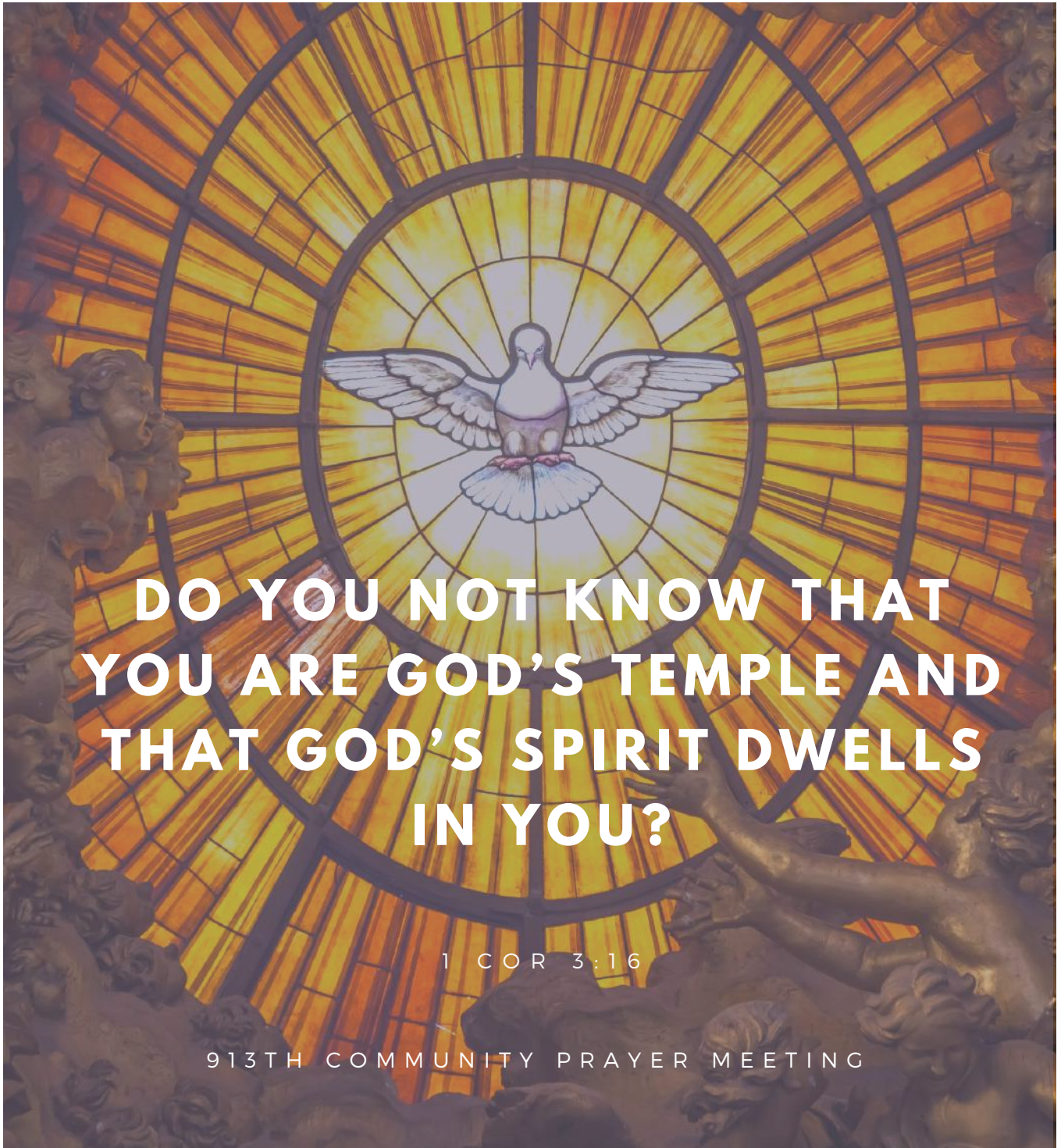


JESUS IS LORD!

PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



**DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT
YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE AND
THAT GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLS
IN YOU?**

1 COR 3:16

913TH COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

MAY 28, 2023

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the beginning of 2023 I received an email promoting a booklet with daily reflections about the Holy Spirit. After quickly glancing at the email, I deleted it. A week or so later I once again received the same email. I wondered to myself, was the first email a prompting of the Holy Spirit that I ignored or was I just being overly spiritual? After all, I already have enough spiritual material to assist me in my daily personal prayer. But, the email sat in my inbox for a few more days until I finally decided to buy the booklet. I wish I could say that this little booklet has radically transformed how I pray, but it hasn't. But in a simple concrete way I am now consciously choosing to encounter the Holy Spirit each day in my prayer. Certainly, I can and do encounter the Holy Spirit in my reading of scripture, my participating in Mass or praying charismatically. However, this daily verse from scripture, either from the old testament or new testament, along with a brief meditation on that verse and a one sentence prayer has made me more aware of the Holy Spirit and my need for Him in my daily life.

Throughout the entire bible we encounter the Holy Spirit, beginning with Genesis 1:2 where we read "the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" to the very last chapter in the book Revelation, where we read, "The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!". From the creation of the world to the Lord's second coming, the Holy Spirit is active in human history. Yet this same Spirit, the third Person of the Holy Trinity, desires to be active in *my personal history*. He, who created the universe, has also made us sons and daughters of God the Father at our Baptism. He who has poured out his abundant gifts on the prophets, apostles and saints has gifts that He wishes to give each of us. Gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord to help us to faithfully live out the gospel and meet the challenges we face in our daily lives. As I write this I realize that I am "preaching to the choir". Still, if you are anything like me it is easy for those challenges to become excuses of why I don't live a faithful life rather than an impetus to call upon the Holy Spirit. Ironically it is the excuses for my failures that makes me realize my need for the Holy Spirit. As St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

So, dear brothers and sisters, as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit let us never tire of crying out in our need, Come, Holy Spirit, "For when I am weak, then I am strong"!



Pentecost Sunday
May 2023



"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him"

J O H N 3 : 1 7

I CALL YOU TO A DEEPER SURRENDER

"Let yourself be vulnerable. Let your walls down, your carefully constructed fortresses breached, your fiercely guarded heart laid bare. Let your wounds be touched, your fears revealed, your deepest desires, damaged dreams, and most daring hopes unveiled before the Bridegroom who has the power to redeem, restore, and resurrect them. Drop your independence and the idea—which you clutch so tightly—that you can do anything to protect and save yourself. And let Him love you. - St Elizabeth of the Trinity

As we come into this season of lent, the Lord says 'give me your worries, give me your dreams, give me your hopes, give me all that's in your heart, all the good things, all the hard things, and come and surrender them to me. A deeper surrender in this season of lent, a deeper surrender to my will, so that in this season of lent and in the season of Easter to come, that I may bring deeper freedom, deeper joy, deeper trust in me. But come and surrender, lay them at the foot of my cross that I can bring freedom to you."

LET SPEAK INTO YOUR HEART

"As I was driving here, 2 songs came on the radio, one after the other one. A line from the first one was, 'even when things are bad, I love you. Even when things are good, I love you'. And one of the lines from very next song was, 'you are enough'. And as we listened to the exhortation today, I had a sense that the Lord was saying, 'Come away with me into the wilderness this lent. And when you say - "some of it is too hard, some of it is too dark, some of it is too bad", know that I love you anyway. When you say, "Lord this is good", why should I bring you into it, you're already there?', know that I love you anyway, and will bring you deeper into the good. Yes, you are enough, because I created you and because I love you. Come away with me into the wilderness with me this lent, let me speak into all areas of your heart, the good, the bad, especially the neutral, that you may know my love. Then allow that love grow so that you can share it with your spouse, your children, your parents, and your neighbors. Come away with me into the wilderness this lent.

