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Invite One Back



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2023
Saint Mary, Mother of God Church**



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Weekly Collections 7/31/2023

Weekly collection	\$ 15,174.55
Parish Giving	\$ 6,118.34
E Catholic	\$ 276.50
Ave Maria	\$ 1,875.58
Youth	\$ 152.00
Children	\$ 176.51
Assessments	\$ 40.00
Priest retirement	\$ 337.84
Assumption	\$ 5.00
Ascension Thursday	\$ 5.00

OFFICE HOURS & INFORMATION

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Monday to Friday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
(Wednesdays close from 1 pm to 2 pm)
(Thursdays close from 9 am to 10 am)

St. Mary School

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FR. JEFF KEGLEY

FROM THE PASTOR

JESUS IS LORD!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Year of Parish Eucharistic Revival, the National Bishop's Congress has launched an "Invite One Back" initiative that encourages every parish to take part. Imagine if every faithful Catholic invited just one person in their inner circle who has fallen away from attending Sunday Mass or had the courage to reach out to one co-worker who seems interested in talking about faith. Our churches would be renewed and filled with communion – a desire we all long for.

At Saint Mary's we will begin the "Invite One Back" initiative the first Sunday of September and the following first Sunday of each month. Our parish will mail a postcard to all our inactive parishioners, inviting them back. However, the "Invite One Back" initiative depends on a personal invitation from the parishioners. Please take this month of August to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to the person to invite back. On the first Sunday, there will be Confessions one-half hour before Mass with hospitality after Mass. Please stay around after the Mass for hospitality and fellowship. Please note that while we have designated the first Sunday of every month to "Invite One Back," we are not limited in our invitations to these Sundays.

There will also be available at the Sunday morning Masses a new ministry which is part of the hospitality. Since we have a very large parking lot and some may find it difficult to walk so far to the church, we have golf carts ready to pick up parishioners who need a lift from their car to the church. Deacon Bill Ross will be organizing this ministry. If you would like to assist, please email Deacon Bill at DeaconBill@stmarychurchnj.org

"Invite One Back" is not limited to Sunday Mass. "Invite One Back" to join you for Eucharistic Adoration at the Shrine, Daily Mass, the monthly Healing Mass, and Encounter Nights that are also recommended by the National Bishop's Congress for the Eucharistic Revival. In addition, there are many parish ministries, Bible Studies, TMIY, Women's Discipleship, Blessed is She, Young Adult Group, and Life Teen to name a few. Invite! Invite! Invite... and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

Let us seize this moment as a great missionary opportunity of our time. When we hear the words, "Go forth the Mass is ended," our work as missionary disciples begin anew as we respond to the Lord's command to "go and make disciples" by the faithful witness of our lives – by reaching out to the lost, the least, and the last. With confidence, let us entrust ourselves to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit to bring about a Eucharistic Revival at this time in the life of our parish Community.

Have a blessed week!

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Jeff Kegley



Mass Intentions - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday, August 5, 2023

- 5:00 Richard O'Connor Jr. r/o Kathy O'Connor
5:00 Bob Infantino Sr. r/o John & Joan Golba

Sunday, August 6, 2023

- 8:00 Special Intentions of Cathy Daniels r/o Lucille O'Connor
10:00 For those enrolled in the Monthly Memorial Mass
12:00 Patrick Hoey r/o The Gallagher Family
5:00 People of the Parish

Monday, August 7, 2023

- 8:15 Dora Poppo r/o Orsola Sorrentino
8:15 Jules Lelesi r/o The Duffys
12:00 Special Intentions of Marie & Gerd Stabbert r/o Pat & Tom Cusick
12:00 Special Intentions of Zoe Wong r/o Leilani Lagman

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

- 8:15 Antoinette Rocco r/o The Duffys
8:15 Patricia O'Neill r/o Christine Atherley
12:00 Don Drake r/o The Drake Family
12:00 Peter & Georgia Geraci r/o Family

