

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2024



St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. Miguel Virella, SVD, Pastor

Fr. Miguel Valle, Parochial Vicar

Dr. Joseph V. Stillo, Deacon

Michael Keary, Deacon

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

Bulletin	Ext. 114
Religious Education	Ext. 105
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Weddings	Ext. 100

Ministries

Altar Rosary Society	732-528-6948
Bereavement Ministry	718-637-1162
CYO	732-685-6011
Music Ministry	908-415-0212
Rosary Makers	732-245-8405

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Please join us for

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

9:00 AM

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO COME TO GIVE THANKS TO
ALMIGHTY GOD FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS WHICH WE HAVE
RECEIVED AS FAMILIES, AS A COMMUNITY AND AS A NATION.

THERE WILL BE NO 7:30 AM OR 11 AM MASS

10:30 AM MASS IN SPANISH



**MY KINGDOM
DOES NOT
BELONG TO
THIS WORLD.**

JOHN 18:36



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Please pray for our sick: Marilyn Woerner, Barbara Peter, Ann Lehberger Joan Trutneff, Kevin Motzenbecker, Tom Ort, Kenneth Thorne, Mary Bogan, Peggy O'Brien, Patty Accavallo, Donna Brundage, Daniel DeSeno, Thomas Weeks, Jan Soriano, Nadine Piccolo, Patti & John Hillenbrand, Raymond Burghart, Joan Langlois, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Bruce Bogan, Sr.

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.

†Robert Coogan

May the angels lead you into paradise.



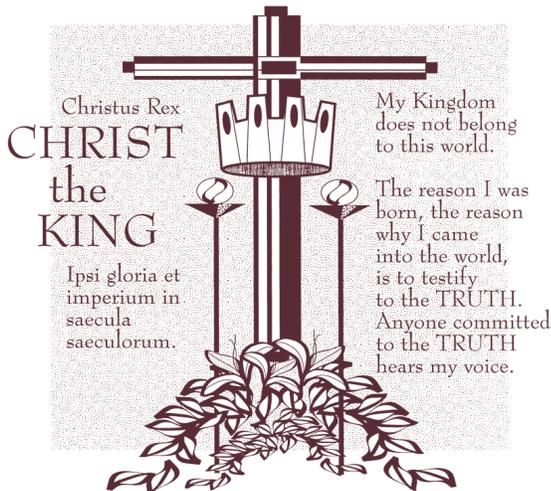
Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!

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 November 17, 2024 is \$10,615.



St. Mark's Church is wheelchair accessible. There is a ramp on the north side, and an elevator on the south side of the church. Handicapped parking is located in the driveway, the south side of the church, and in front of the church.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 24, 25, 26: No CCD classes.

Nov. 25: Rosary Makers will meet at 1pm in Fr. Child's Hall (Saint Mark's basement).

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am. See page 2.

Nov. 28 & 29: Happy Thanksgiving! Rectory office will be closed and will reopen on Monday, December 2.

Dec. 1: Family Advent Gathering & Breakfast with St. Nicholas. See page 14.

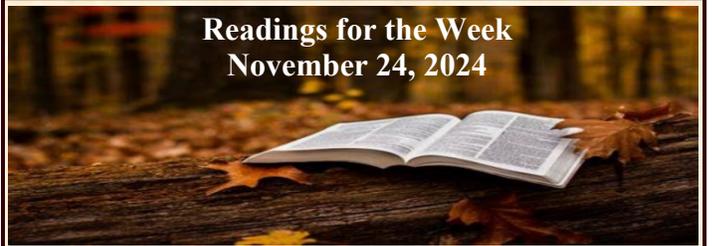
Dec. 2: Altar Rosary will meet after the 11am Mass. The Rosary will be recited & luncheon with music to follow. See below.

Dec. 3: St. Mark's Christmas Concert (bilingual). See page 11.

Dec. 7: Advent Retreat at St. Mark's Church. See page 6.

Dec. 10: Social Concerns Christmas Luncheon. See page 7.

Readings for the Week November 24, 2024



Monday Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Sir 50:22-24 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19

Friday Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6A and 8A Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22

Sunday Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36.



Rosary Makers will meet on **Monday, November 25th** at 1pm in Fr. Child's Hall (Saint Mark's basement). As always, we welcome anyone interested in making rosaries as well as our faithful Rosary Makers.

"Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her the Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother" (*Saint Padre Pio*).