I CALL YOU TO A RADICAL TRUST AND A RADICAL SURRENDER

“The Lord says, ‘Radical trust and surrender this lent. Radical trust and surrender. Not casual trust, not wishy-washy trust, radical trust and surrender. Have I not told you and do you not believe that all things work together for the good for those who love me? Yes, you do believe that and yet how often do you say and speak about and think about the things in your lives that you do not think are for your good? And I say to you, ‘I see them, I know them, and the same way that I saw them when my son suffered, when his mother suffered, I was there and I had a greater good. So radical surrender and radical trust is my word for you. And I have a proposal for you, for those who have broken hearts, exchange your broken hearts for my sacred heart,’ says the Lord. ‘Let me heal your broken heart’, says the Lord. Radical trust and radical surrender are my words for you this lent.”

OFFER COMPASSION, MERCY AND FORGIVENESS

“The Lord says, ‘Offer compassion, mercy, forgiveness, to the down-trodden, to those who have lost faith, to the lonely, to the hurting souls who have lost hope. You are my people of hope to the world, do not give up, give out compassion, mercy, forgiveness.’ (Ref John 3:16-21)

BRING TO ME ALL OF YOUR HEART

I sense that God the Father would invite us this lent to bring the all the parts of our heart to Him. The parts that prefer the darkness, that prefer to be hidden, the parts that are greedy, or selfish or desire sinful things. Bring those parts to God our Father this lent that he can work in our heart, and lead us to deeper conversion, deeper knowledge of his love, deeper relationship with him.”

BRING TO ME ALL OF YOUR HEART

“This is just a prayerful sense - take your hearts before the Lord, I think he’s saying close your eyes, consider your own life, your own needs, your own sin, the difficult areas to bring to him. And I heard the Lord saying, giving me freedom to say, “not that Lord, not that shame, not that need, not that guilt, not that resentment, not that littleness, I can’t bring that before you Lord. You ask for my whole heart, I can’t bring your whole heart, that piece I just can’t bring that to you Lord. And the Lord says, ‘Bring me what you can, bring me what you can and I will take you into my arms and I will heal what you can’t. Bring me what you can, let me embrace your whole person, what you can and what you can’t, and I will heal you,’ says the Lord, ‘I will make you whole, in my love and in my embrace. Just come to me, bring me the little you can and I will heal what you cannot,’ says the Lord.”



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Coming to us, the
Holy Spirit not
only brings us the
gift of God, but
also God's self-
giving

CARDINAL RANIERO CANTALAMESSA

COMMUNITY - W I D E LORD'S DAYS

BY BOB FILORAMO

One of the recent rich blessings in our life together has been Community Lord's Days, mixing old and young, familiar and new faces. We were hosted by two couples, each with large families. It was so encouraging to experience an evening with children who eagerly participated in the [Lord's Day prayers](#), thanking the Lord with some spiritually mature words of gratitude. Moreover, these children were obviously no strangers to service, pitching in, following their parents' directions. That these couples were willing to host "whoever signed up" speaks volumes about their commitment to our covenant.



As we offered our own thanks to the Lord these two nights, I shared what Lord's Days together have meant to us and the life of our community. For year after year, week after week, families got together, shared life and a meal, often with home-baked aromatic challah bread. In many ways Lord's Days together helped build the community as networks of relationships were formed and ultimately strengthened, getting us through challenge after challenge.

As Eileen and I have grown older, "invitations out" have been fewer; our own ability to regularly host Lord's Days has been quite limited. However, we joyfully celebrate the Lord's Day alone every week, knowing how essential it is in living out our covenant. So, to find ourselves "invited out" twice to share a Lord's Day meal with folks we might otherwise never have spent time with, to be among young, vibrant children whose faith is obvious and genuine has been an unexpected grace for us and a source of renewed hope for the on-going life of The People of Hope. We look forward to more "invitations out".

YES RETREAT "THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH"

KAIROS ANNUAL RETREAT - MAR 31-APR 2, 2023



Q&A WITH IGNITE TEEN

Q: What is the YES Retreat?

