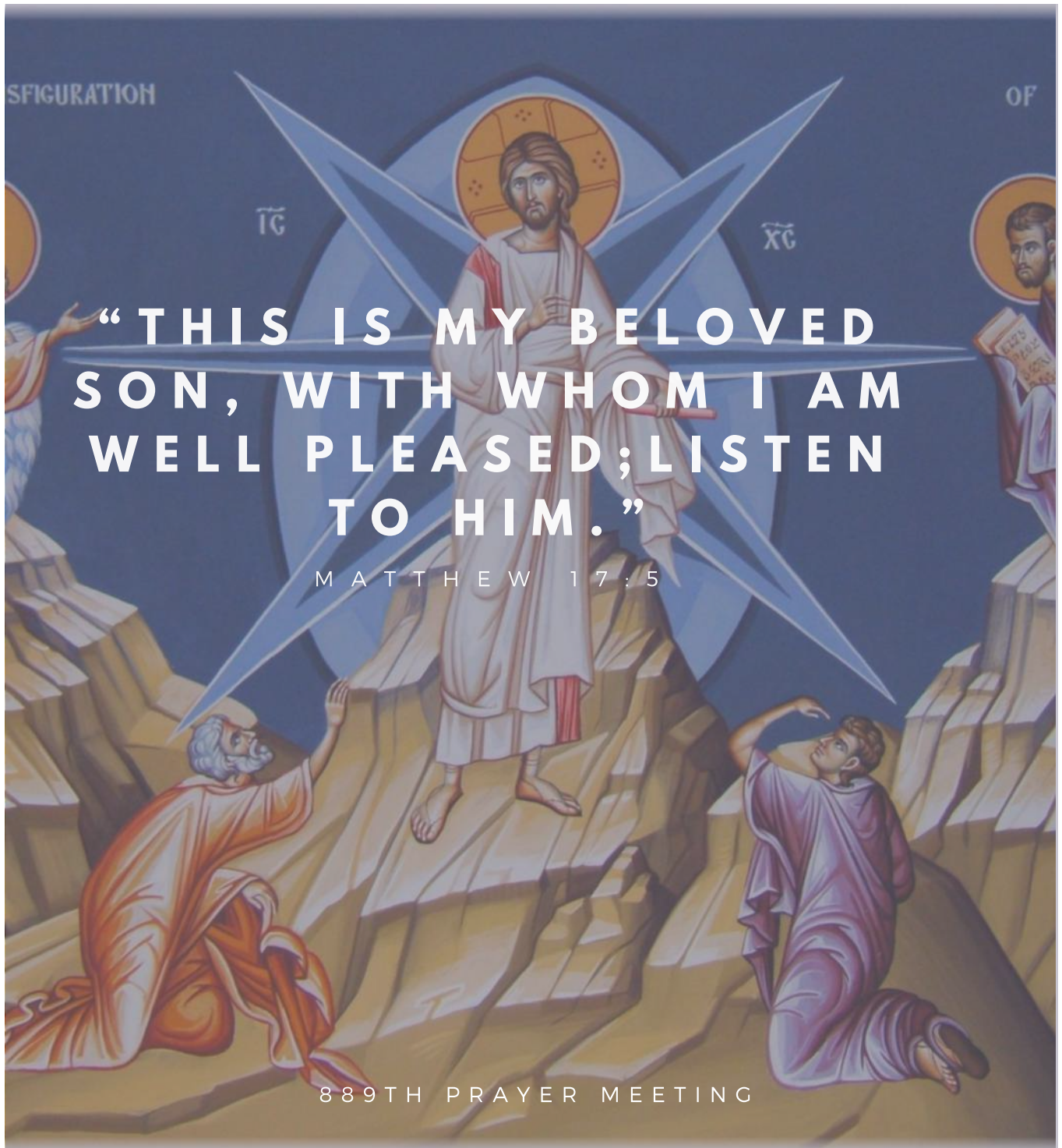


JESUS IS LORD!

PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



MARCH 8, 2020



The Lord Almighty is
with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress

PSALM 46: 11

GO DEEPER IN LOVING ONE ANOTHER

Blessed are you, oh People of Hope, who have been called to receive the blood of the lamb, who have been called to a life in the Holy Spirit, who have been called to community life. Oh People of Hope, during this Lent I want to take you deeper in loving one another. Do you bear a grudge? Are there people you've dismissed? Are there people in your families, in community, and others to whom you say, 'I can get along without them, who needs them', those whom you would just rather avoid. Do you want to go deeper and love them as you love me? This is the challenge I'm calling you to begin this Lent. You need my help to forgive and to love as I love.

I WANT TO FREE YOU

Oh my People of Hope, I want to free you of your fears and give you power to come against temptations. I want to remove the masks that you hide behind and give you freedom to be all I created you to be. Make repentance and forgiveness part of your prayer time. Search your heart and mind so you can come to me completely this Lent.

I AM THE GOD OF OPPORTUNITIES

I am the God of opportunities. There is grace in this moment now. No sin is too deep or too present and no relationship is in too deep disrepair. My grace is sufficient. I am your stronghold. There is grace in this moment. I am a God of opportunities. Right now choose to accept and receive my grace and allow my spirit to move in your heart to stir in you a new confidence and a new zeal, for I am your stronghold. Nothing can overcome me. I am a God of opportunities and I have an opportunity for you right now. (ref. Psalm 46:8-11)

THE ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Perspective. Look up, I want to change your vision. I want to change the way you see the cross that you're carrying, and see the struggles that you've been enduring for a long time. I want to change your vision of how you're living the mundane, how you're enduring discouragement and confusion and questioning, and the sighing when you hear one more bad thing, or someone else who's sick, or what else is falling apart? I want to change your vision today. I want you to see it all in light of Heaven, in light of eternity with me. Perspective makes all the difference and I want to shift your focus today and give you the gift of my eternal perspective. It makes all the difference.



FAMILY FORUM SERIES

THE GIFT OF TIME FEB 21

Feb 21st was our second Family Forum of a continuing series for the support and encouragement of Christian family life. The night started off with a wine and cheese social where couples had a chance to talk with other couples and to enjoy each others' company.

The rest of the evening included talks and witnesses looking at the roles we fill, the order of our priorities and a Godly approach to the use of our time. The evening also allowed for some group discussion afterwards before ending in a brief exhortation.

Very special thanks to Paul and Suzanne Quense for their vulnerable and encouraging talk & witness.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next family forum is April 17th. More info to follow





SAINT PAUL'S OUTREACH RETREATS

RUTGERS AND SETON HALL

SPO: SETON HALL "FAN INTO FLAME" RETREAT

FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020

Fan into Flame 2020 proved to be a powerful encounter with the Lord for many of our students, especially through the Blessed Sacrament. The retreat introduced students to 5 talks coupled with testimonies ranging from introduction to charismatic praise and worship, declaring Jesus as Lord of their lives, and concluding with how to practically live out the Catholic way of life as students. The climax of FIF came on Saturday night where we had the opportunity to break up into our small groups and pray over each other for the Holy Spirit to baptize us. For the majority of students, THAT'S when the Holy Spirit touched their heart and radically called them to begin or strengthen their relationship with God. The goodness of FIF 2020 started with the clear devotion to prayer from our students. The retreat leaders went ALL IN with serving this retreat, faithfully praying, petitioning and fasting for weeks before the weekend! The fruit was evident! Through the Eucharist, several students felt the presence of God and felt the desire to join the Catholic Church! Praise God for his mighty works!

*MANNY SANCHEZ
SPO MISSIONARY*

"INHERITANCE" RETREAT

*SPO: RUTGERS CATHOLIC
STUDENT ASSOCIATION*

FEB 21-23,
2020



"THE LORD WORKED IN INCREDIBLE POWER"

*JOSEPH MCBRIDE,
SPO MISSIONARY*

On February 21st, 93 students showed up for the CSA Spring Retreat called "Inheritance." It was incredible. During the course of the retreat, many of the retreatants genuinely surrendered their lives to the Lord and asked for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit! Many of the students felt massive freedom after renouncing spirits and lies. One woman went to confession for the first time in ten years and afterward said, "The Eucharist just tastes different now." Another student said, "This is the greatest feeling I've ever felt in my entire life! I've never felt this happy in my entire life! I've never felt God so strongly!" Another student hadn't stepped inside a church in three years and didn't know where he and Jesus stood. But, during the retreat, he wanted to surrender his entire life to Him. The Lord worked in incredible power and the retreat was a real watershed moment for the entire Rutgers community.

