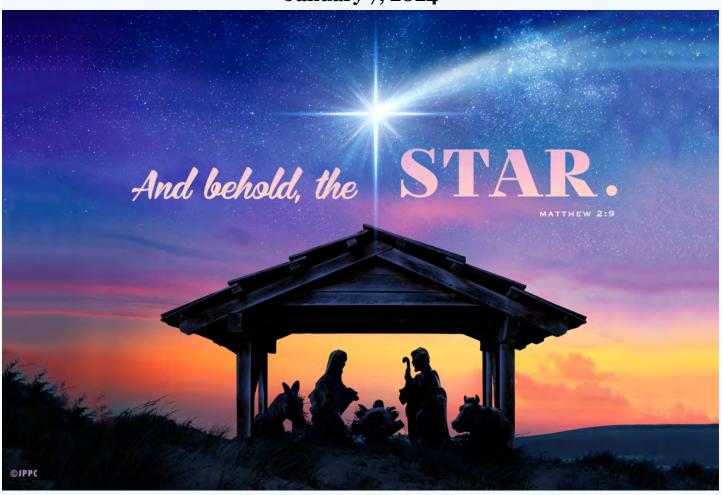
The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024



St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. Míguel Vírella, SVD, Pastor Fr. Carlos Castílla, Parochíal Vícar

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon 5PM in Spanish

Daily Masses

Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after Daily Masses

Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass on Saturdays)

Devotions and Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Masses on Wednesdays Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after 7:30 AM Mass. Benediction at 10:45 AM

1st Fridays Spanish Adoration beginning at 7 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and 11 AM Masses

Rectory Office 732-449-6364

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Religious Education	Ext. 105
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	Ext. 105
Weddings	Ext. 100

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Altar Rosary Society	732-528-6948
Bereavement Ministry	718-637-1162
CYO	732-685-6011
Music Ministry	908-415-0212
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† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8

7:30 AM

† Dr. James Cashman by Ginny Murphy 11:00 AM

† Benjamin Bartomiejczyk, Jr. by the Babbitt Family † Sandra Stallone by the Graves Family

Tuesday, January 9

7:30 AM

† Ronald Knepper by Family

11:00 AM

† Betty Geiger by John & Maria Checton

Wednesday, January 10

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family

11:00 AM

† Lorraine Sullivan by the Wall Family

Thursday, January 11

7:30 AM

† James Bogan by Linda Rosa

11:AM

† John, Edward & Denis Donahue by Caroline Donahue † Mary Theresa Ford by John & Maryanne Greene

Friday, January 12

7:30 AM

† Philomena Tortoriello by Family

11:00 AM

† Dr. James Cashman by John & Maryanne Greene

Saturday, January 13

7:30 AM

† John Parkhill by Family

4:30 PM

† Michael Passafume by Jim & Joleen Lemke DeBlock Family by Maureen Burch † Jillian Ludwig by Colleen Furniss

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM

People of the Parish

10:00 AM

† Jillian Ludwig by the Cortese Family † Allen Jordan by Gerrie Tierney † Thomas J. Janunkas by Pat & Joe Casey

12 Noon

† Edward Joseph Sciaba by Lisa Nyahay † Cecilia Jordan Holle by Margaret & Richard McLaughlin 5:00 PM

† Ismael Alejandrez by Family

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St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry: Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM at St. Mark's. Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information. All are welcome!





The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold

him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

Please join us on Friday's immediately after the 7:30 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 10:45 AM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.



Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule January 13/14, 2024							
Celebrant	Fr. Miguel	Fr. Miguel	Fr. Carlos	Fr. Miguel			
Readers	Tom Malloy	Robert Cavazini	Todd Leonhardt	Peggy Hardiman			
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Checton Anthony Granato Lynn Jelliff	Robert Cavazini Anna Nuzzi Pat Scatuorchio	Richard Norris Jim Sheridan Minister Needed	Maria Checton Debbie Dunn Helen Hopkins			
Ushers	Anthony Granato, Walter Henry, Joe Walsh	Pat Ahern, Leo Hurley, Bob O'Neill, Glenn Skola	Rich Siderko, Jim Sheridan	Richard DeGroote, Howard Flood			