A: For me, the yes retreat is when many communities from all over the country come together for 2 days to worship the Lord. To meet new people, to get out of your comfort zone, and to experience the Lord in a different way.

Q: What was the theme of the retreat and what is one take away from it?

A: The theme was "The Word was made Flesh" and for me, I think it's a really good theme. During this retreat, we talked about womanhood, what it means to be a disciple of God, and how to pray. We were in small groups and I loved that part during the retreat. I got to see what my parents do every Wednesday!

"I MET SO MANY NEW PEOPLE AND NOW I'M REALLY GOOD FRIENDS WITH THEM. SO I FEEL LIKE THE LORD WANTED ME TO EXPLORE MY FRIENDSHIPS AND SEE HOW IT GOES"



Q: What was one thing the Lord was speaking or saying to you throughout the retreat or after?

A: During the Yes retreat, I felt a little comfy in my comfort zone, and I didn't want to meet anyone, just stay with my friends. But on Saturday night, I felt called to reach out of my comfort zone and talk to some people. I finally did and it was the best! I met so many new people and now I'm really good friends with them. So I feel like the Lord wanted me to explore my friendships and see how it goes.

Q: What was the highlight of this retreat for you?

A: A highlight for me for the Yes retreat was seeing God from a different point of view. I wasn't afraid to put my hands up or to praise the Lord. I loved making new friends, I still chat with them to this day! I loved the Yes Retreat, in fact, it's probably one of my favorite highlights of the year!

- Elena, Freshman Girl

Behold, I am with you always,
even unto the end of time





COME AFTER ME

A PERSONAL SHARING FEATURING THE **PETROS** COMMUNITY

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” These words spoken by our Lord in Matthew’s gospel are as relevant now as they were 2,000 years ago. This past April, retreatants on the Petros annual retreat were among the most recent to be challenged by these words and called to respond. The theme of the retreat, “Come After Me”, led by Chris Costa and Mary-Joe Stephan, took a deep dive into what it truly means to be a disciple of Christ, the cost and reward of discipleship, and how to live out discipleship in our daily lives.

Though this may seem like a daunting task for one weekend, the reality is that the Petros community and outreach has been preparing for this moment since September. The Petros outreach is fueled by two recurring gatherings, First Friday Adoration and Foundation Night, the latter being the main source of formation for the outreach. This year’s Foundation Night theme was the “Life in the Spirit” where each month our outreach would hear a teaching from a different Life in the Spirit seminar.

During our First Foundation Night of the year, one of the Petros community members called each person to commit to this series and watch the Holy Spirit change their life; and many men and women answered that call. Each Foundation Night was filled with roughly 70 men and women eagerly learning about the Christian message of salvation and the new life offered in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The pinnacle of this series came during the Baptism of the Spirit where roughly the same number of men and women gathered on a Sunday afternoon in February to receive the outpouring of the Spirit and the good gifts He wants to give them. This “New Pentecost” in our community continued throughout the following months with those not in attendance that Sunday asking to be prayed over after Foundation Nights, at share groups, and whenever they had the opportunity. The Spirit was reawakened and it was now time to

respond together on retreat as a community filled with the Spirit.

Petros had the great gift of welcoming speakers such as Ed Moccia, Sofia Margiotta, and Alan Wright to teach and witness on the life of discipleship. Each speaker shared their own unique perspective on discipleship but they all shared a common thread, we need to give EVERYTHING over to God. A seemingly unlikely word from Mark 14 and the "The Anointing at Bethany" was shared by one of our community members leading us into our prayer meeting about how the women did not just pour a small amount of oil on Jesus but rather she broke the jar open and outpoured it and the fragrance filled the room and that we are called to do the same. The Holy Spirit truly came in power that weekend.

