



 **Merry Christmas!** 

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The Newsletter of the Northern New Jersey Tres Dias Community

The purpose of **TRES DIAS of NNJ** is to glorify God through Jesus Christ by developing Christian leaders who will influence their environments to be more Christ-like.

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A MESSAGE FROM

OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As I was visiting the local Shop-Rite the other day, I could not help but notice that the holiday craziness has already begun. Once again I have vowed to avoid the “busyness” of the season, and focus on what Thanksgiving and Christmas are all about. My Pastor often speaks about “making sure to keep the main thing, the main thing” and I could not agree more. Jesus is certainly our “main thing” and will provide for all our needs well beyond the next couple of months.

My prayer is that we can all focus on the many blessings we have received from God. And that we will rejoice in the promise that He continues to provide for us. Our Tres Dias community has much to be thankful for, and I look forward to our future as we seek to do His will.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I hope each of us can spend some time alone with Him, and experience His never ending love for us. Jesus is the greatest gift we will ever receive.

My hope, for us, is that we can all celebrate the Christmas Season, while keeping our eyes focused on the “main thing” in our lives. Oh, and by the way remember that the holiday we celebrate on December 25th, is called Christmas ... **pass it on.**

God Bless You,
Bruce
President TDNNJ

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Fellow Pescadores,

For those of you who would like to provide general palanca letters or individual cards for the weekends, but are unable to bring them yourself to the weekend. Paul Markowitz has graciously offered to bring them to the weekend for you! Simply mail the palanca to his home, and Paul will deliver it to Sacred Heart.

His address is:

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Hackettstown, NJ 07840
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SECUELAS!

7pm Food &
Fellowship
7:30 Music &
Meeting

SECUELAS!

Wear your
name tag &
Pilgrim's
Cross!

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25a)

We all agree it is great to meet together! Secuelas are just the opportunity to do that! An evening of fellowship, worship in song, a fourth day speaker, and of course food! It truly is like a “mini-weekend”. Small group discussions are a great part of the Secuela that offers a time to focus on our piety and fellowship with others

Come out to a Secuela and be encouraged! And be strengthened in your Fourth Day walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We look forward to seeing you there!!

Our next Secula is December 13th! Come out and join us! We look forward to seeing you there!

Hosting a Secula is a great opportunity for you to provide a home for our community. If you would like to host a Secuela, please reach out to Marcia Brands or Lee Hasse (lfhllc@verizon.net).

Upcoming Secuelas are scheduled as follows:

Date	Church	Town	Host
December 13, 2014	Brookdale Reformed Church	Bloomfield	Rich Cantwell
January 2015	No Secuela	N/A	
February 14, 2015	Jacksonville Chapel	Lincoln Park	Jeanine Michel
March 14, 2015*	First Congregational Church		Jen & Kevin Mahoney
April 18, 2015*	St. Peter's Episcopal Church	Perth Amboy	Meyer Pincelli
May 9, 2015*	Clinton Church of the Nazarene	Clinton	Laurie Market
June 13, 2014	St. Peter's Episcopal Church	Perth Amboy	Meyer Pincelli

*Fund Raisers

FOURTH DAY CORNER



Greetings! When I was asked to write about the experience I had on my Tres Dias weekend, I thought to myself, “what am I going to say that would encourage someone to experience this life changing event?” The thought did not cross my mind, because I had nothing to say; in fact, it was the complete opposite. There was so much to share with others, about this wonderful weekend, that I did not know where to begin.

When I attended the Tres Dias weekend, I was ready to receive any spiritual message that would be deposited into my spirit. I was broken, exhausted, and I felt as though I was in a dry place during this season in my life. If I was asked to describe my personal experience from the weekend, I would say that I received a spiritual awakening. I received countless hours of the Word of God, being poured into my spirit, as well as the genuine Love of God being shown through others on the weekend. But

most of all, I was touched personally by the heartfelt warmth that I experienced, knowing there was a community of people who only knew me by name and was praying for me a year before my actual arrival. This really touched my heart. And the sense of peace, I felt, was indescribable.

