

Dear Parishioners:

The Proud Lily - Lily lore abounds. It would be enough for it to be a spring flower, representing life's renewal and the spirit's rebirth - but there's more. According to legend, the lily lost its self-respect on the night of Christ's agony in the garden: The other flowers bowed their heads in sorrow in Christ's presence, but not the lily. How could it, being the most fragrant and beautiful flower in the garden (according to its own estimation)? Upon Christ's display of humility, however, the lily belatedly hung its head in shame, and has humbly remained so ever since. (As a matter of fact, our Easter lily is not native to Palestine, but was imported in the 1880's from Bermuda. "Crofts's Lily" is grown mainly in the Pacific Northwest and California.) (From: The Catholic Source Book, Third Edition, Rev. Peter Klein, p. 460)

As we come to Mass for Easter and see the many lilies, may we be reminded to bow in humble adoration to our Lord, who suffered and died for our sins, and is now Risen and Victorious!



Happy Easter!

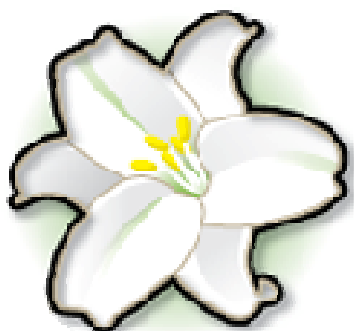
In Christ,

Msgr. Ken, Fr. Tom, Fr. J. C, Fr. McLeod, Fr. Basil

**Deacon Frank Campione, Deacon Joe Fiorillo, Deacon Ron Haunss,
Deacon Bob Klein, Deacon Pat Martin, Deacon John Pitt, Deacon Joe
Vivona., all their families and parish staff**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY in LENT after the 8:00 am and 9:00 am MASSES and at 7:30 pm in ST. MARY'S CHURCH



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, March 28th

Regular Mass schedule for the both churches.

Palm available at all Masses. MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 29th

Chism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton, 7:30 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st

No 8:00 am or 9:00 am Mass

4 pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Mary of the Pines

7:30 pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Mary's Church - followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in both churches until midnight. Perpetual Adoration ceases until after the Easter Vigil.

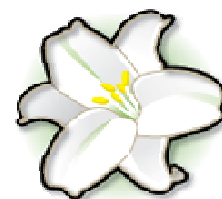
GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd

No 8:00 am or 9:00 am Mass

3:00 PM, Celebration of the Lord's Passion in BOTH churches.

7:30 pm, Live Stations of the Cross presented by Youth Ministry in St. Mary of the Pines.

7:30 pm, Traditional Stations of the Cross in St. Mary's Church.



EASTER SCHEDULE cont....

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd

No 8:00 am or 9:00 am Mass

12 Noon: Blessing of food in St. Mary's Church.

EASTER VIGIL – Blessing of fire, Paschal Candle, special readings, celebration of Sacraments of Initiation

8:00 PM in BOTH CHURCHES

There is no 4:00 pm or 5:30 pm Mass on Holy Saturday. The first Mass for Easter, the Easter Vigil, must be after dark.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th

St. Mary's Church: 8:00, 10:00 and 12 Noon

St. Mary of the Pines: 7:30, 9:00, 10:15 and 11:30 AM



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- Saturday, March 20: continuous confessions available from after 8:00 am Mass until 4:00 pm in St. Mary's Church.
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week after the 8:00 am and 9:00 am Masses
- Tuesday of Holy Week, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in St. Mary's Church
- Good Friday, after the 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross in St. Mary's Church
- Holy Saturday, from 11:00 am to 12 Noon, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in St. Mary's Church

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANNUAL “BLUE MASS-“ to honor and pray for all those in law enforcement and fire and emergency services. We will remember all those who have died.
Tuesday, March 23, 7:30 pm in St. Mary’s Church.

ANNUAL “IRISH MASS” FOR ST. PATRICK’S DAY – Friday, March 5 at 6:00 pm in St. Mary of the Pines, followed by St. Patrick’s Dinner/Dance at parish center.

