

LENT AND EASTER CELEBRATION 2017

LENTEN SCHEDULE



Ash Wednesday: March 1st is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the 8 am Mass, 9 am School Mass, 12:00 Noon Service, 4:30 Service and 7 pm Mass.

SEDER MEAL

On Monday, March 27th at 6:30 pm in the Hall, we will have a Seder: More details to follow.

PALM BRAIDING



Learn the old world technique of Palm Braiding! Come to the **Parish Meeting Center at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 5th**. Bring good scissors. Palm will be supplied. For more information call Cindy Johnson 856-767-0516 or Kitty Longo 856-767-5930.

Confessions: Confessions are held every Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM in the Church. **Confessions will also be held on Monday of Holy Week (April 10th) at 7pm in the Church.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays at 7 pm



“FOLLOW ME”: Contemporary Presentation of the Stations of the Cross by the Youth of the Parish Wednesday, April 12th at 8:00 pm in the Church

HOLY WEEK

PASSION WEEKEND (Palms)

April 8 Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm
April 9 Sunday Mass: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am
Dress Rehearsal Follow Me
April 10 Confessions: 7:00 pm in the Church
April 11 Chrism Mass, Our Lady of Hope, Blackwood 3:00 pm
April 12 “Follow Me” 8:00 pm
Youth - Stations of the Cross

TRIDUUM

April 13 **Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 pm
Adoration in Church until 10:30 pm
April 14 **Good Friday** -Veneration of the Cross - 3:00 pm in Church
April 15 **Holy Saturday**
Blessing of the Easter Food
12:00 noon in Church

EASTER

April 15 **Easter Vigil** 8:00 pm
April 16 **Easter** 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am

Fasting and Abstinence

The Church’s official position concerning fasting and abstinence from meat during Lent: Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening – depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

Ashes

The use of ashes as a sign of penitence and remorse is rooted in Jewish tradition. This Jewish penitential practice carried over into Christianity. As far back as the fourth century church, those who had committed serious sin presented themselves to the bishop on Ash Wednesday, and he sprinkled ashes onto their hair shirts (sackcloth). The penitent would spend the rest of Lent wearing the hair shirt as a public display of sinfulness.

Fasting

Jewish Law required fasting on only one day of the year - -Yom Kippur, the last of the 10 days of penitence introducing the New Year. However, special public fasts could be called in the face of disasters, e.g. a famine. There were also private fasts. For example, some Jewish people fasted every Tuesday and Thursday.

As Christians, we fast as a way of asking God for what we need, or of doing penance for our sins. But more deeply, fasting is a form of prayer--prayer in action. It helps us experience and express:

- ❖ Our hunger for God
- ❖ Our dependence on God
- ❖ Our weakness and frailty
- ❖ Our willingness to change some of the sinful patterns in our life
- ❖ Solidarity with the poor, the outcasts, the alienated, etc.



Every year we are required to purchase a new Easter Candle (Paschal Candle). As most of you know the candle is blessed and ignited on the Easter Vigil and is aflame every Sunday during the Easter Season. Also, the candle burns for every Baptism and funeral mass. This year’s candle has been donated as indicated below.

PASCHAL CANDLE

In Memory of: **Philip Cresthull**
Requested by: **Phil & Eileen Cresthull**

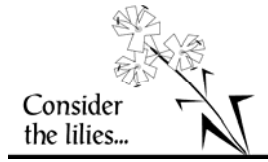
RCIA CANDLES

This year during our Easter Vigil, we will welcome 3 individuals into our Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Each of the newly baptized are presented with a candle, lit from the Paschal Candle, as a reminder to be the light of Christ to the world. If anyone would like to donate one of the candles (which match the Paschal candle) in memory of a loved one, please contact the office or tell Fr. Jim or Father Jose.

READINGS

MASSES INTENTIONS

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

The city of Zion laments that God has forsaken it. God replies that a mother would not forget her baby. Yet even if she did forget, "I will never forget you."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul describes himself as a servant of Christ. He explains that the opinions of other people are unimportant to him. God is the only one worthy to judge us. When God returns, he will praise those who deserve it.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus warns the people not to waste their time worrying about material things. He says that God provides for the birds in the sky. "Are you not more important than they?" Jesus asked. We should not worry about food and clothes. Instead we should act as God wants us to, then he will help provide for us.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday | Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27 |
| Tuesday | Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31 |
| Wednesday | Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday | Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25 |
| First Friday | Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15 |
| First Saturday | Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32 |

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of: **Rosemarie & Stephen Lelli**
Requested by: **Husband & Father**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: WE NEED YOU!

