

Happy Thanksgiving



Give Thanks to the Lord!

HOLY MASS AT 9:00 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY

Financial Report

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collections 11/13/2023

Weekly collection	\$ 17,452.75
Parish Giving	\$ 8,813.00
Donor box offering	\$ 89.43
Ave Maria	\$ 1,859.43
Youth	\$ 208.23
Children	\$ 596.31
Diocese Assessment	\$ 1,538.25
Advancing The Kingdom	\$ 3,571.67
All Souls	\$ 152.32
All Saints	\$ 69.81
Christmas Flowers	\$ 15.00
Healing Mass	\$ 597.00
Human Development	\$ 35.00

Note: Human Development goes to the Diocese to be distributed

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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FR. JEFF KEGLEY

FROM THE PASTOR

JESUS IS LORD!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather this week to celebrate Thanksgiving, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and joy for our blessings. This year has brought challenges, but it has also shown us the strength of our faith and the power of our community.

In a world that is divided and uncertain, our parish community has remained a steadfast source of love and support. I want to express my deepest thanks to all of you for your unwavering commitment to our parish family.

Let us remember that Thanksgiving is not just a holiday but a way of life. It is a time to reflect on the many gifts we have been given and to share our abundance with those in need. Our parish family has continued to shine as a beacon of hope and compassion in our community, and I am genuinely thankful for that.

Please take a moment this Thanksgiving to count your blessings and reach out to those in need. Let's extend the love and grace we have received to others, and in doing so, we fulfill the teachings of our faith.

May this Thanksgiving be a time of unity, love, and joy for our congregation and extended families. I pray that our faith continues to grow, our bonds strengthen, and our hearts remain open to the beauty of the world around us.

I want to invite you to join our parish family in "giving thanks" at our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am in Mary, Mother of God Church. The Thanksgiving Day Mass is one of my favorite liturgies of the year. There is no obligation to attend, yet hundreds of parishioners come out to thank the Lord for His abundant blessings. This is the best way to begin our Thanksgiving Day. As we pray during the Liturgy, *"It is right to give Him thanks and praise."* I pray you can join us.

Last week, Pope Francis addressed the participants of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Leadership Council. In his address the Pope said: *"One goal that you are proposing, and which I myself have encouraged, is to expand the "Life in the Spirit Seminars" in all places and for everyone. These are truly kerygmatic moments, opportunities for the "initial proclamation" of the Gospel. They make it possible for people to encounter the living Jesus, in his word and his Spirit, and at the same time to experience his Church as a welcoming environment, a place of grace, reconciliation and rebirth. That is why I have encouraged you to make these Seminars more widely available."*

I am grateful for these words of Pope Francis; they affirm the hard work of so many of our parishioners who labored over many years (decades) in sponsoring and leading "Life in the Spirit Seminars." The fruit is thousands upon thousands of parishioners have encountered the living Jesus, our parish is a welcoming community, a place of grace, reconciliation, and rebirth. With God's grace our parish will continue make the Life in the Spirit Seminars available for everyone.

With a heart full of gratitude, I wish you all a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Jeff Kegley



Mass Intentions - 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 18, 2023

- 5:00 Helen Falls Brower r/o Kathleen Falls
5:00 John & Kathleen Poole r/o Ellen Poole

Sunday, November 19, 2023

- 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of The Alandy Family r/o Fredie
10:00 Grace Farrell, Sr. r/o Children & Grandchildren
12:00 Special Intentions of Amie Faelnar on her birthday
5:00 People of the Parish

Monday, November 20, 2023

- 8:15 Rosaria Incorvaia r/o Mr. & Mrs. James Maltese
8:15 Carol Ann Lazazzaro r/o Verderosa Family
12:00 Deceased Members of the Spatucci Family r/o Peggy
12:00 Jeanette Dacey r/o Joe & Jackie Dacey

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

- 8:15 Richard O'Brien r/o Steve & Debbie McCarthy
8:15 Luis Herrera r/o His Loving Wife, Elizabeth
12:00 Genie Fasano r/o Maresca Family
12:00 Herb Schwarz r/o Maresca Family

