

JESUS IS LORD!

# PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



THE PEOPLE WHO  
WALKED IN DARKNESS  
HAVE SEEN A GREAT  
LIGHT

ISAIAH 9:1

886TH PRAYER MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2019



# "I AM THE PRINCE OF PEACE"

## **STEP OUT OF THE BOAT**

I am the Prince of Peace. I am the Lord of Lords. I am the King of Kings. I am a king who loves with great mercy and with deep tenderness. I am a king that loves with such great joy as I take delight in each one of you. So I ask you to step out of the boat like I asked Peter. Come closer to me in order to experience my great mercy, my great tenderness, and my overwhelming joy. I take delight in you. Experience my kingship over you.

## **ONE DAY YOU WILL UNDERSTAND**

‘Evermore to understand. Evermore to understand.’ And how will you understand? An obstetrician understands childbirth, but not like a mother. You think you understand that I am a king, and that I love you with a royal and fatherly love and that you will have eternal life. But you don’t even yet understand it like an obstetrician (understands childbirth), but one day you shall understand it like the mother understands childbirth. You will know then, in your being, my kingship, my love, eternal life and joy.

## **WITNESS MY LOVE TO THE WORLD**

My beloved People of Hope, I am forming you to be a voice, my voice, to the world that so desperately needs it. I am also forming you to be a voice, my voice, to one another. I am forming you to be a witness to the world, that so desperately needs it. I am also forming you to be a witness of my love to one another. I call you to witness my love to the world and to one another.

## **STAY IN YOUR LANE AND FOLLOW ME**

The Lord would say, you are yoked to me. Do not go in front of me, do not go to the right, do not go to the left, do not try to go around me. If you’re experiencing any discomfort, let me lead. I am the king. Follow me. Stay in your lane and look to the vision that I have given you as a people, to be a loving and welcoming family. Look to the vision that I have given you. Stay in your lane. Stay right behind me and look to me and your yoke will be easy and your burden light”. (ref. Matthew 11:28-30)

## **I HAVE THE POWER**

There are some of you here that doubt my power. There are some of you who doubt that I can heal, that I have victory over your sin, that I have victory over every family situation, over every worry, over every doubt that you have. I have the power. I have the power. The Holy Spirit has power. Believe this in a new way here and now. The Holy Spirit has great power. He can heal, he can restore, he can redeem, he can bring about great freedom. Step out of the boat and say, 'Yes, Lord, you have the power!'

## **LONG LIVE CHRIST THE KING**

'I tell you my friends, do not fear, who can kill the body and after that have no more they can do. And when they bring you were before the synagogues, and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about what you and how you are to answer for the Holy Spirit will teach you what to say in that very hour.' (Ref. Luke 12:4 & 11) Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of Miguel Pro and right before they executed him, they asked him if he had any final words. And his final words were 'Long live Christ the King'. Long live Christ the King, I call you to a new spirit of boldness, to say in your hearts 'Long live Christ the King'. In the fear and anxiety, 'Long live Christ the King'. In the areas in my life where I need to forgive, 'Long live Christ the King'. In the areas in my life where I need to surrender my life more fully to you, 'Long live Christ the King', 'Long live Christ the King.'"

## **Prophecies from Community Prayer Meeting November 24, 2019**

# advent

### **WE WAIT IN JOYFUL HOPE**

"And the Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us" (John 1:14)

Come, Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart



# SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31  
7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

167 MT BETHEL RD, WARREN, NJ 07059

*Light reception to follow. If your family plans to attend,  
please bring a plate of cookies to share.*

*Also, please plan to arrive after 6:30 pm due to an  
earlier mass.*





## **SMALL GROUPS - LEADER'S CHOICE**

**Thursday, December 19, 2019**

Location: TBD

8-9:30pm

## **NO IGNITE - CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**Thursday, December 26, 2019**

## **IGNITE TEAM MEETING**

**Thursday, January 2, 2020**

Location: TBD

8-9:30pm

## **IGNITE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**Thursday, January 9, 2020**

Location: Koinonia Academy

8-10pm

## **IGNITE NIGHT**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

Location: Koinonia Academy

8-9:30pm



## **COMPASS SMALL GROUPS**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

*Contact your small group leader for more info.*

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS**

**Tuesday, December 31**

**7:00 pm**

**Our Lady of the Mount,  
Warren NJ**

## **KAIROS LEGACY CONFERENCE**

**Jan 17-19, 2020**

**Jacksonville, FL**

*A young professionals conference for our Sword of the Spirit communities and our post-collegiate outreaches. Come for a weekend of worship, fellowship and seeking the Lord!*

**Visit <http://kairos-na.org/legacy/> for details**

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK**

Please continue to pray for all the sick, especially for Clara Bickel, Jack Bickel, Maria Bickel, Dick Birmingham, Jane Calarco, Genna Camiolo, John Camiolo, Peg Camiolo, Fr. Jim Carroll, Jonathan Caruso, Steve Clark, Lou Cirrotti, Mike Dalessio, Joe Fierro, Margaret Fierro, Eric Garcia, Paul Giegerich, Jr., Laura Greey, Mark Helfrich, Gloria Hoffman, Joe Hoffman, Joseph McMullen, Rose Molnar, Danielle Neri, Shannon Hardy,

Walt and Joanne Quense, Lizzie Quense, Lee Scarfone, Jack Spear, Lisa Yacone, Carol-Ann McCarthy, Howard Zipf, Chris Birk from the Word of Life in Ann Arbor, MI, Peter Smith from Triumph of the Cross in MD, and Jan Munk from the Work of Christ in Lansing, MI.