Please pray for our sick: Raymond Burghart, Henry Bossett, Robert Coogan, Donovan Leso, Kirra Gibson, Paul Shea, Patrick Esposito, Mary McCarthy, Marilyn Bird, Kevin Hamilton, Lorraine Ciemniecki, Laurie Langell Syby, Vivian Wilson, Gloria Cancellieri, Joan Cantley, Marybeth

Richards, Millie Abraham, Caitlin Wason, Brian Nall, Marilyn Woerner, Nancy O'Neill, Steven VanWickle, Clement Bramley, Steve Adcox, Lester Wolf, Jeremy Pavlich, Joan Langlois, Linda Ryan, Danny Suskenich, Bob Patrignelli, Teresa Corcoran, John Cinciarelli, Michael Sheridan, Erik Rofi, Dr. William Burns, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Ken Hauck.

Please Note: Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

† James Bogan

May the angels lead you into paradise.

If you recently changed your address, email address or phone number, please let us know so we can update our records. Thank you!



Readings for the Week January 7, 2024

Monday, January 8, 2024 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2 -3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11, 2024 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2024 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2024 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14, 2024 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42.



Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

The collection total for December 23/24, 2023 \$14,196.

The collection total for December 31, 2023/January 1, 2024 \$11,682.



Some Thoughts for January, 2024 by Marge Loenser

A happy and blessed New Year to all! How did 2023 slip by so quickly? For some reason the words of an old song, sung by the "Hilltoppers" circa 1954, keep running through my brain: "Time waits for no one, it passes you by; It rolls on forever, like the clouds in the sky. Time waits for no one, it goes endlessly, it flows like a river, going out to the sea...."

January starts us out with the feast of Mary, mother of God. A fitting beginning to this new year. As St. Mother Theresa said, "No Mary--no Jesus." Bless and protect us this new year Holy Mother--keep us under your mantle of love.

On the 7th we have the Epiphany of the Lord. "We three kings of orient are, bearing gifts we travel Afar..." How we love the story of the three wise men coming to Bethlehem to honor the new Baby King, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. God calls all people to Himself. He is not prejudiced. He came to save all mankind. Praise and thank You, Baby Jesus!

On the 8th, Jesus shows us His complete humility by

being baptized by John in the Jordan. John says, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered "Let it be so now for it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness (Matt 3: 14-15) Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine!

We all know the story of the conversion of St. Paul. (celebrated on the 28th) He was knocked to the ground and blinded by the resurrected Jesus. "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" (Acts: 9) Paul being a devout Pharisee, was on his way to Damascus chasing down the followers of Jesus. He thought he was avenging God by eradicating what he believed to be heresy. He was rounding up and sometimes killing these followers of Jesus, after he recovered his sight he was told the story of Jesus, being the Messiah, and with time and the help of the apostles, he became probably the best evangelist of all time; traveling the ancient world spreading the news of salvation. St. Paul pray for us.

Thank you Lord for all the saints we celebrate this January. May they intercede for us in our needs.

Let us pray for all who are suffering serious illness and for those of us, like myself and my family, who pray each day for a miracle healing for our loved one who seems beyond medical help. "God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. However, we never cease asking God for miracles. I recall Jesus' story about the woman who pestered the judge until he --worn out by her begging-agreed to grant her wish. (Luke 18: 1-8) Sweet Jesus, hear our prayers and Jesus help us to accept your Holy Will, whatever the outcome. Amen

Join us on the 19th after the 11am mass for the Rosary for Life.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

On Friday, January 19, 2024, St. Mark's Church will present a ROSARY FOR LIFE, sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society following the 11 AM Mass. Inspirational

meditations of the joyful mysteries will be recited. We are doing this in conjunction with the National Right to Life March in Washington D.C.

CYO News by Mary Reilly

SAVE THE DATE!!!!