I am happy to say, it has been a month since my Tres Dias weekend and I am holding onto to that peace, even now. I believe in my heart that anyone who attends a Tres Dias Weekend, will receive a life changing message, if you surrender to God whole heartedly with every burden that you bear. Each time the burdens of life come to shake my spirit, I reach back into my Tres Dias Weekend and embrace that peace, which was so freely given to me. I encourage you to seek the peace of God as well, and I can assure you that your efforts will not be in vain.

Cathy Thompson
Tres Dias, WW #111

REUNION GROUPS! A NEW ONE JUST FORMED!

We have a **NEW** reunion group that just formed! Lisa Markus felt the Lord’s calling for a new Reunion Group, the new Pescadores coming off of Women’s #111 were looking for a reunion group to join, and they came together! “Many times I have prayed for God’s guidance,” Lisa said. “I have questioned when this reunion group would come together, and who God would unite for this reunion group.” Lisa continued:

I have been on several Tres Dias weekends, and I have always known that God was putting an urgency of some sort my heart. I always felt that P.U.S.H., the urge to **Pray Until Something Happens!** When I was asked to be on the Women’s 111 weekend, I was given the task of the Reunion Groups Rollo. I had already been feeling that this was the timing, and that God wanted me to start a share group. On the weekend, God put it on my heart and I knew that through the table discussions that this was the “getting started” part of His new share group. In addition to those at my table, the group would be open to women who were not involved in a

reunion group, yet have that same desire to share with other women. For me, it would fulfill the desire to be held accountable for my daily walk.

Yes, this was the beginning of the sister – hood, which only God had put into a plan. It has happened in His perfect Timing. I began to ask for others to join, and one by one they did!! Today, there is a great Joy in my heart that God would do this for me, personally. He brought all these women together to be able to lean on one another, to share in our joys, burdens and. to share in His word.

In reflecting on this Christmas season, I cannot imagine a more special gift for me than the blessing of this reunion group. I am in continually in awe of God's wonder. My prayer is for others to find the same gift this Christmas Season, and share this gift by giving it to others! It is truly a blessing!!

De Colores!!
Lisa Markus WTD#99

Lisa encouraged us in Reunion Group Rollo reminding us, "if there isn't a group near you – start one!" She saw a need and that is how the "Twisted Sisters" share group was formed. They are in full swing, already having had their first official meeting and then coming together for a service project! The "Twisted Sisters" assisted with assembling over 800 Christmas cards for the mailing that should be arriving to the homes of Pescadores in our Tres Dias community. This new share group already have 7 members, with 2-3 more expected to join!



Do you know where you can find a listing of all our Reunion Groups? On our Tres Dias website at <http://www.tresdiasnj.org>. If there isn't one near you, be like Lisa, and start one! Pray about helping to gather interested folks together. Volunteers from other reunion groups are willing to help getting things started with the first few meetings. Please call Janet Beam to start one today or for information at [\(973-227-4531\)](tel:973-227-4531).

For those of you participating in a reunion group, "setting aside " part of your meeting time to write or make Palanca for the upcoming Men's and Women's weekends. The Spring weekends may seem far away, but it is never to early to start. Ideas include writing a letter or sending a card to be read in the Rollo Room.... have members, from your group, include a personal note! Send bookmarks with your group's name and with a contact person written on the back. Create handmade gifts or treats...especially for the candidates. Palanca is a very special part of the weekend experience. Won't your group start blessing someone today?



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Greetings in the name of Christ, to you my fellow Pescadores. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and joyous celebration during the Season we honor the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to ask if you have considered giving the Gift of Tres Dias Weekend to someone this Christmas? By doing this you be making a special gift of His work through the

enrichment of a Tres Dias Weekend! By contributing this gift, you will be sending someone who may not been able to afford to come on our blessed weekend.

