

# The Church of Epiphany

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Celebrating  
50 Years*

*Reflect on the Past  
Celebrate the Present  
Prepare for the Future*

## Served By

REV. MICHAEL SANTANGELO -----Pastor  
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## Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm,  
Office is closed for lunch 12:00pm – 1:15pm  
Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm (no lunch break on Friday)

## Religious Education Office

Same as Rectory Office Hours  
Kim Lorentzen – Director of Education  
[kim@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:kim@churchofepiphany.org)  
Kelly Curcione – Administrative Assistant  
[kelly@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:kelly@churchofepiphany.org)

## Welcome to our Parish

Please fill out a registration form to be affiliated with Epiphany Parish. Registration forms can be found on the parish office door or online on our website.

## Masses

Saturday Vigil-----4:00 pm

Sunday-----8:00 am & 10:30 am

Holy Day Masses -----Mass as Announced

Confessions- -----Saturday from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

## Sacrament of Marriage

Saturday 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm. Couples should contact the Parish Office to make preparations at least 1 year before the planned wedding date.

## Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 12:00 pm. To schedule Baptism, please call the Parish Office, at least one month in advance.

## Sponsor Letters/Requirements

The following is required by Canon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Be at least 16 years of age. Have completed the Sacraments of Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation). If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. You must be registered with our parish for at least 3 months before we will provide a sponsor letter. Although you may have registered with our parish, if you are not attending Mass regularly and using the envelope system there is no way for the parish office to confirm regular Mass attendance. Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your status with our parish.

January 21, 2024 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Daily Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 20, 2024

9:00AM Jack Hardy by Ami

4:00PM Evelyn & Merritt Lorentzen by Kim Lorentzen

### Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:00AM Erin Rubas by Mary Ann Ceres

1030AM People of the Parish

### Monday, January 22, 2024

9:00AM Ray Pizzi by Gladys

Intentions in the Grey Book

### Tuesday, January 23, 2024

9:00AM Raymond Rivera by Ami Hardy

### Wednesday, January 24, 2024

9:00AM Peter Reynolds by Vera Baumgart

### Thursday, January 25, 2024

9:00AM Deacon Peter Reynolds by Ron & Kathy Nowak

### Friday, January 26, 2024

9:00AM Fillipo Marini by Stephanie & Jim Lepore

### Saturday, January 27, 2024

9:00AM Marcelo Tan by Frank & Shirley Panetta

4:00PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:00AM Jeannie Jobses by Stephanie & Jim Lepore

10:30AM Gina & Joseph Taibi & Family by Marina

## This Week at our Parish

### Monday, January 22, 2024

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH #1

7:00PM Let's Get Together & Pray Group – WA

7:15PM Evening Bible Study - APR

### Tuesday, January 23, 2024

10:00AM Come and See Bible Study – APR

7:00PM Finance Meeting - APR

### Wednesday, January 24, 2024

3:00PM Adoration – WA

### Thursday, January 25, 2024

7:00PM Adult Choir – WA

### Friday, January 26, 2024

8:00PM AA - APR

### Saturday, January 27, 2024

9:00AM Cursillo – APR

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH

4:00PM 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mandatory Mass Weekend

### Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:00PM 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mandatory Mass Weekend

10:30AM Children's Liturgy of The Word

**Legend:** APR – All Purpose Room PH – Parish Hall  
CA – Commons Area WA – Worship Area  
RE – Religious Education Room OS – Outside

## Sunday Scriptures

Here are next Sunday's Scripture Readings

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die..

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

## Please remember those who have died

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased spouses, relatives, friends, and benefactors of the parish and for the comfort and consolation of their families including: George Lamp.

## Please pray for the sick

Annmarie Hanley, Janet C. Schalen, Lisa Walker, Kathleen LeDoux, Sandy Netkie, Veronica Segars, Joan Mullee, Frank Osborne, Elena Lantigua, Josephine Hallett, Sebastian Neaves, Tim Feeney, Mary Buono, Jerry O'Donnell, Jim Dichert, Kelsey Deichert, Jaxon Deichert, Frances Howell, Christopher Matarese, Edward W. Baumgart, Sandy Crosio, Maurice Pickell, Frank Panetta, Pat DeJesus, Jean Doyen, Marie Dibblee, Simone McDill, Chris Papike, Gregory Macerino, Dottie Averno, Laura Becker, Kevin Coyle, Margaret Wallace, Maureen McMahon, Elizabeth Kelly, Austin Kellenberger, Jill Rudville, Mary Sparta, Alberta Parsons, and those in the sick call book.