Questions? Contact Maria at mgchecton@gmail.com or (732) 245-8405.

Altar Rosary Society will meet on **Monday, December 2nd** after the 11 am Mass. The Rosary will be recited afterward, followed by a luncheon and music with John Heiserman and Frank Banafato.



† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, November 25

7:30 AM

- † Carol Treger by Estate
- † Colette Casey by Estate

11:00 AM

- † N. John Lombardi by Peggy & Jim O'Brien
- † Michael & Valerie Minnefor by White Family
- † Glendon Bell by St. Marks Parish

Tuesday, November 26

7:30 AM

- † Ted Zeller by Estate
- † Fred Marshall by Family
- Private Intention

11:00 AM

- † Joseph Funfar by Dr. & Mrs. Philip Passalacqua
- † John Cunningham by Margaret Cunningham

Wednesday, November 27

7:30 AM

- † Dorothy Wright by Family

11:00 AM

- † Albert S. Napolitano by Albert A. Napolitano & Linda McKeon
- † Ellen & Peter O'Day by Patrice O'Day
- † Elizabeth Brek by Barbara Souders & Family

Thursday, November 28

9:00 AM

- † George O'Neil by Family
- † Lorraine Ciemniecki by Lepri Family
- † Erin & Richard O'Day by Patrice O'Day

Friday, November 29

7:30 AM

- † Phyllis Blaine by Estate
- White Family & Babies by Family

11:00 AM

- † Ron Langell by Family
- † Helen G. Martin by William & Maria Pyontek
- † Jillian Ludwig by Zuna Family

Saturday, November 30

7:30 AM

- † Philomena Tortoriello by Linda Rosa
- † Fred Marshall by Family

4:30 PM

- † Christine Frauenheim by Frauenheim Family
- † John Henry by Theresa M. Henry
- † Glenn Bell by Joanne & Michael Ryan

Sunday, December 1

8:00 AM

People of the Parish

10:00 AM

- † Jillian Ludwig by Cortese Family
- † Frank Schaedel by Linda Rosa
- † Lois Lowry by Ed & Judy Blaha

12 Noon

- † Mario Gentile by John & Maryanne Greene
- † Virginia Konefal by Mae (Swidrak) Skola & Family

5:00 PM

- † Gilma Garcia by Family



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!

Parish Giving
simple secure convenient

Who: You, the parishioners of St. Mark's Church
What: The St. Mark's Church online giving program
Where: www.stmarksagirt.com
When: Anytime, anywhere, 24/7
How: Online Giving is as easy as picking pumpkins in the fall!

Give Now! Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy secure online giving. Thank you!

Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.

Mercy Center UPDATE!

PLEASE NOTE: The Mercy Center is no longer accepting clothing donations; however, there is an urgent need for canned soup.



Additional items needed are:

Diapers, size 4 and larger, and baby wipes, Coffee/tea, Mayo, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing.

Thank you for your support in helping our community!

**Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule
November 30/December 1, 2024**

	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Miguel		Pat Wright	Maria Checton Anthony Granato Jack Wright	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Miguel		Marie Behnken	Dan Crimmins Rose Crimmins Minister Needed	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Valle		Todd Leonhardt	Don McLaughlin Mary McLaughlin Jim Sheridan	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Miguel		Jim Welsh	Helen Hopkins Molly McCauley Minister Needed	Richard DeGroot Howard Flood

Because of our printer's early deadlines for our winter bulletins, please email all bulletin articles to cindy@stmarkseagirt.com by the following dates:

- December 8th Bulletin by Monday, November 25th.
- December 15th Bulletin by Wednesday, December 4th.
- December 22nd Bulletin by Tuesday, December 10th.
- December 29th Bulletin by, Friday, December 13th.
- January 5th Bulletin by, Tuesday, December 17th.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Church
For more information or concert tickets visit www.stmichaelnj.com.

Create Messages With Chalk
In Front Of Your Luminary!

Let's light up the town of Manasquan in remembrance!

Chalk will be available at information table in front of Manasquan Lighting on Main Street



Light a Life
Walk of Remembrance
TO BENEFIT COMMON GROUND GRIEF CENTER



DATE: Saturday, November 30th, 2024
Raindate December 7th, 2024
WHERE: 107 Main Street, Manasquan
TIME: Between 4pm-8pm
DONATION FOR LUMINARY: \$10.00

WHAT IS IT? Purchase a luminary in memory or honor of a special person. We will include the name of that person on the luminary. Luminaries will be lit and displayed along Main Street in Manasquan. Stroll the town anytime between the hours of 4-8pm.