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

- 8:15 Agnes McConway r/o Carlucci Family
8:15 Anthony Joseph Pisani r/o Tom & Jean Sharp
12:00 Vincent & Anna Maria Arena r/o Teresa Arena
12:00 Fran Manning r/o AnaMae & Gene Garb

Thursday, August 10, 2023

- 8:15 Mary Sheridan r/o Roberta Sheridan
8:15 Carla Pancia r/o They Murray Family
12:00 Ken Duffié r/o AnaMae & Gene Garb
12:00 Dan Kelleher r/o Family

Friday, August 11, 2023

- 8:15 Eleanor Cronin r/o Kathi Cronin & Jane Mulhern
8:15 Fran Robison r/o Laraine
12:00 Lynn Kennedy r/o Kathy O'Connor
12:00 Special Intentions of Anna Lauricella on her Birthday r/o son Robert Lauricella

Saturday, August 12, 2023

- 8:15 Marilyn Schamber r/o Aunt Ceil
8:15 John W. Murphy r/o Patricia Molloy
5:00 Bob Infantino Sr. r/o Bob, Kristen & Austin
5:00 Joan Spinelli r/o Maria & Bill Petersen

Sunday, August 13, 2023

- 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Alandy Family r/o Freddie
10:00 John Toal r/o his Children
12:00 Special Intentions of Bill & Ginger Large r/o Ann Quinlan
5:00 People of the Parish

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

Saint Vincent DePaul Society

For assistance call: 732-671-4062
svdp.stmarysmiddletown@gmail.com

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized

Francesca Lina Cannizzaro Layla-Ciel Ligarzewski
Lucia Rose Cannizzaro Cole William Ligarzewski
Dominic James Coppola Nora Ann Mangan
Giovanni Joseph Gallo

Sunday to Saturday Candles
August 6, 2023 to August 12, 2023

Saint Mary, Mother of God Sanctuary Candle:
People of the Parish

Adoration Chapel Candles:
George W. Newcomb r/o Paul & Judy Hencoski



Pope Francis: Transfiguration of the Lord

This Sunday, the liturgy celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Today's Gospel passage recounts that the Apostles Peter, James and John were witnesses to this extraordinary event. Jesus took them with him "and led them up a high mountain apart" (Mt 17:1) and, while he prayed, his face changed in appearance, "shone like the sun", and "his garments became white as light". Then Moses and Elijah appeared, and began a dialogue with Him. At this point, Peter said to Jesus: "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah" (v. 4). He had not yet finished speaking when a bright cloud enveloped them.

The event of the Lord's Transfiguration offers us a message of hope — thus shall we be, with Him —: it invites us to *encounter Jesus*, to be *at the service of our brothers and sisters*.

The disciples' ascent up Mount Tabor leads us to reflect on the importance of disengaging from worldly matters, in order to make a journey toward heaven and to contemplate Jesus. It is a matter of being attentive to the careful and prayerful listening of Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, seeking intimate moments of prayer that allow for the docile and joyful welcoming of the Word of God. In this spiritual ascent, in this disengagement from worldly matters, we are called to rediscover the peaceful and regenerative silence of meditating on the Gospel, on the reading of the Bible, which leads to a destination rich in beauty, splendor and joy. When we meditate in this way, with the Bible in hand, in silence, we begin to feel this interior beauty, this joy that the Word of God engenders in us. In this perspective, the summer season is a providential time to cultivate our task of seeking and encountering the Lord. In this period, students are free of scholastic commitments and many families take their holidays; it is important that in the period of rest and disengagement from daily activities, we can reinforce our strengths of body and soul, by deepening our spiritual journey.

At the end of the stunning experience of the Transfiguration, the disciples came down the mountain (cf. v. 9) with eyes and hearts transfigured by their encounter with the Lord. It is the journey that we too can make. The ever more vibrant rediscovery of Jesus is not the aim in itself, but spurs us to "come down the mountain", energized by the power of the divine Spirit, so as to decide on new paths of conversion and to constantly witness to charity, as the law of daily life. Transformed by Christ's presence and by the ardor of his Word, we will be a concrete sign of the invigorating love of God for all our brothers and sisters, especially for those who are suffering, for those who are lonely and neglected, for the sick and for the multitude of men and women who, in different parts of the world, are humiliated by injustice, abuse and violence.

