

MASS INTENTIONS
January 14 & 15, 2012
ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday, January 14

5:30pm Helen Sudman: Josephine & Robert Sudman
Walter Heiser: wife, Marie & the Jakeman
Family

Sunday, January 15

8:00am Eubilio Cardone: Poshefko Family
Adele Files: Husband

10:00am Deceased Members of the Donella & Beck
Families: MaryAnn

Peter Soldano: Mr. & Mrs. Don Prezotti

12:00n Lucy Mendez: Doris O'Malley
Nancy Piscoli: Jack & Kathleen Corcoran
Mary Smith: Kathy, Agostino, Jessica, Valerie,
Serena, and Austin
Catherine Morabito: Carol & Peter Eschmann
John Richard Mee: Conklin Family
Stanley Jakubek: Fred & Elaine Mele

5:00pm People of the Parish

Weekdays

Monday, January 16

8:00am George Sydoruk: wife, Mary
Thomas Conway: Nora & Vincent Camizzi

Tuesday, January 17

8:00am Valentine Lockwood: Wife
Edward Massaglia: Edythe Camizzi

Wednesday, January 18

8:00am William H. Corby: wife, RuthAnn
Steve Chamberlain: Peg Marlow-Bateman

Thursday, January 19

8:00am Walter Rayman: Family
Mary Smith: Eileen Foster & Family

Friday, January 20

8:00am Fr. David McLeod: Parish
Robert DePetris: wife, Kathleen
Frank Comaratta: Louise & Thomas Marquet
William Swords: Rosemary & Joe Lynch
Dearie O'Keane: Anthony & Christine Cregan
Margaret O'Donohue: Anthony & Christine
Cregan

Saturday, January 21

8:00am Helen Paulin: Stephen Phillips
Dorothy Miller: Jane & Rick Tallman

Memorials – St. Mary's Church

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in loving memory of Maryann Krankowski requested by Parents.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns this week in loving memory of Theresa & Americo Ventrella requested by Roslyn Ventrella

Bread & Wine are donated this week in loving memory of George Sydoruk requested by Wife, Mary.

Altar Candles burn this week in memory of Mary Brett requested by Mary Wirz.

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ST. MARY OF THE PINES

Saturday, January 14

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Garrity & Rochford
Family: Frank & Marilyn Garrity
Adam & Jean Szymanowski: Pat, Joe & Helen

Sunday, January 15

7:30am Loretta Miller: niece, Joan & Children
Virginia Garretson: Dennis & Peggy

9:00am Kathy Collins: Loucanides Family
Richard Nowak: Stephen & Heather Tatur
Mary A. Smith: Gunderson Family
Andrew Spaschak: Barbara Innerarity
Anthony Cresti: Enza Casano
Edward Regulski: Balko Family

11:30am Anne Squier: Ryan Family
Olen Allikmaa: Cindy & Chris Kaub

Weekdays

Monday, January 16

9:00am Charles Herman: Rock & Sharon Banks
David McLeod: Bleichner Family

Tuesday, January 17

9:00am Anthony Altamura: Danny & Maryann Kaplan
Daniel Mulligan: Mr. & Mrs. Brinker

Wednesday, January 18

9:00am Olev Allikmaa: Dave & Carole Gordon
John Adler: Dorothy Ryan

Thursday, January 19

9:00am Laura Riveron-Tiedeken: Henry Kobielski
Heinz Carl Kappe: Paul & Patricia Evola

Friday, January 20

9:00am Mary Lorenzi: Tom & Polly Stapleton
Tom Crigge: Joan Siegel

Memorials – St. Mary of the Pines

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns this week in loving memory of Robert DePetris requested by wife, Kathleen.

Bread & Wine are offered this week in loving memory of Robert DePetris requested by wife, Kathleen.

Altar Candles burn this week in loving memory of Robert DePetris requested by wife, Kathleen.



