

# Epiphany



JANUARY 7, 2024

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH  
MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY

## Financial Report

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Weekly Collections 12/26/2023

Weekly collection	\$	16,651.00
Parish Giving	\$	5,825.54
Donor Box Offering	\$	207.37
Ave Maria	\$	8,344.46
Youth	\$	28.00
Children	\$	1,366.56
Advancing the Kingdom	\$	1,409.30
Christmas flowers	\$	678.01
Christmas	\$	81,072.67
Immaculate Conception	\$	20.00
Solemnity	\$	20.00
Priest Retirement	\$	191.00
Human Development	\$	20.00

**Due to the holiday printing schedule 12/31/23 weekly collection will be in the following bulletin.**

### OFFICE HOURS & INFORMATION

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday to Friday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
(Wednesdays closed from 1 pm to 2 pm)  
(Thursdays closed from 9 am to 10 am)  
Front desk is Open at the Parish Welcome Table  
located in the Narthex before and after all weekend  
Masses.

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## JESUS IS LORD!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We continue the celebration of Christmas this weekend with the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Epiphany is a decisive moment in God's plan of salvation: the revelation of the Son of God to the Gentiles. From that moment on, the privileges that the chosen people experienced became available to everyone. In Jesus, Israel's light shines forth for all the world to see.

The magi each saw a star from their distant lands, and their hearts were so stirred with anticipation that they set off to follow it. Finally, they found the manifestation of God in a human body. Not only were the magi moved to give him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, *they immediately worship Jesus*. Thus began the wondrous procession of people from every land to the throne of God. Now, all nations could be drawn to the light of a king who rules in love and righteousness.

*How deeply God longs to draw all people to himself!* He drew the magi to his Son with a compelling sign. He didn't wait for word of mouth or early Christian evangelization to spread the good news. Instead, he set a sign in the heavens that would draw the attention of the wise men. Even today, God draws each of us back to him in subtle, and sometimes not-so-subtle, ways.

One of the many blessings of Saint Mary Parish is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It is one of those *not-so-subtle ways* that Jesus is drawing people to himself. Since the Shrine is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, it's a *constant invitation* to us to seek and draw close to the Lord. As we come before Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, it is as if we are being invited out of a "distant land" of life in this crazy world and into the reality of Jesus' heavenly kingdom. Our hearts can be stirred as we seize the opportunity to love and adore Jesus. From all time, God has called us to share in his life. Let's open our hearts to him today and respond to the invitation he gives to us.

A great way to respond to this invitation is to become a committed adorer for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Currently, there is a need for additional adorers. The instruction in *Redemptionis Sacramentum* states, "*...the Most Holy Sacrament, when exposed, must never be left unattended **even for the briefest space of time.** It should therefore be arranged that at least some of the faithful always be present at fixed times...*"

Our goal is to have two adorers committed to each hour. Again, there is a need for additional adorers, especially at the early hour of the morning. I especially asked the retired men of our parish to consider taking these hours. Please see the list of hours (in this week's bulletin) that need additional adorers.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, let us all draw closer to the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and worship Him and as we begin this New Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Jeff Kegley  
Pastor



## Mass Intentions - The Epiphany of the Lord

### Saturday, January 6, 2024

- 5:00 Thomas Ryan r/o Linda Ryan & Children
- 5:00 Walter Thompson r/o Kathy & Church Pickler

### Sunday, January 7, 2024

- 8:00 Rosemarie "Ro" Mandato r/o The Mandato Family
- 10:00 For Those Enrolled in the Monthly Memorial Mass
- 12:00 Daniel Colella r/o John & Debra Nicholson
- 5:00 People of the Parish

### Monday, January 8, 2024

- 8:15 Maria Farrell r/o Denise & Bill Hibell
- 8:15 George T. Doherty r/o Fr. Mark Nillo
- 12:00 Special Intentions of Deacon George Chemaly on his 1st Anniversary r/o Robert Lauricella
- 12:00 Mary Louise Skanan r/o Harold & Peggy Harris
- 12:00 Maryann Pepsin r/o Robert Lauricella

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- 8:15 Virginia Quigley r/o Ellen Poole
- 8:15 Robert J. Piccollo r/o Fr. Mark Nillo
- 12:00 Ralph Ragazzo r/o San Filippo Family
- 12:00 Peter Bruncati r/o Fran Banks

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- 8:15 Susan Myers r/o The Myers Family
- 8:15 Joseph W. Pflieger, Jr. r/o Fr. Mark Nillo
- 12:00 Joann Corrao r/o Her Loving Sister
- 12:00 Lisa Ann Iadarola r/o Joe & Nina Lopez