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER – Friday, March 12, sponsored by Youth Ministry

PARISH PALM FOLDING CLASS: March 26 in Monsignor Reinbold Hall

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR – Sunday, April 11, 3:00 pm in St. Mary’s Church.

RAILROAD EXIBITION TO BENEFIT AUTISM RESEARCH - Weekend of April 23 - 25 at the parish center.

MAY CROWNING: May 2 at the 9:00 am Mass; May 9 at the 12 Noon Mass

CONFIRMATION: March 25 in St. Mary of the Pines

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Beginning on Wednesday, April 14

FIRST COMMUNION: May 1/2, May 8/9, and through the month of May

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DINNER: May 21 at the parish center

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: 12 KEYS TO AGLESS LIVING: Overview presented at Masses on the weekend of June 5/6, with registration after Mass and also on June 7. The Seminar will take place June 14 – 16.

APPRECIATION DINNER: June 18 at the parish center

ANNUAL FREE ICE CREAM PARTY: June 30 at the parish center

A DAY WITH SCOTT HAHN – World-renown author and teacher, Saturday, July 10 in St. Mary of the Pines

ST. MARY’S “NIGHTS OF SUMMER” CARNIVAL
July 13 – 18th at the parish center

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

The role of the Pastoral Council is to advise, counsel, and assist the Pastor. The COUNCIL makes recommendations to the Pastor on various issues and may assist other ministries of St. Mary's at the direction of the Pastor. The COUNCIL may also conduct workshops and retreats at the discretion of the Pastor.

The COUNCIL consists of 12 regular members of the parish and one additional representative, the immediate Past President, who serves a one year term as a delegate to the Diocesan Pastoral Council as St. Mary's representative.. COUNCIL meetings are held monthly in Monsignor Reinbold Hall, the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:00PM. Various issues on parish life are discussed at the meetings and in the near future a synopsis of each meeting will be placed in the bulletin each month. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meetings.

Members of the COUNCIL are active members of the Parish. They must subscribe to and openly support the official teachings of the Catholic Church as defined by the Pope and Diocese Bishop. They should be willing to participate in whatever spiritual or educational experiences that the Pastor or Diocese requires of the COUNCIL.

An appointed member of the COUNCIL serves a three year term.

An announcement is placed in the Church bulletin in February advising that persons interested in becoming a member of the COUNCIL must pick up an application at the Rectory and return it to the Rectory within a prescribed time. The application asks each candidate their history of service to the Church, why they would like to serve on the COUNCIL, and what if any special qualifications they would bring to the COUNCIL. The President appoints a committee to review the applications and they make their recommendations to the COUNCIL at a meeting. Election of three new members takes place during the month of May and newly elected members join the COUNCIL at the June meeting.

The Pastoral Council members serving at the present time are as follows:

Anthony Miloscia, President	(609) 607-9830
Robert Corbliss, Vice President	(609) 607-9853
Dana Kenzler-Poplawski Secretary	
Felicia Massari Corresponding Secretary	
Alvin Beveridge	(609) 242-6976
William C. Bower, Jr.	(609) 698-1311
John Donnelly	(609) 693-3515
Angela Krejsa	
Gail Rua	(609) 978-6508
John VanDerBas	(609) 698-1579
John R. VanderLeeuw	(609) 698-1635
Kathleen T. West	(609) 597-5481
Patricia (Pat) Eppolito.	
Diocesan Pastoral Council Representative	(609) 306-4532

For information about the COUNCIL or its activities, please feel free to contact any member at their phone numbers listed above. We encourage you to attend our meetings and to apply for membership on the COUNCIL.

