

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: The rectory may be called at any time for the Sacrament of the Sick and for arrangements to visit the sick or elderly with the Eucharist. Our local hospitals also have a Catholic priest chaplain available.

BAPTISMS: First & Third Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. Only five (5) baptisms will be permitted on each designated bi-monthly Sunday. Arrangements must be made prior in person by either parent. No baptisms during Lent.

PRE-BAPTISM WORKSHOPS: These workshops are given on the last Tuesday of every month in the Religious Ed building at 7:00 PM. Both parents are encouraged to attend and must pre-register in advance by calling the Parish Center, 641-1480. This workshop is for adults. If necessary, please arrange a babysitter. We strongly suggest you attend the Baptism Workshop before the birth of your child. Certificates of Eligibility for Catholic godparents should be submitted no later than the Friday prior to the Baptism.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Regular use of envelopes provides a stable income to the parish. A record of contributions is kept and will be made available to contributors.

STEWARDSHIP: The Church of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is a Stewardship Parish, committed to serving the Lord with our God-given time, talents (abilities) and treasure (financial support). Parishioners are urged to support the Parish through volunteer services and also its programs through the use of regular weekly parish envelopes.

MARRIAGES: Ideally, arrangements should be made with the priest one year prior to the scheduled date. Pre-Cana Sessions should be arranged in plenty of time before the marriage.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All new parishioners are welcome to our parish family. Please register at the parish center. We would appreciate you letting us know when you move into the parish or when you move away from the parish. A letter for a reference cannot be issued to non-registered parishioners.

Your priests will be happy to meet with you anytime; appointments are recommended and appreciated.

Your priests are here to be of service to you in every way—to share your joys and sorrows, laughter and tears. We take seriously the words of Jesus “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life for the ransom of many.” (Matthew 20:28)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Every Saturday at 4 to 4:30 PM and 6 to 6:30 PM in Church.

THEME FOR TODAY'S MASS ... God's ways are not our ways. We must be mindful that the Lord's ways truly differ from our ways. They are wonderful and mysterious. This is shown in the fact that God loves us unconditionally, and is ever-willing to forgive. God continually works by the power of the Holy Spirit to draw all people closer to himself. And God is near to all who call upon him.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes “to be freed from this life and to be with Christ,” but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, “I am free to do as I please, am I not?” Jesus reminds us through this parable that “the last shall be first and the first shall be last.”

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
2017 SUNDAY Collection \$ 9,139.31
2016 SUNDAY Collection \$ 9,196.25

Many thanks for your generosity

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Stewardship Sharing

“So the last will be first and the first last” – MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying “it's not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to biblical **Stewardship**. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us to live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

PRO-LIFE COLLECTION ... On **Respect Life Sunday** next weekend, the second collection will be the Diocesan Pro-Life Collection. Please give your prayerful consideration to this important collection.



Mass Schedule



OUR SICK: Alan, Mary Anderson, Kay Arellano, Frank Baranowski, Dean Barnett, Joe Barrett, Kathleen Bird, Natalie Bocis, Ernie Braca, Joseph Brown, Leatrice Brown, Rose Brown, Paula Burroughs, Ann Campbell, Debbie Capille, Mary Carr, Brian Catalano (teen), Joyce Cesar, Gary Claus, Thomas Cleary, Luke & Grace Colluzzi, Leeanna Couplin, Michelle Daniels, Debbie Davis, Michael Day, Frank DeFeo, Lou DeFeo, Jr., Nichole DeGeorge, Rosalie DeRitis, Linda DeRogatis, Carol Ditmire, Frank Dominico, Marie Duffy, Dennis Dutton, Kiley Earl, Rosemary Famularo, Kathy Fenwick, Mario Formica, Frank, Rita Frassetto, Sr. Kathleen Gannon, Jim Garron, Maryann Gillane, Emily Hackney-Miller, Brenna Hasselman, Peg Henry, Kathy Hesselgesser, Minerva Hirsch, Debbie Holtzin, Sam Hornikal (child), Dick Hudson, Pat Hudson, James Hulsizer, Jarrod (child); James Joyce, Monica Kapsner, Marie Kasper, John C. Kennedy, Lynne Kenny, Joyce Kern, Keith Knowles, Theresa Kobulnicki, Loretta Kopervos, Barbara Lichtman, Linda, John J. Maderia, Madison, Elsa Maene, Robert Maguire, Joseph Martinsky, Anne Maslar, Josephine Maurino, Charlotte Rose McAuliffe, Eddie McLaughlin, Joseph & Frances McAnally, Andrew Messick, Mike, Jim Moran, Maryanne Morley, Alexandria Lee Morton, Denise Murray, Lissa Neafsey, Nick Nedohon, Ron O'Toole, Jr., Ron O'Toole, Sr., George Paletta, Lynn Papa, Kathleen Peterson, Jack Pfeifer, The "R" Family, Joseph Raymond, Anna Reuben, **Donna Robertson**, Nancy Robinson, James Ryan, Sam, Lisa Schaefer, Baby Emma Simons, Oscar Sprage (infant), Bert Stevens, Michele Tedesco, Teresa, Ethel Thomas, Greg Thompson, Anthony Totoro, Janine Williams, Steve Wolicki, Neil Woloff. ***Newly Added Names**