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

- 8:15 Walter & Agnes Colman r/o Family
- 8:15 Donald Cozine r/o Patricia & John Gray
- 12:00 Sue Myers r/o Maureen Toth
- 12:00 Ann Williams r/o Dorrie Ruane & Family

### Friday, January 12, 2024

- 8:30 Michael Kirby r/o Barbara & Family
- 8:30 Marybeth Haining r/o Jack & Maureen
- 12:00 Sally Ann Rodgers r/o Campanella Family
- 12:00 Vera Costa r/o Robert Lauricella

### Saturday, January 13, 2024

- 8:15 James Haines r/o Fr. Mark Nillo
- 8:15 Living and Deceased Members of The Alandy & Verderosa Family r/o Fredi
- 5:00 Ralph A. Troisi Sr. r/o His Loving Wife
- 5:00 Walter Thompson r/o Ellen Poole

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

- 8:00 People of the Parish
- 10:00 Deceased Members of the Kammerer Family r/o The Gallagher Family
- 12:00 Helen Donohue r/o Lorraine & Paul Juellis
- 5:00 Marie Leesemann r/o Wingenfeld Family

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saint Mary, Mother of God Church

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine

Saturday 8:15 a.m.

## SACRAMENTS

### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 1:00 to 2:00pm & Thursday 3:30 to 4:30pm

**BAPTISM:** Every Sunday 1:30 pm Ceremony

### BAPTISM PREP CLASS:

7 pm every 2nd Thursday of each month, in the Bulman Center To register call Ext. 221

**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE & BAPTISM:** Ext. 222

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA): [RCIA@stmarychurchnj.org](mailto:RCIA@stmarychurchnj.org)

### Saint Vincent DePaul Society

For assistance call: 732-671-4062

[svdp.stmarysmiddletown@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.stmarysmiddletown@gmail.com)

Sunday to Saturday Candles  
January 7, 2024 to January 13, 2024

### Saint Mary, Mother of God Sanctuary Candle:

Michael Kirby r/o Barbara & Children

### Adoration Chapel Candles:

Mary Ellen Ellis r/o Mother & Sister  
Maryann Pepsin r/o Kathleen & Ricky Moore  
John Maurer r/o His Loving Wife  
Special Intentions of the Velez and Lopez Family r/o  
Nina & Joe Lopez



## Pope Francis: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Today, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, the Gospel (cf. *Mt 2:1-12*) presents us with three attitudes with which Christ Jesus' coming and his manifestation to the world were welcomed. The first attitude: *searching, diligent searching*; the second: *indifference*; the third: *fear*.

Diligent searching: The Magi do not hesitate to set out on a journey to seek the Messiah. Arriving in Jerusalem, they ask: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him" (v. 2). They made a long journey and now with great care, they attempt to locate where the newborn King can be found. In Jerusalem, they turn to King Herod, who asks the high priests and the scribes to discover the place where the Messiah was to be born.

This diligent searching of the Magi contrasts with the second attitude: the *indifference* of the high priests and the scribes. These people are very complacent. They know the Scriptures and are able to give the correct answer on the birthplace: "in Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet" (v. 5); they know, but they do not go out of their way to visit the Messiah. And Bethlehem is a few kilometres away, but they don't budge.

Even more negative is the third attitude, that of Herod: *fear*. He *is afraid* that that Child will take away his power. He summons the Magi and has them tell him when the star appeared to them and he sends them to Bethlehem saying: "Go and search diligently for the child and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him" (v. 8). In reality, Herod does not want to go to worship Jesus; Herod wants to know where the child is — not to adore Him — but to eliminate Him, because he considers Him a rival. And listen carefully: fear always leads to hypocrisy. Hypocrites are like this because their hearts are filled with fear.

These are the three attitudes that we find in the Gospel: *the diligent searching of the Magi; the indifference of the high priests and the scribes, of those familiar with theology; and the fear of Herod*. And we too can think and choose which of the three to assume. Do I wish to diligently search for Jesus? "But Jesus means nothing to me... I have peace of mind...". Or, do I fear Jesus and want to eliminate him from my heart?

Selfishness can lead us to consider Jesus' coming into our life as a threat. Thus we try to suppress or to silence Jesus' message. When we follow human ambitions, the most comfortable prospects, tendencies toward evil, Jesus is perceived as an obstacle.

On the other hand, the temptation of indifference is also always present. Even though we know that Jesus is the Saviour — ours, of us all — we prefer to live as if he were not: instead of behaving in coherence with our own Christian faith, we follow worldly principles that entice us to satisfy tendencies toward arrogance, toward thirsting for power, toward riches.