We Welcome the Newly Baptized

Michael Carlino, John Peter Hutto, Sidney Marie Paugh



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Frank Abate, Ryan Abbatt, Pat Almond, Robert Angellella, SSG Curtis Applegate, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Armstrong, John Barboni, SSgt. Joseph Bartlett, Daniel Battner, Eric Beach, Sgt. Michael Beck, DEFN Timothy Bippus, Shaun Brennan, Sgt. Mark Brust, Sgt. William Burke, Joseph Byrnes, Brian Cahill, Christopher Cahill, Cpt. Robert Calabrese, Alex Cammarata, Joseph Peter Campos, Cpt. Kathleen Candela, Cpt. Salvatore Candela, Lt. Robert Carton, Maj. Brian Collins, Patrick Connolly, Michael Connors, Phil Costa, Sgt. Jeffrey Costello, Cpt. John Costello, Jason Cowperthwaite, LCpl. Sean Curran, Jonathan DeCicco, Nick DeLisi, Sgt. Shawn Devine, Cpt. Christopher E. Diehl, Tim Diver, Michelle Doucette, Joe Dunkowski, 1st Sgt. Jesse James Dunn, Maj. Andrew Dziengelwski, Brian Elwood, SN Matthew Ercole, Sgt. Michael Falco, Bill Farrington, Lt. Erik Filipek, Ronald Fisher, Robert Freeman, Dan Fusco, Anthony Gallucci, Ryan Garlanth, Bob Gehan, 1st Lt. Adrian Gennusa, BM3 Travis Gingras, Charles Graham, Cpl. Philip Graziano, Pfc. T.J. Halvorsen, Grant Halway, Vincent Haug, Jason Hayden, Maj. Glennena Haynes-Smith, Thomas Healy, David Heholt, 2nd Lt. Clint Hemberg, Donald Heminghaus, David Hernandez, Scott Hill, Kyle Holway, Christopher Houlahan, Maj. Robert Hughes, TSgt. Bradley Iseminger, Anthony Jonas, LCPL David Jones, PFC Sheilah Jones, Kristy Kayto, Jason Keogh, Justin Keogh, Kevin Kessinger, Matthew Khessali, Sean Killeen, Lt. Col. Richard Kirk, Peter Klebaur, USMC Cpl. Matthew Kole, Spc. Brian Kornse, Spc. Nicholas A. Kromer, Ian Krong, Stephen Lang, Maj. Michael LaPoint, Michael Lawless, 1st Lt. Edward C. Lipositz, III, Joe Lore, 2nd Lt. Gregory Luttmann, Joseph F. Lyons, USN, Kevin McKnight, Robert Miller, LCpl. Vincent Mizerk, James Moran, Dan Naroziak, Maj. John Nerges, Spc. John Nixon, John Nunuez, Lt. Col. Thomas O'Donoghue, Ricky Ong, David Pace, Jr., Layla Pace, William Packard, Maj. Joseph Page, Christopher Paone, Jonathan Papernik, Michael Papp, Ellis Phillips, Kyle Pimm, Lt. Col. Gerard Piscopo, Alex Ponzi, Sgt. Frederick Quellhorst, SFC Robert J. Quinn, Lt. Brendan Recchia, Stephanie Rogers, Bud Ryan, Justin M. Sainato, Lt. Col. Joseph Sasso, Michael Sauder, CWO Scott Sauer, Michael Scalise, Michael Schimmel, Brian Schoenig, Cpt. Harold Scott, Jr., Timothy Sharkey, T-Sgt. Kirt Sherry, Mst. Sgt. Salvatore Simonetta, Sgt. Gregory Springer, Cpt. Michael Stepnowski, Sgt. Brian Stockhoff, Billy Sutton, Spc. Kevin Therien, Brian Toomis, Cpt. Marisol Torres, Joe Trainor, Mark Trainor, Brandon VanWagner, Bryan Vill, Ian C. Vonero, Maj. John Voorhees, Maj. Tim Wagner, Keegan Waldrop, Robert Walsh, John Ward, Pfc. Kevin Ward, Michael Weber, Edward Weir, Jr., John West III, Alex Wiedmann, Randy Williams, Jessica Wisniewski, Jane Wood, Thomas Woodlee

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Jane Brewster, Erma Macrae, Linda Stapleton



Helen Abercrombie, Susan Accomando, Eugene Adair, Ginamarie Amsterdam, Noelle Artherholt, Danny Bacsik, Margaret Bartholomai, Ian Behn, Vincent Benedetti, Patricia Blank, Jeannine Bockin, Indria Bolton, Doris Bona, Carole Bonin, Dolores & Joe Brandimarte, Kate Browe, Bill Brower, Wayne Brown, Mary Ann Buckowski, Gary Buonocore, Mary Buonocore, Virginia Buonocore, Robert Byrd, Vincent Camizzi, Harold Caufield, Teresa Cebulski, Rosemarie Cebulski-Mazur, Valerie Celestino, Alma Cianfrone, Erica Cilmi, Henry Claisse, Jeanette Clemente, Jim Daniels, Traci Dare, Aida David, Antonio DeCandia, Sr., Lulu DeCastro, Gerri DeSena, Beatrice Deseta, Deacon Bob Deihl, Lillian Drexler, Richard Erving, JoAnn Fink, Michael Fiore, Clifford Foote, Chris Foster, Corbett Foster, Rick Foster, Linda Gallagher, Rose Gallagher, Virginia Gehan, Maria Goldfarb, Amanda Golembowski, Maureen Golembowski, Valerie Grasso, Michael Guerrero, John Gunther, Cathy Hackney, Frank Hagan Jr., Frank Hagan Sr., Esther Hanrahan, Doug Hanson, Frank & Mary Harth, Ron Helstrom, Rich Hilton, Lee Hughes, Stacey Izso, John Jankowski, Chuck Jones, Rose Keenan, Nicholas Keil, Michael Kipila, Ann Klass, Carolyn Krutsick, Sharon LaBollita, Viola Lally, Marlene Lazaro, John Leacota, Lisa Leta, Dante Manzo, Freddy Martinez, Donna Matthews, Karen Maura, Patrick McGowan, Edward McGuire, Martin McKenzie, Kyle McKetrick, Frank & Patsy Merlo, Joe Milora, Mabel Mink, Sharon Mulvey, Terence Mulvey, Davan Myres, Ian Nicholson, Tricia Nokes, Pat O'Brien, Richard Otten, Lola Parker, TJ Parr, Stanley Pijak, Francis Pilar, Joseph Pilovsky, Rita Piro, John Protonintis, Sr., Pat Pruitt, Mark Quartello, Albert Rehus, Kyle Rock, Joanne Rogers, Tanya Romanow, Michael Roselli, Michael Ruiz, Robert Sabat, Aidan Sandor, Angelo & Jennie Santelli, Robert Schimmel, AnnBeth Schmidlein, Gabriella Schopperth, Gabe Scibetta, Anthony Shabunia, Teresa Shaffer, Theresa Shutak, Ray Sprinberg, Roy Stanisci, Virginia Stephens, Danielle Straub, Mary Sydoruk, Gail Talley, Shirley Tamburri, Taylor Tenchlog, Lorraine Toris, Carmela Trimboli, Doris Tufo, Pam Ulrich, Michael Vak, Robert Voskanyan, Thomas Wagner, Patricia Wilcenski, Richard Williamson, Savanna Winnie, Susan Woodruff, Joan Wos

