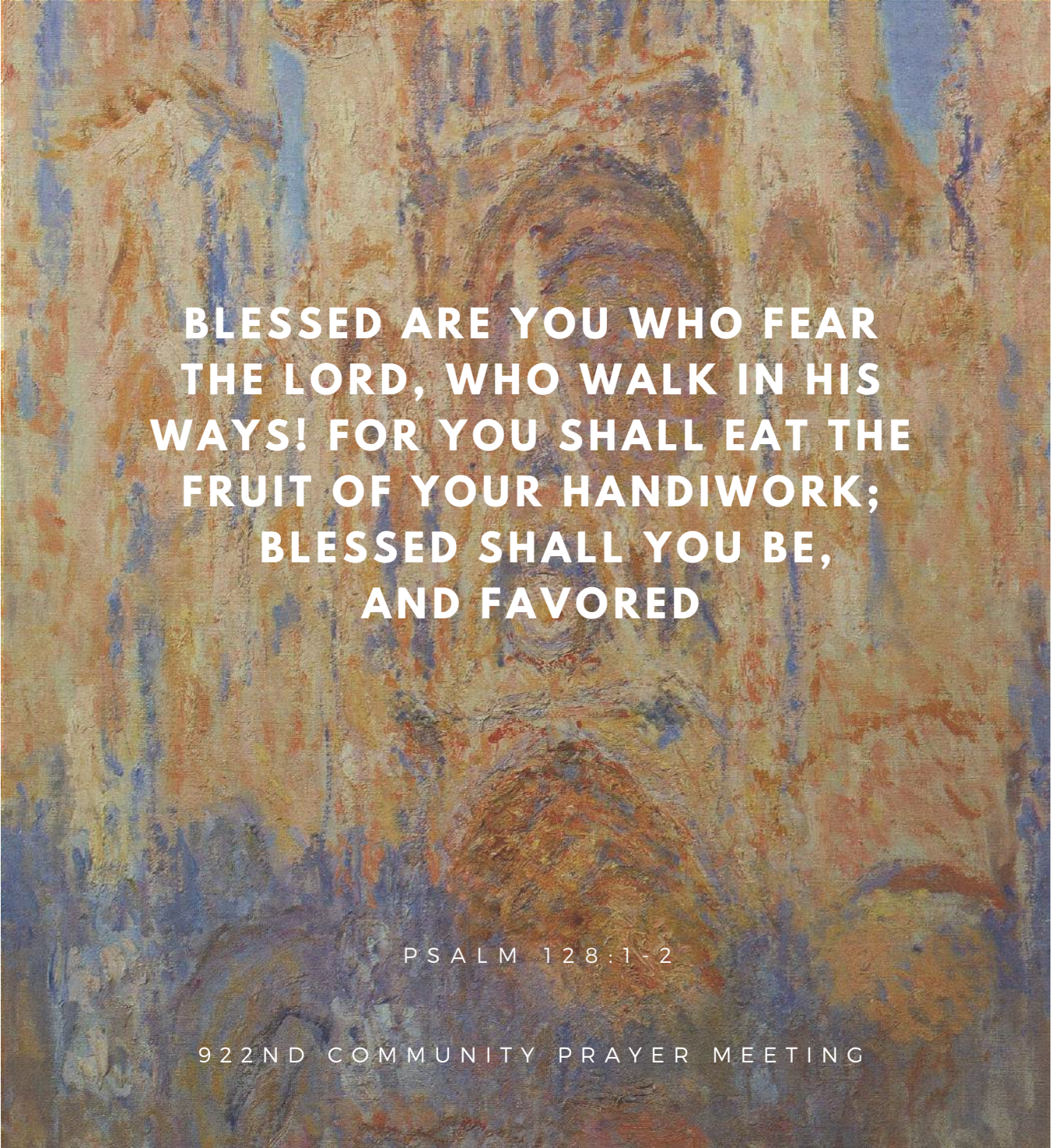


JESUS IS LORD!

PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



**BLESSED ARE YOU WHO FEAR
THE LORD, WHO WALK IN HIS
WAYS! FOR YOU SHALL EAT THE
FRUIT OF YOUR HANDIWORK;
BLESSED SHALL YOU BE,
AND FAVORED**

PSALM 128:1-2

922ND COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2024

A NOTE FROM MARTY BUGANSKI
SENIOR COORDINATOR OF THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

Brothers & Sisters,

It has now been two weeks since the “Healing the Whole Person Retreat” and we have had time to begin to unpack what we heard on that weekend. However, as I mentioned in a previous email, I believe the fruit of the “Healing the Whole Person Retreat” will take some time to unfold in our lives. So, as we continue to unpack the retreat, I want to call to mind some of things we heard during and as a follow-up to the retreat. I also want to encourage all of us to continue to use the handbooks we received during our personal prayer times and share with our men’s and women’s groups how the Lord is healing us.

Words to recall:

Dr. Bob Schuchts

- Healing is an ongoing encounter with God’s love and truth.
- We are destined to share in holy communion with the Holy Trinity
- God’s love sees us in our wholeness

Sister Miriam

- Love heals. Healing is an integral part of human love. Where love is, healing is constantly occurring
- Our wounds do not make us unlovable. Jesus’s wounds did not make him unlovable.

Fr. John Gordon at our 10/6 Community Prayer Meeting

- From Phil 1: 6 “I am sure that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the Day of Jesus Christ.”
- “Take the time that we each need in our personal and communal journey of healing. Let’s be gentle with ourselves and one another. We do not want to make too much of all this, nor do we want to minimize”.

Pope Benedict XVI

- “Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission and of Christianity. When understood at a sufficiently deep level, this expresses the entire content of redemption”.

As we ponder these and many other words we heard on the retreat and experience God’s healing touch personally, pray that our Heavenly Father will also bring about a healing of our community as a whole that we may be used to bring His healing to others.

Peace,



October 2024

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 22:13



SHARE MY LOVE WITH OTHERS

“The Lord says, ‘I am Adoni and I am your Father. My children, I have loved you this week. I have manifested my love to you. I ask you now to share this love with your brothers and sisters, with all of my other children. Be a light to them and let me love them through you.’”

MY KINGDOM WITH NEVER FADE

“This is part sharing and part prophecy. Raise your hand if you like sports. Today is the closing ceremony of the Olympics. Who here would like to win a Gold medal? A Silver medal? A Bronze medal? I also watched this week the closing of the Eucharist congress on youtube. And it just occurred to me that we have a choice everyday. I ask you to close your eyes right now and I to just listen to what I think the Lord might be saying to us.

‘Gold, silver and bronze will tarnish but my kingdom will grow brighter and brighter and brighter to the noon day. What a privilege you have, young people, middle age people, older people to know deep in your hearts that the things of my kingdom, because of the Bread of Life that you receive, will grow brighter and brighter and brighter everyday to the noon day. Gold will tarnish, silver will tarnish, bronze will tarnish but my kingdom will never fade,” says the Lord”.

I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU

“I am the alpha and the omega. I am the beginning and will be through all eternity. I have known each one of you before you were formed. And I have been with you at every moment of your life. I am not just there when you are at camp, or at church or at mass, or taking personal prayer time or when you’re praying as a family. I am always there. Whether you are studying, or working, playing with friends, with family, when you’re doing chores, or brushing your teeth. I am always there. I am the beginning and I want you to spend all eternity with me.

**Prophecies from Camp Hope Community Prayer Meeting
August 11, 2024**

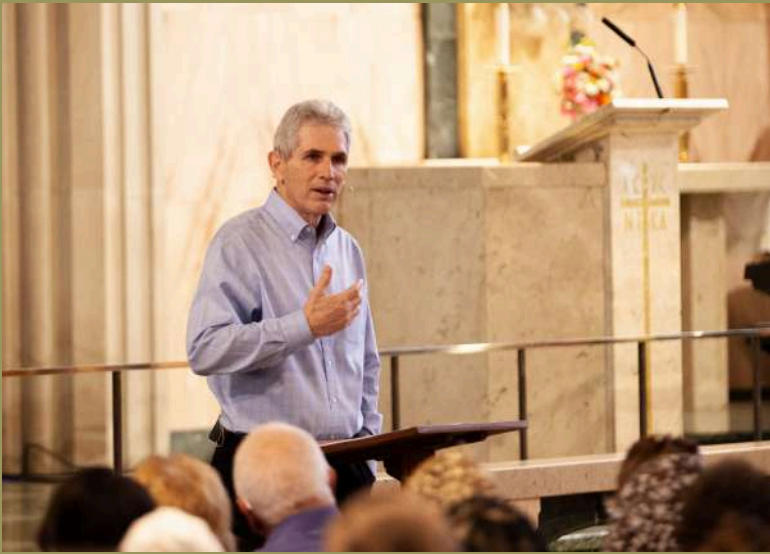
HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON RETREAT