What made this retreat so special compared to previous Petros retreats is that this was a culmination of a journey which started in September. Unlike retreats where people come out of the woodwork hopping from retreat to retreat getting their spiritual fill, the 75 men and women on this year's Petros retreat almost

entirely consisted of those who attended the monthly Foundation Night, this was truly a fruit of commitment. As our Easter season comes to a close, the "Great Commission" of Christ rings louder than ever in the Petros community "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations". Our journey did not end in April but began an awakening of new disciples in the church longing to grow in number. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth."

DANIEL CHEDID

PETROS COMMUNITY MEMBER

"AS OUR EASTER SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE, THE "GREAT COMMISSION" OF CHRIST RINGS LOUDER THAN EVER IN THE PETROS COMMUNITY"

This article is the continuation of a bulletin series "Friends of the People of Hope", which seeks to highlight the many ministries and communities around the world which we are blessed to call friends.

If you are interested in learning more about the vibrant Petros community [visit their page at stpeternewbrunswick.org/young-adults](http://stpeternewbrunswick.org/young-adults)





“The deeper one is drawn into
God, the more one must 'go
out of oneself';

that is, one must go to the
world in order to carry the
divine life into it.”

COMPASS

RETREAT TESTIMONIALS



The weekend of November 18-20th, around 50 young adults came together for the annual Compass Fall Retreat. As a light snowfall fell as retreat attendees arrived for check-in, they were greeted with a roaring fire in the main space to keep the room warm as the retreat began. The retreat took place at Camp Shiloh in Hewitt, NJ for the second year in a row. Camp Shiloh provided an inviting, warm and peaceful environment - perfect for a retreat weekend away.



The retreat's focus was on the Beatitudes. Over the course of the weekend, the group heard five talks, an opening talk Friday night giving an introduction and overview of the Beatitudes and the four to follow zoomed in on four of the eight beatitudes. The talks were impactful and all posed questions to ponder and pray through. There were also powerful and prayerful times of worship, small groups & personal prayer as well as time for people to socialize and get to know one another. Overall, it was a very blessed weekend and the Lord worked in power.



READ ON FOR TWO SHARINGS FROM COMPASS MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE RETREAT.



The Compass retreat this year was a welcome respite. In the months leading up to it I had been experiencing a feeling of apathy towards my faith and the practice of it. I was very involved with SPO and had really pursued my faith in college and now I was home living with my parents working a job that felt like a dead end. I continued to pray but I think that in some way I had grown to believe that the Lord had stopped listening. I found myself unfocused in mass and just waiting for it to be over. I had absolutely no desire to go on this retreat. None whatsoever. I was concerned about the lack of sleep and how useless I was going to be at work on Monday but more than that I didn't want to go because I was certain nothing was going to happen. Nothing had happened in a long time, why would this one weekend in November be any different. I was dragging my feet about going and was very nearly late to the start of it.

The first talk of the retreat was the one that stood out the most to me. The talk was given by Joe Buganski and was about mercy. The part that stood out to me most prominently

was something along the lines of we can't give mercy to others if we aren't merciful with ourselves. I was floored when I heard this. For a year and a half, I had been beating myself up feeling as though I was less because I wasn't where I thought I should be. I remember sitting and reflecting on that for the remainder of the weekend just wondering how I could change this?

Since the retreat I have felt a deep sense of peace and calm. It was as though my general apathy had been replaced with a serene feeling. In the weeks since this feeling has not diminished significantly and has flowed into other areas of my life. I don't feel dejected and indifferent anymore, I don't feel as though I have failed at what it is I should be doing. I suppose the biggest thing that I took away from the retreat was a lasting feeling of peace and cheer.

STEVE, COMPASS MEMBER

It's been a while since I fully entered into a weekend, being able to be both physically and mentally present, yet I was able to achieve this at this year's Compass Retreat. I managed to sign up and get there which, though seemingly simple, was something I wasn't able to bring myself to do last year, so that felt like a huge accomplishment to me. The ability to be completely mentally present feels impossible to me- to have no distractions, no brain fog, and no dissociating - yet God made it happen. I cannot begin to explain how freeing that weekend was.