We are instead called to follow the example of the Magi: to be *diligent in searching*, prepared to go out of our way to encounter Jesus in our lives. Seeking him in order to adore him, to acknowledge that he is our Lord, the One who reveals the true path to be followed. If we have this attitude, Jesus truly saves us, and we can live a fine life; we can grow in faith, in hope, in charity toward God and toward our brothers and sisters.

Let us invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, star of pilgrim humankind throughout time. With her maternal help, may every person come to Christ, Light of Truth, and may the world advance along the path of justice and peace.

# Solemn Midnight Mass

## *A Weary World Rejoices*



# Solemn Midnight Mass - Part 2

## *A Weary World Rejoices*



# Christmas Day Dinner at St. Mary's *We are Blessed*





The following loved ones have been enrolled in the  
**SAINT MARY MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS SOCIETY**  
and will share in a special Mass celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at the 10:00 a.m.

John F. Back, Jr. r/o Suellen Phair-Back

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Stefan Blasko r/o The Skribner Family

Elizabeth Bodnar r/o Bing & Lourdes Cheo

Joseph & Anna Callaghan r/o The Skribner Family

Kevin & Kathleen Callaghan r/o The Skribner Family

Brian & Rosemary Callaghan r/o The Skribner Family

Eileen Cartwright r/o Matthew & Debbie August

Eileen Cartwright r/o Julie Hubert

Kathleen A. Cunniss r/o Mr. & Mrs. John Begley

Salvatore Enea r/o Cathy, Dave, Dillon, & Denise

Peter Falvo r/o Roberta Sheridan

Gloria Esquieres Guerrero r/o The Guerreros

Carol Hanrahan r/o Jannine Heaton & Bill Oxley

Claire Jean Harmon r/o Eileen & Gary Gleitz

Martha Harris r/o Anne & Angelo Pacifico

Ruth Hayes r/o Roberta Sheridan

Arlene John r/o Carol & Andrew Licursi

Arlene John r/o Sharon Constantino

Brian Kane r/o Donna & Gary

Carl Christian Larsen r/o Bing & Lourdes Cheo &

Thomas Liptak r/o The Liptak Family

Paula Lopez r/o Joe & Nina Lopez

Victor Lopez r/o Joe & Nina Lopez

Maria Luciano r/o Joe & Nina Lopez

Jose Fernando Luciano r/o Joe & Nina Lopez

Miriam Luciano r/o Joe & Nina Lopez

Maureen & Patrick Maguire Suellen Phair-Back

Olga Rosete Manongdo r/o The Guerreros

Susan & Henry McPee Family r/o Suellen Phair-Back

John & Mary Miele r/o The Skribner Family

John & Ida Miele r/o The Skribner Family

Valentine & Pauline Miele r/o The Skribner Family

Milagros Morales r/o Joe & Nina Lopez

Marie Van Orden r/o Cathy Mattern & Mary Kanyuk  
& Families

Maryann Pepsin r/o St. Mary's Lazarus Ministry

Maryann Pepsin r/o The Sansevere Family

Maryann Pepsin r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Herlihy

Maryann Pepsin r/o Bruce & Debbie Schneider

Maryann Pepsin r/o Virginia Spencer

The Family of Robert J. & Til Phair r/o Sue Phair-Back

Bertram Riley, Sr. r/o The Verderosa Family

Glady's Roge-Adorno r/o Dorrie Ruane & Family

Enrique Roldan r/o Joe & Nina Lopez

Robert Sala r/o Marie Nappo

Joseph & Helen Skribner r/o The Skribner Family

Neil Zullo, Sr. r/o His daughter, Anne Davis



## Rosary Altar Society

**Come join the Rosary Altar Society**  
Our next meeting will be held  
February 4, 2024 following  
the 10 am Mass in the Bulman Center.  
Sign Up for Lenten Book Sale

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
For More Information Contact  
Eileen DeGennaro - President  
732-614-6472



Lord Jesus

may Your light shine on our way, as once it guided the steps of the Magi;  
that we too may be led into Your presence and worship You, the Child of Mary,  
Mother of God, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the  
Savior of mankind; in union with Your heavenly Father and the  
Holy Spirit, You are One God forever and ever. Amen.



## Women's Discipleship

St. Mary's Women's Discipleship is  
currently on winter break  
and will return on  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Please join us every Wednesday night at  
7:30 PM on ZOOM.

