

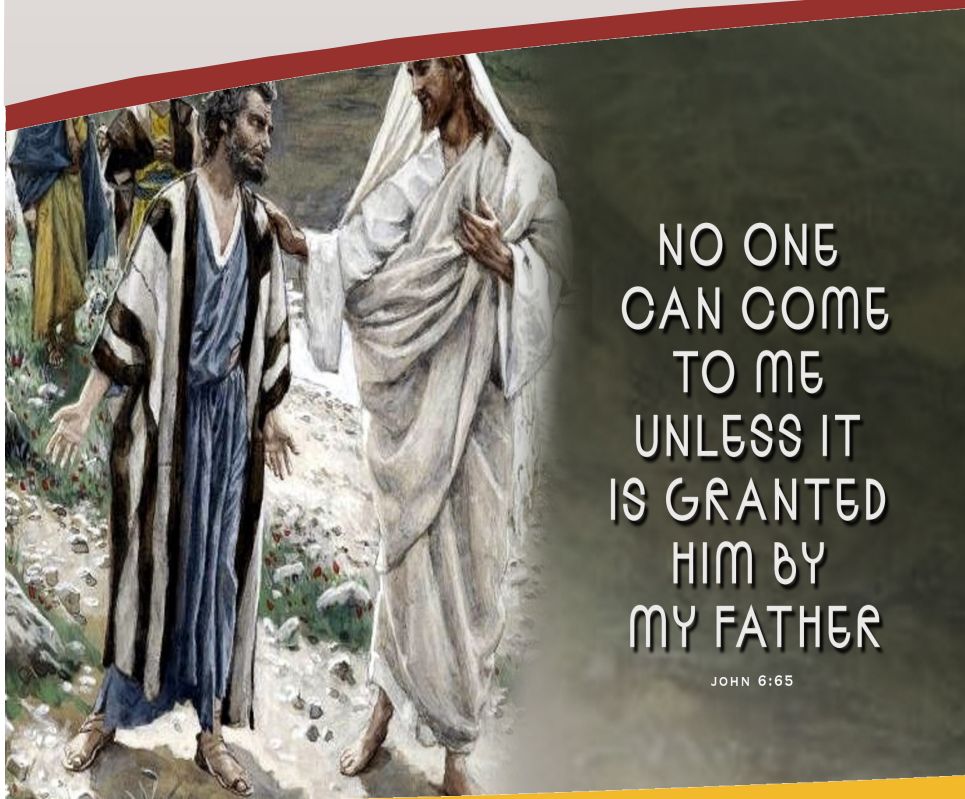


# HOLY ANGELS

## CATHOLIC PARISH

81 Cooper Street · Woodbury, NJ 08096 · 856-845-0123

*Welcome . . . We're glad you are here!*



NO ONE  
CAN COME  
TO ME  
UNLESS IT  
IS GRANTED  
HIM BY  
MY FATHER

JOHN 6:65

**St. Patrick Church**  
86 Cooper Street  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

**Worship Center**  
96 Green Avenue  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

**St. Matthew Church**  
4<sup>th</sup> & Monument Avenue  
National Park, NJ 08063

**Ministry Center**  
8 Green Avenue  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

**Holy Angels Catholic School**  
211 Cooper Street  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

**Family Faith Formation Office**  
81 Cooper Street  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

† August 22, 2021 †

### SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 9:00AM—St. Patrick Church  
4:00PM—St. Patrick Church  
5:30PM—St. Matthew Church

**Sunday:** 7:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM—St. Patrick Church  
8:30AM—St. Matthew Church  
6:00PM—St. Patrick Church

**10AM SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

**Monday—Friday:** \*6:45AM & 9:00AM—St. Patrick Church  
\*(NO 6:45AM MASS ON CIVIC HOLIDAYS)

**Holy Day Vigil and Holy Day:** 7:00PM—St. Patrick Church

**Holy Day:** 6:45AM, 9:00AM, 12:10PM—St. Patrick Church

### BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

**Monday:** 7:00PM—St. Patrick Church

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**Saturday:** 5:00PM—St. Patrick Church  
6:30PM—St. Matthew Church

### CONFESSIONS

**Monday—Friday:** 9:30AM—St. Patrick Church  
**Saturday:** 3:00PM—St. Patrick Church  
4:30PM—St. Matthew Church

### COMMUNION CALLS

For sick or homebound, please call the parish office.