Why not sign up to spend 30 minutes or an hour per week in quiet prayer and contemplation with our Lord? Eucharistic Adoration is held every Wednesday in the rectory Chapel following the 8am Mass until 5pm with the Miraculous Medal Novena at 4:30pm. A sign up board is available by the St. Edward statue in the back of Church.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are held every Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 pm in the Church.

Please join us as we pray the Rosary and/or Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the 8 am Mass (Mon-Sat.). All are welcomed to join us as we pray meditatively in peace and joy.

MASS INTENTIONS EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 26, 2017

SAT 2/25

4:00 PM **Paul & Emily Blaum** Req. by Porter Family
Frank Poper Req. by Jean & Moira Poper
Dolores T. Caporelli Req. by Dolores Caporelli & Fam.
August "Gus" Cherasaro Req. by PJ, Pat & Adele

SUN 2/26

8:00 AM **Val J. Vadino** Req. by Anthony & Martha Sorce
Francis Rogalski Req. by M/M Ronald Lemanowicz
Ann King Req. by Sister, Rita Salerno & Family
Peggy Ann Donahue Req. by Joe Donahue Sr.
James M. Donahue Req. by Joe Donahue Sr
Michael F. Masciarelli Req. by Frank & Dolores Zangaro
Rosa Lamberti Req. by Lucia & Biagio Lamberti
Intentions of Tom & Sandy McWilliams Req. by Michael
Harry Sauers Req. by Mom & Dad

MON 2/27

8:00 AM **Mary Garrity** Req. by Phyllis & John Shendock

TUES 2/28

8:00 AM **Philomena Schaefer** Req. by M/M William M. Fean

WED 3/1

8:00 AM **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Beatrice R. Ervin-Hughes Req. by Cathy & Jack Sheridan
9:00 AM **Perpetual Remembrances/People of the Parish**
12:00 PM Service
4:30 PM Service
7:00 PM **Donald A. McDonough** Req. by Cathy & Jack Sheridan

THURS 3/2

8:00 AM **Ralph E. Marino** Req. by Annamay Hooker

FRI 3/3

8:00 AM **Timothy Saponaro** Req. by His Parents
Patricia Moseley Req. by husband Edward
Stations of the Cross

SAT 3/4

8:00 AM **Dolores T. Caporelli** Req. by Gladys LaLena

4:00 PM

Molly Finamore Req. by Family
Peter J. Caporelli Sr. Req. by Dolores Caporelli & Family
Anna & John Squillace & Charlotte Shore Req. by Erickson & Shore Families
Ellen Garrity Req. by Her Mom

SUN 3/5

8:00 AM **Ronald J. Midili Sr.** Req. by Maryann Dugan
Beatrice R. Ervin -Hughes Req. by Carl & Joan Auwarter
Arthur A. Augugliaro Req. by Bongiovanni Family
9:30 AM **Anna M. Kendall** Req. by Judy Alexander & Family
Donald A. McDonough Req. by Tony, Betty & Theresa Cipolone
Ellen Matteo Req. by Ribeiro Family
Carmela Curcio Req. by Bernadette Durney
Virginio Torres Req. by Joan & Willie Torres
Elizabeth Dunn Req. by Suzanne Brodzik
11:30 AM **Gordon Skorup** Req. by Wife, Peg

SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

To Everything There is a Season, and a Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven". (Eccl 3)
*a time to bring forth new life...a time to be baptized...a time to be married...a time to welcome...
a time to serve...a time to be healed... a time to die...*

MILITARY

SS John M. Ciaccio,
SGT Adam Cutaia; USMC
CTI 2 Russell Hagner
US Army Sgt. Jason E. Healey
Michael Angelow, PO2 US Navy

Nadeem Sarwar, US Army
SPC Justin Scheuren
Staff Sgt. David Sigwart
1st PV2 Amanda Sylvester

Sherri Mercier
Sr. Airman Maverick Marchesani
Tyler Fisher, US Army
Cpt. Lewis Nicoletto



