

## PARISH OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

### SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

45 Crosswicks St.  
Bordentown, N.J. 08505

### HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH

1290 Hornberger Ave.  
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**REV. JOSEPH G. HLUBIK, Pastor**  
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Thomas F. Shea Ronald Zalewski (Ret.)  
Ronald Schwoebel

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### SAINT MARY CHURCH

#### Monday, May 7

- 7:30 AM Nadine Daddona  
RB/Janice & Paul Ordog
- 7:00 PM Word of Life Prayer Group (Chapel)

#### Tuesday, May 8

- 7:30 AM Josephine & Joseph Radice  
RB/Radice Family
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Prayer Hour — Chapel

#### Wednesday, May 9

- 7:30 AM Josephine Harrison  
RB/Stephanie & Dave Salewski
- 3:00 PM Prayers for Priests, Religious, and  
Vocations
- 7:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

#### Thursday, May 10—Ascension of the Lord

- 7:30 AM Hugh Delaney  
RB/Vince Aveni
- 7:00 PM Mass for Parishioners

#### Friday, May 11

- 7:30 AM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday, May 12

- 5:00 PM Theresa Stearle—Healing Mass  
RB/Sammie Mayer

#### Sunday, May 13

- 7:30 AM Living & Deceased Mothers
- 9:30 AM Paul Brophy  
RB/Parents; and,  
Living & Deceased Members of the  
Rosary & Altar Society
- 11:30 AM Living & Deceased Mothers

### Ascension Thursday Holyday

Our next Holyday of Obligation is coming up this Thursday, **May 10th**—the *Feast of the Ascension of the Lord*. We will celebrate holyday Masses on Wednesday May 9th at 7 PM, and on Thursday May 10th at 7:30 AM, and 7 PM in St. Mary's Church; and at 8 AM on Thursday May 10th at Holy Assumption Church.

Our parish office will be closed on Thursday, May 10th, in observance of the holyday.



### HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH

#### Monday, May 7

- 8:00 AM Frank & Edith Tallone; and,  
Louis Tallone  
RB/Joe & Carol Tallone

#### Tuesday, May 8

- 8:00 AM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

#### Wednesday, May 9

- 8:00 AM Eucharistic Service

#### Thursday, May 10—Ascension of the Lord

- 8:00 AM Nadine Daddona  
RB/Joe & Donna Frappolli

#### Friday, May 11

- 8:00 AM Patricia Tymash  
RB/Kathy & Russ Woolston

#### Saturday, May 12

- 4:00 PM Living & Deceased Mothers

#### Sunday, May 13

- 10:30 AM Living & Deceased Mothers

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

<i>Adult Choir</i>	Jac Madson 758-7243
<i>Adult Faith Formation</i>	Earl Alger 298-7071
<i>Altar Linen Ministry</i>	Helene Shea 298-7612
<i>Church Ushers</i>	Ferd Loretangeli 298-2131
<i>Contemporary Choir</i>	Cathy Alphonse 291-9204
<i>Food Pantry</i>	Mike Novalis 298-4664
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	Ron White 903-0342
<i>Open Hearts, Willing Hands (Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County)</i>	609-393-9922
<i>Parish Council</i>	Deacon Gary Richardson
<i>Rosary &amp; Altar Society</i>	Stephanie Salewski 291-1816 or Donna Frappolli 221-1957
<i>Sports Committee</i>	John Bacovin 638-9054
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>	Sharon Callahan 298-1414
<i>Word of Life Prayer Group</i>	Pat Baylog 298-4249

### Parish Offerings

For the weekend of April 29th, we received:

**Holy Assumption Church**—\$4,261 (regular), and \$381 for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal;

**Saint Mary Church**—\$9,676 (regular).

Many thanks for your generosity!  
Checks may be payable to St. Mary's, and Ss. Francis & Clare, until July 1st.