CONTACT PAT AT 732-671-0671 OR [ROBPAT52@AOL.COM](mailto:ROBPAT52@AOL.COM)  
FOR OUR ZOOM LINK OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

*Thank  
You!*

*A heartfelt thanks for all the cards,  
gifts, and most especially for your  
prayers. God Bless!*

*Fr. Jordan*

# A School Where Children Celebrate Their Faith



**At Saint Mary School, our Catholic faith takes centerstage during the Christmas season.**

In fact, faith enriches every lesson, from literature and history to mathematics and science. Inspired by the rich intellectual tradition of the Catholic Church, we teach children to strive for academic excellence and to see God in all people and things. The result: Leaders who view faith as the center of their lives.



**SAINT MARY**  
**SCHOOL**

Academically Excellent • Passionately Catholic

## OPEN HOUSE

**Sun., Jan. 28 • 1-3 p.m.**

Scan the QR code or call  
Principal Craig Palmer at (732) 671-0129  
for more information about our outstanding  
academic programs in grades pre-K through 8.





# Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

OUR LADY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT SHRINE

OPEN - 24/7 26 LEONARDVILLE RD., NEW MONMOUTH, NJ

## Adorers are Needed!

Come experience the peace and joy of an encounter with Jesus!

One more adorer is needed in these hours:

12am Monday  
2am Friday  
2am Saturday  
3am Sunday  
3am Tuesday  
3am Friday  
4am Sunday

8am Friday  
10am Sunday  
11am Sunday  
1pm Sunday  
1pm Wednesday  
1pm Thursday  
3pm Tuesday

3pm Saturday  
5pm Saturday  
8pm Friday



Sign up here! <http://adorationpro.org/marymiddletown>



JOIN US FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE!

On January 19th, our parish community will be attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. We, along with thousands of pro-life advocates, will march to voice our support for the unborn and mothers in need! Although Roe has been overturned, we must make our voices heard and demand legislation to protect the unborn at all levels of government. Please

reserve time on your calendar to join us for this year's March.

Call Bill Large at (732) 778-0776 or [stmarynjrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:stmarynjrespectlife@gmail.com)

to reserve your spot on this year's bus.

Price per person is \$40



"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' " Matt 25:40

We, the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary's, wish to thank you, our parish community, once again for your outstanding generosity. Your call to provide for those in need continues to be unwavering! We are so grateful to all our benefactors who week after week place cash/checks in the poor box located in the narthex. Your kind donations are our sole source of funding. We also appreciate the donations of non-perishable food items placed in the food pantry bin which are distributed to two local food pantries and The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor. Without your generosity we would not be able to carry out our mission of charity. We are heartened by your commitment!

Over the course of our most recent fiscal year, October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023, your donations enabled us to assist more than 80 families in our community. We were able to help with a variety of needs, including but not limited to, rent/mortgage, utilities, food, motel lodging (in cases of homelessness) and Christmas gift cards just to name a few.

In this past year we have noticed a steep increase in the amount of dollars needed to stave off evictions or utility shut offs, so your donations are needed now more than ever! Cash, checks, supermarket/Target gift cards can be placed in the poor box or dropped off at the parish office in an envelope addressed to St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity does so much good for those who have so little. We thank you and are honored to pray for you and your loved ones.

Are you called to participate in this worthy ministry? The St. Vincent de Paul Society, founded in 1833 by the Blessed Frederic Ozanam in France, is a worldwide organization staffed by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents with our group please call 732-671-4062 and leave a message. Your call will be returned promptly.

God bless you and those we serve!

# DIVINE MERCY

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024  
7:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.



EXPOSITION AND  
BENEDICTION OF  
THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT  
DIVINE MERCY  
CHAPLET



VENERATION OF ST.  
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SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH

# Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Vince Lombardi Council at your church is offering new members the opportunity to join the knights here at your church, in your community, at no cost for your first year. Please use the contact info below or scan the QR code to get started.

Dan McHugh  
Membership Chair  
(908.492.6924)  
tdmchugh@gmail.com



Quick link to membership  
KofC.org

First Year free enter promo code: BlessedMcGivney

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Childrens Liturgy* ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would like to bring back the children's liturgy at the 10 am mass but need adult and teen volunteers. If we get enough volunteers the commitment would be once or twice a month. This is a much needed ministry. Please volunteer so children can learn about Jesus and God's word.

Please reach out to Suzanne Pfirman for information at [spfirman@stmarychurchnj.org](mailto:spfirman@stmarychurchnj.org) or 732-671-0071, ext. 241.