HOMEBOUND AND SICK

Marguerite Alward
John Andreotti
Barbara Angelucci
Rocco Arcaini
Baby Audrey
Kathryn Banks
Salvatore Baretta
Alberta Barody
George Batten
Scott Beckett
Richard Beppl Jr.
Theresa Beppl
Besong Family
Makenzie Bogart
Peyton Bravo
Dennis Brown
Perry John Buford
Anita Bulei
Pat Byerly
Margaret Byne
Tom Byrne
Bob Cagle
Joe Caporelli
Danielle Capra
Jodi Cardenas
Marie Carr
Maverick John Casey
Bob Chambers
Dorothea Cheslock
Tammy Citrone
John J. Clancy
Barbara Conicello
Joann, Jerry Conley
Carole Conner
Lorraine Contardo
JoAnn Crossetta
Phil Curreri
Lina D'Agostino
Dalbow Family
Francis DeLorenzo
Annie DiGerolamo
Thomas DiMattia
John DiRiego
Carmella, Barbara Dooley
Catherine Douress
Deborah Dowd
Msgr. Francis X. Dreger
Dennis Druding III

MaryAnn Edgerton
Joanne Edmondson
Rachele Edwards
Kevin Edwards
Carolyn Eicholtz
Thomas & Veda Ellison
Michael Evans
Margaret Esmond
Dolores Fahringer
Anthony, Anthony Faiella Jr.
Nora Feger
Dorothy Ferrara
Thomas Filer
Lea Fitzpatrick
Stephanie Frago
Rose Fraioli
William Friedrich
Helene Reed-Gollon
Richard & Gail Grabowski
Daniel Guetherman
Grant Guidry
Mary Gulla
Debbie Gutjahr
Douglas Hatch
Evelyn Hatch
Diane Helmetage
John J. Henderson
Patrick Hennessy
Denise Henry
Judy Herlihy
Cy Hill
Christine Hirsch
Jan & Drew Hohenstein
Maria & Siggy Honrychs
Michael Honrychs
Bob Horn
Patty Kalck Jackman
Marianne Jacobs
Robert Jacobs
Neil Johnson
Barbara Keeley
Grace Kelly
Katherine Kennedy
Vera Ann Kirk
Don Klingler
Julie Kramer
Gladys LaLena
George LaMarra

Carol Lee
Kate Lee
Sophia Marie Lewis
Sarah Leyden
Audrey Liebler
Lillian Lovenduski
Morgan Lowe
Marie Malloy
Stephen Malloy
John Manes Jr.
Montanna Marchesani
Loretta Martinelli
Rosa McDermott
Michael McDonald
Paul McElroy
Elizabeth McHenry
Savannah McSorley
David Miller
Kaitlyn Miller
Lorraine Moore
Joan Morris
Karyn Mumma
Arlene Murphy
Joel Nicoletto
Clyde O'Brien
Maria O'Brien
Grant O'Neill & Anna
Chris O'Rourke
Catherine Oswald
Edward, John Ottenthal
Baby Paisley
Catherine Perkins
Denise Petti
Meghan Pflanz
Roseanne Pirolo
Glenn, Shannon Pliszczyk
Frank Power
Diana Prichard
Matthew Prichard
Rich Rago
Bea Raiker
Quinn Rathjen
LaTania Redd
Margaret Renzi
Frankie Rooney
John Ross
Kelli Rotundo
John, Peggy Sachs

Arlene Scutte
Rose Shaves
Sammy and Sophia
Amelia Sabol
Frank Santilli
John Sesko
Krista Sheehan
Liam Alexander Sherwood
Kathleen Siedlecki
Charles Siedlecki
Alec Silovitz
Barbara Smith
Dawn & Harry Smith & Family
Karin Snoen
Sylvia Stanton
Logan Stepler
Wayne Stepler
Dorothy Mae Stevens
Michele Stigben
Christina Sturgis
Helen Swanson
Jason, Robyn Talucci
Brielle Taylor
Diane Taylor
Peter & Michelle Taylor
Elizabeth Tees
Patricia Tighe
Victor Torres
Willie Torres
Frances Turner
Heidi Valery
Donna Vancanti
Joseph VanDyke
Wagy Family
Kathy Watkins
Lorraine Walser
Joyce Walsh
Sr. Patricia Mary Walsh, O.P.
Baby Lucas Watkins
Minnie Wheeler
Thelma Wichrowski
Catherine Welsler
David Wenck
Joanne Wescott
Thomas Woodward
Colleen Yaniak
Baby April Yost
Cassia Zulueta



