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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am





2025

Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love.

Psalms 31:16

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 National Day of Prayer	2 3pm Pathway to Success	3
4 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Communion	5 6pm Scouts	6 4:45pm Fish Dinner Pickups	7 6pm Girl Scouts	8	9 3pm Pathway to Success	10
11 Mother's Day 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	12 6pm Scouts	13	14 6pm Girl Scouts	15	16 3pm Pathway to Success	17
18 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	19 6pm Scouts	20 Food Delivery	21 6pm Girl Scouts	22	23 3pm Pathway to Success	24
25 10:30am Worship	26 Memorial Day 6pm Scouts	27 8am Open Door Articles due	28 6pm Girl Scouts	29	30 3pm Pathway to Success	31

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PAVERS

We are selling engraved pavers for our "Memorial Paver Garden" out front.

Want one? Complete a form and hand it in with your payment. Forms are available on our website and in the mailroom at the church. For more information, contact Shirley in the church office. Pavers will be placed in the fall.

MY BELOVED WIFE ♥ ALICE ♥ SCHWANKERT	OUR LOVING MOM ALICE SCHWANKERT
† THANK YOU LORD CHRISTIAN, CARA, SHIRLEY & MIKE †	DIEKER MARY & FRED 11-07-1964



Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

Barbara Ballo, 28 First Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Ervant Mansfield, Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave, Apt 316, Edison, NJ 08837

Carla Ring, 1084 Mulberry Pl, Toms River, NJ 08753

Deborah Sargeant Sr., 3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.

CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella
MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Michelle Herman
TREASURER - Christine Vella
SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver
ORGANISTS - Phyllis Chao & Sharon Munoz
SEXTONS - Erin Gualdarrama & Shirley Weaver
MISSION CHAIR - Ruth Beselinoff
SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL - Shirley Weaver

As of Feb. 2025

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joan Downes	Elaine Lopez
Lori Ryan	Molly Solanki
1 from session	

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for governing our church affairs)

Ruth Beselinoff	Mary Porcello
Madhu Solanki	Christina Vella
Larry Wallace	

YOUR DEACONS

(Responsible for assisting our church and community in times of need)

Michelle Herman	Betty Pinella
Lori Ryan	George Schaefer
Joyce Solanki	

May Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



May 7
Madhu & Joyce
Solanki



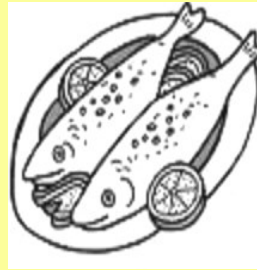
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The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91

Scouts Fish Dinner - May 6
4:45 pm - 6:45 pm
Drive thru/Take out Only
Tickets are \$17



All tickets must be purchased in advance.
To purchase tickets, please see Ruth or call Dan Sibal at 732-899-6074. You can pay with cash or a check to "The Camp Dill Foundation."



Registration forms are in the mailroom if you want to sign up or volunteer for
C.V.B.S.
July 14- 18, 2025
9am-12:15pm

at St. Bernadette Church,
Lourdes Center in Parlin

Closing Program is Friday, July 18, 2025 @ 7pm



May Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

May 3 Anthony Vella
May 9 Michael "Mikey" Pinella
May 9 Morgan Mottley
May 9 Madison Mottley
May 15 Keith Sutter
May 17 Betty Reilly
May 17 Terry Taylor
May 29 Sherry Kuo

Want to add you special day to our list?
Please send the information to Shirley.