"Please Pray for the Sick" list is for those parishioners who are in need of further prayers from our "Prayers of the Faithful". They will remain on the list for 2 months, after which time their names will be moved to the Gray Book. To add someone to the prayer list, call Donna at 732-458-0220 or email [Donna@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:Donna@churchofepiphany.org)

At the request of Pope Francis, Bishop David O'Connell, and our Pastor, Father Mike, we are praying for our church in these very challenging times in response to the abuse crisis. We turn to Saint Michael the Archangel to defend us from all evils.

### Powerful Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## VIGIL LIGHT PRAYER

### Weekly Remembrance January 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

The Tabernacle Lamp  
will burn in the honor/memory of:  
**Friday Reflection Group**



The Blessed Mother Devotional Lamp  
will burn in honor/memory of:  
**People of the Parish**



The Sacred Heart Devotional Lamp  
will burn in honor/memory of:  
**All those who are sick in the Parish**



The St. Joseph Devotional Lamp  
will burn in honor/memory of:  
**The Priests in our Diocese**



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will take place each Wednesday at 3PM. The gathering of the faith community gives honor and praise to the Lord and prayer is offered for one another. Private prayer and/or stillness is left to you as is the amount of time you spend in the worship area. Adoration closes at 6PM.



### Let's Get Together and Pray

Meetings take place on Mondays at 7:00PM. Our prayer group is open to anyone who is searching for answers and looking to pray as a community. For more information, please contact Kim at [kim@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:kim@churchofepiphany.org).

### Healing Mass

All are welcome to join us for a Healing Mass. We will begin at 6:30PM in the worship area with prayer and reflection. Mass will commence at 7PM followed by Prayers of Healing and Adoration.

**Our next Healing Mass will be on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.**

### HOPE For the Homebound Ministry

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*

We are reaching out to parishioners who may be alone, homebound, and unable to participate in our Church Community. If you are homebound, or know of someone who is homebound, and would like to receive the Eucharist or just a friendly visit or call from one of our parishioners, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

### Lenten Retreat

Join Fr. Mike, Deacon Mike, Kim Lorentzen, and Sandy Mullarkey for a Lenten Retreat on **February 24<sup>th</sup>** beginning with Mass at 9AM until 1PM in the All Purpose Room. A light breakfast will be served. The Sign up sheet can be found in the Commons area. Signup deadline is Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Bethany Bereavement

The Church of Epiphany Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers peer support for those grieving the death of a loved one. If you have lost a loved one, join others who have also experienced a loss for a series of 6 sessions of information, mutual sharing and peer support in a spiritual, caring, and confidential setting. If you are interested in joining, please call 732-458-0220.

### Altar Rosary Society

The Society's Mission is "to sustain the beauty and sanctity of our Church and to increase devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary by promoting true Christian Charity, love of God, Neighbor, and Catholic Family Life." **Our next meeting will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 9:00 am Mass** and recitation of the Rosary. Meetings last about one hour in the All Purpose Room. Our membership is open to all Catholic Women and Men of our Parish. Please come to any of our monthly meetings to meet us.

### Wellness for Maturing Adults

The HOPE – Wellness Ministry invites you to join them every first Wednesday of the month where they will discuss wellness for maturing adults. This program goes far beyond simple "health practices" (diet, exercise, etc.) for better health; it teaches how to harness psychological power, and spiritual strength to achieve optimal health in body, mind and spirit. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**, following the 9:00AM Mass in the All Purpose Room. Please note we will not be meeting in January. We hope you join us in February!

### Celiac Sprue Parishioners

The parish provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host for those who are gluten-intolerant. Parishioners should see the Deacon or Priest prior to the beginning of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

### Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).



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**January 21, 2024**

**Total weekly collection: \$5894.00 / Online: 981.00**

**Needed to meet the budget: \$8363.00**

**Our 2023 Christmas Collection: \$14,917**

## Year-End Tax Contribution Statements



Statements will be issued upon request by emailing Carol at [Carol@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:Carol@churchofepiphany.org) or calling the Parish office at 732-458-0220.