Please pray for those who have continued on their journey to the Kingdom of God:

Deborah Daniel, Clara Izzo, John Miller,
Theodore Jasper Sr., Elsie O'Leary



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Catholic Christian Community:

Alaina Grace Hamilton
Layla Rose Hamilton

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH (Revised 2/21/17)

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| 3/4-5 4:00 PM EMs | (1) B. Tresca, C. Reilly (2) P. Tresca, S. Markiewicz L. Sabato, M. Sabato | 8:00 AM | (1) K. Johnson, W. Piatek (2) J. Martin, D. Fox B. Davis, Need 1 | 9:30 AM | (1) J. Eddis, C. Mitchell (2) C. McCullough, F. Mitchell F. Andringa, Need 1 | 11:30 AM | (1) T. Powers, S. Leyden (2) T. Brisbin, M. Leyden J. Gillespie, Need 2 |
| Lectors | K. Talucci, A. Spinosi | Lectors | L. Bunoza, J. Rigolizzo | Lectors | T. Alibrando, G. Covone | Lectors | B. Handy, B. Hoag |
| Altar | F. Spinosi (MC), D. Kehoe | Altar | M. Millenbach (MC), | Altar | No. Covone (MC), E. Hess | Altar | O. Horan (MC), S. Bradley |
| Servers | J. & C. Erickson | Servers | S & A Millenbach, B. Johnson | Servers | Na. and S. Covone | Servers | N. Marino, S. Gillespie |
| Music | Liz | Music | Terry, Linda | Music | Rich | Music | Tony D. |
| 3/11-12 4:00 PM EMs | (1) G. Grabowski, B. Tresca (2) A. Cullin, A. Martini M. & R. Fahringer Need 1 | 8:00 AM | (1) D. Fox, M. Werner (2) B. Davis, L. Bunoza J. & C. Kohler | 9:30 AM | (1) P. Miller, D. Quinn (2) C.. Sheridan, Need 1 R. & S. Tartamosa | 11:30 AM | (1) C. Codario, T. Brisbin (2) L. Tartaglia, J. Ralston Need 2 |
| Lectors | J. McKay, P. Tresca | Lectors | M. Mathew, A. Mathew | Lectors | C. McCullough, C. Katkocin | Lectors | A. Marchesani, R. Voltaire |
| Altar | Z. Dean (MC), D. Kehoe | Altar | E. Pallante (MC), T. Mathew | Altar | M. Tees (MC), | Altar | S. Bradley (MC), N. Garcia |
| Servers | M. & A. Lewellan | Servers | J. & C. Erickson | Servers | J., A., & H. Carty | Servers | N. Marino, S. McGarvey |
| Music | Vicky, Liz | Music | Lynne, Stephanie | Music | Contemporary | Music | Adult Choir |
| 3/18-19 4:00 PM EMs | (1) L. Sabato, B. Bansch (2) M. Sabato, G. Grabowski A. Martini, Need 1 | 8:00 AM | (1) C. Kohler, S. Markiewicz (2) J. Kohler, Need 1 K. Johnson, A. Primo | 9:30 AM | (1) C. Mitchell, P. Miller (2) F. Mitchell, Need 1 B. Hansen, D. Quinn | 11:30 AM | (1) C. Warrington, S. Leyden (2) S. Rosenbaum, C. Codario L. Tartaglia, Need 2 |
| Lectors | B. Piontkowski, K. Nicoletta K. Talucci (gospel) | Lectors | J. Hill, J. Rigolizzo L. Bunoza (gospel) | Lectors | C. Rainey, C. McCullough J. Eddis (gospel) | Lectors | B. Handy, A. Mitchell M. Leyden (gospel) |
| Altar | M. Lewellan (MC), Z. Holland | Altar | M. McPeak (MC), A. McKeon | Altar | D. Visco (MC), C. Sweeney | Altar | O. Horan (MC), T. Morovich |
| Servers | A. Lewellan, M. Michaelis | Servers | J. McPeak, R. Kurtz | Servers | J. Salvatore, B. Ferrick | Servers | J. & C. Taylor |
| Music | Tony D. | Music | Rich, Steven | Music | Theresa, Liz | Music | Vicky, Cindy |



St. Simon Stock Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society

SISTER ROSALIE RENDU'S FEAST DAY IS IN FEBRUARY. She's an example of how one person can make a difference. Sister Rosalie Rendu (1786-1856) was a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris, France. She educated poor children, cared for infants, supported the elderly, served the poor in their homes and supervised young working girls. She mentored Frederic Ozanam and the first members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Her insight in serving the poor was "Be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor. They will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you can bring to them." You can make a difference, too!