In the Transfiguration, the voice of the heavenly Father is heard saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!" (v. 5). Let us look to Mary, the *Virgin of listening*, ever ready to welcome and keep in her heart every word of the Divine Son (cf. Lk 2:51).

May our Mother and the Mother of God help us to be in harmony with the Word of God, so that Christ may become light and lodestar throughout our life. Let us entrust to her the holidays of all, so that they may be peaceful and fruitful, but above all the summer of those who cannot go on holiday due to impediments of age, to reasons of health or of work, to economic restrictions or other problems, so that it may be a time of eased tension, gladdened by the presence of friends and of happy moments.

Eucharistic Revival
ENCOUNTER

A NIGHT OF ADORATION
WORSHIP-CONFESSIONS-HEALING



Saturday, August 26, 2023 @ 7PM

**OUR LADY OF THE MOST
BLESSED SACRAMENT SHRINE**

26 LEONARDVILLE ROAD
MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY

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.

Dan & Helen Belmont r/o Ed Dolahan
Frances Cali r/o Family
Angela & Joseph Cali r/o Family
Joseph Cali & Richard Urbealis r/o JoAnn & Chris Mulvaney
Joseph Campanella r/o John & Vera McDonald
Francesco Carbonaro r/o Bob & Iris Froehlich
Dr. Leo R. Cardillo r/o Marjorie & Kevin Golankiewicz
Deceased Family & Friends of the Iamundo Family
Edna Mae Deegan r/o Vaughn & Marian Kuhlmeier
Dolly & Dana Dolahan r/o Ed Dolahan
Thoman Glynn r/o Dorrie Ruane & Family
Wilfredo Gonzalez r/o the Heimbuch Family
Eugene Isola r/o Marilyn Marrone
George Katsingris r/o tom & Kim Molloy
Stephen Kelleher r/o Lisa & Dan Murray & Family
Steve Kelleher r/o Tony & Chris Cella & Family
Steve Kelleher r/o The Herlihy Family
Steve Kelleher r/o The Verange Family
Steve Kelleher r/o Carlos & Lela Camba
Stephen P. Kelleher r/o The Molicki Family
Steve Kelleher r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bilotta
Steve Kelleher r/o Maresca Family
Raymond Kringdon r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Herlihy
Raymond Kringdon r/o Lou & Claudia Marsiello
Raymond Kringdon r/o Mary & Andrew Gauld
Raymond Kringdon r/o LaTourette Family
Raymond Kyne r/o The Kokozakis Family
Jed Legulay r/o Sonia Valenzuela
Jose Fernando & Miriam Luciano r/o Joe & Nina Lopez
Patricia Maher r/o Skribner Family
Kenneth W. Massicotte r/o John & Deborah Quinn
Susan Mejias r/o The Pacheco Family
Donald Merone r/o John Fossetta
John & Ida Miele r/o Family
Milagros Morales r/o Joe & Nina Lopez
Thomas J. Norato r/o Young & Filippazzo Families
Jaret Smith r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Herlihy
Joseph Spigai r/o Barbara Luciani
Marie Usuriello r/o The Anthony Family
Patricia Vezirian r/o Laura Siemientkowski & Jerry Kegley
Gerard Zippilli r/o Graziano Family



IMPACT 2023

Meeting JESUS at the CROSSROADS

St. Mary Mother of God School
538 Church Street, Middletown NJ 07748

AUGUST 25 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

AUGUST 26 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

RENEWING FAITH, HOPE & DREAMS
FOR THE FUTURE

We know civilization is in crisis. We have come to a Crossroads, in our church, schools, families and the world. There is no going back to 'normal'. What we, as the body of Christ, decide in these never-before-seen times will impact generations for years to come.