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

- 8:30 John J. McDonnell r/o Mary & John MacMahon
8:30 John J. McDonnell r/o Regina & John Begley
12:00 Matthew Dacey r/o Mom & Dad
12:00 Leonardo Victor Gutierrez r/o Marsha Vasell

Thursday, November 23, 2023

- 9:00 Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's

Friday, November 24, 2023

- 8:15 Victoria Lamberta r/o Her Loving Mother
8:15 Deceased Members of the Kelleher & Whitley Families r/o Family
12:00 Arthur Hoglander r/o John Juccarone
12:00 Nancy Lauricella r/o Grandson Robert Lauricella

Saturday, November 25, 2023

- 8:15 Michael O'Keeffe r/o Rosann O'Keeffe
8:15 Anthony Luminoso r/o Mr. & Mrs. William O'Connor & Family
5:00 Mary O'Connor r/o Kathy O'Connor
5:00 Paula Lopez r/o Joe & Nina Lopez

Sunday, November 26, 2023

- 8:00 Matthew Eckert r/o The Family
10:00 Patrick McGee r/o Family
12:00 Patricia & Philip Mauro r/o Family
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

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Saint Vincent DePaul Society

For assistance call: 732-671-4062

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Congratulations to the Newly Baptized

Valentina Grace Romeo Connor Ryan Grimley
Leo Francis Torchia Nicholas Michael Lubrino
Billierae Patricia Thiel

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Eleanor Granite

Theresa McLean

Sunday to Saturday Candles

November 19, 2023 to November 25, 2023

Saint Mary, Mother of God Sanctuary Candle:

Madeline and Jimmy DeLorenzo r/o Julie Hulme

Adoration Chapel Candles:

Mary Ellen Ellis r/o Mother & Sister

Special Intentions of in Thanksgiving for answered prayers r/o The Healey Family

Teri Aufant r/o Joseph & Mary Ellen Keip

Gerri Obremski r/o Joe & Nina Lopez



Pope Francis: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, the Gospel presents to us the Parable of the Talents (cf. Mt 25:14-30). Before setting off on a journey, a man gives his servants talents, which at that time were coins of considerable value: he gives five talents to one servant, two to another, one to another, to each according to his ability. The servant who had received five talents was resourceful and he traded with them, earning another five. The servant who had received two behaved likewise, and acquired another two. However, the servant who had received one dug a hole in the ground and therein hid his master's coin.

Upon the master's return, this same servant explained to him the reason for this action, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground" (vv. 24-25). This servant did not have a trusting relationship with his master, but was afraid of him, and this hindered him. Fear always immobilizes and often leads to making bad choices. Fear discourages us from taking the initiative; it induces us to take refuge in secure and guaranteed solutions, and thus end up not accomplishing anything good. To move forward and grow on the journey of life, we must not have fear; we must have faith.

This parable helps us understand how important it is to have a true concept of God. We must not think that he is a cruel, hard and severe master who wishes to punish us. If this mistaken image of God is within us our life cannot be fruitful, because we will live in fear and this will not lead us to anything constructive. On the contrary, fear paralyzes us; it causes our self-destruction. We are called to reflect in order to discover what our idea of God really is. Already in the Old Testament he revealed himself as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6). And Jesus always showed us that God is not a severe or intolerant master, but a father full of love, of tenderness, a father full of goodness. Therefore, we can and must have immense faith in him.

Jesus shows us God's generosity and care in so many ways: with his words, with his gestures, with his welcome toward everyone, especially toward sinners, the little ones and the poor, as today — the first World Day of the Poor — also reminds us. But he also does so with his admonitions, which show his interest so that we do not pointlessly waste our life. Indeed, it is a sign that God has great esteem for us: this awareness helps us to be responsible people in all our actions. Therefore, the Parable of the Talents reminds us of a personal responsibility and of a faithfulness that even becomes the ability to continually set out anew, walking new paths, without "burying the talent", that is, the gifts which God has entrusted to us, and for which he will call us to account.