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 1
Samuel 3: 3 -10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42
NEXT SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
READ YOUR BIBLE!!

Saints of the Week

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Friday: St. Fabian, pope; St. Sebastian

Saturday: St. Agnes

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 15

7:00pm Bingo (Parish Center)

Monday, January 16

7:00pm CYO Basketball (Parish Center)

Tuesday, January 17

9:00am Mom's Group (Parish Center)

10:00am Scripture Sharing (Rectory)

7:00pm CYO Basketball (Parish Center)

7:00 pm Father's Group (Rectory)

7:00 pm Chess Club (MRH)

7:00 pm RCIA (Rectory)

Wednesday, January 18

8:30 am: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (MRH)

6:30pm Journey Through Scripture (Rectory)

7:00pm Divorced & Separated Ministry (Rectory)

7:00pm Volleyball (Parish Center)

7:30pm Parish Council (MRH)

7:30pm Lazarus Mass (Barnegat)

Thursday, January 19

9:00am Ken's Kitchen (Parish Center)

1:00pm Bridge Club (MRH)

6:00 pm Youth Group (Parish Center)

6:30pm Young Adult Ministry (MRH)

7:00pm Bingo (Parish Center)

Friday, January 20

3:00pm Divine Mercy (Pines)

6:00 pm Youth Group Open Gym (Parish Center)

Saturday, January 21

8:00 am Light Weigh (Rectory)

12:00 pm REP Parent/Student Retreat (Parish Center)

ORDINARY TIME

The Christmas Season ended with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 9. Ordinary Time began Tuesday, January 10 and continues up to but not including Ash Wednesday, February 22. The liturgical color is green.

ATTENTION ALL MARRIED COUPLES

St. Mary's Pre-Cana team invites you to come join us **Friday, January 27, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, in Monsignor Reinbold Hall** for a wine and cheese event hosted to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. A special marital blessing will be given to those in attendance. **To RSVP, please call the rectory by January 25.**

TITHING REPORT

Last Sunday, St. Mary's parishioners tithed \$29,754.00 in the regular collection and an additional \$2,855.00 in the second envelope toward our Diocesan assessment. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF TITHING!** "Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will." What percentage of our income do we return to the Lord? **NEXT SUNDAY THERE IS A SECOND ENVELOPE FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA.**

BIBLE TRIVIA

LAST WEEK: It was Herod the Great who was present at the time of Jesus' birth. His three sons, whom he allowed to live, were Archelaus, Philip, and Herod Antipas, who was the Herod of Jesus' trial.

TODAY'S QUESTION: What does the word "Rabbi" mean? How many times does it appear in the New Testament? What is the other form of the word which is only used twice in the Gospel referring to Jesus?

Maria Esperanza

We have a group that meets **every Thursday morning 10:00am in St. Mary of the Pines** to say the Rosary for the canonization of Maria Esperanza and to pray for a very special intention. All are welcome. (If there is a Funeral Mass scheduled, rosary will be prayed in the side meeting room.)

Betania III, the community founded by Maria Esperanza, meets on the **last Sunday of each month at 3:00pm in St. Mary of the Pines** to attend Mass and to pray the Divine Chaplet and the Rosary. The next Mass will be Sunday **January 29**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call Carole Liming at 703-2137.**

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

To help us become more aware of our connectedness to the Universal Church, we are printing in the bulletin the monthly prayer intentions of the Holy Father for the good of our Church and the whole world.