~ Do you know your Mission? It is time to meet Jesus at the Crossroads. We are in the battle of our lives, and the lives of our children. What will our Impact be, and where will it land? Join us as we encounter Jesus; He is waiting at the Crossroads. Your Mission - if you choose to accept it - is ready.

The time is now.

Go to www.DOTCCR.org to register & for more information.

Presentation by:
Encounter Ministries of New Jersey &
Kingdom Firestarters

BACKPACK COLLECTION

FOR CHILDREN AGES (5-12) TO BE
DISTRIBUTED TO POOR FAMILIES

August 12-13
in the Narthex
after all
the Masses.



Other items that would be useful:
loose leaf paper, notebooks, crayons, markers,
pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, glue,
glue sticks, rulers, erasers, children's scissors,
pencil cases, and highlighters.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL
KATHY PLATH GRIFF652@AOL.COM

GOD BLESS THE PEOPLE OF SAINT MARY'S FOR ALL
THAT YOU DO FOR THE POOREST OF THE POOR.

DIVINE MERCY

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

7:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.



EXPOSITION AND
BENEDICTION OF
THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT
DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET



VENERATION OF ST.
FAUSTINA'S RELIC

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH



Fall Program—Mondays

Sept. 18—Dec. 4, 2023

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine

26 Leonardville Rd., Middletown

Chapel Basement

St. Mary, Mother of God Church in Middletown is pleased to announce its continuing ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics.

If interested, please email: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com with your name and contact information, and one of the facilitators will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have.

Visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry> for more information about the program or call/text Michele Coppola Wilson at 201-753-8485.

Thank you for taking the first step toward healing!

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THE GREAT TENT
19 CHERRY TREE FARM ROAD
MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

TICKETS AVAILABLE
ONLINE AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE
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St Mary's Respect Life Ministry
Contact Joli: 732-856-7770
www.DiocesefofTrenton.org/Mother-Daughter-Tea



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One more adorer is needed in these hours:

2am Friday

7am Saturday

1 pm Sunday

2am Saturday

10am Sunday

3am Sunday

11am Sunday

3am Friday

11am Wednesday

4am Sunday

1pm Wednesday

4am Friday

1pm Thursday



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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

LORD OF THE HARVEST, WE PETITION YOU AS YOU HAVE INSTRUCTED US TO ASK FOR MORE LABORERS TO SERVE IN THE VINEYARD OF YOUR CHURCH. YOU HAVE TOLD US THAT THE HARVEST IS RICH AND LABORERS ARE FEW AND WE EXPERIENCE THIS GREAT NEED IN THE FACE OF THE CHALLENGE OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION. WE ASK THE

HOLY SPIRIT TO INSPIRE YOUNG MEN TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD. HELP ALL OF US TO BE EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENTS TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THOSE WHOM YOU ARE CALLING TO SERVE AND LEAD THE CHURCH IN THE FUTURE. LORD, YOU TOLD THE APOSTLES TO PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP. WE ASK FOR THE GRACE AND COURAGE TO ACCEPT YOUR CALL AS WE PRAY AND WORK FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST, AMEN.



Registration is now open for our Traditional Religious Education Program from 1st to 8th grade. Classes start in September on either Tuesdays from 4:00 pm-5:15 pm or Wednesdays 6:00 pm-7:15 pm.

Please visit our website to download the registration form at <https://stmarychurchnj.org>. You can find the form under Spiritual Growth, Formation, and then Faith Formation. Registration forms are also located outside the Parish Office window. The **deadline** to register is August 15th. We are also looking for teachers and aides to assist in our programs. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Suzanne Pfirman at 732-671-0071, ext. 241, or Jessica Parks at ext. 240.

Our parish needs your Summer Financial Support - please don't forget us



EWTN founder Mother Angelica had a clever saying to remind viewers to mail their donations in support of her growing network: "Keep us between your gas and electric bill."