**MASSES**

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM at Holy Assumption, and  
5:00 PM at St. Mary

Sundays: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM at St. Mary, and  
10:30 AM at Holy Assumption

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday—7:30 AM at St. Mary; and  
8:00 AM at Holy Assumption (except Wed.—  
Eucharistic Service);  
[no morning Mass on Saturdays.]

Eve before a Holy Day: 7:00 PM (St. Mary)

Holy Days: 7:30AM (St. Mary), 8AM (Holy Assumption)  
and 7:00 PM (St. Mary). Schedule may vary.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

The chapel is open daily. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for solemn adoration: Mon-Fri 8:00-8:45AM; Sat, 8:00-10:00AM. Evening hours are Wed, 7-8PM; Thurs, 7-9PM. Quarterly, special adoration times & events are offered.

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday from 3:00 PM (Holy Assumption) and  
4:00 PM (St. Mary); also by  
appointment.

**NOVENA**

In honor of the Miraculous Medal each Wednesday at 7 PM  
at St. Mary.

**MARRIAGES**

Arrangements are to be made at least 1 year in advance.

**SICK CALLS**

Urgent calls any time of day or night. Arrangements for Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion for those confined to the home are to be made by contacting the rectory.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

We welcome new parishioners to the parish, and we ask them to register as soon as possible. If you are not registered we are not able to issue letters for sponsorship for the Sacraments or character references to schools or for employment. If you move from the parish please notify the rectory.

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM**

The regular use of envelopes provides for a stable income to the church. This enables the pastor to plan for repairs, future expansion and improvements, and also documents Mass attendance. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of the envelopes.

**BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are done on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, following the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Mary; and on the 3rd Sunday during the 10:30 AM Mass at Holy Assumption. Please call the rectory office to register, provide the required documents, and schedule a Baptism Prep class.

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Please notify the parish office when the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to home. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion to them.

**Religious Education**

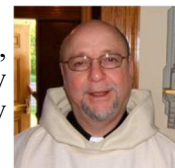
Public elementary school children on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at St. Mary School.  
See separate column on Religious Education activities and

**FR. JOE'S MESSAGES:****Distribution of the Precious Blood at Communion**

As the cold and flu season has abated, we will be offering the Precious Blood during the distribution of Holy Communion at our weekend Masses.

**2 Bulletins Now Combined**

Our separate parish bulletins for St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare are now combined, under the name of our new parish, Mary, Mother of the Church.

**Sale of St. Clare's**

The sale of St. Clare's Church in Florence to United Christian Assembly in Riverside, NJ was recently completed.

**Convent Demolition Delayed**

The demolition of the former convent building, next to St. Mary's Church, has been delayed by scheduling and workload difficulties.

—Fr. Joe Hlubik

**RETREAT FOR MEN—JULY 13-15**

The **Knights of Columbus** Bordentown Council #570 is sponsoring its annual retreat for all men of the parish at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, where God and the ocean come together.



The retreat will be held on the weekend of July 13th-15th, beginning at 5 PM on Friday evening and ending at 12 Noon on Sunday. The cost is \$220, and includes your room and all meals.

Contact Ferdinand Loretangeli at 298-2131, or Larry Denney at 298-1892, for more details.

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## Rosary Recitations

### *Our Lady, Queen of May, Pray for us*



#### ALL ARE WELCOME—PLEASE JOIN US IN THESE PRAYER SESSIONS:

- ♦ **Daily Rosary** – 7:00AM and 8:00AM in the St. Mary chapel (before and after the 7:30AM Mass); and 7:30AM in Holy Assumption Church;
- ♦ **Tuesdays** from 2:00—3:00PM in the St. Mary chapel;
- ♦ **Wednesdays** at 3:00PM for priests and religious in the St. Mary chapel;
- ♦ **Saturdays** at 9:00AM the “Timeless Rosary” is recited in the St. Mary chapel;
- ♦ **Sundays** at 10AM (before Mass) at Holy Assumption Church.