General Intention: *Victims of Natural Disasters. That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.*

Missionary Intention: *Dedication to Peace. That the dedication of Christians to Peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.*

ASK A QUESTION

I can't get used to the new Gloria? Why did it change so much?

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK) "We praise You, / we bless You, / we adore You, / we glorify You, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father." This replaces a shorter text in the previous version. The one we had used probably was abbreviated because it sounds a bit excessive. All the descriptions of God have been restored, and the result does sound excessive – but that is the point. We feel so overcome with awe in the presence of God that we practically babble and stammer. We keep searching for words to describe the experience, and the result – word upon word – seems the best way to demonstrate the overwhelming experience of meeting God in prayer. This reminds us that the purpose is not to simply use new words, but to **PRAY THEM**. We seek to use them to enter into the experience of being in the presence of God. (Taken from the pamphlet, "Understanding the Revised Mass Texts," by Paul Turner, from Liturgy Training Publications)

Letter from the Pastor
by Fr. JC Garrett

Msgr. Ken suggested that I share the story I used in my homily on New Year's with the rest of the parish, in this column. It is the story of Claude Newman.

Claude was an African-American man, born in Arkansas in 1923. Claude was born into a poor family, and at age 5 he moved to Mississippi to live with his grandmother.

When Claude was 16 years-old, his beloved grandmother married a man, Sid, who was very abusive toward her. Three years later, provoked by Sid's abuse of his grandmother, Claude shot and killed Sid. A couple of weeks later, Claude was captured by law enforcement and convicted of murder and was sentenced to be executed in the electric chair in 1944.

While awaiting execution, Claude shared a cell-block with four other prisoners. One night, as the five men were sitting around talking, Claude noticed a medal that one of the other prisoners was wearing around his neck. Claude asked the prisoner what the medal was. The other prisoner was embarrassed because he did not know, so he angrily threw it at Claude's feet with a curse, telling him to take it. Although he has no idea who's image was on it, Claude was attracted to it, so he put it around his neck. It was a Miraculous Medal.

That night, while sleeping on the top bunk, Claude was awoken by a touch. As Claude would say later, there stood "the most beautiful Woman that God ever Created." Claude was at first frightened. The Lady calmed Claude down, saying to him, "If you would like Me to be your Mother, and you would like to be My child, send for a priest of the Catholic Church." She then disappeared.

Immediately Claude started screaming that he wanted to see a Catholic priest. Fr. Robert O'Leary was called the first thing the next morning. Claude told Fr. O'Leary about what he experienced the night before, and asked Fr. O'Leary for instruction in the Catholic faith. Fr. O'Leary agreed, but faced a challenge when he learned that Claude did not know how to read or write. Undeterred, Claude begins his studies.

As Fr. O'Leary began the lesson on the Sacrament of Confession, Claude said, "Oh, I know about that! The Lady told me that when we go to confession we are kneeling down not before a priest, but we're kneeling down by the Cross of Her Son. And that when we are truly sorry for our sins, and we confess our sins, the Blood He shed flows down over us and washes us free from all sins." Fr. O'Leary sat stunned with his mouth open. At first Claude thought he was angry with him for blurting it out. Fr. O'Leary assured Claude that he is not angry, but surprised, and asks Claude if he had seen the Lady again. Claude says to the priest, "She told me that if you doubted me or showed hesitancy, I was to remind you that lying in a ditch in Holland in 1940, you made a vow to Her which She's still waiting for you to keep." Claude then told Fr. O'Leary that the vow was to build a church in honor of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, and Fr. O'Leary confirmed that that was exactly what he had vowed. Fr. O'Leary would fulfill his vow in 1947.

At a later lesson, on Holy Communion, Claude related, "The Lady told me that in Communion, I will only see what looks like a piece of bread. But She told me that It is really and truly Her Son, and that He will be with me just as He was with Her before He was born in Bethlehem. She told me that I should spend my time like She did during Her lifetime with Him-- in loving Him, adoring Him, thanking Him, praising Him and asking Him for blessings. I shouldn't be distracted or bothered by anybody else or anything else, but I should spend those few minutes in my thoughts alone with Him."

Shortly before Claude was to be executed, he was received into the Catholic Church. Fr. O'Leary gave Claude Holy Communion shortly before his scheduled execution. Fifteen minutes before he was to be executed, the sheriff told Claude that the Governor had given him a 2 week stay of execution. Claude began to cry. The priest and sheriff assumed that it was for joy, but Claude said, "But you don't understand! If you ever saw Her face, and looked into Her eyes, you wouldn't want to live another day!" Claude then continued, "What have I done wrong these past weeks that God would refuse me my going home?"