May the Blessed Virgin intercede for us, so that we may remain faithful to the will of God, cultivating the talents that God has given us. Thus we will be helpful to others and, on the last day, we will be welcomed by the Lord, who will invite us to take part in his joy.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL
**HEALING
MASS**

**FIRST FRIDAY
DECEMBER 1, 2023
6:30PM**

**FATHER JEFF KEGLEY
CELEBRANT**

**ASSISTED BY
DEACON GEORGI CHEMALY
DEACON BILL ROSS**

**MINISTRY TEAMS LED BY
ENCOUNTER SCHOOL
OF MINISTRY
NEW JERSEY CAMPUS**

COME & SEE

**SAINT MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY
WWW.STMARYCHURCHNJ.ORG/PRAYER**



COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD - 9AM - 4:30PM
VENDORS - FOOD - ENTERTAINMENT - FELLOWSHIP



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 7:00PM
PRESENTED BY THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL
ADORATION - PREACHING - CONFESSIONS
PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH



LESSONS AND CAROLS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 7PM TO 8:30PM
HEAR THE STORY OF SALVATION THROUGH SACRED SCRIPTURE AND WITH CAROLS ANNOUNCING
THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. PRESENTED BY SAINT MARY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
ALONG WITH THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE SAINT MARY SCHOOL CHOIR
IT IS AN EVENING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY FOLLOWED BY A
WONDERFUL TIME OF HOSPITALITY AND REFRESHMENTS.



BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI - BABY JESUS

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16TH - 17TH - ALL MASSES
A BELOVED ANNUAL TRADITION AT SAINT MARY'S IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS,
THE BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI WAS FIRST INSTITUTED BY ST. JOHN PAUL II.
ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO
BRING THE BABY JESUS (BAMBINELLI) FROM EACH OF THEIR NATIVITY SETS TO
CHURCH TO BE BLESSED. THIS ADVENT TRADITION IS A WAY FOR CHILDREN TO CONNECT
THEIR NATIVITY SCENE AT HOME TO THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS AT THEIR CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, LIVE NATIVITY AND OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 6:00PM
AN EXCITING NIGHT FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO GATHER FOR CAROLING,
VISITING THE LIVE NATIVITY, LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND
ANTICIPATING AN EARLY VISIT FROM SANTA ON A FIRE TRUCK.
ENJOY THE TOUR OF THE BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED
SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 11:00PM
ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA, UNDER THE MUSICAL DIRECTION
OF MALENA TOWERS, WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THROUGH SONG AN UPLIFTING CHRISTMAS CANTATA
CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF JOY.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 4:PM (CHURCH & MEMORIAL HALL) 6PM (CHURCH)
SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12AM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AT 8:00AM, 10:00AM AND 12 NOON.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE
BIRTH OF OUR NEWBORN KING.



CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

NO ONE NEEDS TO BE ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY. JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER AND
FELLOWSHIP ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT 1:00PM IN SAINT MARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA. ALL ARE WELCOME.
RSVP BY DECEMBER 17, 2021 AT 732-671-0071, 221

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

AT SAINT MARY'S



ADVENT PARISH MISSION
FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL
DECEMBER 3 -5 , 2023 - 7:00PM

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH PRESENTS

The 3rd Annual Outdoor Christmas Market

DECEMBER 3, 2023 / 9 AM TO 4:30 PM
19 CHERRY TREE FARM ROAD, MIDDLETOWN, N.J.

Join us for the Parish of Saint Mary's
Third Annual Outdoor Christmas Market.

Our Market will feature craft artisans,
unique vendors, and food trucks.
This fun-filled family event includes a
Breakfast with Santa and Santa Claus
Pictures. We hope to see you there,
rain or shine!



Altar Flowers



Parishioners may reserve the flower
arrangement near the altars in the *Church* and
Shrine, for a week at a time,
in "memory of" or "honor of" someone
or some occasion.

The suggested donation for the weekend
flowers are \$150 per arrangement

Due to liturgical and church calendar
requirements, donations toward floral
arrangements do not permit the donor to
choose the color, style or flower type.
Reservations will be taken by the rectory staff
during business hours.



