



CHURCH OF ST. ANN

311 CARR AVE, KEANSBURG NJ | 732.787.0315 | STANNKEANSBURG@GMAIL.COM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

PARISH LIFE



Monday 8:00am	2-8-21 Alice Barry rq by Loving Friend
Tuesday 8:00am	2-9-21 Edward & Mary McNamara rq by Loving Family
Wednesday 8:00am	2-10-21 Genia McCue rq by Loving Family
Thursday 8:00am	2-11-21 Michael Suckow rq by Loving Family
Friday 9:00am	2-12-21 Purgatorial Society of St. Ann
Saturday 5:00pm	2-13-21 Richard Corvasce rq by The Jimenez Family
Sunday 8:00am	2-14-21 Barbara Puglisi rq by Keith & Jeanie Smith
10:30am	Louise Nardi rq by Alfred Nardi
6:00pm	Alexander Sauickie rq by Loving Family

Text

SignUp

to (833)544-0934

to receive weekly messages from St. Ann



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for special intentions. The Lamp burns weekly for deceased members of a family or requests for a special intention. The donation is \$20. Please call the Rectory for further information.. This week's

Russell Cowell
rq by Loving Family

WINTER SCHEDULE

Masses Mon - Fri 8A, Sat 5P, Sun 9A.

Office Hours Mon - Fri 9A - 1P.

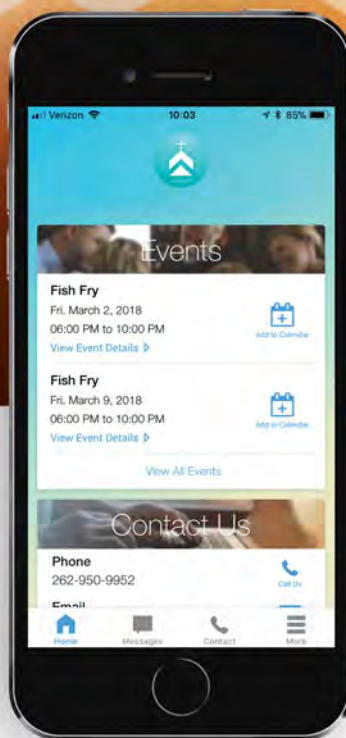
Church Hours Mon - Fri 8:30A - 12P.

Confessions Sat 1P - 2P *inside* the church sacristy.



Please check out and "Like" our Parish page.
www.facebook.com/church.of.st.ann.keansburg/

CHURCH OF ST. ANN MOBILE APP



EVENTS CALENDAR

Stay up-to-date with events at your church.



PARISH NOTIFICATIONS

Receive text messages about parish news



ONLINE GIVING

Make a donation one-time or weekly



DAILY READINGS

Follow the readings from home or during Mass

Apple AppStore **Weconnect parish app**
GooglePlay **Weconnect app v.3**

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

SUN 2/7	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
MON 2/8	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
TUE 2/9	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
WED 2/10	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
THR 2/11	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
FRI 2/12	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
SAT 2/13	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
SUN 2/14	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

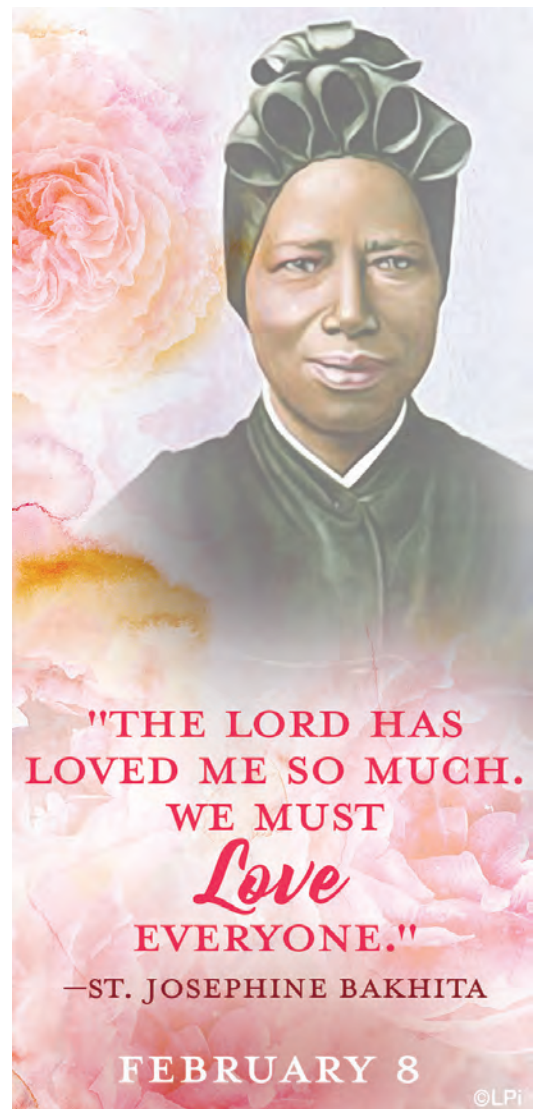
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.