Fr. O'Leary then had a sudden inspiration. He reminded Claude about James Hughs, a white prisoner in the same jail who hated Claude intensely. Like Claude, he too was sentenced to be executed for murder. James was raised a Catholic but now rejected God and all things Christian. Fr. O'Leary said to Claude, "Maybe Our Blessed Mother wants you to offer this denial of being with Her for his conversion. Why don't you offer to God every moment that you are separated from your heavenly Mother for this prisoner, so that he will not be separated from God for all eternity." Claude thought for a moment, then agreed. During his two weeks reprieve, Claude generously offered his sacrifice and prayers for James Hughs. Two weeks later, on February 4, 1944, Claude was executed in the electric chair. His final words to Fr. O'Leary were, "Father, I will remember you. And whenever you have a request, ask me, and I will ask Her."

Three months later, James Hughs, who Claude had offered his sacrifice for, was to be executed. He would not allow a priest or any clergyman in his cell. Just before his execution, the county doctor pleaded with him to at least kneel down and say the "Our Father" before the sheriff would come for him. The prisoner spat in the doctor's face.

When he was strapped into the electric chair, the sheriff said to him, "If you have something to say, say it now." The condemned man started to blaspheme. All of a sudden he stopped speaking, and his eyes became fixed on the corner of the room, and his face turned into one of absolute horror. Suddenly he screamed in terror. Turning to the sheriff, he then said, "Sheriff, get me a priest!"

Fr. O'Leary immediately went to the condemned man. The room was cleared of everyone else, and the priest heard the man's confession. James confessed all of his sins with deep repentance and intense fervor.

While everyone was returning to the room, the sheriff asked the priest why James had changed his mind. Fr. O'Leary said that he never asked James. The sheriff said that he would not be able to sleep that night without asking, which he did. James responded, "Remember that black man Claude -- the one whom I hated so much? Well he's standing there [and he pointed], over in that corner. And behind him with one hand on each shoulder is the Blessed Virgin Mary. And Claude said to me, 'I offered my death in union with Christ on the Cross for your salvation. She has obtained for you this gift of seeing your place in Hell if you do not repent.' I had been shown my place in Hell, and that's why I screamed."

James Hughs was executed as scheduled, but the heavenly appearance of our Blessed Mother with Claude Newman and the subsequent vision of hell had instantly converted his soul in the last moments of his life. With the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Father O'Leary had taught Claude to unite himself with the suffering of Jesus by offering his own sufferings to Him, just as all of us can do for others.

ADORATION CHAPEL

My soul is sorrowful even unto death: stay you here, and watch with me. MT 26:36-38

Can you find an hour a week to be with Jesus? Consider signing on for one of the open hours listed below or an hour that is more convenient to your schedule. **There is always a need for substitutes.**

A note to Adorers who have more than one person assigned to their hour: please consider changing your hour to one of the open times listed below.

Call Joann Kaczala at 609-698-6168.

Friday, 3:00am

Friday, 4:00am

Friday, 9:00am

Saturday, 1:00pm

Saturday, 5:00pm (until April)

Saturday, 9:00pm

Saturday, 10:00pm

Sunday, 6:00pm

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Father Duffy Division 2 Ocean County, welcomes new members. We are a warm, charitable, social brotherhood of Catholic men of Irish ancestry that support local parishes and charities. We meet the first Monday of each month, 7:00pm, in the Elks Club in Forked River. **For more information, please call Nick Van Zile at 978-2598 or Bob Corbliss at 607-9853.**

ST. MARY'S ADULT GROUP

The purpose of the St. Mary's Adult Group is to "render spiritual, social and financial assistance to the Parish, at all times in whatever capacity we are able." Our activities are varied.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be **February 1, 7:30pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.** Come and see what we are all about. Refreshments and laughs are always served.

BAGELS AND THE BIBLE FOR MEN

Our next Bagels and the Bible for men is **Saturday, February 4, 8:30am, in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.** Come together with the men of the parish for fellowship, support, Bible discussion, bagels and coffee.

BE THE FACE OF CHRIST

Do you know someone that is lonely and would like to have visitors with whom to chat, play games or read to them for two hours weekly? **For more information please call Pat at 609-306-4532.**

BINGO

We offer bingo **every Sunday and Thursday evening, 7:00pm, in our Parish Center.** Over \$1,000.00 in prizes are awarded. **We are always in need of volunteers. If interested, please call the rectory.**

CEMETERY MEMORIAL WALK

The cemetery has opened a new Memorial Walk. The cost of bricks begins at \$200.00. All proceeds will go toward perpetual care of the buildings and grounds. Order forms are available at the rectory.

CHESS CLUB

Meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, **7:00pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.** **Our next gathering is January 17.** We welcome new players of all ages to join us.