“Before {Jesus} gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves.”

Benedict XVI

The weekend of Sept 19-21, many of the People of Hope members attending the Healing the Whole Person Retreat. This retreat was hosted by the dioceses of Metuchen, NJ and was supported by members of the POH, Petros and the local Brotherhood of Hope brothers. There were about 800 who attended in person as well as many livestream viewers. The retreat was put on by the [JPII Healing Center](#) and the main speakers were Dr. Bob Schuchts, Bart Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. The retreat was three-day experience of God's healing love through teaching, prayer, personal reflection, Adoration and the Sacraments.



We are grateful to Dennis Dalelio for providing these retreat photos. www.dennisdalelio.com

The background is a painting of a landscape. In the foreground, a large, dark green tree with a thick trunk stands prominently. The middle ground shows a river flowing through a valley, with a small bridge crossing it. In the background, there are rolling hills and a town with several buildings. The overall style is impressionistic, with visible brushstrokes and a rich, textured color palette.

THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

YOU WHO DWELL IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH,
WHO ABIDE IN THE SHADE OF THE ALMIGHTY,
SAY TO THE LORD, "MY REFUGE AND FORTRESS,
MY GOD IN WHOM I TRUST."

HE WILL RESCUE YOU FROM THE FOWLER'S SNARE,
FROM THE DESTROYING PLAGUE,
HE WILL SHELTER YOU WITH HIS PINIONS,
AND UNDER HIS WINGS YOU MAY TAKE REFUGE;
HIS FAITHFULNESS IS A PROTECTING SHIELD...

YOU SHALL NOT FEAR THE TERROR OF THE NIGHT
NOR THE ARROW THAT FLIES BY DAY,
NOR THE PESTILENCE THAT ROAMS IN DARKNESS,
NOR THE PLAGUE THAT RAVAGES AT NOON.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE LORD FOR YOUR REFUGE
AND HAVE MADE THE MOST HIGH YOUR STRONGHOLD,
NO EVIL SHALL BEFALL YOU,
NO AFFLICTION COME NEAR YOUR TENT.

FOR HE COMMANDS HIS ANGELS WITH REGARD TO YOU,
TO GUARD YOU WHEREVER YOU GO

PSALM 91: 1-5, 9-11

IGNITE

YOUTH MINISTRY

THE YEAR AHEAD



We are so excited for this upcoming year and all that the Lord has in store for Ignite.

The Lord has already been moving and speaking into how He wants to encounter all of the youth in Ignite and how He wants to lead those of us on the Ignite Leadership Team. Our upcoming talks, exhortations, activities, service opportunities, etc. will be focused on living out our Catholic identity in everything we do and with everyone we encounter. We plan on discussing and encouraging Catholic identity, Christian living, and what that practically looks like through formative talks, small groups, service opportunities and lots of other great Ignite events this year. We have events and service opportunities either lined up or in the works and we ask for your prayers, generosity, and consideration as we rely on the Lord first - but also you, our brothers and sisters - to help build His Kingdom by building up the next generation of Catholic men and women who will be the face of Jesus to the world! May God bless Ignite and may God bless you. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support!

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.” Jeremiah 1:5

Ignite Leadership Team,

Gabriel Natural, Clare Buganski, Ray Molnar, & Julie Quense

STUDENTS ON THE MARCH RIGHT TO LIFE, TRENTON

MARY AXIAK



Forty of our Koinonia Academy students traveled to Trenton on Sept. 26 for the first-ever statewide New Jersey Rally and March for Life!