I got to run in the snow with my new friends in complete full-bodied laughter. I praised and worshiped with a vigor I haven't experienced in so long. The talks have prompted me to take stock of my own heart and assess what it is I cherish. Do I see God in my joys and in my struggles? Am I opening my eyes to his workings around me, in other people, and in my own life? Am I treating myself the way God would- with mercy and with grace? Do I view myself and my life the way God does? Am I striving to live out the beatitudes and attain holiness? Do I really want to get heaven?



There was so much to take away from the weekend, but the part that sticks with me the most was how it felt to be there. To be a part of a people and not feel alone. A lot of the truths that I had been struggling with recently were clearly experienced that weekend. It went beyond simple fellowship; the only word that I can grasp to convey how I felt is "kindred". It felt like family, which was not how I had viewed Compass before. It's just occurring to me now, as I sit here writing this, that God may want me to start making that shift. To start viewing the members of Compass as more than just my friends and allow them to be my family.

So, there was a lot to unpack and, clearly, I still am. The taste of true freedom from that weekend is one that I hope to remember and call upon when I need it. Living out the beatitudes isn't easy nor is it passive. We are called to a life of action, one that requires us to pray and call on God as it is not possible to do alone. He gave us Himself and He gave us our families, those both given and chosen, so that we may always have someone by our side. I pray that we remember this today, and every day, as we strive for a deeper relationship with Him. Amen.



HALIE, COMPASS MEMBER

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Wherever there is
love, there is a
trinity: a lover, a
beloved, and a
fountain of love

ST AUGUSTINE

THE DAUGHTERS OF HOPE

We have had a beautiful year

in the Daughters of Hope, including many fun and memorable times together. Our first event was an Oktoberfest where we learned about the origins of the celebration, did a fun chicken dance and prayed the rosary. In November we had an All Saints Celebration where we played some saint guessing games and shared about our favorite saint. In December we had our annual Christmas celebration with some caroling and bingo!

Our February event included learning about pearls, the Pearl of Great Price, and the treasure we have in one another. We were able to encourage each sister in a special quality and have a time of intercession. Our annual Lenten Breakfast resumed in March, which featured our special guest speaker, Fr. Richard Carton. He shared many insights about Lent, told some stories, and encouraged each of these faithful ladies in their walk with Jesus. We were so grateful to be able to visit our dear “Sisters of Jesus our Hope” in May for our annual visit. Covid has kept us away for the last 3 years so we were very excited to spend several hours with them. It was a very relational time with lots of joy and many conversations with different Sisters.



Sr. Julia is turning 90 in August so we brought cards and sang to her. We were also blessed to spend a little time in their chapel where Sr. Christine Quense led us in prayer, but also encouraged all the Daughters in their faithfulness for so many years and thanked them for their example to her. We left there so built-up and it was beautiful seeing our old friends again.

We are planning to meet one more time in June for our closing picnic and then resume our events in the fall. Every time we meet, we have fun snacks made by our team consisting of Mary Quense, Kathy Garcia, Teresa Murray, Maria DeLuca and Susan Minogue.

Sometimes we wear ugly Christmas sweaters, or funny headbands or even pearls, but we always enjoy our special times together experiencing great fellowship, sisterly love and fun. We leave so encouraged, so grateful for one another and filled with the JOY of the Lord! God is good!



"WE LEAVE SO ENCOURAGED, SO GRATEFUL FOR ONE ANOTHER AND FILLED WITH THE JOY OF THE LORD!"

"Who is the driving force of the Church's unity?"

It is the Holy Spirit, whom we have all received at baptism and also in the sacrament of confirmation.

It is the Holy Spirit.

Our unity is not primarily a fruit of our own consensus or of the democracy in the Church, or of our effort to get along with one another; rather, it comes from the One who creates unity in diversity, because the Holy Spirit is harmony and always creates harmony in the church."