During the Summer months please consider making your weekly donations "on-line" to our wonderful parish.

make your on-line donations at www.stmarychurchnj.org/give

Grow in Your Faith! Fall Courses from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

Interested in learning more about your faith? Learn more about graduate theological courses offered this Fall in Biblical Studies, Church History, Christian Ethics, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Spirituality, Evangelization, and Multicultural Catechesis.

For details, please email theology@shu.edu or call Elizabeth Vacchiano at (973) 761-9633.

Collection Counters Need your Help



- #1 Please don't staple or tape your envelopes.
- #2 Please mark or write the donation amount on your envelopes.
- #3 Please mark whether the donation is cash or check.
- #4 Please write your envelope number on your check when not using your envelope.
- #5 Please write out a separate check when donating to the Ave Maria Fund or Mortgage.

Thank you for your cooperation
and continued support.
May God Bless You!

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.

CDA meets the following Wednesdays

2023 Dates:

Sep. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8,
Dec. 13

Pocketbook Bingo

SAVE THE DATE - 10/28/23



HELP WANTED! HEAD OF MAINTENANCE

Saint Mary,
Mother of God
Church & School

More info call:
Hank Pekarsky
Business Manager
732-671-0071
Ext. 232



Full time position

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—the unborn, elderly, and disabled. We do this through prayer, witness, and action.

Website: stmarynjrespectlife.org
Email: stmarynjrespectlife@gmail.com

Holy Hour

St. Mary's Respect Life ministry invites to join us every second Tuesday from 7 - 8 pm at the St. Mary's Adoration Chapel. Our strongest weapon in this battle is prayer so please join us for exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary for Life, & Stations of the Cross for victims of abortion.

Respect Life Catholics United for Life

Join the Rosary Vigil for Life every Saturday, 9-10am at Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility,

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!

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.



Holy Hour for Life

✠ *Exposition and
Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament*

✠ *Rosary for Life*

✠ *Stations of the Cross
for victims of abortion*

On December 12, 1531 Our Lady appeared to an Aztec man, St. Juan Diego, and requested that a shrine be built on Tepeyac hill. She gave him the miraculous image of her, seen above. Through her image nine million Aztecs were converted to Christ and abandoned the practice of human sacrifice.

Today Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of the pro life movement, as we work to end the practice of human sacrifice through abortion and uphold the dignity of every human life.

Our strongest weapon in this battle is prayer. Please join us the second Tuesday of each month as we observe a Holy Hour for life.



Tuesday

June 13th

July 11th

August 8th

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

St. Mary's Chapel

26 Leonardville Rd,
New Monmouth, NJ 07748



Pregnant, Need Help?

You are not alone. Here are some places you can get help in Monmouth Country.

Birthright of Freehold

41 East Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-462-2888
800-550-4900

Birthright of Red Bank

294 Broad Street
Red Bank, NJ 07701
732-747-7600
800-550-4900

Solutions Pregnancy & Health Center

837 Broad Street
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
732-747-5454

**Come join us in praying the
Rosary Monday through Friday
at 11:30 am in Mary, Mother of
God Church before the 12 noon**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Dawn Anderson, Tom Ashe, Isagani Aquino, Carmelita Bautista, Carlo Bautista, Joe Bilotta, Gene Brennan, Angela Brummert, Giovanni Caccamo, Joseph Caccamo, MaryAnn Calamo, Manwella Camba, Colin Casey, Beatrice Catania, James Cavallo, Theresa Cavallo, John Chiarini, Mary Colasurdo, Pamela Collins, Kevin Conley, Emil DeMarco, June DeMarco, Eileen DiPietro, Bruce W. Doorly, Marie Duffy, Mary Ellen Ellis, Dr. Keith English, Lilian Esposito, Brian Flanagan, Tony Frazee, Dennis Gallagher, Barbara Gentile, Betty Hanson, Kathleen Hendrick, Donna Horel, Cassandra Huber, Gilda Kenney, Manny Konstantinidis, Mary Large, Anna Lauricella, Lorraine Lauricella, Jackie Lelesi, Mike Levy, Anthony Logaglio, Dawn Massey, Jason Massey, Carol Montella, Kathy Mumm, Allison Murray, Robert Murray, Vincent Mustachio, Mary O'Brien, Mariana Ocampo, Max Ocampo, Angela Orrego, Robert Patterson, Anthony Pelle, John Petersen, Rosemary Petersen, Kelly Marie Rodden, Francisco Ruffalo, Christa Russo, Betty Sanchez, Amparo Sanchez, Juan Carlos Sanchez, David Sague, Frank Scibetta, Michele Shinko, Tracy Spece, Darleen Striker, Susan & Anthony Tanski, Joan Urgo, Kathleen Vacca, Consolacion Valenzuela, Chris Vaughn, Joan Wehner, Barbara Woezer, Diane Worrell, Anthony Zito, Georgeanne, John, Bonnie