Sponsored By **MANASQUAN BANK**

Three easy ways to order luminaries:

1. Online at: <https://commongroundgriefcenter.ejoinme.org/LAL2024>
2. Make a check payable to Common Ground and mail to: Common Ground, 67 Taylor Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736
3. Visit Bouquets To Remember at 123 Main St., Manasquan



Together, in remembrance, let's light up the town of Manasquan!

In collaboration with **Chamber of Commerce**

Common Ground Grief Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which provides on-going peer support groups for children, teenagers and their families who are grieving the loss of a parent, sibling or friend. The Center provides services free of cost to all participating families. Common Ground is supported solely by private donations through individuals, corporations, foundations, grants and fundraisers.



His kingdom is not of this world.

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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.

Advent Retreat: Journey Through Advent to the Place of Nativity

Join us at St. Mark's Church for a meaningful Advent retreat led by Father Martin Padovani on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

The retreat will be conducted in English.

There will be a fee of \$10 Per person.

Lunch will be served.

All are welcome to attend.

To register, please fill out the form below and drop it in the mail slot at the rectory or call us at 732-449-6364.

Name:

Phone number:



Let us come together in reflection and anticipation this Advent season!

CYO News by Mary Reilly



Thank you, CYO angels and your wonderful families, for your very generous donations of toys, health items, and clothes for Operation Christmas Child! Children living in poverty all over the world will have a special Christmas this year due to your kindness. It was such a great night, and we also got to play some fun games and learn about the original Christmas gift givers: the Magi. My family always referred to them as Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar.

This Sunday we have a couple of very special guests, and we will also be celebrating CYO Thanksgiving. Feel free to bring a favorite appetizer or dessert from your Thanksgiving table!

God bless you, angels! Mrs. R



CYO CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE



For many worthy charities.....

Madonna House, Good Counsel Homes, Metanoia Manor,
Missionaries of Charity and Ugandan Missions.....

DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH AT ALL MASSES

\$30 DONATION-THANK YOU!

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas season is now upon us and The Giving Tree committee, through the Social Concerns ministry, is asking for your support. The response has always been exceptionally generous and we hope this year's efforts will continue to show our desire to share with others. St Mark's will continue to sponsor the residents of HABcore, Mother of Mercy Parish, Epiphany House, Mercy Center and Madonna House.

There are several ways to contribute:

Online gift donations: We have set up online gift registries through [Amazon](#) and [Target](#). You can choose toys, books or pajamas for kids, or a special gift for an adult recipient.

Link to [Target](https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/stmarks) registry: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/stmarks>

Link to [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/registries/g/guest-view/2ELFBMAU9JXZ1) registry : <https://www.amazon.com/registries/g/guest-view/2ELFBMAU9JXZ1>

Gifts will be shipped directly to the Social Concerns and dropped off at our charities. We ask that online orders are placed by Sunday, December 8th to ensure they arrive on time.



Amazon Registry



Target Registry

Gift Card donations: There are a variety of Gift Card Tags on the tree in the entrance to the church. (Target, Dunkin Donuts, etc) After purchase please drop off at the rectory mail slot or mail to 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, NJ 08750. Return by Sunday, December 8th. You can also purchase Target gift cards that will be shipped directly to the Social Concerns through the Target registry link.

Monetary donations: We are accepting cash or check donations. We will shop on your behalf. Checks can be made out to St. Mark's Social Concerns with "Giving Tree" noted in the memo. Please put in an envelope and drop off at the rectory or mail to 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, NJ 08750. Return by Sunday, December 8th.

Please reach out to Tricia Levin at stmarksgivingtree@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity

St. Mark's Church

Christmas Concert

Bilingual



Ring in the Nativity to celebrate the Advent Season with
St. Mark's Christmas Concert on:

Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Immediately following will be a family social with joyful
Christmas music by Frank and John in Fr. Child's Hall

Sign up now to have your children sing Christmas Carols
& participate in the concert as shepherds and angels.

Please RSVP to the Rectory @ 732-449-6364

215 Crescent Parkway
Sea Girt NJ 08750



ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024
4:00 P.M. MASS

Practices will be held on:

Monday, December 9 from 5:30-6:30 P.M. (Church' basement)

At this practice, we will assign roles, practice the play, and discuss costumes.