REFLECTIONS ON GRIEF, GRATITUDE

This is an excerpt from *The Catholic Spirit*, the diocesan newspaper of the the Diocese of Metuchen

During my entire drive up to [Rutgers University] campus, the thought that something was wrong played over and over in my brain. I was in my final semester of graduate school, less than a month away from graduation and on my way to meet with my spiritual director, Laura Greey.

Over the course of the past three years, our time together was always a bright spot in my week. But I could not shake the feeling that our meeting wasn't going to happen that day...

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Laura was a dedicated and longstanding member of the People of Hope, along with her husband, Ed. We were blessed by her faithful and passionate labors of love over the years.



Laura J. (Apuzzo) Greey, left, poses with Annie Nason at commencement exercise for Rutgers University in 2017. Greey, a campus minister at The Catholic Center at Rutgers, was Nason's spiritual director until she died of cancer in 2022.

No matter what was going on in my life, Laura had a way of knowing what I needed most whether it be a big hug, a space to cry or time to laugh and break open the chocolate in her desk drawer.

My relationship with her was like having a second mom and a close friend, all wrapped into one. She was one of those people who helped me grow not only in my Catholic faith, but also as a person. Right after we met, Laura was diagnosed with cancer and generously shared much of her journey with me. I had just parked the car when my phone rang. It was Laura. My heart skipped a beat. Something was definitely up: "Annie, where are you? I'm about to come up to your office."

She's not here, I knew it, I thought to myself. "Where are you?"

"I'm not there. I'm in the hospital," she replied.

My mind raced to process the next bits of what Laura told me. I was in shock, partly because of her medical emergency, but also because my intuition proved to be correct. Laura explained as quickly as she could that she had suffered a ministroke.

"Listen, I can't talk long, but I knew you'd need a place to cry this out," Laura said. "I told Brother Pat [Reilly, director, The Catholic Center at Rutgers] to expect a phone call. Go cry with him!"

That was truly one of the things I loved most about Laura; that even if we couldn't be together physically, she was always making sure I was taken care of...

...The choice to embrace gratitude became even more important to me as Laura's health declined. I wanted to take in every bit of time between us with grace and gratitude. What were once long conversations became only a few minutes as she lost her ability to communicate, but we always ended with an "I love you."

and finally, I could understand it wasn't about choosing grief or gratitude, but rather, letting both exist. because at their core, grief and gratitude are really the same thing...forms of love.

-ANNIE NASON

Annie Nason is a 2017 graduate of Rutgers [University] who earned a dual degree in Public Health and Psychology and a Masters Degree in Education there in 2019.

Laura J. (Apuzzo) Greey died July 22, 2022 at her home in Berkeley Heights. A surviving family member is Brother Kenneth Apuzzo, general superior for the Brotherhood of Hope community and former director of the Catholic Center at Rutgers. He now serves at the Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Florida, Orlando.

AND FINALLY, I COULD UNDERSTAND IT WASN'T ABOUT CHOOSING GRIEF OR GRATITUDE, BUT RATHER, LETTING BOTH EXIST. BECAUSE AT THEIR CORE, GRIEF AND GRATITUDE ARE REALLY THE SAME THING...FORMS OF LOVE.

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- Steve Clark - Servants of the Word, Chelsea, MI
- Mike Shaughnessy - Servants of the Word, Chelsea, MI

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2023 PRAYER PETITION HIGHLIGHT

SENIORS

Jesus please bless our faithful senior members. May we serve, encourage, and accompany them in this stage of life as they have done for so many of us over these many years.

Daughters of Hope – Lord thank you this ministry to our senior women. It has brought so much life to our sisters including all those who serve in this ministry. Please continue to bless this wonderful work and inspire others to serve.