*BOTH RUTGERS AND SETON HALL
HOSTED SPO RETREATS AT CAMP
TECUMSEH IN PITTSTOWN, NJ*

"FAN INTO FLAME"

*SPO: SETON HALL
UNIVERSITY*



THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

Glory be to Jesus,
who in bitter pain,
poured for us the
lifeblood of His
sacred veins

LENTEN HYMN

Elexio Giving

NEW DONATION PLATFORM

We are excited to be transitioning to a new platform for both our donation processing as well as our community database. Elexio offers a variety of new features and functionality to enhance our community life so we look forward to implementing them in the future!

Visit peopleofhope.net/donate-now for more information and for next steps on how to make the transition.

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IF YOU HAVE BEEN DONATING ONLINE:

1 - Kindly cancel your subscription with Vanco (our old platform). More information about how to do this has been emailed to you.

2 - Register and set up a new account with Elexio Giving. Please visit peopleofhope.net/donate-now

IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN DONATING ONLINE

1 - Kindly consider signing up for recurring donations through Elexio Giving. This helps mitigate our in-office paperwork and is much easier for us to track.

2 - Visit our website for more information or to set up a new account with Elexio Giving



NEEDED

The SPO RU Women's House is in need of a new dining room table/chairs.

Please contact Annie Michalica at ann.michalica@spo.org

AVAILABLE

Miscellaneous furniture available from move - dressers, bedding, table, sofas and more.