Pictured is a photo of last year's CYO Valentine's Day Walk for Hunger. All donations went to support Fulfill, Manasquan Food Bank, Missionaries of Charity Meals for the Homeless and Jersey Shore Rescue Mission. This year we are adding organizations which feed, clothe and house the child victims of human trafficking: Metanoia Manor (founded by Fr. Jeff Bayhi) and World Villages (Boys' Town and Girls' Town.) These organizations are run by Catholic religious sisters. We have scheduled our Walk for Sunday, February 11th. It will be dedicated this year to our precious Jillian who participated in all of our Hunger Walks. More details to come....

Our first month of CYO this new year will be focused on learning more about our Catholic faith. St. Paul said of faith: "Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for, and conviction about things we do not see." – from Hebrews' Chapter 11(highly recommended if you love exploring the true meaning of faith.)

Our CYO meeting this Sunday, January 7, will have a theme of faith including the faith that five young teenagers had in support of one friend who chose to give up drugs and another friend who chose life for her unborn child.

We will also do an exercise on "Random Acts of Kindness" and play some fun New Year's games. Please bring a friend and keep coming to CYO!!!!!!! It is not the same without you all there!!!!!!!!



Christmas Eve Pageant







Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

Dear Respect Life Friends,

A diverse community of the faithful of our diocese will come together once again on January 19 in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold. We sincerely hope you will consider joining us!

This 2nd annual **Standing Together for Life** day of events will consist of:

- Mass for Life with Bishop O'Connell to begin at 11 a.m. All are welcome, first-come first-serve seating Let's pack the Co-Cathedral!
- <u>Lunch & Seminar</u> from 12:30 3:30 pm, preregistration is required and seating is limited. Registrations are coming in fast now, so <u>act quickly</u> if you wish to attend!

This year, you will hear from an interdisciplinary panel of local experts offering valuable insights to help increase your ability to support pregnant moms and babies in your neighborhoods and to fight the deep seeded abortion culture in New Jersey. Our panelist will cover *pro-life advocacy* in NJ, *effective outreach* for challenging situations, proven *parish based collaborative approaches* and teaching the basics of *human dignity and God's plan for sexuality*.

If you're already registered, consider inviting some others from your parish who are involved in social concerns, St. Vincent de Paul, Food pantry, K of C, Altar Rosary, etc – collaboration between ministries has proven to be very effective in improving outreach to local vulnerable pregnant moms in our local NJ communities.

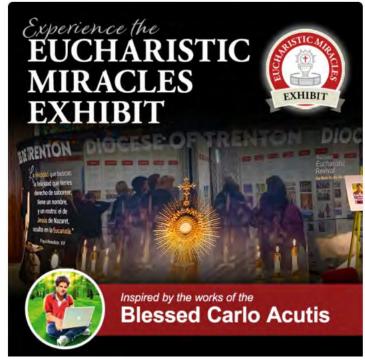
Full details for *Standing Together for Life* events, including the registration link for the Lunch Seminar may be found by visiting <u>dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life</u>, which can also be found using the QR code below.

For questions, kindly contact our administrative assistant, Belem Perez 609-403-7133 bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Building a culture of life is the work of the whole church and each of us play a unique role. Thank you for your efforts and for standing together with us for life.

We hope to see you on January 19!





The Eucharistic Miracle Display will be in St. Denis Church in Manasquan, NJ on January 15-30, 2024.

For more information, click or visit

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (dioceseoftrenton.org)

