



MON 9/11	8:00 am	† Gertrude "Pat" Stefanik Linda & Judy
TUES 9/12	8:00 am	† Victoria DiGiovanni Nancy
WED 9/13	8:00 am	† Charlie Martowlis Family
THUR 9/14	8:00 am	† Joseph Puorro, Ed Gilliam & Candy Frable Family
FRI 9/15	8:00 am	† James & Rose Morgan Mathis Family
SAT 9/16	4:30 pm	† Roni Romano Gerry & Brian
SUN 9/17	8:00 am	† Joan Elias Jeanne & Jim Horner
	9:30 am	† Constance Barreto Family
	11:00 am	Parishioners

Family members of those for whom a Mass is offered are welcome to bring the offertory gifts to the celebrant. Please sit in the front left pew on the E St side of the church.



Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the GLORY AND HONOR OF ALMIGHTY GOD in memory of Gertrude "Pat" Stefanik Requested by Florence & Elaine Dickson

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection September 2 & 3, 2017 = \$8,740.77
2nd Collection September 2 & 3, 2017 = \$2,111.33
Franciscan Seminarians = \$6,632.00

Rose Gilliam, Deborah Waddel, Kenny Rose, Jean Marie Stewart, Steve Vaclavicek, Mitchell Search, Ella Rice, Jeanne Clark, Edward Langschultz, Carol Ottoson, Frank Segalla, Brian Regn, Lillian Faust, Linda Leggatt, Lael McGrath, & Dolores Miller



MONTHLY:

Rosary Altar Society (Hall) – 1st Sunday @ noon
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Kolbe Room) - 3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm
K of C (Hall) - 1st Tuesday @ 7pm

WEEKLY:

Adult Choir (Church) – Saturday @ 3:00pm
Children's Choir (Church) - Sunday following the 9:30am Mass
Legion of Mary (Kolbe Room) – Tuesdays @10:30am

Sponsor of the Week
The Pier House
Thank you for placing an ad!

DON'T MISS.....

A great trip to Resorts Casino sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Cost is \$26 and rebate is \$25. For reservations call Mary @ 732-929-2690.



Pastoral Council



Meets this Monday, Sept. 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kolbe Room. Members, please call the office if you are unable to attend.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Minister Schedule
September 16 & 17, 2017**

4:30pm 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

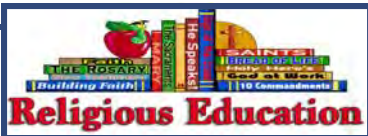
T Zurawski	C Hourihan	S&B	T Reynolds
M Berish	M Miller	Kosakowski	M Dzibela
C Alston	M Salt	L&F Rodgers	K&S Wood
C Martowlis	T&B Sheehan	J Sharkey	
G Guito			

LECTORS

M Gorman	G Stefanacci	A Vahey	M Kulzy
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ALTAR SERVERS

L Zurawski	H Milian	S Maulshagen	A&F
K Kulzy	J Roselli	A O'Brien	Tortoriello



Religious Education classes begin Wednesday, September 27th. This is for all grades in both sessions, at 4:30pm and 6:15pm respectively, as well as for the Confirmation Class which begins at 6:00pm.



St. Catharine's Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA. on December 19, 2017.

Motorcoach leaves St. Catharine's at 9:00am and arrives at Shady Maple for a traditional Pennsylvania Dutch Smorgasbord Lunch. The bus will depart at 1:30pm for Sight & Sound's Millennium Theatre to see "Miracle of Christmas", the story of Jesus, The Messiah and coming to earth in human form. At 5:30pm, depart for home. Tickets \$115. \$50 deposit required; payment in full by October 15th. For more information and to reserve your seat please call Cindy Kleva @ 732.793.7992 or 908-278-1467 or the Parish Office @ 732-793-0041

Are you or a family member interested in becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for:

- Those who've never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith
- Those who've been baptized in another Christian faith and want to join the Catholic Church
- Baptized Roman Catholics who've not received the other Sacraments of Initiation: Penance, Eucharist, or Confirmation

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our RCIA program, please contact Father John at the Parish Office 732-793-0041.



"THROW IN THE TOWEL"

Providence House provides protection, shelter and counseling for abused women and children. They also help to get them into a safe environment as Providence House is a temporary solution, not a permanent placement. They continue to work with these women and children even after they leave. They have sent out an emergency request for towels and washcloths to the entire Diocese. There are other requests but we have chosen to help with this one.

This has been an extremely busy year for them and supplies are dwindling. We have helped them before and hope that you will continue to support our "Throw in the Towel" weekend at masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 16th and 17th. We are not asking for \$20 or fancy decorated towels - just **new** everyday towels and washcloths. You can bring them to Mass on Saturday or Sunday where there will be a place to leave them. The foundation of our faith is charity. Without it religion would crumble. We are charged to love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves. Thank you for your generosity.



2018 MASS BOOK OPENS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
AT 9:00 AM IN THE
PARISH OFFICE.

Volunteers Needed for AARP Tax Aide Program



Looking to make a difference in someone's life by making the most of your talents?

Come join a team of welcoming volunteers that love what they do!

We prepare Federal and state income tax returns free of charge especially for senior citizens and those with lower incomes. We'll provide the training and support to help you learn new skills, and be rewarded with knowing you have made a difference for those in need. We need people, not only to prepare tax returns, but also greeters, interpreters, appointment takers, etc. If interested, please call Lynn at 732-372-1948 or email Lynnbordenpascocello@yahoo.com for details.