DECK YOUR HALLS WITH OUR BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Sponsored by the Saint Mary, Mother of God Life Teen Ministry

All decorations will be sold in front of
Saint Mary, Mother of God Church

Starting Saturday November 25th at 5:00 pm Mass and
Sunday November 26th Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 noon
and Life Teen 5:00pm Mass
(While Supplies Last)



2 gallon potted Dwarf
Alberta Spruce Tree: \$35



Decorated Door Swag: \$15
(an alternative to a door wreath)



3ft. Decorated Grave Covers: \$35



22" Decorated Wreath: \$25 or
30" Decorated Wreath: \$30

Thank you for your Support of this Amazing Youth Ministry of "Leading Teens Closer to Christ."

ADVENT


Join the St. Mary's
Blessed is She
group to journey
through
Advent with other
faithful women.



Saturdays
December
2nd - 30th

11:00 am
The Bulman
Center

Blessed is She



**CELEBRATE
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

**ENJOY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST
AND
PICTURES WITH SANTA!**

**CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST:
BACON, EGGS, SAUSAGE, PANCAKES, AND FRUIT**

**PICTURES WITH SANTA
9AM - 12PM**

**\$8 PER SINGLE PHOTO OR 2 / \$15
COURTESY OF PAUL MOLICKI PHOTOGRAPHY**

**RESERVE YOUR BREAKFAST SEATING!
9AM - 10:30AM OR 10:30AM - 12PM
\$5.00 PER PERSON**

RESERVATION NAME-	
CONTACT PHONE-	
PARTY SIZE @ \$5 PP-	\$

RETURN TO MAIN OFFICE BY 11/30



SAINT MARY'S
CHRISTMAS
Super 50/50

IS UNDERWAY!

PLEASE PICK UP A BOOK OR TWO!

DRAWING TO BE HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024
AT 2 P.M. IN THE NARTHEX





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

4am Sunday
10am Sunday
1pm Sunday
1pm Wednesday
1pm Thursday
2pm Friday
3pm Monday

3pm Tuesday
3pm Saturday
5pm Saturday
7pm Tuesday
10pm Sunday



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

DIVINE MERCY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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

Making Your Commitment

**Advancing
the
Kingdom**





Rosary Altar Society

**Come join the Rosary Altar Society
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For More Information Contact
Eileen DeGennaro - President
732-614-6472

No December Meeting
Christmas Party: December 10th 11:30-
2:00 pm in the Bulman Center.



St Mary Rosary Altar Society is offering a scholarship to a student who is an active member of St Mary Parish. Graduating high school seniors who have been accepted as

a full-time student at a trade school, community college or four-year college in the Fall of 2024 will be considered. Submission deadline is March 1, 2024. A winner will be announced on May 11, 2024.

For more information please go to the following link.

<https://stmarychurchnj.org/parishministries/rosaryaltarsociety>

St. Mary's Lost and Found

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

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S
Lessons & Carols
PRESENTED BY
SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
Choir & Orchestra
UNDER THE MUSICAL DIRECTION OF MALENA TOWERS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 7PM

Help to Raise Funds for Saint Mary School by Purchasing Gift cards for Your Everyday Purchases or as Gifts! Over 750 Participating Retailers!

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Gift cards that give back

- BUY A GIFT CARD**
Buy a \$100 gift card from participating retailers. You earn your gift card amount in cash back.
- USE IT INSTANTLY**
Use your \$100 gift card to purchase your favorite "brand" products. You'll receive an instant cash back reward on your purchase.
- EARN AUTOMATICALLY**
You automatically earn \$1.00 for every \$10.00 purchase.
- THANKS, GAP!**
Your earnings come from the brands you use and share with!