2011 Christmas Day Dinner at St. Mary's

This year's Christmas Day dinner was a huge success. 165 guests were served a 4-course dinner between 12:00noon – 3:00pm at our Parish Center. An additional 14 meals were delivered to the homebound. There were 124 volunteers that assisted throughout the day from setup to cleanup, some giving one hour, others the entire day. With assistance from King of Kings Church, 47 guests were transported to dinner from as far away as Holgate and West Creek. There was plenty of warm clothing and canned goods available as well as free raffles for the adults and toys for the children. Santa, assisted by his Elf, read to the children before greeting each one individually. There was a birthday cake for Jesus and "Happy Birthday" was sung by one of our own very talented parishioners.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our wonderful parishioners; St. Mary's Rectory Staff; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Ken's Kitchen; Religious Education Program; Junior and Senior Youth Groups and Maintenance. The support of area churches included: King of Kings, Manahawkin; Congregation Sha Arey Ha Yam, Manahawkin; St. Francis, LBI; St. Joseph, Toms River; St. Vincent's, Lakewood; and Richmond United Methodist Church, Pitman. Many volunteer and civic organizations supported this event including: Toy Run Foundation; Stafford Township Municipal Alliance; Loops of Love, Bergen County; Brownie Troop #432; Girl Scout Troop #157; Salvation Army; Barnegat MOMS Club; Southern Regional FCCLA Club; Sew Bee Quilting Group of Manahawkin; and MATES-Spanish Club.

DIVORCED/SEPARATED MINISTRY

The Divorced and Separated group meets **every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the rectory.** Anyone interested in attending please call **Wanda Allen at 698-2645 or Deacon Ron at 607-9447.**

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone in the parish or community who is looking for a job, please have them contact St. Mary's Employment Resource Committee, a ministry which supports and guides job seekers through the challenges of finding new employment. **We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:00pm, in St. Mary of the Pines.** Please contact Judy Kassar at 489-5087 or judykassar@comcast.net to register for the employment meetings and seminars. **To assist our efforts, the ERC is looking for new volunteers with knowledge of the internet and a background in hiring, training, or personnel management skills.**



PEACEFUL DOVE GIFT SHOP

Monday – Friday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

660-2400

Remember the gift you purchase also gives to the poor, who need your help. Special order items are available.

Gift wrapping is offered free of charge.

****The Gift Shop will be closed February 25 – March 11****

Come and see our selection of Communion and Confirmation Gifts!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Beginning in February, we will have a "Hospitality Sunday" on the first weekend of the month with coffee and refreshments after the morning Masses. If anyone is interested in assisting in this parish project, please contact the rectory office or any member of the parish council.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 18, 6:30pm**, in the rectory. We are continuing our study of both the Old and New Testament. The only requirement is to bring your Bible. For more information, please call Deacon Bob at the rectory.

KEN'S KITCHEN

Ken's Kitchen is a social gathering where people come together to share a meal with others. We meet every **Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00noon, in the Parish Center**. There are nurses on site to provide free blood pressure screenings and answer questions. Meal delivery is also available.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

New members are welcome always. For more information, **please call Grand Knight Frank Ingrassia at 661-8808**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY #3826

All ladies are welcome! **For more information, please call Anne Marie Hagen at 661-8806**.

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

We meet once a month. **For more information, please call Chief Counselor Bill Cox at 660-2607**.

LIVING WATERS PRAYER GROUP

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next St. Mary's Charismatic Prayer Group meeting will be **January 25, 7:30pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall**. All are welcome.

Know Your Parish – By Cathy Boss

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is the continuous adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. According to the New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia, some writers trace the beginnings of perpetual adoration to the late fourth century, in the days of St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, when converts to their faith in some dioceses were to adore the Blessed Sacrament exposed for 8 days after their baptism. Prior to the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi, not only religious in convents and monasteries, but the laity practiced Eucharistic adoration. After his victory over the Albigeneses, King Louis VII of France asked the Bishop of Avignon to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Chapel of the Holy Cross on September 14, 1226. The number of adorers was so great that the bishop decided to have the adoration continue day and night. This was later ratified by the Holy See and continued uninterrupted until 1792 during the French Revolution. It was resumed again in 1828, but did not develop on a worldwide scale until after the Council of Trent. Here at St. Mary's, one of our parishioners, Betty Esposito, had a dream, much like Martin Luther King, Jr. Betty envisioned a place where the heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament would be praised, adored, and loved 24 hours a day. After years of planning and praying, Betty saw her dream for a perpetual adoration chapel unfold with groundbreaking on November 2, 1997, months of construction by some very talented parishioners, and dedication on June 20, 1998 by Bishop Reiss. The chapel is open 24 hours a day for anyone to come and visit the Lord. There are also candles for lighting in the foyer of the chapel. Inside the chapel itself, there are pews for praying, sitting and visiting with the Lord, with books, bibles, and rosaries for your use. The Eucharist is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance. There is also a book just inside the main chapel area where you can write a special intention. To keep the chapel open, there must be an assigned adorer for each hour. There is always a need for substitutes and for adorers the hours listed in the bulletin. Why not make a resolution to spend a personal hour with Him each week in the chapel by calling Joann Kaczala at 609-698-6169. Have a very happy and healthy New Years. God bless.

