25
- 2/20 Friday Is 58: 1-9a; Mt 9: 14-15

*First Sunday of Lent: Feb 21/22
Gn 9: 8-15; 1Pt 3: 18-22; Mark 1:12-15*



Questions for Deeper Reflection

- How can we show respect and care for all of creation?
- When are you tempted to turn away from God?
- How does the Spirit guide you?

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation & Life Long Learning
Michele McCue faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Coordinator of Catechesis & Youth Ministry: Cristie Ritz-King religiouised@stmaryscoltsneck.org
smcnyouthmin@gmail.com youthministry@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups!

Have you joined a group?

There is still time.

Meet once a week Ash Wed.,
Feb 18 through Holy Week.
Read and reflect on the scripture
readings for the coming Sunday Liturgy.



All materials and instructions are provided for participants and facilitators.

Please call Michele to join. 732-780-2666 X 312
faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org



**Mon & Tues RE
drop-off & pick-up
in the Theatre**

7/8th Grade Confirmation Prep Classes:

February 15th -Group A-Jesus as Man
February 21st - Group B-Jesus as Man
***March 1st - Confirmation Session A: The Stations
March 8th - Confirmation Session B: The Stations
March 15th-ALL SESSIONS for Array of Hope
*** Mass Ends

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.

- Morning sessions are scheduled for Feb 17th, after 9AM Mass until 12:30PM. Continental breakfast.
- Evening sessions are Feb 17 & 24, 7-9PM. Sandwiches, etc. available.

There is no cost to the attendees-
Michele McCue for more information
faithformation@stmaryscoltsneck.org or 732-332-8061.



Father Robert Barron's Catholicism Film Series to Run during Lent

Five segments of Father Barron's renowned film series will be shown in the Theater during Religious Education classes, **4:40-5:40PM**. Parents and grandparents of RE children are encouraged to attend- if you only have an hour or so between drop-off and pick-up, why not enjoy these excellent presentations about our Faith! Lent is a great time for such a marvelous experience!

Of course, all members of their parish and their friends are urged to attend as well! If you can stay for some discussion afterward, super! If not, come enjoy the beautiful movies, shot around the world, all the same!

Films to be shown on the following Mondays & Tuesday from 4:40– 5:40pm:

February 23rd and 24th:

Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Became Man

March 3rd and 4th:

Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus

March 9th and 10th:

The Ineffable Mystery of God

March 16th and 17th:

A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church

March 23rd and 24th:

Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven" The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist.

**Liturgy of the Word Dismissal
will begin again during the
Saturday 5pm Mass March 8th**

Volunteers needed to help !

Quo vadis...

My Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The gospel begins with a leper - one who cries "Unclean!" and must remain a social outcast. The gospel ends with Jesus taking upon himself the infirmities of humanity symbolized by his "remain[ing] outside in deserted places." Living the paschal mystery means changing "if you wish" to "I do will it" and then having heaped upon ourselves the infirmities of humanity. Jesus commands the leper to tell no one; the leper tells everyone. Jesus' commission to us is to tell everyone the good news - do we tell no one? We must change our "wish" to "I do will it." Paschal mystery living means taking up our cross and actually doing what Jesus did - willing the good of others.

Congratulations to all those involved with the Married Couples Night Out. Many have commented to me that it was a wonderful way to meet and greet other parishioners, to rekindle some friendships and to simply have some fun. We have scheduled a Clean-Up Day for our parish. We have some team leaders identified already. We need about 150 persons, or so, to assist us in preparing our 25 acre property for the Spring and Summer months prior to Holy Week. Consult the bulletin for more information. Many hands make light work! Thanks to our community building team. During a parish staff meeting last week it was reported that our Summer Session Religious Education program re-registration and registration has already surpassed last year's enrollment. Those interested families who have not registered or re-registered should do so as soon as possible. There is limited space available and once we reach our limit (i.e. space, catechists, support staffing) we will no longer be able to accept additional students. Thank you for following the protocols established by our Faith Formation Staff.

Ash Wednesday is upon us this coming week. Take note of the worship schedule for your convenience. We have re-printed the guidelines of the Universal Church as communicated from the Office of the Most Reverend Bishop of Trenton to assist you during this season and also as a means of information as to why some things

are scheduled as they are scheduled. Also, consider coming to Mass each day for Lent and/or praying the Way of the Cross as part of your personal Lenten Observance. During the Season of Lent we will celebrate daily Mass in the "Lenten Chapel" set up in the Parish Hall. The reason for this is that the Christ Chapel is too small; the Church is too large. The Lenten Chapel will accommodate our needs based on the attendance at daily Mass last year and will encourage our prayerful participation as well as singing. The Way of the Cross will also be prayed in this Lenten Chapel. Come and celebrate the opportunity and gift of receiving Holy Communion each weekday during the Season of Lent.

This weekend we KICKOFF the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. Last year, our parish had the largest increase in the number of gifts and the largest increase in amount of giving in a single year of any parish in the Diocese of Trenton...that is a credit to all of you! This weekend we will view the video message from His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bishop of Trenton inviting our participation once again. I pray that each of us will be open to this invitation by participating as best we can to support our Bishop and the important works of our diocese. Through this fund, our diocese has been able to carry some of our parishes during times of financial distress. We have been one of those parishes. Saint Mary Parish, Middletown has been another of those parishes through the years. As we hear the difficult news regarding Mater Dei Prep, let us pray for the Students and their Families as well as the Faculty and Staff during this time of transition. May we continue to support Catholic School Education throughout our diocese especially the many Catholic schools throughout Monmouth County. Let us be mindful of the good works that are accomplished when we come together. The Roman Catholic Church continues to be the largest (non-governmental agency) provider of charitable services and care throughout the world. This is something that we must continue to support and nurture in our lives and the lives of our children and young people. Have a great week. Let us remember one another in prayer. Happy Sunday!

