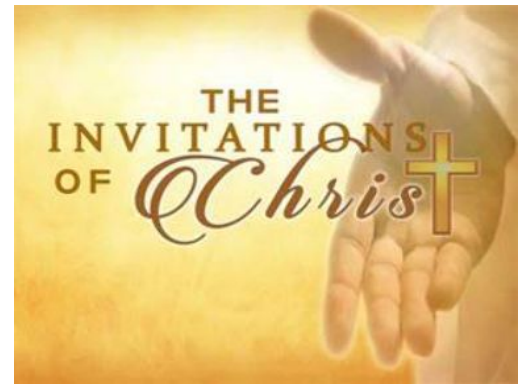


***The Church In Brielle
Announcements
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 24, 2021***



THE CHURCH IN BRIELLE

Sunday, January 24 at 10:00am Sunday Service Facebook Live only. Please join us at 10:00am via *Facebook Live* or after it is posted, to experience worship that day or during the week!

Thursday, January 28 2:00-4:00 The Church In Brielle Pre-School Open House. Please stop by the Open House - parents only - to learn more about our pre-school-10% discount for members of The Church in Brielle.

Sunday, January 31 at 9:20am Zoom Fellowship - Join us for on-line fellowship before church - time to have coffee or tea and catch up with friends before the Sunday service. See page 2 for details.

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A Cure for Isolation is Fellowship!

How are you doing during the pandemic? Many of us are feeling isolated in this crazy time. While we know staying isolated is the right thing to do in order to minimize any spread of the virus, that doesn't make it any easier. Even though we cannot attend our church's services regularly, we can participate through our weekly Facebook Live presentation of our services and for that we are all grateful. But even with that we miss the personal interaction we all enjoyed and the opportunity to talk to each other, to ask how things are going and what's new with our families. We miss our Fellowship hour that we are used to having every Sunday at church. So let's do something about that.

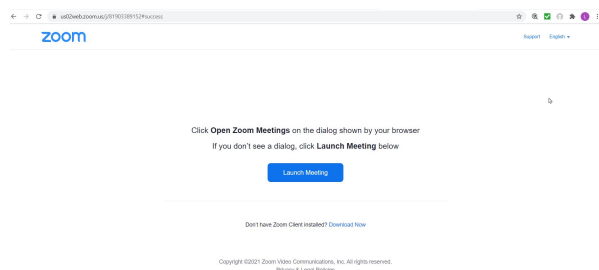
Beginning on Sunday January 31, 2021, The Church in Brielle is launching a weekly time of Fellowship on Zoom starting at 9:20 AM, before the service begins which will run up until the time we hear Mark beginning to play some lovely music when the service begins. Our church service will continue to be on Facebook Live and this new Fellowship time will be on Zoom. Once our Zoom Fellowship ends, we'll just switch over to Facebook Live for the service of worship. Bring your coffee and catch up with all our friends during this time of Fellowship. We envision it to be very informal, a group of friends saying hello and catching up with each other each week.

If you are interested (and we hope you are) in participating, you'll find a link below that will give you entry into the Zoom get together. The Zoom Fellowship will be open by 9:20 AM on Sundays beginning on January 31. We don't know how long the pandemic will keep us in isolation, so let's use our Fellowship time to be together remotely until its grip is loosened. The link is below.

Beginning Sunday, Jan 31 at 9:20am click on this link.

9:20-9:55 - Zoom Fellowship <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81903389152>

There is no need to have a Zoom account just access to the internet.



10:00 Facebook Live Church

Access Facebook as you normally have.

Message from Pastor Lou

Dear Friends,

I am grateful that in isolation we have this wonderful medium of the internet to stay connected. I am grateful for Shannon who sends these out to you each day.

You will notice something new here. All the devotions that you received each day for the past week or so have been taken from the Gospel of Mark. We will be going through Mark not only in these daily devotions but on our Tuesday and Friday Bible study times together.

As you can see each of these daily devotions are short and sweet. The fact is if you go through these daily devotions each day you will be experts in prayer and in connecting with God but also in understanding the Gospel of Mark.

It's still early in the year to play catch-up. Just go back a week or so in your emails in these daily devotions to catch up to where we are today but if you don't just keep going each day with what you receive.

I hope you are blessed by them.

In Christ amazing love,
Pastor Lou



Inclusivity and Unity at The Church in Brielle

Enjoy "Building Back Hope: A Service of Release & Renewal" -

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6VgfHt6zEy7yDgdSE-fLLYEVaNBM2943>

Hope is the confident expectation that all God intends will come to pass. One of the songs included in the service recording above, I Believe by Mark Miller, is based on a poem written on the wall of a cellar by a Jew in the Cologne Concentration Camp during WWII. Here is a separate link of just the song.

https://video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?fr=yhs-norton-ext_onb&hsimp=yhs-ext_onb&hs part=norton&p=i+believe+by+mark+miller+clark+summit#id=1&vid=f635105cebe8e919741013b0ed91c136&action=click

In February 2020 The Church in Brielle adopted an intention filled statement to welcome and include all of God's children to join our loving Christian community.