FOR OUR CHILDREN: Brianna Orlando, Alexandria Iscaro, Addison Noelle Feirstein, Liam Joseph Kelly, John James Schultz Jr., Jake Wilson, Hunter Morris, Aria Mager, Bianca Grace Russo, Baby Harrison, Skylar Adinolfi

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Special Ops. Sgt. Tim Hayes

U.S. Marines: Pvt. Connor Winz, Staff Sgt. Michael J. Mangan, Ryan Trachman, Jonathan Alfano, Master Gunnery Sgt. C.T. Gregoire SFC, L/CPL Brian Healey, Lance Corporal Kyle Otterbine, Col. Christopher Cannon

U.S. Navy: Sgt. James A. Conklin, Col. Kevin Meisle, ETN3 Eric Borbely, LTJG Daniel Toth, Ensign, Captain Iraq; Lt Christopher Baum, ENS Elizabeth A. Millicker, ENS Victoria Millicker, Luke Zitzner E3CTR

U.S. Air Force: 3rd tour Iraq Josh Pershing, Tanay Mahadik deployed over seas

Army: 1st Lt. Evan Crowell, Wesley Briggs 2 tours in Iraq, stationed in Egypt, Army Reserve Louis Adamo, Army Ranger Staff Sergeant Craig Kubolka II 7th deployment to the Middle East, West Point Corporal Cadet Robert Manse III, PFC Noah Michalsky

U.S. Coast Guard: Greg Charpek, George Martin Jr., H.M Ashley Thompson, James Chinnici, Jonathan Bagnato, Andrew Leroy

Please call the parish office to add someone to the prayer list. 732-671-0071 ext. 233

The Diocese of Trenton's Department of Development is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant to join our small and energetic team. This role primarily involves providing administrative support for the Annual Catholic Appeal and requires a strong focus on gift entry tasks. The position would be in person at the Chancery Office in Lawrenceville, NJ at 15 hours per week. Flexible on hours to be completed 5 days at 3 hours a day a week, or 3 days at 5 hours a day a week.

For more information visit:

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/news/administrative-assistant-part-time>

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Women's Discipleship is on summer break. Please watch the bulletin for the date, time, and location of our return! We have a wonderful

Eucharistic Ministry For the Homebound

Would you like to bring cheer to a homebound person by bringing Jesus to them? The need is great, and we can't do it without you. We are always in need of individuals to bring Communion on Sunday mornings to those who are unable to join us. Please pray about it. *If interested for more info or to sign up, please call Terry Ruane at: 908-461-1712.*

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegation involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