All you
need is
Grace

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
(Jb 7:4)



PSALM

Praise the Lord, who heals
the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

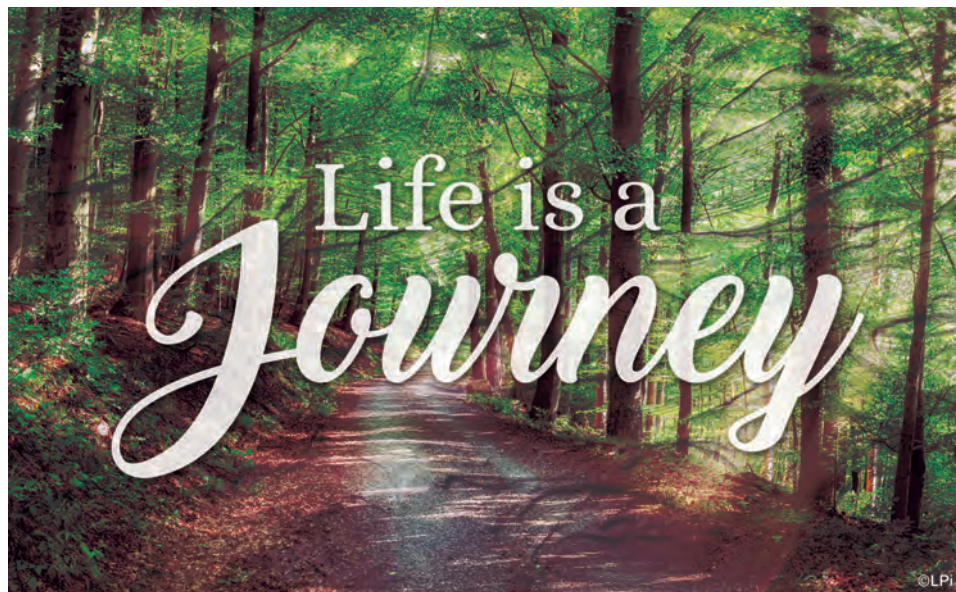
I have become all things to all,
to save at least some.
All this I do for the sake of the gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it.
(1 Cor 9:22-23)



GOSPEL

He cured many who were sick
with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons,
not permitting them to speak because they
knew him. (Mk 1:34)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001,
1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm
Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981,
1997, International Commission on English in the
Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.*



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness “a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness.”

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that “the fever left her and she waited on them.” Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Cremation and The Church

Question:

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is “no,” but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to “Go forth” during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

LITURGICAL LIFE

**Support
Local
Business.**

**Shop our Bulletin
Advertisers Today!**

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ADVERTISERS

*Our advertisers need your help
during these difficult times!*

Please show your support for your parish by also supporting our advertisers. We wouldn't be able to bring you our bulletin every week without them, and right now they need your help more than ever. Please encourage and remind others to show their support and shop local during these hard times!