**For those who give online.** You can process your tax statements directly from ParishSoft. Go to "My Online Giving History", click print, select the time period, and then select *detail report*. This report satisfies IRS regulations for charitable contributions.

**Please note:** If you are in need of a statement to email Carol after January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Online Giving

If you prefer to pay bills and manage your finances online, you can set up an account and make your parish offering online via our website. You will be able to specify exactly how much you are giving, how you are giving it (credit card or bank withdrawal), to what fund you are giving, and when/how often you would like to contribute. It's safe and secure, and you can even track your giving history and pledge progress at any time. Just click the Online Giving button (on the home page or the Online Giving page) to get started or access your existing account. *Please note: Special Holidays/days of Holy Obligation Donations may be set up separately.*

If you have questions about the security of online giving or the processes involved, check out the Online Giving FAQ page on our website: [churchofepiphany.org](http://churchofepiphany.org)

## Why Should I use weekly envelopes?

The use of envelopes is important, they document your active participation in the faith life of our parish. This information is needed in order to obtain a Letter of Eligibility to be issued when you are asked to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor. This also facilitates the preparation of a statement of contributions for income tax purpose.

If you do not currently participate in our envelope system and would like to start using them, please contact the Parish Office at 732-458-0220.



## Ways to Perpetuate a Memory or Commemorate an Event

**The Tree of Life:** This is a way to perpetuate the memory of a loved one or to memorialize someone. To make a donation of \$500 for an engraved leaf or \$2500 for a stone, please contact the parish office staff at 732-458-0220 or email [carol@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:carol@churchofepiphany.org)

**Commemorative Bricks:** This is an ideal way to commemorate a graduation, wedding, special family celebration, or acknowledge a love one. To order one of the two bricks (4X8" or 8X8") and make a donation of \$150 or \$200, please contact the parish office staff at 732-458-0220 or email [carol@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:carol@churchofepiphany.org)

## Bequests

We are a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accept donations from last will and testament and/or stock to assist in carrying out our mission. For more information on how to have your wishes known, please talk to your personal banking representative. May God Bless you for your generosity!

## Vigil Candles

Candles will be in honor or memory of the named individual for one week (Sunday to Saturday) and announced in our bulletin and displayed at candle. Donation is \$10. Please come to the parish office to see dates available dates.

## Spiritual Bouquet

A Spiritual Bouquet is a spiritual blessing that is made for a loved one during the First Friday Mass of the month. In addition, their name will be printed in the bulletin. You can also request a card. Donation is \$10

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# RCIA

*A journey in faith*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults who would like to become Catholic, or Catholic adults who would like to receive all of their Sacraments are able to do so. If you would like more information about the process, feel free to reach out to Kim at [Kim@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:Kim@churchofepiphany.org) or contact the parish office.