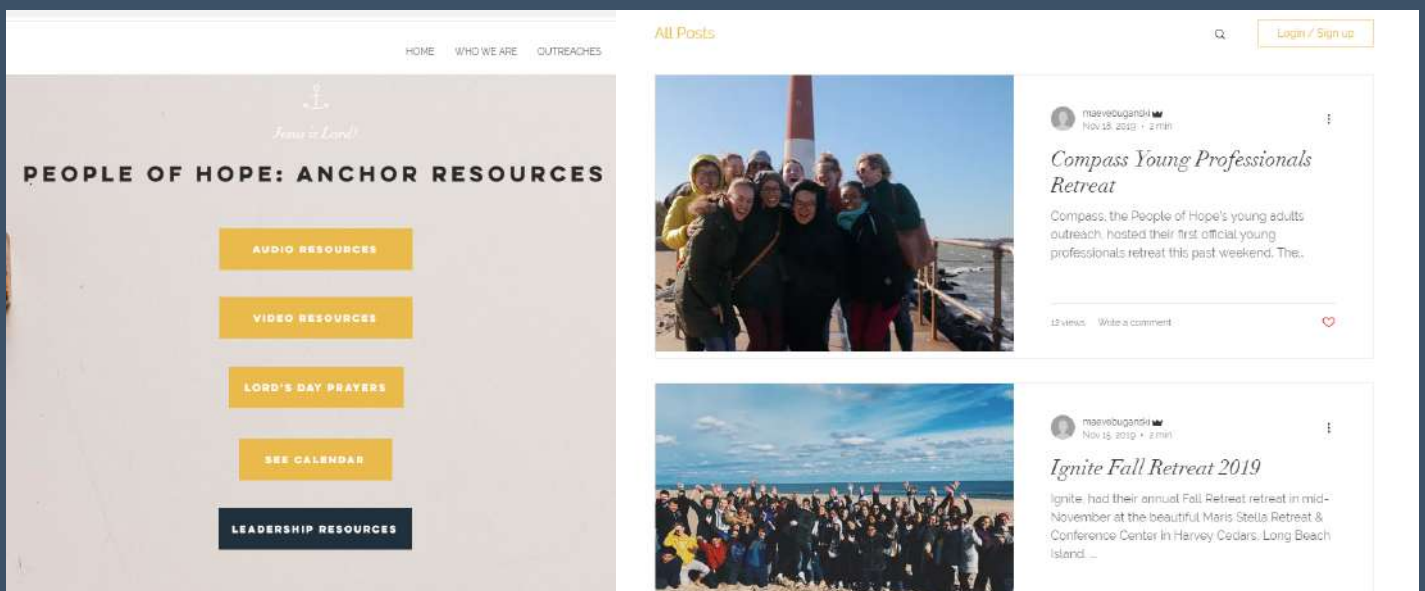
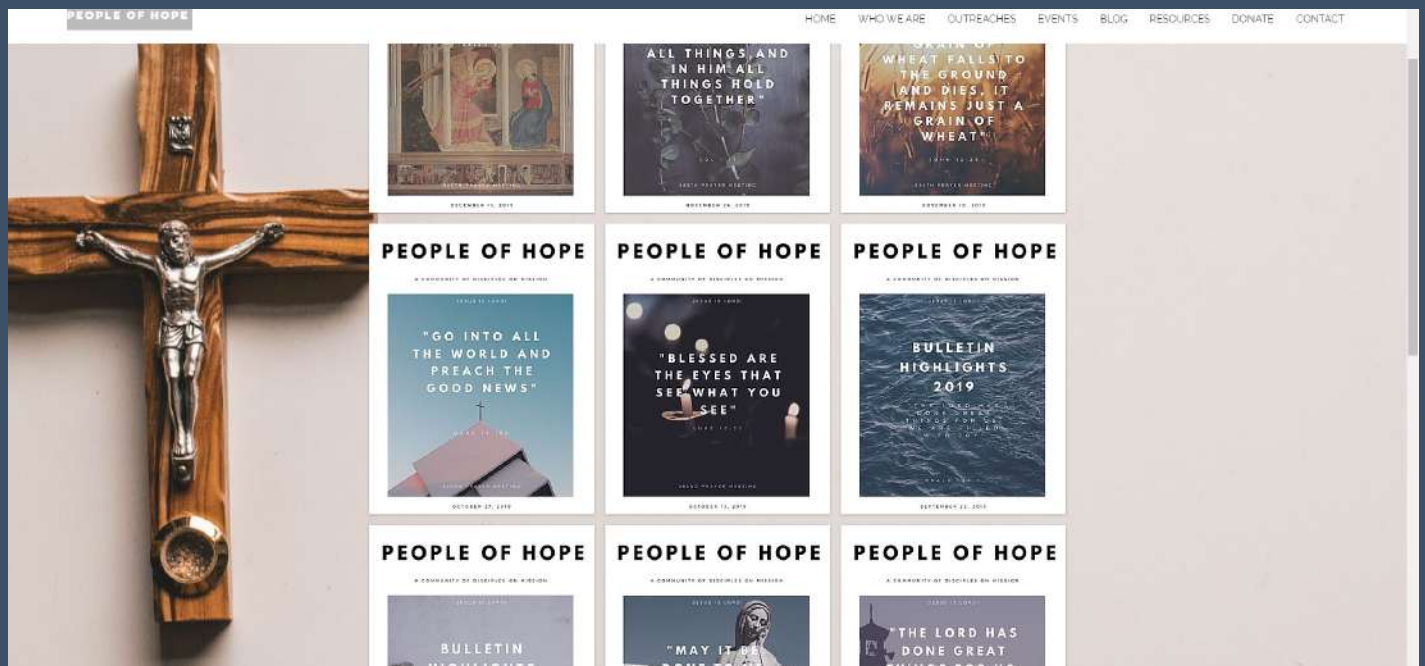
Reach John and Mary Quense for more information.
Act soon as these items won't be around for long

John Quense Cell: 908-581-5755

NEW WEBSITE

WWW.PEOPLEOFHOPE.NET

We're excited to announce we've revamped the People of Hope website! *Digital bulletins, past retreat booklets, members only resources, People of Hope blog, calendar, donation page, and more. Our goal is to be both more evangelistically minded and user-friendly. We hope this is a resource you will be proud to share with others.*



