

### **Stress in Your Marriage!**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?  
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?  
Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut  
down?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and  
Renew their Marriages.

The program consists of a weekend experience for  
married couples (no group discussions) with six  
follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND:

February 21-23, 2020

For Information and to Register : Call Rich

Colasuonno: 732-236-0671

Or Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748

or email: 3024@retrouvaille.org

### **Marriage Encounter**

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend  
will be held January 24 -26.

Please register by January 10, as space is limited.

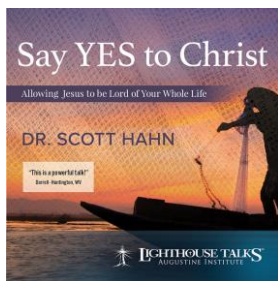
Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and  
information.

Visit us at: [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)

### **NEW CDs**

New CDs are in! Check out our new collection of CDs.  
Each CD costs only \$3. When finished with the CD  
please bring it back for others to enjoy.

This week we are featuring: **Say Yes to Christ!**



Internationally renowned speaker and theologian Dr. Scott Hahn teaches the importance of giving our complete "yes" to Jesus Christ and fully recognizing him as King of Kings, and Lord over all. Dr. Hahn delves into Scripture to show that by dedicating ourselves to the Lord, he can

accomplish more in us and through us than we ever could on our own. This talk is filled with wisdom for all who want to grow closer to God.

### **PERISHABLE DONATIONS**

We really appreciate all the donations of food items that people deposit in our Outreach barrels. If you are donating perishable items, example: real potatoes, veggies, eggs, etc please leave them on the floor next to the barrels. That way we can arrange to distribute these items immediately.

### **ALTAR DECORATING**

The Altar Decorating Committee needs your help. We meet several times a year to decorate the Altar for the different seasons. Please call Mary Ann Boatman @ 908-246-5900 if interested.

### **NOVENAS**

The word Novena comes from the word "novem" which means "nine." It is a prayer that is said for nine consecutive days. A Novena may be a private or public spiritual devotion for the purpose of obtaining a special favour from heaven, be it a special grace, imploring a favour or to make a special petition. All new novenas for the month of December/January can be found in our Novena Corner. This month's featured novena is the **Twenty-Four Glory Be's**.



### **CHURCH WEBSITE**

Check out our church website for current information, holy & feast day schedules, upcoming events, and to see the bulletin on-line before the weekend. The website is peterpaulgm.com.

### **PARTY OR MEETING**

Need a place to hold a party? What about a meeting? Our hall is ready and cheap. Only \$70 per hour (the time that the event is held). Contact the church office if you are interested in renting, 908-637-4269. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, baptisms, sweet 16's, baby & wedding showers, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, retirements, etc.

### **Sanctuary Lamp / Bread & Wine / Divine Mercy Candle**

Please contact the church office, 908-637-4269, if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Divine Mercy Candle for the week in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is only \$10 for the week. The name(s) will be placed in the bulletin and announced at all Masses for the week it is booked.

### **GENTLE REMINDER...**

Think of our beautiful church building as your home. Just as you always want your home to be ready to welcome guests and visitors, please be conscious of picking up after you and your family at the end of Mass; readying the church for others. Please replace all misselettes and song books and take the bulletin with you so we all make the church ready to welcome others for worship.

### **Eucharistic Ministers, Current & New**

We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested and can help please contact the church office at 908-637-4269 or email-stpeterandpaul@comcast.net. All new EMs will be trained.



We are also asking any of our current EMs for help in bringing communion to the residents of Forest Manor in Hope on Sunday mornings. Currently we have approximately 4 EMs going to Forest Manor. You would only be asked to go once a month or once every 5-6 weeks. Please contact the church office if you can help.

**OUTREACH NEEDS...**



Only HAMS! We need approximately 20 hams for Christmas gift baskets for the poor. We had such an amazing outpouring of food items for Thanksgiving that all we need is hams this Christmas. Please bring the hams to the church by Sunday, December 15th. All

Giving Tree presents along with food and hams will be given out on Tuesday, December 17th. Any questions please contact Lisa French, Outreach Director, at 908-343-7831.

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**

It seems like Christmas is synonymous with big trees, ornaments, gifts and everything in between. Sometimes it is easy to forget what Christmas is all about. Each year during the third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for "Bambinelli Sunday." The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child, the Bambinelli, from their family's nativity scene. The Pope blesses the children, their families and the figurines.



To help us remember the true meaning of Christmas, we will once again celebrate Bambinelli Sunday here in our church. On December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, we invite everyone to bring their family's Baby Jesus from their nativity scene to Mass and Fr. Gregory will bless us and our figurines. This is a wonderful tradition.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

**MARRIED COUPLES:**

You can enhance your marital romance and build a better marriage! It is never too late to experience the joy natural family planning methods can bring to your relationship. Both spouses are taught to understand the nature of fertility and work with it, either to plan a pregnancy or to avoid a pregnancy...NFP becomes a shared commitment!

**ENGAGED COUPLES:**

If you are interested in beginning your life together as husband and wife by loving one another naturally it is never too early to learn about natural family planning.

Call the Family Life Office (732) 562-1990 Ext. 1624 or e-mail [familylife@diometuchen.org](mailto:familylife@diometuchen.org) for more information or to register for classes at a location nearest your home.

**2020 CALENDARS**

Free 2020 Catholic calendars are available in the back of our church compliments of Cochran Funeral Home of Hackettstown. Help yourselves to one.



**END-OF-THE-YEAR CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING**

Please take advantage of your end of the year charitable gift giving tax deduction and please remember your parish. This deduction can significantly reduce your income taxes while providing meaningful support to numerous financial areas here in our parish.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Christmas Offering, Flower, and Mass Remembrance envelopes are available in the back of our church. Please help yourselves.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please help yourselves to one box of offering envelopes per family for next year, 2020. Remember, if you wish us to keep track of your donations for tax purposes, please put your name and amount on each envelope. The free address labels you get in the mail are an easy and fast way to address your envelope. Also, Religious Ed families are asked to put your name on each offering envelope. This helps determine your involvement in our parish. Using envelopes also helps the pastor to easily OK and sign sponsor papers for a Baptism or Confirmation.



**LECTORS NEEDED**

We are in need of additional lectors for the weekend Masses. Please contact the parish office for more information, 908-637-4269 or email-[stpeterandpaul@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net). We will train those volunteers who have never been a Lector.



**FOOD CARD PROGRAM**

It really helps!!! Please remember to purchase your food cards for Shop Rite as you leave Mass today. For every \$1,000 in food cards we sell the church receives back \$50. You use them as you would a debit card in that the balance decreases as you use them. The remaining balance on your card will show up at the bottom of your shopping receipt. Or purchase one or two cards for our Outreach Program--they are given out when families are in need. Thanks for all your support.



**The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**

Are asking for donations for their upcoming mission trip to Mexico where they sever the poorest of the poor. They would like to bring under shirts, underwear, and lightweight socks to those less fortunate. Please consider donating. There is a bin in the church vestibule. All donations are due back by December 29th. The Friars will be in Mexico in January.