We invite you to join us by volunteering your time and talent. Contact us at 856-767-7391 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 11 AM and 3 PM. You are also welcome to come into our Food Pantry and Thrift Store at 157 W. WHP, Berlin during those same hours. Thrift Store and Donation Door hours include Saturdays 10 AM – 1 PM as well as 10 AM to 3 PM on the days listed above.

Statement of Contributions Tax Year 2016

Please call Sue at the parish office at 856-767-2563 (ext. 300), or email sueolmcrectory@comcast.net and leave your name, address and phone number if you wish to have a statement of your contributions for the year 2016. Thank you!

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/17 through 12/31/17), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, June 18th at 3:00 pm Mass** in Glassboro, at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available at all parish offices. Registration deadline is **May 26, 2017**. For more information please contact your parish office.



FREE Early Morning PRAYER and YOGA

Wednesday Mornings 6:30 AM

Parish Meeting Center (former Preschool entrance)

Men and Women ~ All Fitness Levels

No prior yoga experience necessary. Simply bring a yoga mat and join us! Call Sue at 856-685-3638.



St. Simon Stock PARISH LIBRARY

We are happy to announce the opening of our **St. Simon Stock Parish Library** located in the Parish Meeting Center. You are invited to come and take a peek at the large selection of inspirational, whimsical, spiritual and theological books available. Hours are: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 12pm – 2 pm.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY

Divorce and Beyond is a seminar/support group for those who are separated and have made the decision to divorce or have gone through a divorce. Our 12 WEEK program will be held in the parish center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 -9:00 PM beginning on March 1, 2017 at Our Lady of Peace Parish (St. Mary's Church) 32 Carroll Ave., Williamstown, NJ. A \$20 registration fee will cover the cost of the seminar and materials. For more information, please call Debbie: 856-881-4133.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Mrs. Bea Raiker 856-767-2563 or broimc@comcast.net

"FOLLOW ME"

Youth Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 12th at 8 PM



The "Follow Me" Stations of the Cross is a Gothic Re-enactment of the final steps of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We follow these 14 steps as we follow Jesus' call to discipleship. We are all Disciples of Jesus and this presentation is an expression of our love and reverence for our Lord.

Join us in prayer and song.

Join our journey.

Join our call as we respond to Jesus' words:

"Follow Me".

Please come to an informational meeting and support us in the effort: Sunday nights in the Parish Meeting Center 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Directors: Young Adults, College & High School
Readers: 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades
Junior Choir: 2nd through 8th Grades
Presenters: 7th, 8th, & High School
Adults Moderators

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Christian J. McGlinchey (856) 506-2775 or via email at mcglinchc5@students.rowan.edu

YOUTH/"FOLLOW ME" SCHEDULE

February 26 Youth/ "Follow Me" 6:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Spring Open House - Wednesday, March 8th, 6-8pm

We are also selling Mega 50/50 tickets. They are \$5.00, winner will be announced at our Annual Red and White Celebration. Please contact SJHS Advancement office for tickets. 609-561-8700 x108

The Red and White Celebration will be on Saturday, March 25th from 6:00pm - 11:30pm at Tropicana Atlantic City. Tickets are \$100 dollars and include: one hour cocktail hour, sit down dinner, complimentary valet or self parking, 3 complimentary bottles of wine per table, and complimentary entrance to Boogie Night. Join us for a night of dinner, dancing, cash bar, silent auction, and grand prizes! Visit our website at www.stjoek12.org to purchase tickets and more information on discounted room rate.

DYC'17

THIRTING FOR HOME

Dyc'17 Do you Thirst? Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to the DYC or Diocesan Youth Congress for teen leaders on Sunday, May 19, 2017 at Christ the Redeemer Parish in Atco. This day-long event provides teens an opportunity to hone Christian leadership skills to live our faith in a way that will challenge and change the world. The schedule includes inspiring prayer, leadership sessions and dynamic national speakers. Contact Mrs. Raiker at 856-767-2575 or email her at broimc@comcast.net for registration forms and information.