Let's also pray for all those serving in the military, especially our loved ones

# 2019 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO AN END, PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLETE YOUR 2019 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ONLY CHECKS DATED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND RECEIVED IN THE COMMUNITY OFFICE BY **FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2020**, CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR INDIVIDUAL 2019 DONATIONS.

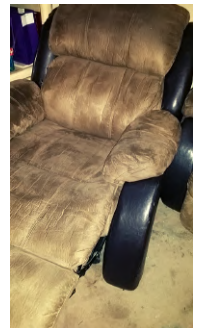
## 2019 *ONLINE* FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

IN ORDER FOR YOUR ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE PEOPLE OF HOPE WEBSITE TO BE CONSIDERED TOWARD YOUR 2019 DONATIONS, YOU MUST ALLOW TIME FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO BE PROCESSED. THEREFORE, **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019** IS THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING A 2019 ONLINE CONTRIBUTION.

## AVAILABLE

LARGE, STURDY TILED DINING ROOM TABLE WITH ONE LEAF  
FIVE CHAIRS  
VERY GOOD CONDITION

BROWN RECLINER  
GOOD CONDITION



**CALL JULIE ROSS IF INTERESTED: (908) 448-9394**

## NEEDED

A BIGGER DINING TABLE, PREFERABLY AN AMISH EXTENDABLE TABLE.  
WOULD BE WILLING TO BUY.  
THANK YOU!

**FOR MORE INFO PLEASE EMAIL DELPHINE ANDERSON**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JOINT MEN'S NIGHT

Tuesday, December 17  
8:00 pm  
Koinonia Academy

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS

Tuesday, December 31  
7:00 pm  
Our Lady of the Mount,  
Warren NJ

## PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, January 12  
2:30-4 pm  
Koinonia Academy

## FAMILY FORUM - NIGHT 2

Friday, January 24  
8-10 pm  
Koinonia Academy

## KA CORNER

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGENT

**\*\*DATE CHANGE!\*\***

Friday, December 20  
6:45-8:15 pm  
Koinonia Academy

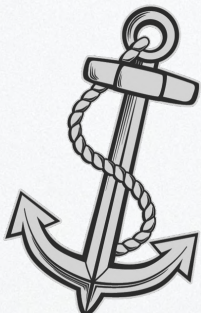
### CHRISTMAS RECESS BEGINS

Friday, December 20  
12:30 pm

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# **In Loving Memory Wendy Hoffman**

**Born on May 20, 1942**

**Baptized on**

**July 25, 1954**

**Entered Eternal rest on**

**November 28, 2019**

Wendy Hoffman was a happy, holy, publicly committed member of the People of Hope. She was the beloved wife of Joe, a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who lived her life with constant kindness and loving service.



In her youth she attended college in Allentown Pa., and New York City. Wendy and Joe loved to travel and experience new and interesting cultures. Wendy enjoyed the opera in NYC and shared her interest with her granddaughter.

Wendy loved Jesus! She served her Lord as a lector and faithful member of St. Antoninus Parish in Newark. In her recent years she blessed the Warren District as a Communicator, consistently sharing POH life, information and details via email. Wendy had a keen sense of humor and joy, which was reflected in her gifts as she wrote to her brothers and sisters. She often expressed deep gratitude for her life with Jesus and "her Joe."

In honoring Wendy at a recent Daughters of Hope event, we all recalled Wendy's joyful heart and radiant smile. We remembered her laughter at the little things to include the "Manny's hotdog lunches." We spoke of her kind care for KA 4th graders as she read books to them years ago. We noted her love, generosity, and courage. She trusted Jesus and there was no doubt that "The Joy of the Lord was her strength!" Her advice to each of us would be to "Keep Trusting Jesus." Wendy will be missed for sure, but we will be reminded of her joy filled heart in the smiles of "her Joe", her family and her dear brothers and sisters.



# Blessing of a Christmas Tree

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

*All make the sign of the cross as the parent or leader says:*

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

*All: Now and forever.*

*One of those present or the leader reads the text of Sacred Scripture.*

**Brothers and sister, listen to the words of the apostle Paul to Titus (3: 4-7)**

**But when the kindness and generous love of God  
our Savior appeared not because of righteous  
things we had done, but because of his mercy,  
He saved us through the bath of rebirth and  
renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly  
poured out on us through Jesus Christ our  
Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace,  
we may become heirs in hope of eternal life.**

*Leader: Let us pray.*

**Lord our God,  
We praise You for the light of creation:  
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.  
We praise You for the light of Israel:  
The Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.  
We praise You for Jesus Christ, your Son:  
He is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,  
who fills us with the wonder of Your love.**

**Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and  
cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree  
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

*All: Amen.*



# Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

**When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.**

*All make the sign of the cross as the parent or leader says:*

**Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

*All: Who made heaven and earth.*

*One of those present or the leader reads the text of Sacred Scripture.*

**Brothers and sister, listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Luke (2: 1-8)**

**In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.**

**Now there were shepherds in that region in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.**

*Leader: Let us pray.*

**God of every nation and people,  
from the beginning of creation  
You have made manifest Your love:  
when our need for a Savior was great  
You sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary,  
To our lives He brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy and love.**

**Lord, bless all who look upon this manger, may it remind us of the humble birth of Your son Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us and savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.**

*All: Amen.*