## Summer Musings

There is a story of a saintly priest from long ago who had a problem with one of his devout parishioners who attended daily Mass but left immediately after Communion. He solved the problem by ordering two altar boys with lighted candles to walk on either side of the man as soon as he started to leave the church and accompany him all the way to his carriage (pre automobile days). When, after three days repeating this action, the somewhat flustered and embarrassed gentleman asked the priest for an explanation, he was told that since Christ was still present in him as he left the church, his presence had to be honored by lighted candles. Needless to say, the man didn't leave Mass early again.

I wonder sometime if we, including us priests, remain sufficiently aware of this truth as Mass comes to conclusion. I really don't know what to say to those who regularly come to Mass late or leave Mass early. Just the same as that I don't know what to say to those who come to worship God at Mass in shorts and tee shirts and flip flops. To a certain extent, it's one of those things you either "get" or you don't. There is very little a priest can say to people who leave Mass early, come late, or dress inappropriately. Saying anything, no matter how well thought out, or kind, or gentle, or anything usually comes off very badly. At the same time, I feel I do have a responsibility before God, to encourage and instruct the people entrusted to me by Him. One look at the letters of Saint Paul to his people, his parishioners if you like, and anything I would say or have said would seem pretty tame. After all, he used to call his people "foolish", "backsliders", "ignorant", etc. I wouldn't dare say that to you. Good thing, of course, since I am not Saint Paul!

However, it is quite distressing to observe the near disrespect we can sometimes have for the Lord at Mass. While it is generally unintended and unconscious, it is often the case that we dress for the beach or the gym when we come to worship Almighty God. And before and after Mass in Church we can often talk about everything but the Lord, as if the Church were some kind of community center. We can also regularly arrive late or leave early, never giving ourselves time to either spiritually prepare for Mass nor to thank the Lord for coming into our hearts. Of course, on any given day, because of some unusual circumstance, we might not be the best dressed, be a bit late or need to leave a bit early. I'm sure the Lord understands these moments. But if it is the norm, then we really need to think about why it is, and challenge ourselves to do better.

The Mass is the one of the greatest things in which we can participate. For at Mass, we enter into the one saving sacrifice of Jesus Christ to the Father on our behalf. It is the celebration of our salvation. We are inserted into this eternal event and are united with Christ. There is nothing on earth that is more profound or important than the Mass. I know we all believe this and I hope we always do everything we can to keep conscious of that each time we come to Mass and show our consciousness externally by our dress, our behavior during and after, and how and when we arrive and depart. For all of these things together will have a great impact on both our subjective experience of Mass as well as the objective spiritual benefit we receive. In the end, if we believe worship of God at Mass is important and act as if it is important to us then very likely, it will become as important to us as it really is.

God bless you,  
Father Joseph Byerley



†  
"Speak Lord,  
for your servant  
is listening".

-1 Samuel 3:9

## SAMUEL GROUP

Samuel Group is a spiritual formation program to go deeper in your prayer life and receive formation on discerning God's voice in your life.

Ages 18-39

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sep. 12 | Oct. 10 | Nov. 7 | Dec. 5 | Jan. 9 (optional)  
Feb. 6 | Mar. 6 | Apr. 3 | May 1

St. Anthony of Padua Church

285 Route 206  
Hammonton, NJ

### Obligations

- Interview with Sr. Ann Kateri over the phone
- Full participation and attendance at all meetings
- Have a Spiritual Director (we can help find one for you)

### Contact

Sr. Ann Kateri  
609-343-1545

To learn more and register, go to:  
[www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael)

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Oneself,  
Jesus,  
and Your Role  
in the Church  
and World



### HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats, hosted by the Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office, will be held September 10-12 (in English) and October 22-24 (in Spanish) at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny, NJ 07032.