*Pray the Rosary as a family, even if only a decade a day—just begin.*

*“If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil .....sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and save your soul, if--and mark well what I say---if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins.”—St. Louis De Montfort*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS & PARISH DEVOTIONS:

>>>**MAY CROWNING—May 6th—TODAY**, at the 11:30AM Mass at St. Mary’s Church; First Eucharist Children will be participating, and ALL ARE INVITED.

>>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY—May 6th—TODAY—at Holy Assumption Church.** Rosary at 10AM, followed by 10:30AM Mass; Annual Brunch “Spring Fling” will follow at Riverview Café, Burlington.

>>>**PRAYER SHAWL PROJECT – Mary’s Weavers —Monday evenings at 7 PM** in the downstairs meeting room, Parish Center, St. Mary site. Call Helene Shea for more information at 298-7612. **Next Meeting is on May 7th.**

>>>**COMMUNION SUNDAY—May 13th—at St. Mary’s Church.** Rosary at 9AM, followed by 9:30AM Mass for all Rosarians, living and deceased.

>>>**ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING—June 6th**, in the Divine Mercy Room at Holy Assumption Church; Rosary at 6:30PM, followed by membership meeting and refreshments. **ALL MEMBERS & THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING MEMBERS ARE INVITED.**

>>>**ROSARIAN WEEKLY ROSARY & PRAYER HOUR—Tuesdays at 2:00 PM**, in St. Mary’s Chapel.

#### Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for May:

•*Evangelization: the Mission of the Laity—That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges we face in the world today.*

**Let us pray** . . . We pray for the repose of the soul of Baby Alfie Evans and for a change in the handling of children in like situations in England. Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for our currently ill or suffering members, family and friends: Frank H.; Samme; Loretta S.; Deb; Mary M.; Patricia H.; Catherine; Joe C. for healing of cancer; Ginny’s brother Bob; B.J. and Pam; Veronica Shea; Amelia; Maryann; Bill S; Paul Shea; Attila, Pat and family; Deacon Ron S.; Marge Johnson; Irene D.; Sharon C. for strength and healing; Nicholas E.; Baby Isaac for continued healing; Therese S.; Nancy P.; Nancy K.; Gail; Marilyn Rogalski; Julie and family; Luz; Timothy; Jan and family; Addie; and Rosemarie Brodowski. We continue to pray for peace in our world and in our country that we may come together in harmony and mutual respect for each other; for our religious freedoms and conscience rights; for the recognition of the civil right of the unborn to be recognized as persons and for all life concerns; for the family and sacramental marriage; for our civil protectors in the military, the police, firefighters and EMTs; for vocations; and for the Holy Father and the Church throughout the world. We ask for the continuing health of our parish clergy, and give thanks for our Deacons and their families for their dedication and self-giving help in the ministries of the Church. We pray for our homebound that they may know that they remain with us in our hearts and prayers. We pray for family members having responsibility for decisions in the care of family members. We pray for Our Lady’s help in bringing our parishes of St. Francis and Clare and St. Mary’s to unity as the Parish of Mary, Mother of the Church, one fervent and vibrant community of the faithful; let us pray earnestly as we remember our mission to Our Father and each other of LOVE.

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*“You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you.”—Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY  
at St. Mary's**

**Week of May 6:** *Palma Harwick*

**Week of May 13:** *Josephine O'Dwyer*

For more information, call Helene Shea at 298-7612

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon.	6:30 PM	Confirmation practice for 1st session (Church)
	7:00 PM	Mary's Weavers Parish Center, downstairs
	7:00 PM	Word of Life Prayer Group Chapel
Tues.	6:30 PM	Confirmation practice for 2nd session (Church)
	7:00 PM	Bible Study—Revelation II Parish Center, upstairs

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED THURSDAY FOR THE HOLYDAY—ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Our Promise to Protect**

The Diocese of Trenton and the parish of Mary, Mother of the Church are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People 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.