Stewardship Committee

One of the most important works of the Council has been to organize our many ministries under seven teams: **MANY MINISTRIES – ONE MISSION!**

Our continuing goal is to foster greater communication and cooperation. Most recently, the Pastoral Council has formed a new committee with the guidance of Msgr. Ken to encourage a greater closeness and involvement in our community. This year, we will be presenting to the people of our parish, a One on One invitation to come and Participate in one of the many Ministries in our Parish. Bishop Smith has given us our Vision:

- Better Communication
- Real Collaboration
- An Experience of Communion
- Ongoing Conversion

The purpose of our Stewardship Committee is to provide a means to come together and work as the Body of Christ for each other. There are many Ministries. We invite you to read through them and let us know if there are any which you would be interested in joining and finding out more information. Later this year, we will have members of the various ministries speak at Mass and offer all an opportunity to participate.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call: Bill Bower, 609-698-1311 or John Donnelly, 609-693-3515.

With Love and Caring, we remain your Pastoral Council in Christ.



**St. Mary's Parish
Stewardship Card**

Family Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

**St. Mary's Parish one
Community with two Church's**

609-698-5531

Time, Talent, Treasure, Ministries

Evangelization Ministries

- Men's Ministries
- Mom's Group
- Monica's Daughters
- Positively Catholic-Adult Faith Formation
- Pre-Cana
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
- Scripture Sharing
- Small Faith Committee
- Women's Scripture Study
- Young Adult

Justice & Service: Ministries

- Birthright
- Cemetery
- Family Promise
- Interfaith-Health and Support Services
- Ken's Kitchen
- Missionaries of the Poor (MOP)
- Parish Nurses
- Respect for Life
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Transportation Scheduling
- Employment

Liturgical Ministries

- Altar Servers
- Baptisms
- cleaning Crew Church's
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist-Homebound
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist-Nursing Home
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist -S.O.C.H.
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for the Mass
- Novenas
- Readers
- Ushers

Social Ministry

- Adult Group
- Bingo
- Carnival
- Christmas in July
- Crafty Ladies
- Dances, Trips, Socials
- International Night
- Knights of Columbus
- Monthly Breakfast
- Monthly Raffle
- New Parishioners Welcome
- Peaceful Dove Gift Shop
- Picnic

Spiritual Ministries

- Carmelites
- Catholic Women of Zion
- Charismatic Prayer Group
- Healing Mass- St. Gerard
- Healing Service- St. Gerard
- Legion of Mary
- Maranatha Ministry
- Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle
- Perpetual Adoration
- Rosary
- Spiritual Direction

Support Ministries

- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- Bereavement Support Group
- Caring Hearts
- Divorced and Separated Ministry
- Lazarus Holy Mass
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- Suicide Support
- Visit the Home Bound

Youth Ministries

- Boy Scouts
- Children's Liturgy
- Children's Mass
- Columbian Squires
- Religious Education
- Squire Circle
- Teen Mass
- Vacation Bible School
- Youth Ministries, Junior & Senior

Diocesan rules anyone volunteering for a ministry working with children complete Virtus Training and be Fingerprinted by the Diocese. If you already meet these requirements or still need to meet them.

Already meet _____

Need to Meet _____

Thank you for your interest and May the God Bless you and keep you and all whom you care for safe?

Rules of Marriage ... as described by kids

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

- You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. - Alan, age 10
- No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kristen, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

- Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF 2 PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

- You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. - Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

- Both don't want any more kids. - Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

- Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8 -
- On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - Martin, age 10

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

- The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. - Curt, age 7
- The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. - Howard, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

- It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. - Anita, age 9

And the #1 Favorite is ...

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

- Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck. - Ricky, age 10

Religious Education Program News

March

- Our home study groups will meet for the final time on Thursday, March 25th for grades 1 - 4 and Thursday, April 15th for grades 4-6 from 6:15 - 7:30 pm.
- Our summer program students will meet for the final time on Thursday, April 22nd from 6:15 - 7:30 pm.
- There will be a family Easter celebration on Palm Sunday, March 28th from 10:00 - 12:00. The families will walk with Jesus beginning Holy Thursday through his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

April

- Our RCIA children and adults will be initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 3rd. Congratulations to all and welcome in our church community.
- Our second grade students will participate in a Eucharist Retreat on Saturday, April 17th from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

May

- Our 2nd graders will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist during the month of May. Let's welcome them to the table of the Lord with open arms. Congratulations to all.
- Our C.U.P. students will receive Eucharist at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 2nd. The students will crown Mary after the mass. There will be a May Crowning at the church in Barnegat on Sunday, May 9th after the 12:00 mass. All children are welcome to attend; students who received Communion this year should wear their Communion clothes.
- The 6th grade final make-up test will be on Wednesday evenings, May 12, 6:15 pm and May 19, 6:15 pm.