Be sure to check out www.peopleofhope.net

Brothers and sisters, as you can see below, we are implementing a new format for our bulletin prayer intentions. The goal of this change is to better provide accurate and updated information as well as help focus our prayer as a community. Also, we are excited to launch a new extension of our prayer intention list on our website which we encourage you to visit. There you can view our extended prayer list as well as submit any additional prayer requests that you may have. Finally, in each bulletin we will feature one of the intentions from our annual intention list to help us remember to keep these in mind as a community.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK

IMMEDIATE NEED

- Paul Giegerich

SERIOUS & ONGOING

- Eleanor Benson
- Dick Birmingham
- Margaret Fierro
- Laura Greey
- Shannon Hardy
- Danielle Neri
- Lee Scarfone

AROUND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

- Steve Clark - Servants of the Word, Chelsea, MI
- Jan Munk - Work of Christ, Lansing, MI
- Peter Smith - Triumph of the Cross, MD

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

2020 PRAYER PETITION HIGHLIGHT

HOLINESS

May we in the People of Hope grow in our relationship with you, Lord. Help us to be pure and holy. Strengthen our faith, trust and hope. Help us to fully live our covenant in the People of Hope.

Amen.

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

PHIL. 4:6





SMALL GROUPS

Thursday, March 12th, 2020

Location: TBD

8-9:30pm

IGNITE NIGHT

Thursday, March 19th, 2020

Koinonia Academy

8-9:30pm

NO IGNITE - PRE-YES RETREAT

Thursday, March 26th, 2020

KAIROS YES RETREAT

March 27-29

Hillsdale, Michigan

IGNITE TEAM MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2020

No teen event.

CHURCH HOPPING - HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Location and Time TBD

Camp Hope 2020

Registration is now open to all!

August
2-8 2020

Tunkhannock,
Pennsylvania

To register a camper or apply to volunteer please visit:
camphoperegistration.com

compass
THE YOUNG ADULTS OF
THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

COMPASS SMALL GROUPS

Tuesday, March 17

Location and Time TBA

COMPASS LORD'S DAY

Saturday, March 21

Location and Time TBA

COMPASS SMALL GROUPS

Tuesday, April 7

Location and Time TBA

COMPASS SMALL GROUPS

Tuesday, May 5

Location and Time TBA

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING & PARENT YOUTH BRIDGE MEETING

Sunday, March 23rd
2:30-4 pm
Koinonia Academy

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 21st
8:30am
Koinonia Academy

COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, April 5
2:30-4 pm
Koinonia Academy

KA CORNER

IRISH PUB NIGHT

Friday, March 13
7:00 pm
Koinonia Academy

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR TOUR

April 2-7
Vermont

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR TOUR CONCERT

Wednesday, April 8th
7:00 pm
Koinonia Academy

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IN LOVING MEMORY

JANE CALARCO

Born on January 19, 1934

Baptized on January 19, 1934

**Entered Eternal Rest on
February 18, 2020**



Genevieve (Jane) Calarco was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Jane attended Catherine McAuley High School, a Catholic school for girls. Jane and her girlfriends attended basketball games at Xavarian High School, a Catholic boy's school in Brooklyn, where she met the love of her life, a basketball player named Chuck. And, the rest is history. Chuck and Jane were happily married for 67 years. Unfortunately Chuck passed away a few months. But Jane never lost her joy and gratitude for all the blessings that she and Chuck shared all those many years. Now she and Chuck are united in Heaven.

Jane and Chuck began their married life in Brooklyn and then moved to Cincinnati when Chuck was transferred for his work. They later were transferred to Randolph, New Jersey and finally moved to Berkeley Heights in 1983 to live life more fully in the People of Hope.

Jane had a servant's heart and always found ways of serving those in her family and her extended family in the People of Hope. She was generous with her time and served in many different capacities including as a Eucharistic Minister and in prison ministry.

Jane was the mother of 5, the grandmother of 8 and the great-grandmother of 6. Her family was the joy of her life. She would love to speak of them and share photos of the special times in their lives such as weddings and new little ones as they came into the Calarco family.

When you visited Jane, she was overjoyed to spend time talking about your family and your blessings. She always put others first. She always had a beautiful smile even in the midst of her suffering and sickness in her later years. She truly had the joy of the Lord and is a model for all of us. We love you Jane and miss you!