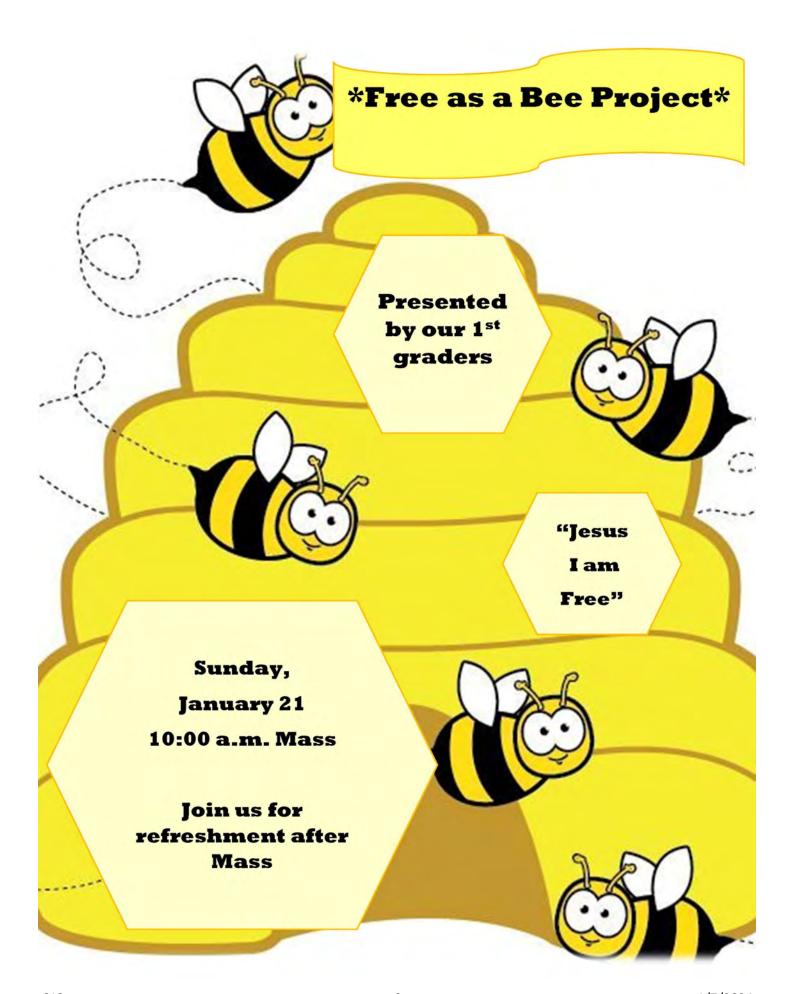


THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse

allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or e-mail abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Parish Mission Statement: We, the Parish Family of St. Mark's in our quest to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are building a faith-based community that assists all people in life's journey to be open to God's love and to share His joy. We are further committed to address the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of all people through service to individuals, families, parish and the greater community. As responsible stewards using our individual gifts, we promise to celebrate, renew and strengthen our faith, and to live our lives as a reflection of Christ's love for others. St. Mark's is designated as a Center for Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Trenton.





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 6/7: Diocesan Collection. Thank you!

January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Rectory Office Closed.

January 17: Blood Drive. See page 8.

January 19: Rosary for Life, sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society following the 11 AM Mass.

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American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:00 PM-6:00 PM St. Mark's Church 215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt, NJ 08750

Appointments are needed. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

The Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton, Southern Monmouth Chapter, is beginning the 2023-24 academic year at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Sea Girt. The goal of the Holy Innocents Society is to bring all parishioners with developmental, cognitive and/or physical challenges into full participation in parish life. The Southern Monmouth Chapter meets weekly Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at St. Mark's Parish. The meetings include the celebration of six special seasonal masses throughout the academic year. Adults and young people with special needs who live in Southern Monmouth County and their family members are encouraged to join us as we pray, sing and celebrate our faith together. For details, contact Gina Lesniewski at 732-280-2451 or Joeandgina@optonline.net.

For more information on the Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton, you may click on this link: https://dioceseoftrenton.org/holy-innocents-society.

IT'S A CCD CONTEST

 Find out why baby Moses was put in a floating basket by his mommy and who discovered in the reeds.



2. A man named

Noah built an ark

and brought all the

animals onboard

two by two.

3.A young man named

Daniel gets thrown
into a den of very
hungry lions and lives!



4. What happens when two stepbrothers,
Jacob and Esau compete to be first? Hint: it aets very hairy!



what they want to do (built a sky-high tower) and reject what God asked them to do.

5. Find out what happens

of Babel decide to do

when people in the city

G. Young David wasn't the oldest, he wasn't the tallest and he wasn't the strongest. He was only a shepherd boy. But when God looked at David, He saw a king. Why?



7. How did wise King Solomon figure out which woman was the real mother to the baby both said was hers?

8. Three friends who love God with all their hearts are thrown into a fiery furnace by the Pharoah and what happens next will amaze you!



I would like to hear	this story	and have	my CCD	class
win special treats!				