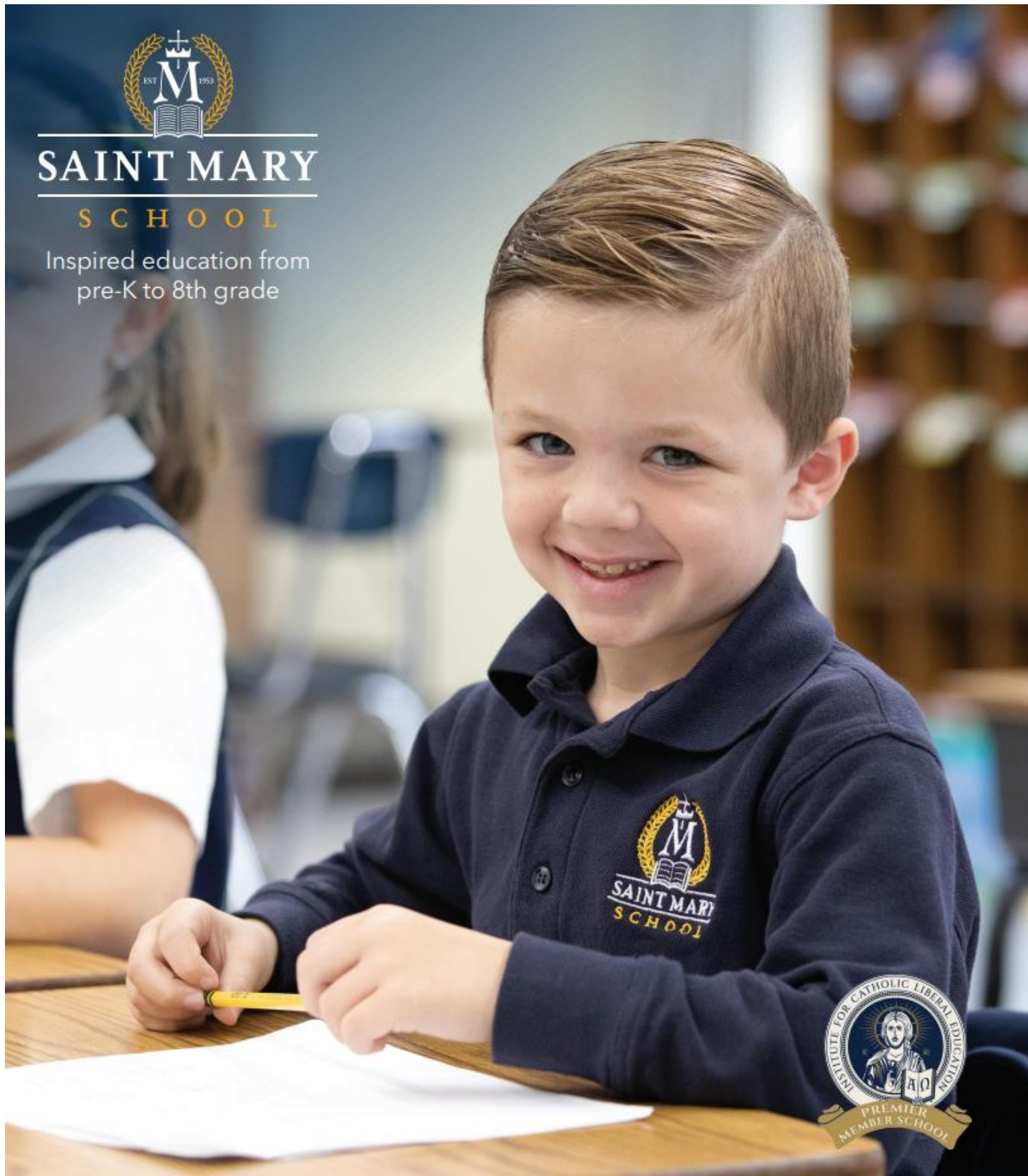
The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



SAINT MARY

SCHOOL

Inspired education from
pre-K to 8th grade



INSPIRING GREAT MINDS

How classical Catholic education builds essential skills every child needs





“In standardized tests, there is a right and a wrong answer, and that’s it. Classical Catholic education emphasizes questioning: Seek and find. Students are encouraged to think for themselves. There’s a lot of love in the process.”

– Kathryn Abbud
Second Grade Teacher
Saint Mary School

Did You Know?