**To report the sexual abuse of minors call the Diocesan hotline at 1-888-296-2965 or email at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).**

*Pray for ...*

**...THE SICK who have been recommended to our prayers:**

Sr. Joyce Marie Riley, Victoria Seda, Marilyn Rogalski, Tony LaPointe, John Campo, Quincy Johnson, Elizabeth Gusrang, Maida Burke, Dave and Arlene Bibus, Thaddeus Custer, Donald & Ann McGarrity, Rev. John Owens, John Fitzgerald, Anna Vosila, Cindy Marriot, Michael Albano, Brody Lingle, Patricia Gates, May Browning, Alice tenBerge, John Wehrman, Frances Mercantini, Charlie Radvany, Angelo LePre, Rev. John H. Maltby, Angelo Nasti, Jesse Dunn, Sam Eleuteri, Nicole Cochran, Dennis Kish, Luzie Johnson, Carol Greco, Theresa Stearle, Deacon Ron Schwoebel and all of the sick of the parish.

**Pray For Our Deceased**

**Chapel Sanctuary Lamp**  
Benefactors of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**  
Frank DiPetro  
RB/Family

*NOTE: Prayer List entries will be removed after 90 days unless we are notified that your loved one requires continued prayer support.*

**Parish Retreat – June 2nd**

Our parish is sponsoring a one-day retreat on June 2nd at Discovery House in Mullica Hill, NJ. The theme of the retreat is "*The Eucharist*". Father Jay Bowden, a retired priest of our diocese, will lead the retreat. It will be an all-day retreat—we will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 9 AM and arrive back at about 8:30 PM. Space is limited to only 30 folks, so first-come, first-served. To sign up you must call the parish office at 298-0261 before May 25th. The cost of the retreat is \$10 and you can pay on the day of the retreat. For more info about the retreat, please call the parish office at 298-0261 or visit our website.

Join Fr. Koch, Fr. Patilla, & Sister Margaret for  
**Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**  
**February 18 – 26, 2019**

For complete details join us for a special presentation on Thursday May 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at St. Benedict Church, 165 Bethany Road, Holmdel, NJ 07733, or contact Graycar Travel at 800-214-6723



**Altar Servers — May 12th & 13th  
(St. Mary Church)**

5:00PM	Team #1	Coppola
7:30AM	Team #5	Spivey
9:30AM	Team #6	Marrano
11:30AM	Team #10	Ogbutor



**Religious Education & Sacramental Programs**  
**For St. Mary's and Ss. Francis & Clare Parishes**  
 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & High School

- May 6**.....May Crowning—11:30AM Mass, St. Mary's Church (arrive 11:10AM in the School Hall)  
**May 7**.....Confirmation practice, 6:30-8:00PM, St. Mary's Church (for those receiving at 4:30PM)  
**May 8**.....Confirmation practice, 6:30-8:00PM, St. Mary's Church (for those receiving at 6:30PM)  
**May 13**.....Children's Liturgy Program—9:30AM Mass at St. Mary's Church  
**May 15**.....Confirmation Services, 4:30 & 6:30PM in church (arrive ½ hour before in School Hall)  
**May 20**.....Confirmation Banquet following the 9:30AM and 11:30AM Masses  
**May 22**.....NEW Confirmation candidates' 2018-2019 meeting—6:30PM in the School Hall

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 67 OF OUR 2ND GRADERS** who received the Precious Body and Blood for the first time at their First Communion Mass on April 28th and May 5th! May you continue to receive His Presence each and every weekend at Mass.

**Confirmation Practice** – Students receiving the sacrament at 4:30PM will have practice on May 7th and those receiving at 6:30PM will have practice on May 8th. Both practices begin at 6:30PM, for the candidate and sponsor.