Registrations - Religious Education Classes

- We will be taking early registrations beginning April 15 through May 30. The earlier you register the better chance you will have of getting the day and time you need.
- Registration for the summer program will be Monday, May 17th at 9:00 am at the REP building in Manahawkin. We will not accept mail-ins or drop-offs for this registration.

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St. Mary's Active Religious Teens

High School 9th-12th Grade

Meet Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm

St. Mary's of the Pines, Manahawkin

Jr. High School 6th-8th Grade

Meet Thursdays 7:00pm-8:30pm

St. Mary's Church, Barnegat

Teen Mass

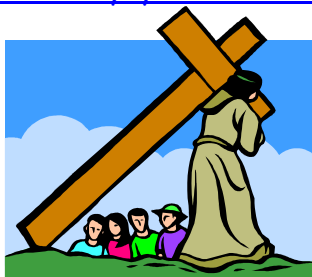
Second Sunday of each month at 5:00pm

"All are Welcome"

Refreshments downstairs following Mass

Check out our new e-magazine at

www.stmarysyouthonline.com



Live Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 2nd at St. Mary's of the Pines

7:30pm

"Let no one despise your youth, but set an example in speech, and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

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Check the bulletin or Web Site for monthly Schedules or call Youth Minister

Cindy Craft @ the Rectory @698-5531

stmarysteens@aim.com or cindy.stmarys19@comcast.net

This article was omitted erroneously from the last issue of the newsletter.....

Evangelization Ministries

- Pre-Cana Instructions for couples planning marriage with Jim and Michelle Bockin, offering the required Diocese of Trenton instructional program on weekends twice yearly with Monsignor Ken to approximately 21 couples planning to wed. jbockinjr@comcast.net.
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Steve and Judy Seeley with the assistance of Steve Wagner have helped an average of 20 persons annually who will be Baptized and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at St. Mary of the Pines. Also, adults who are baptized in another Christian faith will become Catholic and receive those Sacraments at the same Easter Saturday Vigil. Baptized Catholics will go to Trenton to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010. justseel@aol.com. The group studies every other Tuesday.
- Scripture Sharing every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Charlie Kiger Conference Room
- Fred Kutner, 693-5029), who offers his assistance with the Men's Ministries including:
Bible and Bagels after the 8:00 am Mass on the first Saturday of each month at the Monsignor Reinbold Hall, and a newly formed Father's Group.
- Irene Kutner's Women's groups include; Monica's Daughters, Women's Bible Sharing and the Mom's Group.
- At a meeting of the Evangelization Team on January 18, 2010, our members discussed ways to reach out to our youth. Dave O'Neill spoke about a modern way to communicate through technology. Deacon Dan Miller has also agreed to be part of our Evangelization Team.

Spring Bereavement Support Group

*By the tender mercy of God, the dawn
from on high will break upon us. Luke 1:78*

Faith-based support groups are an appropriate and effective way to help us heal spiritually as well as emotionally while we live our grief in the hope of Christ. Using a workbook, our goal is to provide support in a prayerful, non-judgmental environment . We ask, “Where is God in my suffering?” Our facilitated eight-week program for adults begins at 12:30 pm on, Friday, April 9th in the meeting room in St. Mary of the Pines. Registration is the first week only, after which membership is closed. We invite participants to remain after the meeting for Benediction and Divine Mercy Devotion in the church. For information on this group, please call Etye Hurley at 597-4529.