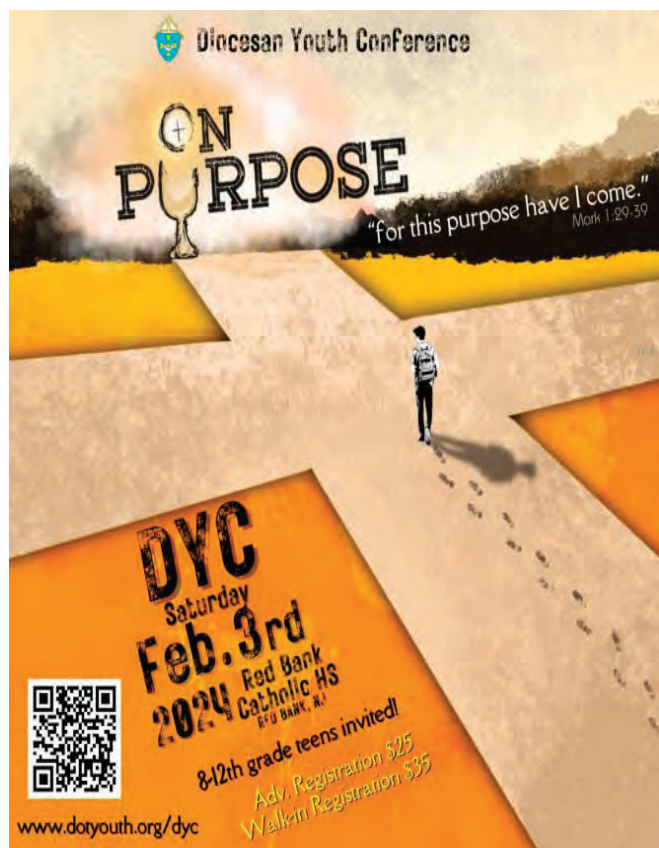
## Homily Reflection Books

**Homily Reflections:** Each student must write 14 Homily Reflections as follows: A minimum of 9 Masses throughout the year as well as 3 Mandatory Masses together with Christmas and Easter Masses.

*(Minimum Total of 14 Homily Reflections.)* This is not saying you only have to attend Mass 14 times a year. Sundays are a Holy Day of Obligation and Practicing Catholics are required to attend weekly Mass and all Holy Days.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our youngest parishioners are invited to join us every Sunday, at the 10:30 Mass in the APR for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. It's open to ages 4 through Second Grade. No need to pre-register or sign up. If you have any questions, please leave a message with the Church office.



## Helping Hands

Our Food Pantry is located in the Parish Hall, the small white church, on the corner of Herbertsville Road and Thiele Road in Brick. Food Pantry hours are Saturday from 10AM – 1PM and Monday from 10AM – Noon.

Below is the list of items needed for the Helping Hands food pantry:

### Most Needed

- \*Juice/Drinks
- \*Fresh Fruit/Vegetables
- \*Frozen Vegetables
- \*Coffee
- \*Cooking Oil
- \*Pasta Sauce
- \*Meat/Chicken/Pork/Hamburgers
- \*Butter
- \*Fish
- \*Snacks
- \*Sweet Cereal
- \*Applesauce
- \*Tea

**In November, Helping Hands helped 255 families / 1245 people with Food.**

## Religious Articles & Gifts

The Altar Rosary Society will be selling Religious Articles and Gifts after all Masses the weekend of **January 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you are looking for something in particular, please contact the parish office and someone from the Rosary Society will get back to you.

## Catholic Charities

### Mental Health Crisis Services

Feeling Down or Anxious? Catholic Charities can help you. They Offer:

- Mental Health Crisis Services
- Psychiatric Urgent Care
- Substance Recovery Treatment
- Social Services and Support

Call 609-729-5468, you connection to Catholic Charities Mental Health Crisis Services. Daily hours of operation are 8AM – 6PM.

## myParish App

Stay up-to-date with what is going on in your parish throughout the week. Enjoy many useful faith-building resources and features to complement our daily faith life, such as, Confessions and prayer time reminders, daily Mass readings, quick access to parish contacts, receive MASSMode reminders to silence your phone before Mass, and much more.

## Did You Know the Eucharist Makes Us One?

"By giving himself to be eaten and drunk, Jesus satisfies his love's deepest longing: to be in the other. Love is not content with only being near. The one who loves wants to enter into the beloved and let the beloved come in. The word "presence" is not enough to express the mutual immanence that the Eucharist brings about... I pray "that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they may also be in us, so that the world may believe you have sent me... I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:21-23). He wills that the same intimacy that exists between the Father and himself shall exist between himself and us and it is through the Eucharist this love reaches its highest possibilities." Stinissen, O.C.D., Wilfred. *Bread That Is Broken*. San Francisco, Ignatius Press, 2020

## Gift Auction ~ Donations

We are already working on our 2024 gift auction! Did you receive a gift that you really don't need or want? We will be happy to take it! Out shopping and see a great deal? We would love it! Please consider picking up an item to donate, don't know what to buy we can always use gift cards. Please make sure all items are new with the tags still attached. Donations can be dropped off to the parish office.

## "Did you ever wonder...?"

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month we will gather in the APR for a casual gathering to answer your questions about the Faith. Questions can be submitted ahead of time or will be collected as we gather.