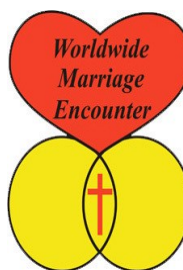
Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer a supportive and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing.

### Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our defense  
against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they're still #1 in your life... share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other!

The next weekend date is **October 8-10, 2021.**

For information, call 609-741-8012  
or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org).  
Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).



### CREMATION AND PROPER

#### HANDLING OF CREMATED REMAIN

While you may have chosen to be cremated, remember to choose your final resting place. Although the Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.

Cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form. We should honor them as we honor the body. They must be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. When choosing cremation, there are many choices available including:

*Ground Burial + Granite or Glass Niches + Crypts  
+ Addition to Family Lot or Crypt*

Visit [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org) to learn more or call us at 855-697-7375 and a member of our staff will gladly assist you.







**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday thru Thursday**  
**9:00AM—3:00PM**  
**Effective**  
**May 28 thru September 6**

## WELCOME TO HOLY ANGELS PARISH!



*We are blessed to have you share in this Eucharist Celebration. You are invited to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.*

**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM** for new and expectant parents held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, at 11:30AM in the Worship Center.** It is mandatory for both parents. **Parents**, please call the Parish Office on **Tuesdays or Wednesdays** to register for class and to schedule a Baptism.—856-845-0123 ext. 103

**BAPTISMS** are held each Sunday in St. Patrick Church following the 11:30AM Mass. When choosing your Godparents, please keep in mind that according to Canon Law, both Godparents must be Christian, and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

**\*\*\*If you have been asked to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, please call the office to set up a short meeting with one of our priests to obtain your Letter of Eligibility/Sponsorship Letter.**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** Deadline for receiving information is Monday by noon. Email: mail@holyangelsnj.org

**FLOWERS and SANCTUARY CANDLE** If you are interested in having the **Sanctuary Candle** burn in memory of your loved one, or if you would like to purchase **flowers** for the Altar in his/her memory, please contact the Parish Office at 856-845-0123 ext. 5106. Arrangements should be made in advance to make sure that the week is available.

**MARRIAGES** Must be arranged at least 1 year in advance. Engaged couples should reserve the Church prior to scheduling the reception. Please call the Parish Office on **Wednesdays or Thursdays** to register: 856-845-0123 ext. 5106

### TO ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN

Contact: Glenn Wassmer: 1-800-333-3166 ext. 171;  
 cell: 267-549-7210; or email: wassmer@jppc.net

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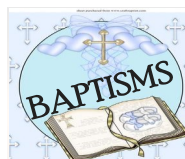
At Mass and in all parish offices, if you have been completely vaccinated, masks are not required.

You are encouraged to wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated.



*He's always waiting for you with great expectation!*

Looking for some serenity?  
 Need some peace?  
 How about some down time to just think, or just be?  
 Try an hour with Jesus....  
 every Monday at 7:00PM  
 Blessed Sacrament Adoration  
 in St. Patrick Church.

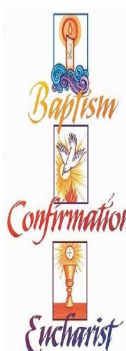


**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**  
**SUNDAY, September 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**11:30AM ~ Worship Center**  
**[SIDE ENTRANCE]**  
**Call the parish office to register**  
**856-845-0123**



**HOLY ANGELS ART CLUB**  
 We're back for another **colorful** year!  
**Beginning Monday, September 13**  
**Classes are each Monday**  
**at**  
**10:00AM AND 6:30PM**  
**in**  
**~ The Ministry Center ~**  
**For more information, contact**  
**Jerry O'Donnell: 856-534-0063**

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church. Persons who complete the program receive the sacraments of Baptism (if not yet baptized), First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