If you are aware of any name that needs to be removed from this list, please call the Parish Office at 641-1480. Thank you.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:00 AM Deceased Military Personnel
- 5:00 PM Eleanor Logue / Husband, Thomas

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:00 AM Richard J. Chialastri / Wife, Miriam & Family
- 10:00 AM Collective
Stanley & David Lichtman / Barbara Lichtman
Anne Elco / Lorraine & Judith Hurd
JoAnn Wescoat / Joann Silver
Lois Gary / Ann & Ed Triggs
Louis Candidi / Kevin & Christine Roth
- 11:30 AM Collective
Bobby Bell / Family
Laura T. McWhorter / Mom & Dad
Aurelio SanJuan / Roselyn SanJuan
Margie Howlett / Willa Stockton & Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 6:45 AM Carmen DiNoto / Godson, Richie & Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:45 AM Howard Bensel, Jr. / Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:45 AM Ann Howard / Daughter, Theresa DaGrossa

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 6:45 AM John O'Brien / Kathy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 6:45 AM Tom McGuinness / His Wife

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 8:00 AM Robert J. Sincere / Sister, Miriam & Family
- 5:00 PM Collective
Alfred G. Bowen / Evelyn Bowen
Bobby Bell / Family
Juliana M. Swan / With Love, Your Sisters
Cecelia Collins / Clifford Bozzelli, Jr.
Robert Arangio / Gabe & Micki Staino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 8:00 AM Collective
Helena Caivano / Family
Brenda Kadian / Husband, Dennis
Mary Ellen Schurtz / Chris & Alrene Seher
George San Juan / Roselyn San Juan
People of the Parish
- 10:00 AM JoAnn Westcoat / Pat Dalton
- 11:30 AM Anne Elco / Pat McCullough & Family

DAILY SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday** Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday** Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday** Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY ... Tech SSGT Paul Becotte, U.S. Air Force; **Richard Bellwoar, Jr.**, US Air Force; Tech SGT Kelly D'Adamo, USAF; **SSSgt. Tim Davis**, U.S. Army; **SRA Michael Dagrosa**, US Air Force; **Ens. John G. Hall**, U.S. Navy; **Lt. Steven Hansen**, U.S. Army; **Andrew Iroff**, Navy Boot Camp; **Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Kenney**, Coast Guard; **Airman E-3 Eric Logue**, USAF; **PO2 James Malecki**, USCG; and his wife, **PO1 Michelle Malecki**, USCG; **Robert Morgan**, U.S. Army; **Staff Sgt. Brian Nawrocki**, US Air Force; **SSG Michaelat J. Ong**, 455th Chemical Brigade; **Capt. Christopher Rzonca**, US Marines; **Brig. Gen. George M. Schwartz**, U.S. Army; **CS2 Joseph Showell**, USCG; **Lt. Cmdr. Bobby Smail**, U.S. Navy; **MSgt. Paul A. Smith, Jr.**, 177th Fighter Wing, NJ Air National Guard; **Michael Spinogatti**, U.S. Army; **LPL Angel Torres**, U.S. Marines; **Pvt. Tasey Venafro**, U.S. Army; **Major Thomas A. Walsh**, USAF and his wife, **Lt. Cmdr. Marilyn A. Walsh**, USN; **Ens. Robert Warley**, USN

JUST GOT ENGAGED?

St. Simon Stock Parish will offer **PRE CANA** for couples preparing for marriage. It will be held on Saturday, September 30th from 8 AM to 2:30 PM in the Parish Meeting Center, located on the parish grounds, 178W. white Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ. Both parties must attend! To register, call Titania at 856-767-2563 ext. 302.