**Who:** Anyone interested in learning more about the faith

**What time:** 7:00PM – 8:30PM

**Where:** The All Purpose Room

**When:** Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

**Why:** Why not?

## Small Faith Sharing Groups

Lenten Small Faith Sharing Groups will begin meeting the week of February 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sandy at [sandramull@comcast.net](mailto:sandramull@comcast.net)

## Divorced and Separated Ministry

St. Leo's Parish in Lincroft is pleased to announce its continuing ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics. We are having an Information Night on **Thursday, February 1, 2024** from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at St. Leo The Great in the Parish Center Meeting Room, located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. If interested, please email: [healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have. Visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry> for more information about the program or call/text Michele Coppola Wilson at 201-753-8485. Thank you for taking the first step towards healing!

## Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre

The Church of Epiphany Altar Rosary Society is hosting a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre to see DANIEL. The trip will be on November 16<sup>th</sup> and cost \$190 per person. The bus will leave the Epiphany parking lot at 7:30-AM to see the 11AM show. Cost of the trip includes bus transportation, Hershey Farm Grand Smorgasbord, and ticket to see DANIEL. For more information email: [Seasonal615@gmail.com](mailto:Seasonal615@gmail.com). Please make check payable to "Church of Epiphany Altar Rosary Society."



Thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar raffle! The drawings will take place every Tuesday for 12 weeks (until March 26<sup>th</sup>). Winners do not need to be present; we will call you if you are our lucky winner.

Week 1 winning ticket # 12

Week 2 winning ticket # 318

Congratulations!



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if you know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at [abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org). The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities



## Gospel Today

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:14-20

Jesus told the people to repent and believe the Good News and began to gather His first disciples.

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"The time has come," he said.  
"The Kingdom of God has come near.  
Repent and believe the good news!"

MARK 1:15

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus	P	A	N	D	R	E	W	T	S	R	I	F	J
Announces	T	C	R	H	E	R	S	I	M	O	N	I	O
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Galilee	A	P	E	O	P	L	E	T	N	C	I	R	S
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God	F	O	L	L	O	W	R	M	A	U	N	E	I
Time	O	D	E	D	A	B	E	D	O	O	G	N	P
Come	N	G	B	N	T	R	U	S	E	N	D	D	L
Believe	S	N	I	A	S	I	N	F	O	N	C	S	E
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## *Life in the Spirit Seminar*

**What:** The Life in the Spirit Seminar is designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. It provides an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps in a new or renewed relationship with the Lord.

**When:** six consecutive Sundays: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Time:** 2:00 to 3:30 PM

**Where:** we will be using both the Church and the APR

**For who:** The Life in the Spirit Seminar is open to anyone wishing to explore or deepen a relationship with the Holy Spirit. Since this is the Evangelization Team's first presentation of the seminar we are going to limit participation to our parishioners who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## *Come Holy Spirit!*



# *Cheers 50 Years!*

*The Church of Epiphany is celebrating 50 years!  
We hope you will come out and help us celebrate.*

## *Dinner Dance*

*Date: February 10, 2024*

*Time: 6:00PM*

*Location: Spring Lake Manor  
415 Highway 71, Spring Lake*

*Tickets: \$75 per person*

*Includes: Music and Dancing, Cocktail Hour  
(cash bar), Sit down dinner with choice of  
Flank Steak Marsala, Grilled Salmon, Chicken  
Florentine, Penne Vodka, unlimited soft drinks  
and Dessert.*

*Come out for a fun filled evening with  
good friends, good food,  
and don't forget your dancing shoes.*

*Tickets available in the parish office beginning January 5th.*

# Lenten Retreat

February 24, 2024

Following the 9AM Mass  
until 1PM

A light breakfast will be served.

Sign up deadline:  
Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Signup sheet is in the Commons Area



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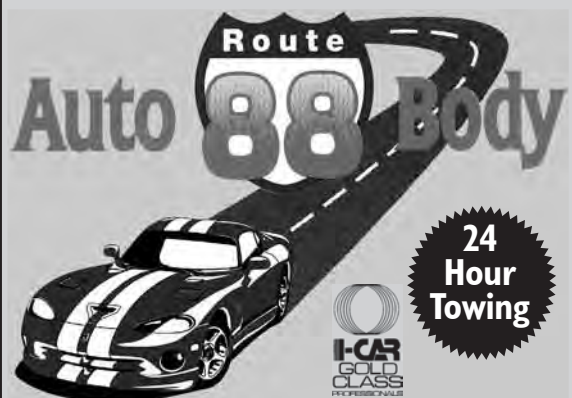
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