RCIA begins after each Easter season with a rolling open enrollment and continues to the following Easter season. The program is also available for Catholics who have never received the sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Deacon Vince at vlatini@outlook.com or 609-932-6170.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### † MASS INTENTIONS †

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00AM-STP Joseph Eisenhardt, Sr. r/b Jean Eisenhardt  
4:00PM-STP Shane Sweeney r/b The Barrett Family  
5:30PM-STM Donald Mahley r/b The Rumaker Family

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30AM-STP  
8:30AM-STM Bob McFarland r/b Mike and Rita Dooling  
10:00AM-STP Hugh Sweeney r/b The Sweeney Family  
11:30AM-STP Caterina Lomanno  
r/b Michael and Theresa Colaizzo  
6:00PM-STP Arnold and Elaine Slater r/b daughter, Doris

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 23

6:45AM-STP Rev. Mr. Wade Trainor r/b a friend  
9:00AM-STP Dr. Vincent Gattuso  
r/b Dave and Cindy Trovato

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

6:45AM-STP People of the Parish  
9:00AM-STP Connie Rossi r/b John Carlucci

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

6:45AM-STP Rev. Mr. Stephen Delia r/b a friend  
9:00AM-STP Marvin Howdershell  
r/b The Howdershell Family

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

6:45AM-STP Fr. Alfred Onuytha r/b 6:45AM Mass Attendees  
9:00AM-STP Anthony Durso r/b John Carlucci

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

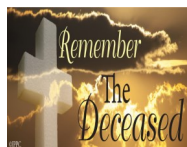
6:45AM-STP  
9:00AM-STP Connie Rossi r/b Rick and Mary Lodge

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00AM-STP Gregory Brennan r/b The Reighn Family  
4:00PM-STP Mary Margaret Woods  
r/b Geri and Nick DeNucci  
5:30PM-STM Marion Wilson  
r/b Deacon Bill and Tom and Diane Rumaker

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

7:30AM-STP  
8:30AM-STM Deborah Ann DelBonifro  
r/b Giavanna Grace, Savannah Rae,  
And The DelBonifro and Dariano Families  
10:00AM-STP Rosalia Perez r/b Family  
11:30AM-STP Carl Rupp r/b Family  
6:00PM-STP Martin F. McKernan, Jr.  
r/b Kathi & Bill Roswell



### † Kathleen Benedict † † Joseph Friedman †

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## 2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK

**There are a number of  
Mass intentions still available  
before next year's book can be opened.  
Please call the office if you would like to  
schedule an intention for 2021.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

12:45PM Baptisms—St. Patrick Church  
5:00PM **B I N G O**—American Legion Hall, Bellmawr  
**DOORS OPEN AT 3PM**

### MONDAY, AUGUST 23

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church  
7:00PM Adoration—St. Patrick Church  
7:00PM K of C #1994—Worship Ctr.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00AM Pray the Rosary—St. Matthew Church  
9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church  
7:00PM Men's Bible Study—St. Patrick Church Basement

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church  
12:30PM Gathering of Women—Red Bank Battlefield

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church  
7:00PM K of C 4th Degree Mtg—Ministry Ctr.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

3:00PM Confessions—St. Patrick Church  
4:30PM Confessions—St. Matthew Church



### CONGRATULATIONS!

**MR. & MRS.  
CHRISTOPHER and CAITLYN  
HASKO  
Married at St. Patrick Church  
August 20, 2021**

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

#### St. Patrick Church

In loving memory of  
**Patti Anne Hink**  
requested by Family



### MAIN ALTAR FLOWERS and

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

#### St. Matthew Church

In loving memory of

#### Deborah Ann DelBonifro

donated and requested by Giavanna Grace, Savannah Rae,  
The DelBonifro and Dariano Families



*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and  
their families for the selfless acts they perform in  
our time of need." We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen*





**More information and registration information can be discovered at [www.holyangelsnj.org](http://www.holyangelsnj.org)**

***It's convenient, safe and easy!***

***Thank you for your consistent support to Holy Angels Parish.***

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—QUICK AND EASY—

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*We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.*

#### LIVING STEWARDSHIP

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*  
-- Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually live Stewardship and not merely talk about it!