16th Annual Bowl for Hunger

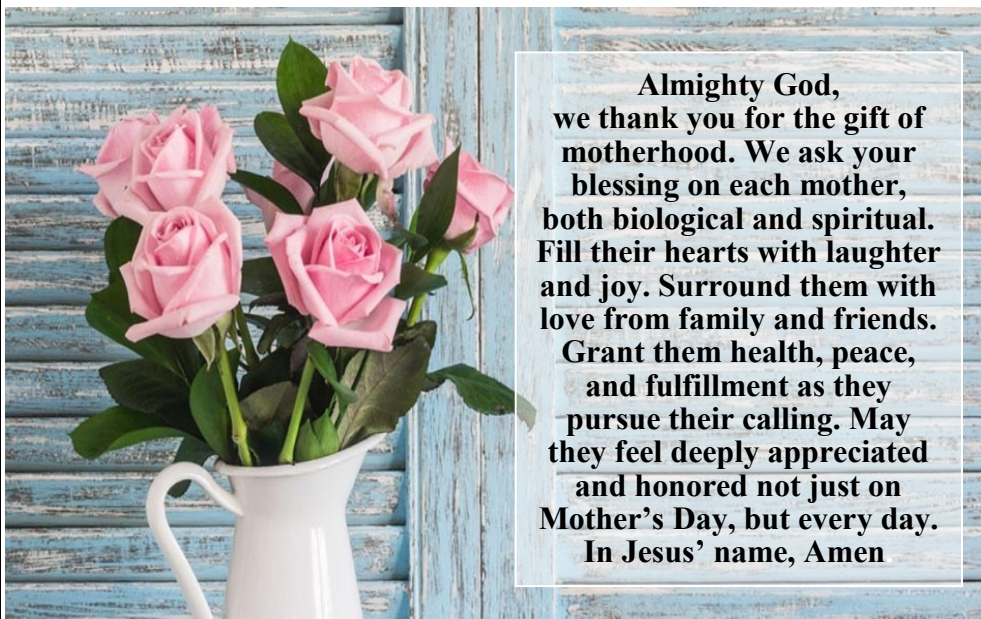
Monday, July 21st 2025
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Majestic Lanes

\$25 per person

Includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental and a "Bowl for Hunger" T-shirt.

See Shirley if you want to sign up for this year's team. This event supports our food pantry.

RSVP needed by ASAP-teams are filling up quickly.



Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of
motherhood. We ask your
blessing on each mother,
both biological and spiritual.
Fill their hearts with laughter
and joy. Surround them with
love from family and friends.
Grant them health, peace,
and fulfillment as they
pursue their calling. May
they feel deeply appreciated
and honored not just on
Mother's Day, but every day.
In Jesus' name, Amen



Have a safe an wonderful Memorial
Day -Board of Deacons

The Deacons wish everyone a very Happy Mother's Day and will have a special treat for the Ladies.

Dear God, We thank you for the freedom you have given to us, and for the price that was paid by the men and women who have given their lives. We are blessed to have a nation of brave men and women who have sacrificed greatly for our country. We ask for your blessing over them and their families. We thank you for price that was paid by Christ so that we could have eternal life. May this Memorial Day prayer encourage and strengthen those who have lost loved ones, inspire those serving in the military, and pay respect to those who given their all for our freedom. We remember the ultimate sacrifice and honor the families with appreciation and thanks. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The next Deacon's meeting will be after service on May 18th
~Betty Pinella



Citations from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

"Frequently Asked Questions" from
the 1600's written by Presbyterians.

Q9: What is creation? **A:** Creation is
God's making everything out of nothing
by his powerful word in six days – and all
very good.

Comments: The most basic truth of Gen-
esis 1:1 is now one of the most disputed
bible doctrines. Yet, scripture clearly af-
firms that God created the universe out of
nothing in 6 literal ordinary days unaided
by any evolutionary process. Develop-
ments in Science & Philosophy such as the
Kalam Cosmological Argument, the An-
thropic Principle, the discovery of Cosmic
Microwave Background (CMB) all point
logically to creation as defined by Genesis
1:1

For more: Heb 11:3, Rv 4:11, Gn 1:1-31

Submitted by John Mottley



Multicultural Night

June 20, 2025
at 5pm



We want to celebrate
all the diversity in
our community with
a Multicultural
Night.

This will be a Pot
Luck Event.

If you want to
participate and share
something from your
culture, such as a
favorite dish, music,
dance, art, fashion,
etc. Please sign up.