DIVINE MERCY SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY invites everyone to attend the "Transitus" which commemorates the death of St. Francis. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at the chapel of the Neuman Center at Stockton University on Pomona Road. The date is October 3rd.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**SATURDAY / SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1, 2017**

<u>MASS</u>	<u>*EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>
5:00 PM	* S. Regenye , J. Savell T. Senese, M. Graziano C. Muller, C. Wagner M. Wagner	R. Williams R. Senese
8:00 AM	* J. Davis , C. Seher G. Seher, E. Walker A. Bell, K. Bender C. Cocuzza	M. Barrett L. Eger
10:00 AM	* T. Nell , B. Keenan D. Keenan, M. Macready G. Marigliano, J. McGuigan C. Nedohon	C. Hesselgesser C. Logue
11:30 AM	* K. Walls , P. Green MJ Dye, R. Dye A. Erbacher, G. Fenwick	J. Coffineau F. DiMauro

MASS COORDINATORS ARE BOLDED

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM	Harley Ruark, Zachory Smith
8:00 AM	Katelyn DeRitis, Connor Hughes
10:00 AM	Tommy Reynolds, Michael Reynolds
11:30 AM	Zachary Glass, Sarah Glass

Please do not call the Parish Center when in need of a replacement. Please call another Minister.



PREP

**(Parish Religious Education Program)
(609) 641-7043**

Family Ministry

Mothers of all ages, in all stages, are invited to come to a potluck dinner with the SEAS/OLPH mothers' group on Friday 29th September at 6:30 pm. Please contact Jenny Scalice (609-748-2770) for the address and more information.

All families are invited to join us on Friday 6th October to pray the rosary together. We will meet in the Religious Ed Building at 4:15pm ready to pray in church at 4:30pm. For more information contact Susan Querstret (609-464-2936).

Attention families with preschoolers! We will be meeting on Wednesday 11th October 10am-noon in room 109 of the education wing. There will be crafts and activities for the children and a time for their caregivers to socialize. All are welcome to join us. For more information contact Jenny Scalice (609-748-2770) or Susan Querstret (609-464-2936).

SEAS PARISH EVENTS

CYRENEAN CLUB ... This week's winner is Ticket #851 held by **Chris Seher**. The Captain is **Chris Seher**. The winning ticket was drawn by Mary G. Congratulations to **Chris**.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY... Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Come join other pro-life individuals as we stand in front of our church on Mill Road/WHP to give peaceful and prayerful public witness. Rain or shine. Bring your whole family! Lawn chairs and strollers are welcome.

EXPLORE THE BEAUTY AND POWER OF



The Seton Scripture Series will study and explore the **Gospel of John** for four (4) Thursdays in October – November 2017. Orientation for new members only will be held on Thursday, October 5 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The four classes will be held on Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on October 12, 19, 26 and November 2. Due to the remodeling of the Parish Hall, orientation and the four classes will be held in a classroom in the Religious Education Center.

The Gospel of John is quite different from the other Gospels in its emphasis on God's unconditional love for us, the Eucharist, and the beautiful miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana. This Gospel also raises up Women to Full Discipleship. In order to defray the cost of books, a good will offering of \$10 is requested. Please join us as we study and discuss the powerful message in John. Any questions please call Frank Blee 641-0272 or Mark & Sue McNierney 412-6164.

HOUSE OF CHARITY Employee Giving Campaign

DID YOU KNOW – the *House of Charity* is a donor choice for many employee giving campaigns?

Many businesses will begin their Employee Giving Campaigns this month and continue to solicit donations through the fall months. **Employee Giving/United Way** campaigns give us an opportunity to direct our donations to the charities that best represents our beliefs, interests and social concerns.

Ask your employer for a pledge card and be sure to:

- In the Donor Choice Section, designate the **HOUSE of Charity**
- Ask to be **acknowledged!** This ensures our parish will receive credit toward our *House of Charity* goal.
- If the agency requests a code for your donor choice.. these codes may be found on the *House of Charity* website under "Employee Giving Campaign" and in the *Catholic Star Herald*.
- Please send along your completed form to House of Charity – Diocese of Camden, 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102.