Retired Men's Gatherings – Lord, we thank you that a number of our retired brothers are beginning to come together regularly as protection against isolation. Please bless this new initiative. May its development be guided by Your Holy Spirit.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY
PAUL SHERLOCK TEMPLE

Born into earthly Life: October 21, 1940

Baptized: November 3, 1940

Born into Eternal Life: February 13, 2023

Paul was the youngest of 6 children and was raised in a faith filled family in Union, New Jersey. He went to Oratory Prep for his grammar school and high school years and then went on to college at Seton Hall University. I met Paul when he was about to graduate from college. I was working as a waitress for the summer and broke my rule of never saying yes to anyone who asked me out who came into the restaurant and am I glad I did. He came in to the restaurant the whole summer because he



was making up a course that he needed to graduate. During that time I met his father, his uncle and some of his friends. I felt I already knew him. We were married in 1965 and had 56 ½ wonderful years together! Right after graduating he joined the Air National Guard and went to their Cook and Bakers School. He was proud to be a veteran and loved telling stories about the fancy meals he made for the General and his staff. After serving, he had a career in construction and supervised the building of hospitals, apartments, office buildings and Newark Airport.

Paul was one of those rather rare people who never wavered in his faith. Even with that strong faith background his life in Christ came fully alive when he was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Right after the baptism God led us to the not quite fully formed People of Hope and we were in that first group of people that became the Community. He was always grateful that God provided us with such a wonderful environment to raise our 7 children.

Early on, Paul was called into leadership and served as a coordinator for many years. He was part of the group of men that went to the New Jersey Board of Education to see about starting Koinonia. In 1981 he left his job in the construction industry to build Mary Street with Bill Longo as his partner. Once Mary Street was finished, he went on to establish Alps Craftsmen and Technology. The company made countertops, but more than that provided jobs for many men in the community.

He loved his life in the community and on Mary Street. He was always grateful for the special friendships he formed and the opportunity to share the Lord with the many brothers and sisters God put in his life. One of his favorite things to do, aside from fishing, was to just be with you—kidding around and sharing the love of the Lord. He had a gift of bringing out the best in people and mentored many men to become better husbands, fathers and providers.

The love and support he experienced all during his life in the People of Hope and in his final days was awesome. When he went to the hospital we expected he would get fixed up and healed, ready to live out a few more years. God had another plan and Paul was totally able to embrace it and kept letting me and all the family know he was ready to go home. Fortunately we were all able to be with him during his final days on this earth and look forward to being with him in heaven.

Joan Temple

IN LOVING MEMORY
LOUIS EDWARD CIRROTTI

Born into earthly Life: May 5, 1941

Baptized: September 28, 1941

Born into Eternal Life: April 19, 2023



Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Our family extends its sincere gratitude to all of you for the support and prayers we received during the past 5 years as Lou battled with cancer. I thank God for the gift over 56 years with a faithful, loving spouse who cared for me and led me and our family closer to Christ. He was a good and loving father who was proud of his children. He offered his gifts to the church, to our community to KA and Habitat for Humanity and many businesses and individuals. Along the way he made deep and abiding friendships. He loved Saint John Paul II and made his teaching on human dignity a reality in his life. I can say this was Lou's best lent!

During Holy week he lived the passion and abandoned himself to the Father's will. We celebrated a joyous Easter surrounded by his grandchildren and entered eternal life in the company of our son Chris. He will be greatly missed but we take comfort and trust in Our Loving Father's Plan.

God Bless, **Carol Cirrotti**

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANCHOR PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, June 8th

7:30pm

Koinonia Academy - JP11

LIGHTHOUSE LORD'S DAYS

Saturday, June 10th

Various Homes

RSVP HERE to attend

ANCHOR WOMEN'S NIGHT

Wednesday, June 21st

Details TBA

LIGHTHOUSE & COMPASS WOMEN'S NIGHT

Wednesday, June 21st

7:30pm

31 Valleyview Road, Warren NJ

MARY MOTHER OF HOPE MASS

Saturday, July 8th

Koinonia Academy

5pm

Details TBA

COMPASS

VOLLEYBALL TUESDAY

Every Tuesday of the Summer
starting June 6th

7:30-9:00pm

St James Church Field



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