Leadership Presentations by

Greg Wasinski and Carrie Ann Ford

Greg Wasinski has quickly become one of the freshest and most compelling voices in the Church to help others find faith in the real world while once again understanding the beauty of why they believe what they believe. Greg is an internationally recognized, Catholic Christian Inspirational Speaker and Author from Cleveland, OH. He also offers his radio talents as a daily contributor of Sirius XM Radio's The Catholic Channel with his "Faith & Real Life Moments."

Carrie Ann Ford is a dynamic singer, songwriter, presenter and teacher, who has been sharing her message of God's unfailing love with audiences across the globe for nearly 20 years. Carrie spent seven years touring the United States, Europe and East Africa using drama and music to communicate the awesome, healing, saving power of God in her life.

The Office of Vocations &
the Knights of Columbus Present:

I Race 4 VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Williamstown High/Middle School Complex

Outdoor Mass (1pm)

5 K Run (3pm)

1 mile walk

Free picnic



Change for Change

Paul VI students will be collecting change on Sunday, March 26, 2017 to support Mali Health in West Africa. How: by using the change to make change in the lives of our friends in Bamako, Mali, West Africa. Phone cards will keep Mali Health professionals in contact with their hospital to better serve those in the most remote areas surrounding Mali Health. And 50 cents will allow all to be tested for Malaria. The students from our *Play Like A Champion Today* organization will be collecting after the 8am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am Mass on March 26th, 2017.

STEWARDSHIP

UPCOMING EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP

Stewards Serve God

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." Matthew 6:24

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution—live **Stewardship** by becoming more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 19, 2017

Sunday Collection: \$ 9,733.00

Electronic Giving: \$ 1,330.50

Capital Needs: \$ 1,501.00

Electronic Giving: \$ 262.50

Poor Box: \$ 263.00

Candles: \$ 207.00

Your support of the 2017 *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal* ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching and redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ throughout Southern New Jersey.

Your gift matters.

"Encounter the Living God"

Support the 2017 *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal*
www.camdendiocese.org/hoc

To date we have raised \$ **56,074.00** or **47.5%** towards our House of Charity goal of **\$117,969.93** from **136 families** for an **average gift** of \$ **412.30**. If you have not yet made a gift to the House of Charity, please consider doing so. Pledge cards are available in the back of Church.

Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection

On Ash Wednesday, March 1st, the Diocese of Camden will take up a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be as generous as your means allow for the Ash Wednesday Collection.

Catholic Missions Among the Black and Native Americans Collection

Next weekend, March 5th, our parish will take up the 132nd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Reach Out Ministry New Phone Request Line!!

Please help us make someone's day a bit brighter! A team of **Reach Out** helpers are in place to write a little care note to those in our parish who need a bright moment in their day. If you are aware of a person who is feeling down, lonely, sick, facing surgery or just needs a happy hello, please contact The Reach Out Ministry at 856-767-2563 ext. 307. Be sure to leave the person's name and address. **Please specify if you are calling regarding having a card sent and/or placing a name on the prayer list in the bulletin.** Through care and compassion we are hoping to reach out and lift up parishioners who need a hug of the heart. Email: sajolmc@comcast.net or call 856-767-2563.

BERLIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL FASHION SHOW

Berlin Community School's annual Fashion Show will be held at Lucien's on March 9th, 2017. Tickets are \$40. Tickets go on sale starting Monday, January 30th. For tickets please contact Casey Buchanan at 856-770-4534.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is now being played in the school gym. If you are interested to learn more about the game we will be in the gym this Sunday at 4:30pm. Stop by and see what the fastest growing game in America is all about. For more information you can contact John Watkins at 856-905-4523 or email at johnpb16@comcas.net.

ZUMBA

Get fit AND help support our parish! The money ZUMBA has raised in the past 7 years has helped with the purchase of a defibrillator for the church, new Church doors, having the pews reupholstered, and our new electric piano!

So come join our ZUMBA classes!

Where: OLMC School Gym

When: Tuesday nights from 7 – 8 pm

Cost: \$6 per class – or buy a punch card for

10 classes (\$60) and get 2 classes for free.

There are no long term commitments. Come whenever the mood strikes you!!! For more info call Vicky @ 609-707-5114 or email: vsigwart@comcast.net.