CALLING ALL MOMS!

If you have children ages 0-12 and are looking to meet other moms who share similar experiences, strengthen your faith, receive teaching, and form lasting friendships, this is for you. Childcare is available free of charge. **Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 9:00am in the Parish Center. To register, please call Robin Volponi at (856)986-3634.**

MONICA'S DAUGHTERS

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be **January 24, 9:00am in Monsignor Reinbold Hall**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call Irene Kutner at 693-5029 or Jean Esposito at 607-1731.**

MONTHLY CASH RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Judith Sturiale of Manahawkin who became our latest winner of our monthly \$2,000.00 Cash Raffle. Ticket# 17901. Our next drawing is February 1. Good luck!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next Council meeting is **Wednesday, January 18, 7:00pm in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.** Please join us. We welcome your comments.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

We attend a Rosary Vigil at the Toms River Abortion clinic every 2nd and 4th Thursday 12:00noon - 1:00pm. The next date is **January 26.** We meet at the St. Mary's Barnegat parking lot 11:30am to the carpool to the clinic. All parishioners are encouraged to participate. Our monthly Respect Life meeting is held on the first Saturday of the month, 10:00am in the rectory.

40 Days for Life

Join us to pray the Holy Rosary with pro-life meditations on all mysteries every Saturday 1:00pm at the Toms River abortion clinic (intersection of Harley Road and Route 37, in the eastbound lane between the Sovereign and PNC Banks). **For more information contact: Frank 908-330-7861 or Mario 732-557-6689.**

March for Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC

St. Mary's invites you to join us for the "March for Life in Washington DC" **Monday, January 23.** The bus trip is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus free, no cost to you. The pick-up locations: St. Mary's Church in Barnegat at 7:30am; St. Mary of the Pines Church in Manahawkin at 8:00am. We return about 10:00pm. There will be a Mass at St. Mary's at 7:00am. Reservations are required to assure seating. **Please call James Perko at 609-361-9456 or Frank DeSena 609-698-0142 for reservations.**

MARDI GRAS BEEKSTEAK DINNER AND COMEDY NIGHT

Come to Comedy Night **Friday, February 10 at our Parish Center.** The doors will open at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$30.00 and may be purchased by contacting the rectory office. The price includes soda, wine and coffee, salad, the famous beefsteak dinner, dessert, and two comedians.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to our most generous parishioners who helped make the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons brighter for the less fortunate. From monetary donations to food and turkeys

SCRIPTURE SHARING

Why not begin the New Year by joining us at our Scripture Sharing Group? There is no weekly commitment to attend but we'd love to have you join us. We read and discuss the Scriptures for the coming Sunday Mass. We find this helps us to better understand how the Scriptures pertain to our lives and how we can apply them in our everyday life. We meet at 10:00am on Tuesday in the rectory. If you have any questions, please call Carole Gordon at 609-698-3664. Hope to see you there!

SPANISH OUTREACH

We have begun an outreach to those of our community who are Spanish-speaking or of Spanish ancestry. Many Spanish people live within our parish boundaries, but few come to Mass. Some attend other denominations. We hope to make them feel welcomed and at home in our parish. As part of this effort, we plan to have a Mass in Spanish in St. Mary of the Pines at 2:00pm the third Sunday of every month. Fr. Armando Rodriguez will be our celebrant. As we are one parish with two Churches, we hope that in the future all will desire to pray together at our regular scheduled Mass times. We are also in contact with St. Francis Parish, which has a bi-weekly Mass in Spanish. Missalettes in Spanish have been ordered. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the parish office. Let us keep this effort of evangelization in prayer. **Let us always welcome all who come to Mass. If you are interested in assisting with the Mass or with the Spanish outreach, please call Charles Giles at 698-7159.**

Please note: New Spanish Missals are in clear crates in the vestibule of St. Mary of the Pines.

St. Mary's Light Weigh Group NEW MEETING DAY & TIME!

Light Weigh is a program where the goal is spiritual growth and weight loss is a secondary gift. Members learn how to overcome the temptation to overeat and achieve peace with food by connecting with the fullness of truth found in the Catholic faith. Meetings will be held on Saturday mornings at the Parish Office in Barnegat. **An Orientation meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 8:30am at the Parish Office in Barnegat.** For more information or to register, please call Maria Westfall, 549-5915.

ST. BERNARD'S FOOD FOR PETS

Please remember us with food donations. St. Bernard's Food for Pets has food bins located in St. Mary of the Pines and the Parish Center in Manahawkin, St. Mary's Church and Rectory in Barnegat, Greenbriar Oceanaire Clubhouse, Heritage Point (North Clubhouse), and Perry's Lake Clubhouse. **COMING SOON: PET PIC'S ON THE BEACH.**

St. Mary's Fathers Group

If you are a father trying to raise your children in today's post-Christian culture, this group is for you! **We meet the first and third Tuesday of every month.** We are a faith-based support group for Catholic fathers. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 17, 7:30pm in the Deacon Brennan Conference Room.** For more information, call Fred Kutner at (732)310-3442.