Mistakes are an important part of the learning process. Fostered by experienced teachers, classical Catholic education provides a supportive, nonjudgmental environment for children to explore, make mistakes, and grow from the experience.

What is classical Catholic education?

Classical Catholic education has trained some of the greatest minds our world has ever known.

Grounded in the rich educational tradition of the Catholic Church, this teaching approach challenges students to think deeply, ask questions, and draw logical conclusions to develop important intellectual skills like reasoning and critical thinking. Beginning in the earliest grades, children develop into engaged students who truly love to learn.

This time-tested curriculum is experiencing a great resurgence at Catholic schools across the United States. There’s a growing recognition among educators and parents that school should be more about training young minds to think, rather than on rote memorization and test scores.

Read on to discover how a classical Catholic education will benefit your child.



SAINT MARY SCHOOL

1. **Well-rounded Scholars.** Classical Catholic education introduces students—even at the youngest ages—to studies in classical literature, history, Latin, science, mathematics, and culture. Teachers emphasize the connections between subject areas that most schools tend to place in silos.
2. **Strong Voices.** A major aim of classical Catholic education is to help children find their voice. Teachers encourage students to ask questions and participate in lively discussions to share their knowledge.
3. **Joyful Learners.** When students are comfortable participating in class, they gain confidence and become more engaged, fostering a love of school and creating a culture of lifelong learning.
4. **Deep Thinkers.** Starting in the youngest grades, an emphasis on analytical thinking and debate prepares students for the challenges of high school, college, and life.
5. **Compassionate Citizens.** Faith is a central part of the classical Catholic curriculum. Students learn that God is present in all people and things. They are committed to shaping a more fair and just world.
6. **Successful Adults.** The rigor of classical Catholic education provides the foundation for a lifetime of success. Graduates are ready to excel at outstanding colleges and universities, and later, to lead in their careers and communities.

Why Latin?

At schools like Saint Mary, studies in Latin begin in kindergarten. Research shows that learning a second language boosts problem-solving, critical thinking, and listening—plus, it improves memory and concentration. Here's how Latin paves the way for future academic and career success:

Stronger Analytical Skills:

The logical structure of Latin provides the perfect framework to train the brain to think analytically.

Better Communicators:

More than half of English vocabulary is derived from Latin roots and 90 percent of English words longer than two syllables are Latin-based. Students with a strong background in Latin are effective communicators—a skill in high demand by employers today.

Higher SAT Scores:

Studies show that students who learn Latin for two or more years can score 140-160 points higher on the SAT than their peers.

Did You Know?

Many professions incorporate Latin vocabulary in the workplace. From medicine to law and science, Latin words help to organize and define complex topics. Students who have a strong working knowledge of Latin in elementary and high school have a head start when studying to become doctors, lawyers, and scientists.



Classical Catholic Education at Saint Mary School

Saint Mary School offers a dynamic classical Catholic curriculum integrating faith and reason for children in grades pre-K through eight. In our lively and interactive classrooms, children are encouraged to ask questions and debate important topics. Teachers also challenge students to read more and think for themselves as they explore and find their place in the world God has created.

Our teachers have participated in professional development training through the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE), a leading resource for Catholic schools on the classical Catholic educational model. Over the past decade, ICLE has seen skyrocketing demand from schools across the nation seeking to renew their curricula. Schools that have transitioned to this model have reported increased enrollment, stronger parish communities, and higher standardized test scores.

As a result of this engaging and challenging educational approach, Saint Mary School is considered a preeminent Catholic school in the region. In fact, readers of the *Asbury Park Press* voted Saint Mary the best private elementary school in Monmouth County.

What About Test Scores?

At most schools, the goal for students is to achieve high grades. While test scores are important markers, schools like Saint Mary are more interested in fostering long-term intellectual growth than memorization of facts—many of which are forgotten right after the test.

That's why you won't find Saint Mary teachers and students preparing for weeks to take required standardized tests. The classical Catholic curriculum has already provided our students with the knowledge needed to achieve high scores.



Discover Saint Mary School.

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.