Defending the dignity of every human life is a mission close to our hearts at KA, and thanks to a generous donor, we were blessed with a bus to join hundreds of pro-life advocates.



The day began with a beautiful Mass for Life at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, followed by the rally at the Trenton Statehouse Annex. Our students were deeply inspired by the powerful speeches and testimonies, proud to represent Koinonia Academy as a school that boldly upholds the dignity of all human life. These young people are a shining example of living out our faith with courage, standing up for the most vulnerable in society.



Koinonia Academy continues to be a light in the darkness 40 years after its founding!

Grateful for our ongoing relationship working to lead young souls to Christ.

Please pray for all the students and teachers at KA!

If you are interested in learning more about

Koinonia Academy visit their website

at koinoniaacademy.org

" WE MUST BE CLEAR ON CRITICAL
LIFE ISSUES-HEARTS AND MINDS
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THIS, AND EVERY MONTH: RESPECT LIFE MONTH 2024

BY HELEN O'MULLAN

Every October in particular we celebrate and acknowledge the precious God-given gift of human life—from conception to natural death, striving to re-build a Culture of Life in our families, our churches, our state and country and the world at large! Sadly, IT IS A STRUGGLE...."God's game".....but we each play a critical part . We "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News"!

Here in New Jersey, it's an uphill battle, but on September 26 an overflow crowd, around 1200, packed the Trenton Cathedral for a Mass for Life with our Bishops. Our KA juniors and seniors also attended as did many other schools. What a joy! We then joined many other pro-lifers at the Statehouse for a Rally and March for Life. May our State leaders hear and respond!

Day to day there are many ways to support Life: voluntary and monetary support of pregnancy centers, such as [Good Counsel](#) and Inspire, [Life Choices](#), [Moms Helping Moms](#); through diaper drives, prayer and vigil with [40 Days for Life](#), legislative alert responses, VOTING, and educating ourselves on critical LIFE issues and efforts.

For example. [St. Vincent's will host an expert panel of Doctor & Priest on IVF & reproductive technologies on November 20, with Allan Wright of the NJ Family Policy Center moderating](#). All are welcome; spread the word.

We must be clear on critical life issues—-hearts and minds are engaged and changed 1 by 1. Rosaries, prayer vigils, adoration, Holy Hours are our weapons in the struggle. Let us each engage the struggle to rebuild a Culture of Life.

A landscape painting of a lake and mountains. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a large mountain peak in the background and a calm lake in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

All of us, gazing
with unveiled face
on the glory of the
Lord, are being
transformed into
the same image
from glory to glory,
as from the Lord
who is the Spirit

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

" I REALLY FELT LIKE I WAS
LIVING MY PRIESTHOOD
ALL WEEK LONG "



A PRIEST'S PERSPECTIVE: CAMP HOPE FROM THE OTHER SIDE

BY FR JAE

This is my second time helping out at Camp Hope. Throughout the camp, Fr. Patrick and I will sometimes talk about the ups and downs of the day. One of the highlights I remember was after a long night of confession, Fr. Patrick and I agreed on how good it is to be a priest. As a priest, these little moments really strengthen me and rejuvenate my love for Christ and His Church. I think that is why Camp Hope is such a special place, and even though it is not the easiest week to give my time, it is certainly a fruitful one.

As a relatively young priest, ordained in 2020, one of the first things I realized was that there are so many people with different levels of faith and even different ideas of what faith is. I quickly learned that not everyone was filled with the zeal for the Church and love of Christ that I expected people to have. So many times, my interactions with the people or my encounters with them were so "non-Christ" focused, I often wondered when I can actually start to feel like a priest. We would talk about politics, sports, health, career, school, etc.

But rarely would I just talk to a person about Christ and heavenly things. I thought the priesthood was to communicate and give the life of Christ, but it rarely seemed like I was doing that.

At Camp Hope, however, things were a little different. I really felt like I was living my priesthood all week long. I did not have to convince people or remind them of the love of God or the true presence in the Eucharist or the importance of going to confession. These things were already established in the culture of the camp. And when Christ is already at the foundation, everything seemed to fall into place. As a priest, I had nothing to worry about other than being a priest, and that feels incredible. The only desire I had was to give Christ to those who came to me, and that was so easy when everyone who came to me was already looking for Christ.