Peace.
Father Jeff

**Sharing Our Treasure
7 / 8 February 2015**

Weekly Sacrificial Stewardship Offering \$19,189

Envelope Contributions	\$ 16,362
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$ 1,675
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,152

Average Contribution per Household
this week \$ 43.89

of Contributing Households
(# envelopes & # online) 411
of Registered Parishioner Households 1,903

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

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

CLEAN-UP TEAM CAPTAIN MEETING

All clean-up team captains are invited to attend a planning meeting on **Tuesday, February 17** at 6:30pm in the Faith Formation room (prior Paul's Place). Please rsvp to Linda 732-780-2666 x305

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

Join us as many in the parish will clean up and beautify parish grounds after the long winter months.



This is a great community event and 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 and girl Scouts troops welcome! Youth groups, school groups are welcome! Families and service volunteers welcome! Leadership service hours available.

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Across the Diocese of Trenton, we gather in our churches each week by the hundreds of thousands to nourish our spiritual lives through the Eucharist and to give glory and thanks to our loving and generous God.



Centered in the Eucharist, our Catholic faith begins with Mass, but the Gospel is for everyday. From Sunday to Sunday, our parishes are places of bustling activity, reaching out and delivering sustenance – both spiritual and physical – to children and families; our youth and young adults; to those who are sick, lonely, suffering and grieving, and to people who have not yet heard or embraced the Word of God.

Fostering and supporting much of the work that is carried out in our parishes in the name of Christ is an important responsibility of the Bishop and the Diocese. But we cannot do this without you, the faithful, generous people of the Church of Trenton. Through your generous support of the Appeal, you are helping to make it possible for our Diocese to truly journey with our parishes as they live out the call – from Sunday to Sunday – to be the hands and feet and face of Christ in their communities.

This year's Annual Catholic Appeal reminds us of the role that each of us plays in that "together mission." Our recurring theme, "Act of Faith, Works of Love," calls every member of this diocesan family to pursue positive steps toward bringing the Gospel to life, every day. I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. And may God bless each and every one of you!

Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

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

In the Parish:

Couples Night Out Thank You

Love was certainly in the Air...

CNO Committee thanks all those who attended the First Annual Married Couples Night Out in celebration of World Marriage Day. It was a wonderful night with much fun, great music and as one attendee put it, "a Valentine evening and extraordinary night of dance and community! It all showed we are a family."



A *special thank* you to Maureen and Michael Staub, Diane Antico and Denise Devaney for chairing this year's event and making it the success it surely was.

Interested in joining the Community Building Team to help plan and coordinate future events? Contact Linda Dickinson-Pancila communitybuilding@stmaryscoltsneck.org

Ash Wednesday with the Martha Mary Guild : Feb 18th Madonna Hall - Rosary at noon Chapel - followed by BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) at 12:30.

Sr. Maureen Christensen, RSM, co-director of the Upper Room Spiritual Center in Neptune, will lead us in a very special Lenten Retreat. In keeping with the theme - "Lent: Giving Our Hearts to God" - there will be time for reflection, input and communal prayer. AND - a special bonus - ashes will be distributed that afternoon. What a wonderful way to embark on this holy season of Lent!



Martha Mary Guild Trip

Join us on Wed., April 29th on a bus ride to NYC to see the production of

"An American in Paris". "Highly acclaimed choreographer, Christopher Wheeldon, directs a remarkable cast of singers, actors and dancers as they bring the magic of romance of Paris and the timeless songs of George & Ira Gershwin into perfect harmony".

Just think - for \$120, which covers the bus and ticket, we can be mentally transported to Paris for a delightful afternoon! Mail your check to Elia (732-308-0789) or Treasure (732-946-1679) .

In the Community:

Charismatic Healing Mass

Monday 7pm Feb 23, 2015

HOLY CROSS GYMATORIUM

Ward Ave & Rumson Road Rumson, NJ

The Soul Tells a Story

A Day of Prayerful Reflection and Writing,
facilitated by Vinta Hampton Wright

Saturday March 7, 2015, 9:30am-3pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

To register, contact Mary Ann Giannone
mgiannone@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990
ext 1630 by Feb. 25th

40 Days for Life in the Diocese of Trenton February 18, 2015 to March 29, 2015

This year during Lent, people throughout the country are invited to take part in the 40 Days for Life effort from February 18, to March 29. We are asked to commit to prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting, please consider volunteering to pray outside one of the 40 Days for Life campaign locations for one or more hours during the 40 days. Spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.
www.40daysforlife.com

Monmouth County: Planned Parenthood,
69 E Newman Springs Rd, Shrewsbury, NJ.
Contact 732-610-7437
monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Catholic Charities 2nd Annual Walk of Hope * Saturday, March 28, 2015

10am to noon

Location: Mercer County Park

Question: Jenn Leip 609-394-5181 x 1137 or
jleip@cctrenton.org REGISTER TODAY:
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