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

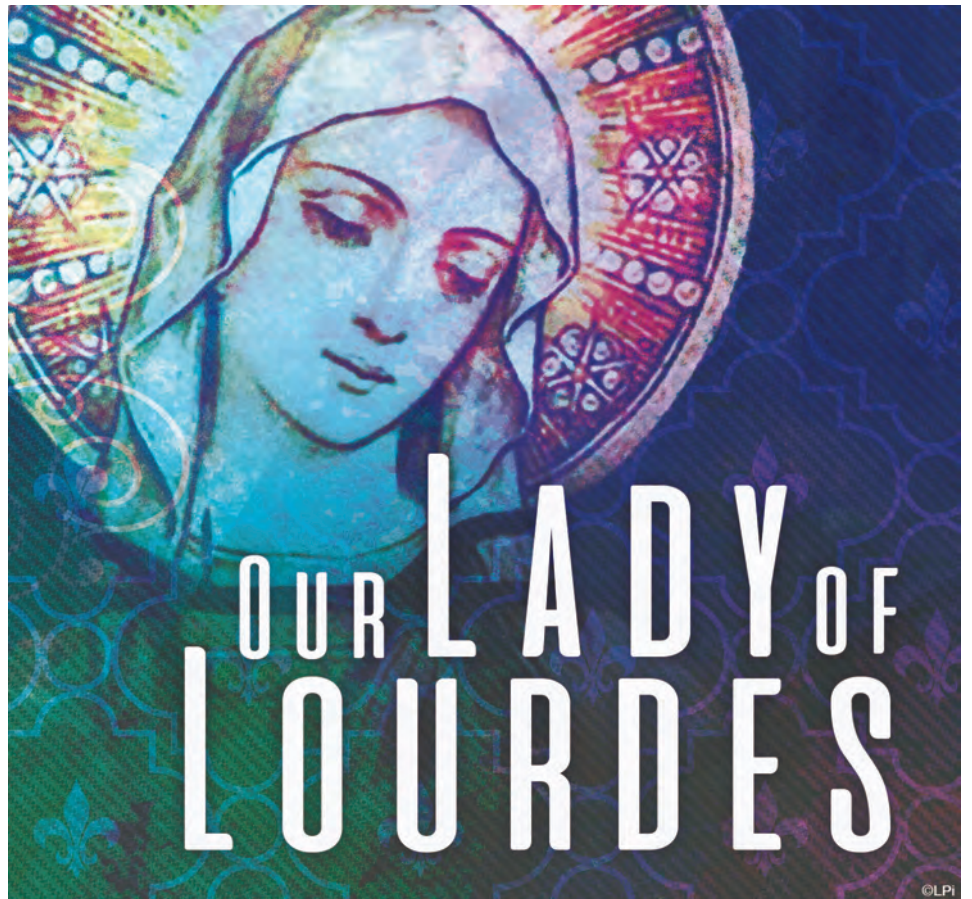
We hear how Job struggled to find meaning and hope in his life. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

Second Reading

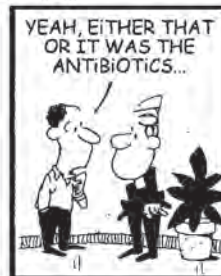
Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the "gospel" (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

Gospel Reading

We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LITURGICAL LIFE

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands

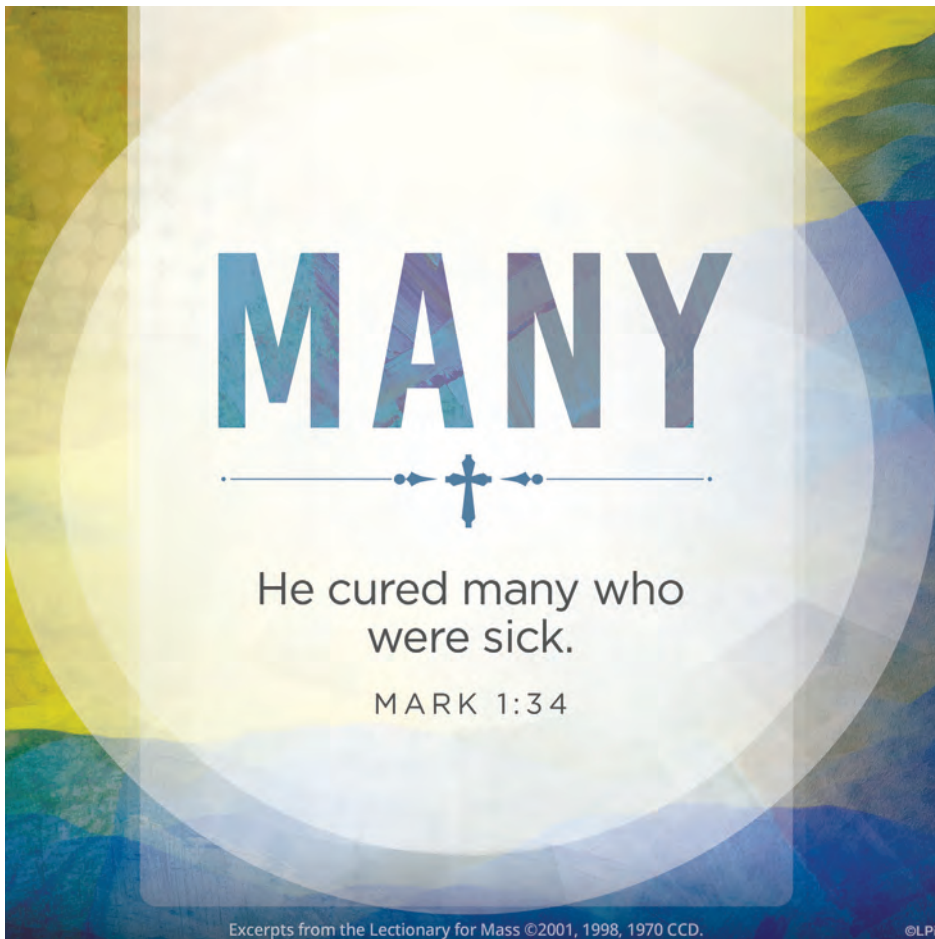
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*He told them,
“Let us go on
to the nearby
villages that
I may preach
there also. For
this purpose
have I come.”
So he went into
their synagogues,
preaching
and driving
out demons
throughout the
whole of Galilee.*