## Calling all MAMAS!



Come and join our group!  
**Who?**

MOPS of Saint Mary's

**What?**

MOPS stands for "Mothers of Preschoolers" (ages pregnancy through kindergarten). We are part of MOPS International

**Where?**

Bulman Center  
at Mary, Mother of God Church  
19 Cherry Tree Farm Road Middletown NJ

**When?**

Friday evenings 7:30-9:30 PM  
in person or online

Jan 12 & 26

Sept 22 Feb 9 & 23\*

Oct 6 & 20 March 8<sup>^</sup> & 22<sup>^</sup>

Nov 3 & 17 April 12 & 26

Dec 1 & 15 May 10 & 31

\*Not at the Bulman Center this day

<sup>^</sup>Meetings start at 8 PM this month

### What to expect?

-Guest speakers-  
Relevant topics-Small  
group discussions-  
Fellowship-Community  
-Crafts-Activities-Play-  
dates- Moms' Night Out  
Events-Leadership and  
service opportunities-

### How to join?

Come to a meeting-sign  
up on Saint Mary's  
website-email our  
coordinator

MOPsofStMarys@  
gmail.com

@MOPsofStMarys

@MOPsofSt.Marys



### Why?

Meet local moms-build new friendships-do NOT mom alone--we are on this challenging journey together--JUST SAY YES (this year's International theme) and JOIN US!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS  
MEETINGS 6:30 - 9 PM  
CHAPEL LOWER ROOM**

CDA is open to women age 18+. Please join us! Pick up a lavender flyer in the narthex or call Janet 732-977-6789 for membership info.



**2024 Dates**

- Jan. 10
- Feb. 14
- Mar. 13



**LIFE TEEN & EDGE  
CORE TEAM**

**SERVE OUR TEENS!  
2 QUALIFICATIONS:**

**1. Love Jesus**

You have a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**2. Serve Teens**

You have a passion to serve and lead teens closer to Christ.

**Join Our Core Teams**

All 20 - 99 year olds are welcome. Life Teen (High School) or EDGE (Middle School.)



CONTACT: LIFE TEEN YOUTH MINISTERS 732-671-0071, X221  
KENNY FALLS OR saintmarys.lifeteen@gmail.com  
WILL BOESCHENSTEIN



**Saint Mary's Knitwits**

There will be no  
January meeting.



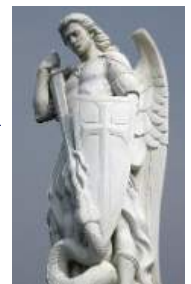
**Nocturnal Adoration-February 2,  
9 pm to 10 pm**

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine  
26 Leonardville Rd., Middletown, NJ

Women & Men are invited. If you have any questions call Gene Brennan 732-687-3543

**Saint Michael, the Archangel,**

**defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God cast into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**



**St. Mary's Lost and Found**

There is a lost & found closet in the Narthex. Parishioners can approach ushers after Mass for lost items.



## Respect Life Ministry

Our Mission is to raise awareness and promote for all life—From conception to natural death. We do this through prayer, witness, and action.

Pro-life Resources: [stmarynjrespectlife.org](http://stmarynjrespectlife.org)  
Email: [stmarynjrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:stmarynjrespectlife@gmail.com)

### Respect Life Catholics United for Life

Join the Rosary Vigil for Life every Saturday, 9-10am at Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility, 69 E Newman Springs Rd, Shrewsbury

### Respect Life Donation Bin

**Thank you** for the overwhelming response of donations! Donations needed are of diapers (sizes 4-6), wipes, and lotions. These donations greatly help the women who have chosen life for their child. Please keep it coming!



### Post Abortion Healing

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be deep and crippling. It can have a devastating effect, not only on the mother but also on the father, grandparents, and friends of the mother. Rachel's Vineyard is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive and non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. If you have suffered through an abortion, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. Retreat weekends are both women and men. For more information contact:

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD - NATIONAL HOTLINE 877-467-3463**  
**For retreats call:**

Trenton Diocese - Judy Warenkeiwicz at 732-536-6871  
or email: [JudyWaren543@msn.com](mailto:JudyWaren543@msn.com)  
Newark Diocese - Cheryl Riley at [Cheryl.Riley@rcan.org](mailto:Cheryl.Riley@rcan.org)

**Sister's of Life** - 866-545-0075 or  
[hopeandhealing@sistersoflife](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife)

**Solutions Pregnancy & Health Center** - 732-747-5454  
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## Holy Hour for Life

†Exposition and  
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†Rosary for Life

†Stations of the Cross  
for victims of abortion

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Tuesday

November 14<sup>th</sup>

December 12<sup>th</sup>

January 9<sup>th</sup>

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