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Watch the earnings add up

Brand Category	Amount	Percentage	Amount
Amazon	\$100	10%	\$10
Starbucks	\$100	10%	\$10
Walmart	\$100	10%	\$10
Best Buy	\$100	10%	\$10
Target	\$100	10%	\$10
Home Depot	\$100	10%	\$10
Total	\$600	10%	\$60

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Nocturnal Adoration-December 1, 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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting 6:30 - 9 p.m. Chapel Lower Room

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

CDA meets the following
Wednesdays

2023 Dates:

Dec. 13

*Thank you to all our sponsors and all who
attended our Designer Bag Bingo making it a
huge success!*



Middletown
PBA 124
Christmas
**TOY
DRIVE**

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THRU DECEMBER 15TH

All toys collected will be distributed to
Jason's Dreams for Kids,
180 Turning Lives Around, and
Middletown Helps It's Own

NORTHERN MONMOUTH HOLY INNOCENTS SOCIETY SENSORY MASS SCHEDULE

November
26
2:00 PM

St. Catharine's Church
108 Middletown Road
Holmdel, NJ 07733



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
NORMONHIS@GMAIL.COM



Women's Discipleship

Come be part of our Wonderful ministry!

St. Mary's Women's Discipleship meets every
Wednesday from 7:30-9 PM on ZOOM.
Our very gifted Musical Director, Malena Towers
will lead us in praise and worship.

Darlene Line will continue teaching our
on-going study--"What Did She Know"-- the
incredible way God used women in the Bible to
bring about Salvation History.

Join us for a wonderful evening of scripture,
prayer, and fellowship. New members are always
welcome. Invite a friend to join you!

CONTACT PAT AT 732-671-0671 OR ROBPAT52@AOL.COM
FOR OUR ZOOM LOGIN.

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	Feb 9 & 23*
Sept 22	March 8* & 22*
Oct 6 & 20	April 12 & 26
Nov 3 & 17	May 10 & 31
Dec 1 & 15	

*Not at the Bulman Center this day
*Meetings start at 8 PM this month

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!

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
@MOPSoFStMarys

St. Mary's Travel Club presents... Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park June 14 - 20, 2024



Book Now & Save \$50 Per Person

St. Mary's Travel Club presents... Greece Island Hopper September 4 - 14, 2024



Book Now & Save \$350 Per Person

St Mary's Travel Group

ARUBA

RIU Palace
02/24/2024-03/02/2024- 7 Nights

Per Person Price includes
Airfare From Newark
Hotel/All Inclusive
Transfer from airport to hotel in Aruba R/T

Single Occupancy	\$4,825.20
Double Occupancy	\$3,574.96
Triple Occupancy	\$3,436.05

If you choose to purchase/use miles for air independently:
Hotel/All Inclusive & Transfers only

Single	\$4,065.55
Double	\$2,815.31
Triple	\$2,676.40

Deposit of \$400.00 per person, due at booking, Final Payment due 12/21/2023
Bus transfer from St. Mary's Church to Newark Airport, Round Trip \$110.00 per person
Free parking for the week at St. Mary's Church.

Contact: Fran Timpanaro 732-556-7769 for additional information and reservation form

For more information contact
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St. Mary's Travel Club
(732) 539-4971
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There will be a slide show presentation for these upcoming trips on Tuesday, November 14th at 4 p.m. in the Bulman Center
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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
Email: 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

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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
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Solutions Pregnancy & Health Center - 732-747-5454
(24 hours)

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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

November 14th

December 12th

January 9th

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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



Childrens Sunday Scripture is returning, and we need your help! Adult catechists and teen volunteers are needed to help with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10am Mass. Children ages 3 to 1st grade are invited to leave the main church during the Liturgy of the Word and are escorted to the Bulman Center to provide children with a liturgical experience that opens the hearts and minds of the children to Gods Word. Children will hear age-appropriate readings and teachings and complete a fun craft. We need adults who love children and love Jesus. All catechists must be fingerprinted, background checked and take a class on protecting God's children. Please contact Suzanne Pfirrmann at 732-671-0071, ext. 241 or spfirrmann@stmarychurchnj.org for additional information and to be a part of this exciting ministry!

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.*

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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

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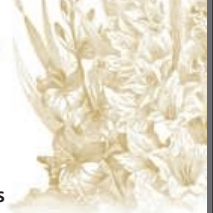
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