Tuesday, December 17 from 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. (Church)

This will be the final dress rehearsal, we will be practicing with the Readers, Little Angels, Little Shepherds and Choir.

Any questions, call Diana Zuna (732)-449-6364, ext. 105

Please return this bottom section to your Catechist.
I would like to be in the Christmas Pageant!

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

SESSION: _____ CATECHIST: _____

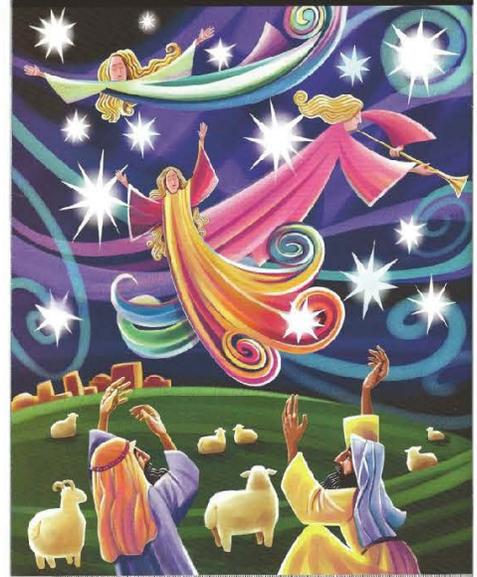
I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AS: Circle one

Narrators (2 needed)
Mary **speaking part*
Angels (3 needed) **speaking part*
Wise Men (3 needed) **speaking part*
Joseph

Innkeeper
Baby Angel (1 needed)
Big Angels (2 needed)
Big Shepherds (2 needed)
Star Angels (2 needed)

Angel & Shepherd Alert

We're calling all "Little Angels" and "Little Shepherds" in the 1st and 2nd Grades to participate in St. Mark's Christmas Nativity Play on:



Tuesday, December 24, 2024
4:00 p.m. Mass.

- All that is needed for an angel is a white robe (which could be a sheet with a hole for their head and a tie at the waist). Halos will be provided. No wings are needed.
- For a shepherd's costume a simple shepherd's headdress is needed (which could be a small towel or piece of fabric held in place with a headband). The shepherds may wear their regular clothing.
- Each participant will also need 2 AA batteries for the candles they will carry.
For more information about the costume, please see me, I will be able to help you!

PRACTICE WILL BE HELD ON:
Tuesday, December 17
6:30-7:00 p.m.

Any questions, please call Diana Zuna (732) 449-6364 ext. 105.

Please return this portion to Diana Zuna or your child's Catechist.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE AN: (circle one)

LITTLE ANGEL

LITTLE SHEPHERD

Student's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Grade: _____



FAMILY ADVENT GATHERING AND BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

*We will hear St. Nick's story,
an Advent Saint.*



Sunday
DECEMBER 1st

10:00 am

Join us after Mass for a delicious buffet breakfast with St. Nicholas. We'll have activities for the children, and an opportunity to receive a gift from him.

All families are invited to attend!



**WE INVITE ALL THE CHILDREN TO
LEAVE ONE OF THEIR SHOES
DOWNSTAIRS BEFORE MASS**

**FOR A SPECIAL SURPRISE
FROM ST. NICHOLAS!**

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.

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!**

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.

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](#).**

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](#).

Volunteers Needed: Downey Side Adoption is a non-profit organization dedicated to placing children in the foster care system with forever families through adoption. Nearly 500,000 children across the United States are in need of a family. We rely on donations and fundraising efforts to keep adoption fees as low as possible.

We need your help! If you have time and a passion for helping children, please consider volunteering to help on one of our committees.

To get involved, please email our Director at DRusinko@downeyside.org or call 732-359-8434. Your support can make a difference!

ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?

DO YOU NEED HELP GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAY THIS YEAR?

St. Leo the Great Parish is pleased to announce that it is offering a "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar in December this year that will be offered for anyone that is divorced and/or separated.

*This year our "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar will be held on **Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm** at St. Leo The Great located in Lincroft.*

Please know that this Seminar has been offered since 2014 and it has helped many people. We are laypeople that have been through divorce, and we had found this program helpful to us. We would like to bring it to you and help you!

If interested or if you need any more information to decide if you want to attend, please email Michele Coppola Wilson at healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com. We would be happy to answer any of your questions.

We hope you can join us!