Sweetheart Dinner Dance

Knights of Columbus 3826 are hosting a Sweetheart Dinner Dance Saturday, February 18, at the Parish Center. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Buffet dinner tickets are \$28 (BYOB). Super 50-50 tickets are \$5 each and are only sold by mail. Proceeds benefit Deborah Hospital. To order your tickets mail check and make payable to: KofC Sweet Heart, PO Box 91 Manahawkin NJ 08050. Tickets sellout quickly and will not be sold at the door.

VOLLEYBALL

The next volleyball session is **Wednesday, January 18, 7:00pm, in the Parish Center.** All adults are welcome to participate.

Hey Young Adults!!

The **Young Adults Ministry** welcomes anyone between the ages of **18-35.** The Young Adults Ministry is committed to living out the call of the Gospel through fellowship, prayer, and service in a constant effort to become the men and women God created each one of us to be. **We meet the third Thursday of every month, 6:30pm, in the rectory. Our next meeting is January 19 For more information, please contact Anthony at 489-0402.**

YOUTH GROUP

Junior Youth Group

January 16: Ice Skating Trip.

January 20: Open Gym, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, P/C Center

High School Youth Group

January 20: Open Gym, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Parish Center

January 22: Overnight Trip - March for Life in Washington, DC

For more information about our many youth group activities, please call Mrs. Craft at 597-1071 or visit our website at www.stmarysyouthonline.com.

COMPUTER OWNERS

St. Mary's has an e-mailing list of some of its online parishioners. We would like to include you. Please send an e-mail to stmarybarneгат@shoresurfer.com with your name and e-mail address on it and you'll be on our list.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

You can find our bulletin and other parish events by logging onto <http://stmary.shoresurfer.com>. If you have any questions or want more information about the website, send an e-mail by using the "WebMaster" button on our website's homepage or e-mail Bud DeSalvo at Bud@shoresurfer.com.

Birthright Thank You

The volunteers at Birthright want to thank everyone at St. Mary's for their generosity. The gifting trees were once again a big success – the shelves are full! A special thank you to Lori, the office staff, Al & Ralph. We also want to thank the girls scout troop who had the shower for birthright. And last but not least we want to thank Msgr. Ken. None of this could happen if it were not for him. God Bless you all.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION

You are cordially invited to a mini day retreat for women on **Saturday, January 21, 9:00am - 12:00noon at St. Pius X Church.** Our day consists of prayer, music, speaker, sharing, and lunch. This month's speaker is Sr. Pat Dotzauer. Sr. Pat is a Sister of Charity of Convent Station, NJ, who served in education, vocation and formation ministries. She received her Masters in Religion from Fordham University with a concentration in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction. Please come, bring a friend and listen as Sr. Pat speaks to us about the skills and tools necessary to integrate one's prayer, personal desires and "God's Will" with all aspects of decision making...

Discernment – "I came that you might have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Admission is \$15.00, payable on the day of the luncheon. Registration is necessary by the Tuesday before the luncheon. **Please call 693-5107, and leave your phone number and spell your last name.** Since the luncheon is catered, if you need to cancel your reservation, please call as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

MONTREAL AND QUEBEC SHRINE TOUR WITH MONSIGNOR KEN

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a trip to the Shrines in Montreal and Quebec May 14-18. Cost of \$799.00 per person includes deluxe motor coach transportation, 4 nights' accommodation, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners, evening entertainment, all guided tours, baggage handling, taxes, meal gratuities, and driver's gratuity. **For information or to make reservations, please call Charles Serwin at 978-0970.**

Knights of Columbus Trips

March 8: Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Cost of \$60.00 per person includes transportation, admission to the show, and driver gratuity.

April 20: Trip to Sight & Sound Theater to see "Jonah." Cost of \$120.00 per person includes transportation, show ticket, buffet lunch at the Shady Maple Restaurant, tax and gratuity.

May 31: Trip to West Point. Cost of \$120.00 per person includes bus transportation, tour of the military academy, tour of the Purple Heart Hall of Fame, buffet lunch at Hotel Thayer, tax and gratuity.

November 7-8: Trip to Foxwoods Casino and Mohegan Sun. Cost of \$175.00 per person includes motor coach transportation, one night luxury accommodation at Great Cedar, 2 full buffets, \$10.00 slot credit, \$10.00 food credit, and \$10.00 free bet at Mohegan Sun.

For information and reservations on any of these trips, please contact Charles Serwin at 609-978-0970.

St. Mary's advertises trips as a courtesy. We will not be held responsible for any trips advertised.