At the Church in Brielle we believe that all humanity is created in the image of God and we welcome people from every walk of life as demonstrated in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We are an open, inclusive, welcoming, and affirming Christian-based community that welcomes all people in all aspects of the church including leadership. We welcome all regardless of age, race, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, physical condition, sexual orientation, ethnic background, or economic situation. A strong community has many perspectives where all perspectives are respected. We look to continue to build a community of people who support each other in good times and in difficult ones and strive to be a caring, accepting, and helpful community.

In March 2020 COVID19 redirected our attention and actions to support our statement were limited.

2021 is here and as a community we are beginning to explore what it means to be open and welcoming. Please enjoy this recording of a service reflecting on the celebration of diversity and the hope for our country - a celebration of what we have in common and a respectful acknowledgement of our differences - age, race, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, physical condition, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic situation, and political perspectives.

Stay tuned for more events and discussions during Lent.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Dear God of Grace and Love, we ask your blessing upon _____.

We ask that you assure them of your presence and love. We pray for healing in body, soul, mind, spirit, and wherever else your healing touch is needed. Send your Holy Spirit and give them strength. Bless all who care for them. Watch over them as well and guide them by your grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

MILITARY HONOREES

**Ronald Anzalone, Army, Iraq
Union III, Unit 223, APO, AE 09348**

**Sgt Joshua Stephenson, Task Force Anvil, Army
A Co 2/104th, 28th ECAB, APO AE 09305**

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**Cooper Herb, AB, Air Force
321 TRS/Dorm 2C2 FLT 162, 1320 Truemper St, Unit 364049,
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-6431
Cooper can only receive letters - no stickers or anything decorative for now.**

Please share your joys - births, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations - and concerns - pictures are welcome! Contact Pastor Lou at pastorlou@churchinbrielle.org

JOYS

January birthdays, anniversaries, other special days.

Jayne Linfante and Cyndi Farley will be our lay readers in January!

Baptism of Violet Genevieve, sister of Lily, daughter of Rich and Jessica, and, with the miracle of technology, Godparents in FL and OK on the screens on the table!



Joy in Art - The Doves, an art installation at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. <https://cathedral.org/visit-us/doves/>



CONCERNS

Prayers for Sean Farley, Nancy LeBlanc, Cheryl Campbell, our country and new leadership.

Continued prayers for Olivia Harper Hanas, granddaughter of Sue Hanas, Lillian Haussmann, Mercedes Camilo. Luisa, aunt of Carol Camilo Garey, Kevin Stefan, son of Pat and Lou, Kathleen and Karl Weinrich, Concetta Moynihan, Debby Parsons and daughter Jill Rossitto, Al Comorie, Candace Moose and her family, Sam Castimore, Emory and Lillian Castimore, Betsy McGhee, Jeff Huber, Gary Smith, Dylan Finn, John Shalvoy, Charlotte Schmidt and her sister Beverly Hoffman, Jayne Linfante, Susan Tylka, Dennis and Meghan Noonan, Debbie Sandford, Pat Stefan, Masie DePalma, Ann Kranick, Juanita Venerable, Don Ferry, Catherine Herold, Debbie Zilai, Paul Borden, Dr. Bob Evans, Julie Caputo, Beth MacFarland, Tammy Sutpin.

All impacted by COVID19 - physically and financially. All who work in health care, first responders, vendors, teachers teaching remotely and parents teaching at home, etc.

Family Promise Update: Please keep the homeless in your prayers!!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cypress Missions

Our continued work in Asbury Park at the food pantry, clothes closet, and Bethel AME Church, provide a way for some to serve without traveling. To donate gently used clothing, including outdoor coats, gloves, hats, please drop off at The Church in Brielle. Join us at the Clothes Closet - **Saturday, Feb 6 and Feb 20 10:00-12:00.** Contact Lori Keasel at 732-744-6471 lorik86@gmail.com

ASBURY PARK workdays in addition to the Clothes Closet - Feb 6:: 9am - 2pm; Mar 12 & 13: 9am - 2pm

PENNSYLVANIA rehab center renovation: April 13th -16th (pending covid restrictions, more details to follow)

Manasquan Food Pantry

Lasagne Love, a 501(c)3 organization, is joining efforts at the food pantry. Kris Forcillo is a Manasquan Food Pantry volunteer, a member of St. Denis and a volunteer with [Lasagna Love](#).

The food pantry would love to reach more families in the community and will be including information about Lasagne Love in their food bags and the Little Free Pantry will have postcards with the information available.

If you have any questions, please contact Kris directly. You can reach her at kforcillo@gmail.com or 732-547-0380.

Men's Work Clothes Needed First Baptist Church in Manasquan is collecting the following items for day laborers in the area: Men's work coats, heavy hoodies, work boots, hats and gloves. Please drop off items at our church or at First Baptist on 51 South Street in Manasquan.