**2018-2019 NEW Family Registration** will begin May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration forms will be in the parish offices and in the back of Church. Below is a description of our new Fall schedule:

- ◆ **Monthly classes**—We are now offering families the option to attend our Monthly Program in St. Mary's School. Classes will be on the first Monday evening of each month, with a few changes as necessary. Monthly classes are only available to children in non-sacramental year programs, which are those children in 3rd—6th grades. While your children are attending their classes, one parent will be expected to stay and receive support to guide their child in off-week lessons. Monthly classes are for 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- ◆ **Weekly classes**—All of our weekly classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday nights in St. Mary's School. Your choice of a class commits your child to that day and time for the remainder of the year. Our weekly classes are offered for our 1st—8th graders. We offer a choice of either Tuesday or Wednesday night classes. Classes weekly are for 1 hour 15 minutes.
- ◆ **Home Study**—Available to those families that are practicing Catholics, where travel makes it to difficult to attend class and extreme situations. Students in 2nd and 8th grades may not enroll in this program. Please be advised that Home Study families will have a mandatory parent kick-off meeting in the Fall; the children will take four unit tests spread out evenly throughout the year; and children are expected to attend additional parish activities and have a final oral interview in May.

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 Mary, Mother of the Church RE Office  
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 Facebook page: St. Mary's Church—Bordentown, NJ  
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***If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.***

### Gennesaret Retreat

#### A Retreat for those facing life-changing illness

A respite from the daily coping with serious illness, in a setting that allows time for rest and quiet, with a focus on God's love, forgiveness, and faithfulness. Staffed with spiritual directors, medical personnel, and a caring team of helpers.

Where: Archdiocesan Retreat Center, Kearny, NJ

When: May 18-20, 2018

Cost: -0-

For further information, contact Hilare Reinold (732-566-7237), or Linda Capobianco (732-608-7277), or Peggy Walsh (908-499-7667).

### St. Mary's Community Food Pantry

We are a supplemental food source run by 30+ volunteers collecting and distributing food to over 300 families in need in Bordentown, Chesterfield, Crosswicks, Fieldsboro, and 4 area motels that house people on our register. We are funded by generous parishioners, community churches and members, to whom we are most grateful!



Current needs: Raisin Bran and Cheerios cereals; granola bars.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Our food pantry hours are as follows: **M-W-F 2-3:00 PM;**  
**Tu-Th 9-10:00 AM and 6-7:00 PM; and Sat. 9-10:00 AM.**





## Parish of Mary, Mother of the Church

### First Communicants — 2018

### May God Bless You Always!

**Owen Archer**  
**Adam Barcellona**  
**Cassandra Bryan**  
**Ryan Bucci**  
**Maximilian Castro**  
**Antonio Colandrea**  
**Julia DeSantis**  
**Ava Dressel**  
**Julia Feather**  
**Girolamo Guarraggi**  
**Jena Hattar**  
**Andrew Hernandez**  
**David Howrelko**  
**Orion Innocent**  
**Natalie Janiszewski**  
**Danica Kacsur**  
**Kate Kowbinski**  
**Brandon Liwacz**  
**John Lynch**  
**Analís Maldonado**  
**Lauren Martinez**  
**Josephine Mininni**  
**Gwyneth Morgan**  
**Emily Nami**  
**Hannah Neville**  
**Elizabeth O'Connor**  
**Margot Pecht**  
**Vanessa Peroni**  
**Jonathan Prihoda**  
**Nathan Pullen**  
**Megan Shio**  
**Sloan Smylie**  
**Edward Sukola**  
**Peter Sukola**  
**Maya Trinidad**  
**Daniel Vega**

**Logan Ashmore**  
**Samantha Brown**  
**Tyler Bryan**  
**Ella Byard**  
**Dominik Ciepluch**  
**Jeremy Chayce Dela Serna**  
**Brenden Dix**  
**Anna Farrow**  
**Gabriel Fresco**  
**Olivia Haines**  
**Jaclyn Leah Healy**  
**Hailey Higgins**  
**Gabrielle Innocent**  
**Sebastien Innocent**  
**Kelsey Javick**  
**Emilie Kelly**  
**Braelynn Little**  
**Brianna Longstreet**  
**Chase Lyon**  
**Julian Mannino**  
**Stella Mattessich**  
**Kacey Mirabelli**  
**Anthony Nami**  
**Emma Neville**  
**Fabio Nilli**  
**Michael Ogbutor**  
**Porter Perez**  
**Connor Peters**  
**Abigail Pucci**  
**Miguel Rivera**  
**Dominic Shumway**