I remember looking at our Lord during the adoration for the counselors and staff. In that moment I was so thankful for the call to the priesthood and I was grateful to Camp Hope for allowing me to serve them as a priest of Jesus Christ. It is such a wonderful life and I was reminded of that during this amazing camp.



Fr Jae is a priest in the Archdiocese of Newark. We are grateful for all of the priests who serve at Camp Hope and help make Camp possible! To learn more about Newark and the journey to the priesthood, you can visit www.NewarkPriest.com

To read more about Camp Hope and Newark Priest in our [Friends of the People of Hope](#) blog series.

KOINONIA ACADEMY INVITES YOU

Dear friends,

***“Surely, the LORD, your God, has blessed you in all your undertakings; he has been concerned about your journey through this vast wilderness. It is now forty years that the LORD, your God, has been with you, and you have lacked nothing.”
Deuteronomy 2:7***

As we mark Koinonia Academy's 40th anniversary, it's incredible to reflect on how God has guided and blessed us through these years. Founded by Bob Gallic and the People of Hope, KA has been a beacon of light, growing ever brighter in a world that desperately needs the light of Christ.

We invite you to join us for a special night at KA's 14th Annual Gala. This is not just an event— this is a night for our community, families, and friends to come together to praise God for his unwavering faithfulness. Together, we'll support and strengthen our mission to inspire courageous lives of personal holiness, virtue, and wisdom through authentic Catholic education. We'll also take the time to honor esteemed guests, who not only embody these values in their daily lives but also serve as inspiring examples to everyone around them.

This year, we're proud to present the Lumen Christi Award to Damon and Melanie Owens, whose work in marriage and family life has shone brightly in our world. Br. Adam Neri of the Brotherhood of Hope, a proud KA alum of the class of '96, will receive the Alumni Legacy Award, recognizing his ongoing commitment to spreading the Gospel. We will also honor Nora Coletta and Marge Margiotta, beloved teachers at Koinonia Academy whose deep faith, love for their students, and commitment to the mission of the school left a lasting impact on the community.

We hope you can join us on the night. Let's celebrate all that God has done and continues to do through our beloved school, as we lift up our prayers and support for the future.

Please visit our website for all the details and information:
www.koinoniagala.com

God Bless,

Mary Axiak
Koinonia Academy, Director of Advancement
KA Class of 2008, KA Parent

Please Join Us for the

14TH ANNUAL GALA

KOINONIA ACADEMY



HONORING

DAMON & MELANIE OWENS

BR. ADAM NERI

NORA COLETTA † & MARGE MARGIOTTA †

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2024

6:00 PM COCKTAILS
7:00 PM DINNER

BRIDGEWATER
MARRIOTT

700 COMMONS WAY
BRIDGEWATER, NJ

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IMMEDIATE NEED

- Joseph McMullen
- Lee Ravaioli
- Jackie Donnelley
- Eric Garcia
- Peggy Camiolo
- Shannon Hardy

SERIOUS & ONGOING

- Rita (Buganski) Arena
- Eleanor Benson
- Jack Bickel
- Margaret Fierro
- Danielle Neri
- Lee Scarfone
- Rose Molnar
- Dan O'Mullan

Please visit our website peopleofhope.net/prayerintentions to see our complete list of our prayer intentions and to add to our list.

PRAYER PETITION HIGHLIGHT

HOLINESS

May we grow in our relationship with you Lord. Help us to be pure and holy and to pray every day. Strengthen our faith, trust, and hope. Help us to live as a People of Hope with joy.

“Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude.”

PHIL. 4:6

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY WIDE LORD'S DAYS

October 12th
Varios Homes

ANCHOR BRUNCHES

Sunday October 20th
RSVP [HERE](#)

LIGHTHOUSE OCTOBERFEST

Sunday, October 20th
RSVP [HERE](#)

COMMUNITY CULTURE NIGHT



Tuesday, October 29th
Details to come

COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, November 3rd
2:30-4:30PM
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