This past fall, we have just completed two more wonderful weekends, and the teams of Men's #114 and Women's #111 did an awesome job of going the extra mile in the giving of their time, talents & resources to make each of these weekends the best ever! However, as you know, the team and candidate contributions do not totally cover the cost, and I've written a few rather large checks over the past few weeks. But don't worry, we're solvent.

The treasury could sure use a year-end boost, though. Why not consider starting the year off right, and making a New Year's resolution to help a brother or sister in need by giving to the Tres Dias Scholarship fund?

You have been SO generous in the past. Will you consider continuing that generosity by adding a special Christmas gift or make that New Year's resolution for Tres Dias NNJ to you holiday gift list?

It would sure help ... and as always, it is greatly appreciated!

Merry Christmas and De Colores! --- Rich Cantwell

TRES DIAS PRAYER LINE

Would you like to know what's happening in Tres Dias of Northern NJ? If you are not one of the 410+ Pescadores who are already members of the Tres Dias of Northern NJ YahooGroups, join now! You can do this by emailing:

George & MaryAnn McGehrin at georgemaryann@hotmail.com

To join, please include your full name, email address, your phone number, & what weekend you made (mm/yy & Number). Do this, and you'll be enrolled directly in the Tres Dias of Northern NJ Yahoo Groups

The following guidelines apply to use of the Tres Dias of Northern NJ YahooGroups:

The Tres Dias Prayer chain will be used only for Specific prayer concerns and requests, distribution of information about upcoming Secuelas, distribution of information about upcoming weekends & other information that has been approved by the Secretariat.

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

FACEBOOK



My name is Nan Acevedo and I made Women's #65. I am currently your Tres Dias Facebook Administrator. This means that anything that you need to share, whether it be trials, triumphs, prayers, concerns, joy, announcements, can be done on this site. I will even get a message, from time to time, from our President, Bruce Kemmerer posting something that needs to be addressed to the community, outside of the current Yahoo Groups. Please know our Facebook page is just a tool to

communicate with other Tres Dias Pescadores within the community. And it is by no means a substitute for the Tres Dias website in itself.

If you are a current Facebook user and want to reach out to someone who has made a Tres Dias Weekend, and is on Facebook by adding them to our page (Pescadores only please). Have them friend me, and I will be happy to add them. If anyone feels uncomfortable using Facebook, by all means continue to use e-mail, phone or snail-mail, that is fine. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me (acevedonnette@yahoo.com), or private message me at the Tres Dias page.

God bless you!

Always in God's Love and Service,
Nanette Acevedo, Women's #65



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SECRETARIAT MEETINGS:

Locations to TBA

- February 12, 2015
- April 16, 2015
- May 7, 2015
- June 11, 2015

***Note: All members of Tres Dias are welcome and encouraged to attend Secretariat meetings. Meetings start at 7:30 and run until no later than 10:00 PM. For more information, please contact Bruce Kemmerer @ brckem@yahoo.com

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Tom Nace – Member at Large
Anne Tummey – Member at Large

UPCOMING WEEKENDS

❖ Spring 2015 – at Sacred Heart, Newton

April 9 – 12, 2015 – Men's #115

Rector – Allan Hunte

April 30 – May 3, 2015 – Women's #112

Rectrix – Nancy Baker

❖ Fall 2015 – at Sacred Heart, Newton

November 19 – 22, 2015 – Men's #116

Rector – Kevin Mahoney

APPLICATIONS

Candidate Applications, along with the corresponding Sponsor Applications, should be submitted by mail or email to the Chairperson of the Applications Committee. Hard copies are preferred, and should be accompanied by payment. Applications should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the start of the weekend, or as the Rector/Retrix might otherwise direct. In the event you need application forms, please contact the Applications Chairperson, Bruce Sinclair. His address is:

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*Married couples: be sure to include home, work, email addresses for both husband and wife.

*Newly married women: include your maiden name, as it will be a helpful reference.

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