Story #: _____ My Name: ____

Grade: ___

Give it to your CCD teacher. Only one entry per student. Winning student's class gets to hear the story read!



WHAT IS SOULCORE?

SOULCORE is a movement that combines core strengthening, stretching & functional exercises with the prayers of the rosary; a sensory experience combining candlelight, music, scripture, reflections & movement to nourish body, mind & soul and encourage deeper meditation on the mysteries & virtues of the rosary.

SoulCore is a movement all its own. It is not tied to or affiliated with any other exercise disciplines. SoulCore is not yoga, nor are yoga poses or Sanskrit referenced at any time.

SoulCore is an invitation to integrate body & soul in prayer, fully orienting the heart & mind toward Christ, while discovering the beauty of the rosary: A gentle, healing path to grow in virtue, interior peace & strength.

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Visit www.soulcore.com for more information.

Please note: We strongly recommend that you consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. By participating in the SoulCore experience you agree to do so at your own risk and assume all risk of injury to yourself.



To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother.

-- Saint Pope John Paul II



SCHEDULE

WHEN

Mondays, 9:00AM, beginning January 8, 2024

LOCATION / ZOOM LINK

St. Mark's Catholic Church (lower level) 215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt

WHAT TO BRING

Wear comfortable clothing and bring an exercise mat.

LEADER(S)

Cathy Kruse

CONTACT INFORMATION

email: catsoulcore@gmail.com Instagram: @shore_soulcore

Social Concerns Programs

Feeding the Hungry



Are you looking for an easy way to help those in need? Here's one way you can make a difference. St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry is resuming the Frozen Meals Program for the Center in Asbury Park which was discontinued due to the Covid pandemic. The Center in Asbury Park, Inc., is a volunteer-based New Jersey not-for-profit service organization, providing support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers since 1992.

The process is simple! Here's what to do:

- Pick up food trays and lids next to the kitchen refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's Church basement)
- Fill the trays with generous portions of food
- Label the tray lids with the contents and date of preparation
- Return the meals to the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall.

Please use only the trays provided.

St Mark's volunteers will deliver the meals to The Center for distribution to their clients.

Please contact Marybeth or Joe Walsh at 732 449-5656 with any questions. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Mercy Center UPDATE

THE MERCY CENTER IS NO LONGER ACCEPTING CLOTHING DONATIONS

Mercy Center has an URGENT need for diapers, sizes 3 and up, and baby wipes.

Also needed are: Coffee/Tea • Mayo Mustard • Ketchup • Deodorant • Toothpaste Toothbrushes•Soap.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Collecting Travel Size Toiletries



St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee is collecting travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs etc.) for delivery by volunteers to those in need in the Asbury Park area.

Containers are located at Church entrances. Thank you!



Ladies, join us in the new year!

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is more than a women's Bible study. WWP is a faith community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another as we walk on our faith journeys together. WWP is a safe place where you will discover authentic friendships and meaningful discussions, as your heart is transformed by the Word of God.

We gather on Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm or Wednesday afternoons, 12:30pm at the St. Denis Parish Center. Our next sessions start January 9th and 10th.

For more information and to register, go to www.wwpnjshore.com.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer: Spiritual direction, a one-on-one conversation with a spiritual director about God in your life, is always available. We offer the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on a monthly and weekly basis, many opportunities to learn and practice contemplative prayer, reading programs on St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite Saints, and contemporary writers.

For programs or to register call Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net or CLICK HERE.

St. Joseph By the Sea—Our programs are offered to enrich, renew and deepen one's interior communication with the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer, quiet and solitude. The scenic environment of the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay provides additional contemplative opportunity. Current brochure can be found on our website at www.sjbsea.org or CLICK HERE.

Study Theology at Georgian Court University!

All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available. New semester begins January 16, 2024. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu. We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.

If you are a parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you, please contact **the Rectory**, 732-449-6364 x100.

Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m.



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Hora: 4:00-5:00 PM

Fechas:

Enero 7 & 21 y Febrero 18 & 25

Contáctese con nosotros por cualquier pregunta. Desiree Berenguer Carton (973)703-3241 (español)

Christmas Eve Pageant