## **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**May 6, 2018: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

The Gospel boils down to something really quite simple: Remain in Jesus' love... "Abide in me as I abide in you"... keep the Commandments, love one another. Yes, the command is simple, but the demand is imposing: laying down our lives. Keeping God's Commandments is laying down our lives—we surrender our will to doing God's will, and in this, is the dying. Caring for and reaching out to others is laying down our lives—also a dying. Doing little things every day, not because we have to but because we see the other as the beloved of God, is dying. We choose all these and other ways of dying because we know this is the cost of discipleship; this is why we need the gift of the Spirit; this is why we prepare for Pentecost.



**If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, call our confidential helpline (609) 298-1414.**

### ***SPRING FLING***

- ♦ **When:** Saturday, **May 19th**, from 12-8 PM
- ♦ **Where:** Church of the Holy Name, 260 Conrow Road, Delran
- ♦ **Contact:** Call 461-6555 for more information (9AM-4PM)

Featuring—

The Polish Kitchen, our Mega 50/50 Raffle, Kiddie Korner, Princess Poppy, Ice Cream & Boost

### ***ICGMC Workshop***

*You are cordially invited to attend*

#### ***“Scams Against Seniors: How They Can Protect Themselves”***

St. Vincent de Paul Church Auditorium  
555 Allentown Road, Yardville, NJ

**Thursday, May 24th at 2PM**

Please RSVP to our office by Monday May 14th.

3635 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 16  
Hamilton, NJ 08619  
609-393-9922



### **Prayer Garden Memorial Pavers**

We have recently installed 65 memorial pavers in our Prayer Garden, and it is our intention to install as many as 200. If you would like to purchase one or more pavers in memory of your loved ones (living or deceased), please utilize the form which is available at our church exits or in the parish office. The cost is \$100 per paver. Please contact me if you have any questions.

—Larry Denney, Business Administrator

## ***PRO-LIFE CORNER***

### **A woman's right to "choose"?**

The word "choice" (as used on the subject of abortion) is probably the most misleading and deceptive term in the English language.

While it might sound good to say that government should allow people to make all their own choices, that is neither practical nor desirable. Some choices are crimes. All crimes are choices.

Once a woman is pregnant, barring a miscarriage or an induced abortion, she will have a baby. Therefore, her only "choice" is, "How is the baby going to come out?" Will he or she come out alive and crying, or dead and in pieces? Truly, her choice is between life and death—a live baby, or a dead one.

### **In 1994, Saint Teresa of Kolkata during the National Prayer Breakfast said:**

“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.... I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?”

### ***“I am opposed to abortion, but I don't believe I have the right to impose my personal beliefs on others”.***

You will sometimes hear this stated by members of the general public, but it is more commonly said by politicians who are trying to "finesse" the abortion issue. The trick is to appear philosophically pro-life so they do not have to defend the reality of abortion, and functionally, pro-abortion so they do not upset the abortion lobby. They think that this is a shrewd view, when in fact it is just a cowardly one. Unfortunately, for political expediency, many of our "Catholic" politicians take this hypocritical and shameful position!

Understand that the only logical basis for someone to be "personally opposed to abortion" is because they realize that abortion terminates the life of an innocent human being. While claiming to believe that however, they say it should be legal. So what they are really saying is, *"Abortion is the intentional killing of a helpless child, but I wouldn't do anything to stop it. I am willing to look the other way while someone else takes the life of a child"*.

That is a smoke screen. Only a coward and/or a hypocrite would concede that unborn children are living human beings but that it is none of his (or her) business if someone wants to abort them. It is no different than saying that they are opposed to rape but it is none of their business if men want to rape women, or that rape is not an area in which the government should be involved.

We live in a nation where over 3,000 innocent children lose their lives each and every day to the intentional act of abortion. If this is not an area of legitimate governmental interest, then the government has no legitimate interest at all!