Your donation to our *House of Charity* helps to build, support and maintain many programs, ministries and services throughout our parishes and communities. These programs save lives and build futures. Thank you so much for your past, present and future support of our *House of Charity* fundraising campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact: Shelia McGirl, House of Charity (856) 583-6128 BishopsAppeal@camdendiocese.org

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Action Office is open **MONDAY & WEDNESDAY** mornings **ONLY** from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon in the Parish Center (rear entrance). Other days this office is closed. Phone: Mary G at 641-1480, Ext. 7

SURPRISE!!! Today is the



September 23 & 24, 2017

A special thank you to all for the lovely gifts that will be given in your name to "God's Precious Gifts" to help make a better start in life for them.

LOAVES & FISHES ... SOCIAL ACTION reminds you to bring in your **GROCERIES** next weekend, **October 7 & 8** – peanut butter, jelly, cereal, microwave meals, etc. Thanks for **ALL THAT YOU DO!**

WHITE ELEPHANT ROOM – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We are collecting gently-used items in good condition for our Christmas Bazaar to be held November 3rd & 4th. Please: **NO BOOKS or MAGAZINES.** **Drop off dates:** Monday, September 25th and Wednesday, September 27th from 9 to 11 AM at the door of rear church parking lot. Any questions, please call Eva Shultz 641-9461 or Fran Madge 641-5721. Thank you.



recipe book is available for purchase for \$8 per copy in the Parish Center during regular office hours, or email SEASrecipes@comcast.net. or phone (609) 652-0073. This week you have another opportunity to purchase *Appetizers*: we will be at the Italian Festival at Smithville on Saturday, September 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come out for fun and entertainment, buy a cookbook in support of our parish, and thank the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this great community event.

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COMMUNITY

FREE COMMUNITY PATRIOTIC CONCERT... Sunday, September 24, 2017, 4 – 6 PM. St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish Grounds, 1421 New Road, Northfield, NJ. (In the event of rain or hot weather, the concert will be held in the Parish Hall). Music by: *The Verdi Concert Band.* Any questions? (609) 646-5611

FORMER CONGRESSMAN PATRICK J. KENNEDY -to Speak in Brigantine, NJ on September 24... Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy (D-R.I) will speak at the **St. Thomas RC Church located at 331 – 8th St. So., Brigantine, NJ on Sunday, September 24, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** For more details, please visit www.TheKennedyForum.org and www.patrickjkennedy.net

15th ANNUAL ST. PADRE PIO FESTIVAL – September 24, 2017 from Noon – 6 pm. Lots of Food and Entertainment All Day. Mass & Procession 11 AM; St. Padre Pio Festival Noon – 6 pm; Italian Mass 2 pm. St. Padre Pio Parish, 4680 Dante Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08361 www.pppnj.org

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Joan Dollinger, Principal

Phone: 652-7134

jdollinger@arcsgalloway.org

Dear Friends,

Peace and all good!

Congratulations are extended to Father Tom on his installation as pastor of OLPH on Sunday, September 17 by Bishop Dennis Sullivan! The liturgy, which included representation of the entire parish, was beautiful! The Parish Festival was awesome, and a great opportunity for the community to come together as one! Thanks are extended to the countless people who worked tirelessly on the day!

On Friday, September 15, the Student Council sponsored an alternate dress day for Sacred Heart School in Rockport, Texas, which sustained heavy damage from Hurricane Harvey. The students and staff generously contributed \$1,100 to help the school community in their recovery efforts. This was an amazing testimony to the ability of our students to know and understand suffering, and to join their hearts in the Works of Mercy.

It was wonderful to welcome parents to Back to School Night on September 21. As the primary educators of their children, it is a great gift and humble privilege to share in the ministry of Catholic education with parents. How grateful we are for the sacrifices parents make to ensure that their children receive a Catholic education!

On Friday, September 22, our teachers participated in a day of faith formation sponsored by the Sophia Institute for Teachers where they had the opportunity to Encounter God's Love Through the Sacraments. Teachers also engaged in hands-on-activities designed to help engage their students in ways that will help them to come to a deeper understanding of the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage.

Mark your calendar for our opening liturgy on Friday, October 6 at 9:00 AM where our Student Council will be installed! All are invited to attend!

Thank you for your continued support of Assumption Regional Catholic School. Please be assured of our prayers on your behalf.