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND  
COLLECTION:  
FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT**



## FACES OF HOPE



### 2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Gifts to-date: \$122,425**

**Our Goal: \$155,500 % of Goal: 78.7%**

A big thank you to those parishioners who responded to last month's reminder mailing by the Diocesan Appeals Office. As a result of your generosity and sacrifice we are approaching 79% of our goal.

And for those households who have not yet contributed this year, please join with your fellow parishioners in this very worthwhile effort. Please consider a sacrificial gift to help continue the mission of the Church here in our parish and in our Diocese.

**Thank You!  
YOUR GIFT MATTERS**



### GATHERING OF WOMEN

Enjoy fellowship and sharing with women of the parish!

**Every other Wednesday at 12:30PM**

**JOIN US: AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>**

**REDBANK BATTLEFIELD**

**BY THE PAVILION  
BYOL & B!**

(BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH & BEVERAGE) 😊

For more information, contact  
Phyllis Misilewich at 856-251-9086



In the month of July over 2000 diapers and baby wipes were donated to Sister Helen at Guadalupe Family Services. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank you for your continued generosity and ask to please keep the diapers coming!  
Thank you!

### NEXT WEEKEND COLLECTION

On August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> we will take up a collection for the  
**Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.**

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

81 COOPER ST. • WOODBURY

856-845-6826

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00AM-1:00PM

### REGISTRATION LETTERS

Registration letters for 2021-2022 were sent home. Please read the packet and complete all forms enclosed. Make sure all pre-printed information is correct and please designate the session your child(ren) will be attending. **Return to the Office of Family Faith Formation as soon as possible.**

If you have not received the registration letter, please contact the Family Faith Office at **856-845-6826**.

**Parents/Guardians** if you have children entering grades 1,2,7, or 8, who attend Catholic School and haven't received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, please contact the Parish Family Faith Formation Office. Sacraments are received in the parish where family is registered NOT the Catholic School where the children attend.

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer catechists, aides and office help are needed for the fall sessions. Training provided. Contact the Family Faith Office at 856-845-6826 or email: [iclark@holyangelsnj.org](mailto:iclark@holyangelsnj.org).



## HOLY ANGELS



### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Holy Angels Catholic School**

*Enroll now for the 2021-2022 school year.*

**We offer small class sizes and a strong academic and spiritual education.**

Visit our website at:

[www.holyangelswoodbury.org](http://www.holyangelswoodbury.org)

or contact the school: **856-848-6826**

*The small school, with a big heart!*

*We would like to thank all of our families and parishioners who supported us throughout the year! We could not do it alone!*



**Register today we  
have a few more  
seats** 💕



## Holy Angels



## Holy Angels



**Join us on**

## Sunday Nights

**Doors Open at 3pm Games**

**Begin at 5pm**

**Brooklawn American**

**Legion 11 RR Lane**



Please use our link when making your purchases on Amazon—our School receives a percentage back! The link shows up as Holy Angels Parish!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2392839>



## SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



If you would like to join or know more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate of Prayer for Priests, please contact Brenda Quinn  
856-534-0400 or olvbquinn@aol.com

This Apostolate is for Catholic women, who commit to praying one Holy Hour per week, for one Priest in the parish, for a period of one year.

If you would like to join this apostolate, send the day of the week and which Priest you are praying for to the contact info above. The Holy hour must have the Priest as the sole intention of your prayers for that hour.

There are booklets with suggested prayers, if you need help with how to pray a full hour.

(Men, should contact Brenda for information about the Fasting Brothers Apostolate.)

## CASSEROLES



**Joseph's HOUSE** is a homeless shelter for men and women located in the city of Camden.

We are looking for people who would be willing to participate in either making casseroles or donating supplies to this cause.

Casseroles are delivered on the first Monday of each month, along with donated paper supplies, coffee, laundry products to the Joseph House.