- Mk 1:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Serving Monmouth County with compassion and integrity for three generations.

JOHN F. PFLEGER

FUNERAL HOME, INC.

John F. Pfleger Sr. (Founder), Evan F. Pfleger (Manager - N.J. Lic. No. 4714)
Gregory W. Pfleger (Owner-inactive)

115 Tindall Road, Middletown, N.J. 07748
Tel. 732-671-1326 • Fax: 732-706-0702
www.pflegersfh.com / info@pflegersfuneralhome.com




DAVID J. FOLEY

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

274 Main Street, Keansburg
(732) 495-6500 Fax: (732) 495-3300

If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!

- ✓ Ambulance Solutions as Low as **\$19.95** a month
- ✓ Police ✓ Fire
- ✓ Friends/Family **FREE Shipping**
FREE Activation
NO Long Term Contracts

CALL NOW! **800.809.3352**

MDMedAlert
Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!

GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection
Nationwide, No Land Line Needed
EASY Set-up, NO Contract
24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA

"I have peace of mind... Mom remains independent."




Morgan

basement waterproofing

In Our 4th Decade of Quality Service

- French Drains • Foundation Repair
- Mold Remediation

All Work Guaranteed
877-401-4777
morganbasementwaterproofing.com



Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!

Sign up here:
<https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx>



Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



SHAMROCK STAGE COACH

For Your Busing Needs Drivers Needed. Will Train.

347 Main St., Keansburg
CHARLIE HOCKEY - President **732-787-1113**


Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will.

For further information, please call the Parish Office.

Newly Renovated
Jacqueline M. Ryan
Home For Funerals

Family Owned and Operated Since 1947

Now a third generation to serve the community with the compassion and care that has become the Ryan Family Hallmark.
Specializing in:
Personal Attention • Pre-Arrangements • Payment Plans

Manager: Alicia Kedz Sarin • NJ Lic. # 4062 • Fax: 732-495-7373
732-787-1177
233 Carr Avenue, Keansburg

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED • 4 GENERATIONS OF EXPERIENCE

Michael Pavone, Owner/Manager **www.shorepointfh.com**
NJ License #4556

ShorePoint

FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, INC.

3269 Route 35 North • Hazlet **732-203-9200**

PREARRANGEMENT & PREPAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE



CatholicCruisesandTours and The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

Grand Opening

Keansburg Family Dental

Senior Citizen Discounts

Visit our new Modern Office Digital X-Rays
Up to 90% less radiation

Most Insurances Accepted Office Hours By Appointment
Tel (732) 945-8283 365 Carr Ave. Keansburg, NJ 07734

WHY IS IT

A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket on an ADVERTISED mattress and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas bathes in an ADVERTISED shower shaves with an ADVERTISED razor brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste washes with ADVERTISED soap puts on ADVERTISED clothes drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee drives to work in an ADVERTISED car and then refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn't pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.

WHY IS IT?



Your ad could be in this space!

Grow Your Business, Advertise Here.

Support Your Church & Bulletin.
Free professional ad design & my help!
email: sales@jspaluch.com



For Information ... Call
800.524.0263



DO YOU HAVE SALES EXPERIENCE? ARE YOU WELL NETWORKED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

J.S. PALUCH COMPANY

NATIONAL PUBLISHER OF CHURCH BULLETINS

- Full Time Positions Available with Excellent Earning Potential!
- Medical Benefits, 401K, Life & AD&D Insurance Available
- Excellent Commission Compensation Program

Interested? Call Kay Leane 1.800.621.5197 x2823
or Email Resume to RECRUITING@JSPALUCH.COM
www.jspaluch.com

EARN MONEY! DO GOOD! MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT!

catholicmatch®

New Jersey



CatholicMatch.com/myNJ

ONE PARISH

Grow in your faith, find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!



Download Our Free App or Visit **MY.ONEPARISH.COM**