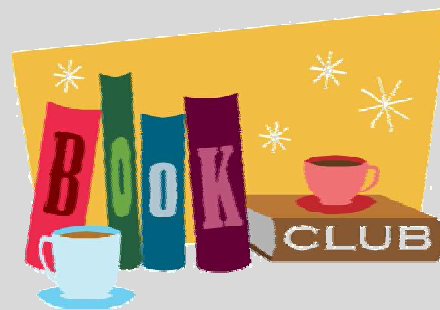
Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for healing after abortion

Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and will help your soul find a voice, and transform the pain of the past into hope. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" which combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion on: **April 7 – 9, 2017**. This retreat will be held in **Doylestown, PA**. For more information call Evelyn at 215-317-5752 or email evelynwalsh59@gmail.com.

LENT 2017

COFFEE CONVERSATION Book Club

Some books find us at just the right time, and those books change our lives forever. Rediscover Jesus is one of those books.



For Lent, are you giving up coffee? or chocolate? or Jesus?

“Jesus?” you ask. Yes, good ol’ Jesus! Sometimes during Lent we focus too much on what we can’t have or can’t do and we kind of forget about Jesus—the reason why we do special things for Lent. **So for just 6 brief weeks, come REDISCOVER JESUS!**

Rediscover Jesus works like this: there are 40 chapters. Each chapter is short—just two or three pages; and each chapter begins with a great and inspiring message such as: *God has a mighty, awesome, wonderful transformation in mind for you.*

And at the end of each chapter, the author, **Matthew Kelly**, offers a Point to Ponder, a Verse to Live, a Question to Consider, and a Prayer.

Becoming the person that God created you to be is not some joyless enterprise, something barely tolerable and best postponed. St. Augustine once prayed, “Lord, make me pure—but not yet.” You, though? You have an opportunity to reach out to God, to embrace his great gift of holiness, right now! Don’t be afraid: Do it. Matthew writes: **“You are holding this book in your hand at this very moment for a reason. I don’t know what God has in store for you, but I am excited for you.”**

About the author: **Matthew Kelly** is an internationally acclaimed speaker and bestselling author. His books have been published in 25 languages, have appeared on the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestseller lists, and have sold in excess of 20,000,000 copies. **Matthew’s writing is legendary for being clear, upbeat and true!**

Our book, Rediscover Jesus, is **FREE for you!** Your **FREE** book can be picked up **in the back of church** after all Masses on **February 18th & 19th**. A limited number of books will also be available during the week of February 19th in our Parish Offices Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

GATHERING SCHEDULE: Mondays afternoons from 1:00-2:30pm **OR** Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm.

Please read the sited chapters **prior to** the gathering date:

March 6 – Prologue through chapter 5

March 13 – chapter 6 through 12

March 20 – chapter 13-19

March 28 – chapter 20-26 (note this is a **Tuesday** due to our Seder on March 27)

April 3 – chapter 27-33

April 10 – chapter 34-40

Hope to REDISCOVER JESUS with you!



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Archangel Council 7429

• 178 W. White Horse Pike • Berlin, New Jersey 08009

PASTA DINNER

DATE: Saturday, March 4th, 2017

TIME: 5:30 pm dinner served to ???

PLACE: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Gym, 178 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin

PRICE: Children infant to 4 years = FREE

Children 6 years to 12 years = \$6.00

13 years and up = \$12.00

B.Y.O.B.

50/50s

Door Prizes

Take Outs

Live Entertainment by local talent, John McFadden

Food Network, 2014 Chopped Champion, Lily Nichols will be helping in the Kitchen

Pasta, Meat Balls (with homemade gravy!!!), Salads, Rolls, Butter, Soda, Coffee, Juice, Water, Desserts,

For reserving tickets call 609-280-6547 or email Richard.cattell000@gmail.com with headcount of tickets needed. Tickets may be purchased at the door on March 4th!!!!

PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO HOUSE OF CHARITY (BISHOPS APPEAL)

Thanks to our supporters/ donors to date:





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| <h1>MARCH</h1> | | | | | | |
| 5 LENT 1 <i>Catholic Missions Among Black & Native Americans</i> Rite of Election—Our Lady Of Hope, Blackwood PMC – RCIA, 8:30-11:30a H – FF – 10:30-11:30am H – AA – 12Noon-6:00pm H – Pickleball, 6:30-9 pm PMC-Youth Group, 6:30p | 6 School-Iowa Tests PMC-Lent Book Club 1:00-2:30 & 7-8:30p H - FF- 4:30-5:30p H-AA-Tournaments 6:00 – 9:00 PM | 7 School-Iowa Tests H – AA –6:00-9:00p (Tournaments) H – Zumba, 7:00 pm | 1 Ash Wednesday Masses: 8am,9am,7p Services: 12N, 4:30p Prayer /Yoga, PMC 6:30a Adoration, Novena & Bened. Rectory Chapel, 8:30am-5pm PMC – Bible Study, 9:00-11:00 am <i>Church in East. Europe</i> <i>Collection</i> | 2 Spring Oaks Communion Service, 10a H –AA–5:00-10:00 pm PMC – KofC Business Mtg., 7:00 pm C – Choir Practice, 7p | 3 H – Pickleball, 6:00-9:00 pm C – Stations, 7 pm | 4 H – K of C Pasta Dinner, 5:30pm - ??  <i>Catholic Missions</i> <i>Among Black & Native</i> <i>Americans Collection</i> |
| 12 LENT 2 <i>Remember to</i> <i>"Spring" Ahead!!!</i> PMC – RCIA, 8:30-11:30a H – FF – 10:30-11:30am H – AA – 12:30-2:00 pm H – Pickleball, 2 – 5 pm PMC-Youth Group, 6:30p | 13 PMC-Lent Book Club 1:00-2:30 & 7-8:30p H - FF- 4:30-5:30p H-AA-5:00-10:00pm | 14 H – AA –5:00-10:00p H – Zumba, 7:00 pm | 15 Prayer & Yoga, 6:30p Adoration, Novena & Benediction, Rectory Chapel, 8:30am-5 pm NO Bible Study H – Pickleball, 6:00-9:00 pm | 16 Spring Oaks Mass 10:00 am H – AA–5:00-10:00p PMC – K of C Meeting 7:00 pm | 17 OLMC Sch. closed  H – AA-5:00-10:00p C – Stations, 7 pm | 18 SVDP Food Bank H – Pickleball, 9:30am-12Noon H – AA-12:30-4:00p K of C Citizens with Disabilities Drive |
| 19 LENT 3 SVDP Food Bank PMC – RCIA, 8:30-11:30a H – FF – 10:30-11:30am H – AA – 12:30-2:00 pm H – Pickleball, 2 – 5 pm PMC-Youth Group, 6:30p K of C Citizens with Disabilities Drive | 20 PMC-Lent Book Club 1:00-2:30 & 7-8:30p H - FF- 4:30-5:30p H-AA-6:00-10:00pm | 21 H – Diocesan Principals' Mtg., 8:00 am – 3:00 pm H – AA –5:00-10:00p H – Zumba, 7:00 pm | 22 Prayer & Yoga, 6:30p Adoration, Novena & Benediction, Rectory Chapel, 8:30am-5 pm PMC – Bible Study, 9:00-11:00 am H – AA-5:00-10:00p | 23 Spring Oaks Communion Service, 10a H – Pickleball, 6-9pm POB – SVDP Conference Membership Mtg., 7pm | 24 OLMC Sch. closed PMC/H/School – Diocesan Teachers' Mtg., 8am- 2:30pm H –AA-5:00-10:00p C – Stations, 7pm | 25 PMC – Pre-Cana 8:00 am-2:30 pm H – Pickleball, 9:30am-4:30pm Catholic Relief Services collection |
| 26 LENT 4 <i>Cath. Relief Serv. collection</i> PMC-RCIA, 8:30-11:30a H-FF –10:30-11:30am C, PMC-Memorial Mass for Fr. Robert Dunphy PMC-Youth Gr., 6:30pm | 27 H - FF- 4:30-5:30p SEDER MEAL 6:30pm in Hall  | 28 PMC-Lent Book Club 1:00-2:30 & 7-8:30p H – AA –5:00-10:00p H – Zumba, 7:00 pm | 29 Prayer & Yoga, 6:30p Adoration, Novena & Benediction, Rectory Chapel, 8:30am-5 pm PMC – Bible Study, 9:00-11:00 am H – Wine Down Wed. Art Night, 6pm | 30 Spring Oaks Communion Service, 10a H – Pickleball, 6:00-9:00 pm | 31 C – Stations, 7 pm |  |