Cultures
from All
Countries
are
welcome

Event contact Mary at
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May Bible Verses

But now God's righteousness has been revealed apart from the Law, which is confirmed by the Law and the Prophets. ²² God's righteousness comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who have faith in him. There's no distinction. ²³ All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, ²⁴ but all are treated as righteous freely by his grace because of a ransom that was paid by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ Through his faithfulness, God displayed Jesus as the place of sacrifice where mercy is found by means of his blood. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness in passing over sins that happened before, ²⁶ during the time of God's patient tolerance. He also did this to demonstrate that he is righteous in the present time, and to treat the one who has faith in Jesus as righteous.

Romans 3:21-26 (Common English Bible)

Submitted by Molly Solanki

~ May Quotes ~

"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." —Fennel Hudson

"When you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on." —Theodore Roosevelt

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope." —Emily Bronte

"It isn't where you came from. It's where you're going that counts." —Ella Fitzgerald

"When the sun is out, and the wind is still, you're one month on in the middle of May." —Robert Frost

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." —C.S. Lewis

Submitted by Molly Solanki

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Thank you for paying attention to my complaining about not receiving any used ink cartridges. We received an additional six used ink cartridges this month. So 19 last month plus 6 this month equals \$50.00 in Rewards off our next purchase. Please keep this wonderful program going and THANK YOU. **God is good and supplies all our needs.**

Elaine Lopez



Sunday Worship Flowers

Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25.00 for two urns. There are many openings. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the pews and mail room.

Please make checks payable to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions, please contact me.

- Jean Greene

Good day to you my fellow sheep, brothers and sisters and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Much joy and celebration I extend to our shepherd and leader Pastor John and Ashley for the blessing from God of their new son Malachi Joseph. Great blessings also to their whole family. As I entered this new chapter of my life, God led me to this wonderful church. I was met with love and great spirit that overwhelmed me. It has reshaped my life with now true genuine Christian faith. In closing, I pray with you peace and joy with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God bless you and your families as we embark on a new summer season.

Best regards, Terry Taylor



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Happenings & New Beginnings

I want to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, cards, and all other kinds of display of love the last few weeks celebrating the birth of my son: Malachi Joseph Mottley. You have made his entry into this world all the more sweet and wonderful. Ashley and I are both doing well, we are both just tired and adjusting to the new lifestyle pace of 4 children in the home.

That being said, life at the church does not stop just because we had a baby! Much has been happening and much is being planned that I would like to remark on briefly.

National Day of Prayer is May 1st this year, so please make plans if able to join us at the flagpole in front of City Hall for a time of prayer, worship, and interceding to God on behalf of our nation that so needs his mercy.

Please also mark your calendar for our Multi-Cultural Night on June 20th. We had a fabulous time last year celebrating the diversity God has blessed our community with, and we were all enriched when we rejoiced over our differences and tried something new! As always the event is free, but I ask that our members participate with a small price: bringing a friend!

Finally, I wanted to give an update on our progress in leaving our current denomination. As many of you know, we are seeking to disaffiliate from the PC(USA) denomination of Presbyterian Churches and join the EPC denomination of Presbyterian churches. "We" are not becoming anything different, we are simply joining a fellowship of churches that more closely reflects who we are. We voted unanimously as the members of the congregation to seek this change, and we are currently in talks with members of our current Presbytery to finalize all of this very soon. Should these talks remain in good faith we are confident things will end well for all of us.

I was reminded this week that this move was necessary as I heard a sermon from one minister in our current denomination teach that we can go to heaven by doing good works, without repenting of our sins, and without any mention of trusting in Christ alone. This demonstrates the fundamental chasm between what the bible teaches and what this denomination believes.

Many new beginnings are taking place this season. How exciting is it that there is so much new life, new opportunities, and things to be excited about! Especially as we watch the earth itself come alive again after the winter. May God bless you this month, and we sincerely look forward to seeing you at some of these fellowship events coming up.

~ John Mottley