For more information, and next delivery date, please contact Jerry Campbell at 856-435-0509 or jerbotemple@comcast.net

**NATIONAL LIFE CENTER / 1ST WAY  
68 N. BROAD ST • WOODBURY 08096**

The 1<sup>ST</sup> Way Life Center is in need of volunteer RN's to run pregnancy tests. Please call the 1<sup>ST</sup> Life Center: 856-848-1819

*Thank you for your support.*



## MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS

**AUGUST 26—TRIVIA NIGHT WITH A TWIST** Join us for outdoor dining at Carollo's Little Italy, **6:00PM**, at 777 East Main Street, Moorestown. Afterwards, we'll play trivia. In the event of inclement weather, we'll gather inside. Please bring your mask.

**SEPTEMBER 13—MINISTRY 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Come join us at 6:30PM at Pinsetter's, located at 7111 Maple Avenue, Merchantville. We will have dinner, on their outdoor patio—socially distancing. After dinner, and dessert, we'll go bowling! Please RSVP if you plan to attend so I can plan accordingly. Thank you and please bring your mask.

**SEPTEMBER 18—FELLOWSHIP NIGHT** Join us at Maurizio's Bistro, located at 33 East Main Street, Moorestown. We'll meet on their outdoor patio at 7PM. Please bring your mask.

## SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT —OPERATION YELLOW RIBBON—

It's the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and we would like to help our troops who have sacrificed so much for us. Therefore, we will be collecting an assortment of items in an effort to support **Operation Yellow Ribbon**. The items being collecting are as follows: Rice Krispie treats, bagged tuna/chicken (tear-open pouches,) chewing gum, dry roasted peanuts/mixed nuts, potato chips in cylinder or can, trail mix, baby powder, baby wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, chapstick, Kleenex, sunscreen (lotion only,) deodorant (sticks only,) shampoo, conditioner, moisturizing bath soap, body lotion, and emory boards.

Donations can be dropped off at Camp Bow Wow, located at 3 Esterbrook Lane, Suite 250, Cherry Hill **OR** at 504 Route 130 North, Suite 100 Cinnaminson.

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM  
SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>—30<sup>TH</sup> DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

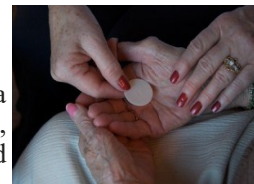
## SEPTEMBER 28—BLESSING OF KNOTS AND DINNER

Throughout the months of August and September, everyone will have the opportunity, to write down their Knots. The Knots will be blessed on the Feast Day of Mary Undoer of Knots, September 28th. We'll meet at Morgan Hall, located on the lower level of Christ the King Church in Haddonfield, at 7:30 PM. After the Knots are blessed, we will pray the Holy Rosary and have dinner together. Please bring your mask.

For more information, contact Rosanne at:  
persistent21@verizon.net

## CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Catholic patients at Inspira Medical Center, Mullica Hill, could use a warm smile, a visit, and would love to receive the Eucharist.



We are looking for volunteers for one or more days a month.

For more information, contact

Nancy DiSeveria: 856-278-8866 or

email: nancy.diseveria@camdendiocese.org.

**NOTE: Our hospital ministry is currently on hold due to COVID-19. We are now accepting new volunteers to add to our team and be ready to serve when our ministry resumes.**



## AUGUST 22 — TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading I: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

### Reading II: Ephesians 5: 21-32a, or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

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and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*

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### OR: Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

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### Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Reading I: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

The prophet confronts the 12 tribes with the question: will you keep your covenant with Yahweh or not? They agree to stay united in a bond with Yahweh rather than desert Him.

### Reading II: Ephesians 5: 21-32a, or 5:2a, 25-32

Paul first presents a code of conduct for a Christian household that includes a hierarchical order from husband on down. Then he presents the notion of Christ's identity with His Church to which He gave His all.

### The Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Following on last week's announcement of the Holy Eucharist, this section gives us the crowd's reaction and that of the Twelve. In the latter, St. Peter gives the classic response.

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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