School is back in session. Please be aware of children walking, on bikes or skateboards. Be sure to obey traffic signs and crossing guards in all neighborhoods. Let's keep everyone safe!

HOUSEHOLD DRIVE & GIVE-AWAY

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED on

Friday, September 15th, 2017
from 4:00pm - 7:00pm **ONLY**
at

Donovan High School Cafeteria
Terrace Avenue, Toms River

Household Items Needed:

Dishes, glasses, cups, cutlery, pots, pans, etc.
Plus small appliances, sheets, towels, blankets, etc.

GIVEAWAY OF ITEMS

Saturday, September, 16, 2017
At Donovan Catholic Cafeteria
Terrace Avenue, Toms River.
Doors open 8:00am until 12 noon.
All are welcome!

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Social Concerns Ministry
For additional information call
732-349-0018 ext 2227

**MEN'S
RETREAT**



At the San Alfonso Retreat
House, Long Branch:

Friday evening,
Sept. 29th - Sunday, Oct. 1st.

\$210 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Visit www.sanalfonsoretreats.org, or call or email John Fraraccio at 732-272-7572, johncfra@outlook.com to register or for more information. This year's theme:
"Walking in the Dark, Living in the Light".

Catholic men of all ages are welcome!

White Mass

*A White Mass honoring all who serve in
healthcare, will be celebrated
Sunday, October 15th
2:00pm*

*Light refreshments will follow.
All in the healthcare field are welcome and if
you know someone in the
healthcare field, please
invite them.*

*St. Luke Roman Catholic Church
1674 Old Freehold Rd.
Toms River, NJ*

St. Luke Patron Saint of Physicians



This Sunday's second collection will include the annual Diocesan collection in support of The Catholic University of America. *"Preparing the next generation of leaders for our Church and Nation."* Find more information at collection.cua.edu.



Dear Parishioners,

As has been announced, St. Catharine's will merge with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Seaside Heights to form a new Parish as of July 1, 2018.

One small step toward that merger will be a change in our weekday Mass schedules beginning January 1, 2018. We are announcing this change now as our Mass book opens on Wednesday, September 27th. Beginning Jan. 1, 2018 weekday Masses here at St. Catharine's will be celebrated Monday, Wednesday and Friday only at 8:00 a.m. Weekday Masses at Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be celebrated on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only at 8:00 a.m.

Parishioners requesting Mass intentions for 2018 may initially reserve 2 weekend Masses here at St. Catharine's and 2 weekday Masses. Those who wish may also reserve Masses at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Thankfully, the friars will be back in the friary here in Seaside Park by Jan. 1, 2018, so we will also accept "Chapel Mass" intentions, i.e. unannounced Masses that will be celebrated by the friars in the friary chapel here as we have in the past. If you are not looking for a particular date, this "Chapel Mass" may be a good option.

Our Mass stipend remains at \$10 per Mass. Our hope is that this small change in Mass schedules will help all of us to remember that we are merging into one new Parish, forming one new community with two worship sites. It will give those who attend weekday morning Mass an opportunity to get to know other new parishioners who also attend a weekday morning Mass.

The names of the two worship sites are not changing with the merger. We will still be St. Catharine's Church, and OLPH will still be Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. We will receive a new name from the Bishop for our newly merged Parish sometime before the actual merger.

Fr. John

**Thank
You**

To Ed the "Bikeman" for the very generous donation to St. Catharine Cares. Ed fixes up bikes for re-sale and donates the proceeds to St. Catharine's.

Another Scam...

Last Sunday morning following the 11 o'clock Mass I encountered a disturbing sight in front of the church on Central Avenue which caught me off-guard. There on the front curb of the sidewalk stood a man, a young boy beside him, holding a sign claiming that they were homeless and needed help.

We had recently received news from the Diocese of Trenton that scammers/con-artists from outside New Jersey are targeting churches here in New Jersey this summer. Their license plates are from Texas and Georgia. They are well organized modern day 'Gypsies' who've already hit many central Jersey parishes but I never thought that they'd come all the way here to the Shore. They hit St. Justin's in Toms River last Sunday also.

The claim is always the same: they are poor and homeless and in need of money. Often the women have babies in their arms or toddlers clinging to their skirts. Such scenes pull on our heart strings and we do feel sorry for people who live like this. But, they are con artists making a six figure tax free yearly income by begging throughout the country.

If you see members of this group outside the church here: call the Seaside police immediately. Soliciting money on public or private property without a permit is illegal. Greet them with a cheerful "Good morning" or "Good afternoon" or "God bless you" but do not give them money!!!

If you notice any suspicious behavior either outside or inside the church, please let me or one of the ushers know immediately. When going up to receive Holy Communion never leave any valuables of any kind in your pew. 'Gypsies' are professional thieves and would not hesitate to lift anything left unwatched or unprotected.

Fr. John



BIRTHRIGHT of Ocean County has been operating a crisis pregnancy center for over 43 years, helping countless women of all ages have their babies with dignity and pride. We have no paid employees, just trained volunteers. Our expenses include rent, utilities and pregnancy tests plus purchase of diapers. The Flower Sale will take place next weekend, September 16 and 17 after all Masses. Please help us to keep our doors open to serve these women in need.