Many blessings,
Joan Dollinger

DESIGNER BAG BINGO ... Saturday, September 30th at 6 PM in the cafeteria sponsored by The Mothers' Guild of Holy Spirit HS. Doors open at 5 PM. Tickets are \$35 pp. There will be 10 Bingo games featuring bags from Tory Burch, Michael Kors, Kate Spade and Coach. Raffle Baskets, 50/50 and Door Prizes, too! Complimentary water, bring your own snacks and refreshments. Email hshsmothersguild@gmail.com for a ticket/table reservation order form (reserved seats for tables of 8 only).

SAVE THE DATE – 14th ANNUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY ... Wednesday, October 11th, 5:30 PM at Resorts Hotel & Casino, Atlantic city, NJ honoring Joseph Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark & The Disciples of Mercy Awardees. For more information, tickets or to nominate a Disciple of Mercy: www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/JFA 2017

BUS TRIP... Saturday, December 2, 2017 – American Music Theatre in Lancaster PA. Depart 7:30 AM from lot on New Jersey Avenue, Absecon. *Bus *Show *Lunch at Good N' Plenty (family-style meal); Bus, tip, tickets: \$95 pp. Call Anna Maria 484-0626.

WEEKEND RETREAT... Court Stella Maris #288, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, is sponsoring a weekend retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ. The dates are **October 6, 7 and 8, 2017**. The stipend for the weekend is \$210. requiring a \$50 deposit. For further information, please contact Miriam Cicalo at 241-1251.

29th ANNUAL CAMDEN DIOCESE CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE... at the Wildwood Convention Center, **October 6, 7, & 8**. Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. Free admission for Sunday's Noon Mass – October 8. MC is Fr. Rene Canales, with Guest Speakers: Fr. Jim Blount, S.O.L.T., Fr. Yvans Jazon & Kathleen McCarthy. Music by Tommy Doyle – www.camdencharismatic.org

SONS OF ITALY PURPLE ASTER LODGE #2838... presents **10th Annual Scholarship "Pasta Dinner & Basket Auction"** on **Sunday, October 8th from 3 to 7 PM**. \$12 Adults; \$6 12 yrs. & younger. Log Cabin, 265 South Zurich Ave., Gabriel Field Galloway, NJ. BYOB

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PENNY AUCTION – HOLD THE DATE: Saturday, November 11th. St. Vincent de Paul Regional School's Penny Auction is back for its 34th year at William Davies Middle School. Doors open 5 PM and drawing begins promptly at 7 PM. Admission is \$5. Tickets sold at door ONLY. Info, call school at 609-625-1565.

Diocese of Camden
Office of Child and Youth Protection

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors..

CAP 1 teaches attendees to **recognize child abuse and neglect** and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is called **CAP's Bullying Prevention Program** and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

CAP 3 is called **Cyber-Empowerment** and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the Diocesan website www.camdendiocese.org/cyp

To attend one of these classes, please call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** at the Office of Child and Youth Protection: **(856) 583-6165** or contact **Maryellen Schell** at Maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org **Please leave your name and the session date** you plan to attend. You **will not** receive a call back. Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend. In case of inclement weather, please call the location directly.

WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

The scripture readings at mass these past few weeks have put great emphasis on forgiveness. We are invited to reflect on our ability to forgive others and ourselves. We are reminded to seek forgiveness from God and from others.

Sometimes we tend to pass quickly over one or another of these three. How important that I seek the forgiveness of God. Our act of contrition or acts of penance direct us to God's mercy. Our willingness, not to bear a grudge or get even, but to understand someone else and say 'that's o.k.' is life giving. I admit my own shortcomings and realize that I am not always right and need to say 'I'm sorry'. Finally, I must learn to forgive myself and not dwell on my wrongs, but get up and move on as a forgiven and forgiving person.

Yes, forgiveness is the power I have in my hand and heart



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
VILLA MARIE COUNCIL #6342

WHAT: Seventh Italian Festival

WHEN: September 30, 2017 Rain date: October 1,

TIME: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

WHERE: Historic Smithville, Village Greene

Come and enjoy a taste of Italy...

- Italian Live Music
- Enjoy Delicious Italian Food and Delectable Desserts
- Wine Tasting Vendors
- American and Italian Beer on Tap
- Italian Folk Dancing
- Children's Activities
- Vendor Market
- Super 50/50
- Free Bocce Ball (must register in advance)

Open to the public... Admission and Parking are free.

Visit our Web Site: www.kofcitalianfest.org

Contact person -Robert Luke Phone: (609) 226-2514