



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 26, 2023

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY

Financial Report

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collections 11/20/2023

Weekly collection	\$ 16,717.57
Parish Giving	\$ 5,440.57
Donor Box Offering	\$ 179.42
Ave Maria	\$ 2,055.85
Youth	\$ 37.00
Children	\$ 439.13
Diocese Assessment	\$ 532.92
Advancing the Kingdom	\$ 5,726.66
All Souls	\$ 47.00
All Saints	\$ 42.00
Father Day	\$ 7.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30.00
Human Development	\$ 1,954.00

Note: Human Development goes to the Diocese to be distributed

OFFICE HOURS & INFORMATION

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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,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, which is also the last Sunday in the Liturgical calendar. I believe the Feast of Christ the King takes on an important cultural reality in our day when there are people and “principalities and powers” that are trying to silence any reference to God in the public square.

The Feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim, in a striking and effective manner, Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the grace to bring our entire lives under the Lordship of Christ the King.

Next weekend the Holy Season of Advent begins along with our “Come Home for Christmas at St. Mary’s” campaign. A few years ago, I participated in a “church webinar” that focused on using the Advent and Christmas Seasons as an evangelistic outreach for the parish. There were so many great ideas discussed during this webinar. One suggestion was to publicize all your Christmas activities on social media and newspapers as an invitation to the whole town (not just parishioners) to join us in celebrating Christmas. It also happens to coincide with the Eucharistic Revival program of “Invite One Back,” that encourages all parishioners to invite “just one” person from your inner circle who have fallen away from the church, to join you in attending Holy Mass.

Advent and Christmas seasons are very special times of year, and I am asking every single parishioner to invite your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to “Come Home for Christmas at St. Mary’s.” We want to let everyone know that they have a “home” here in our parish family. We will be promoting **“Come Home for Christmas at Saint Mary’s”** on social media, newspapers, blogs, and parish bulletin listing the many events and activities at Saint Mary’s in December that help prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

Next Sunday we have our Christmas Market and the beginning of a three-day Advent Parish Mission that will be presented by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It is going to be a very blessed Mission and a very holy way to start the season of Advent.

Have a blessed week!

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Jeff Kegley
Pastor



Mass Intentions - Solemnity of Christ The King

Saturday, November 25, 2023

- 5:00 Mary O'Connor r/o Kathy O'Connor
- 5:00 Paula Lopez r/o Joe & Nina Lopez
- 5:00 Cheryl Puzzo-Betts r/o Mom & Brother

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

Monday, November 27, 2023

- 8:15 John LaRocca r/o Wife and Family
- 8:15 Patrick McGee r/o Family
- 12:00 Gloria & Leo Lomas r/o Family
- 12:00 Florence Davis r/o Arthur & Theresa Davis

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

- 8:15 Lonnie Uy r/o Ann Quinlan
- 8:15 Timothy Gregg r/o Joe & Rosemary Keeney
- 12:00 Teresa Woodward r/o The Bozenhard Family
- 12:00 Jim Welsh r/o Maresca Family

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

- 8:30 Basile Antonucci r/o Steve & Debbie McCarthy
- 8:30 Mary Gambali r/o The Hanley Family
- 12:00 Catherine & Bernardo Bentivegna r/o Family
- 12:00 Leonila Palisoc r/o Her Loving Daughter

Thursday, November 30, 2023

- 8:30 Special Intentions of Bill & Sarah Miltner on their 10th Wedding Anniversary r/o Family
- 8:30 John Maurer r/o Paul Sacco
- 12:00 Judith Schaeffer r/o Ann Quinlan
- 12:00 Marylou Guglielmo r/o Patti & John Gillis

Friday, December 1, 2023

- 8:15 John & Margaret Dicks r/o Carol Christiansen
- 8:15 Edna & Edward Antenucci r/o Beth & Tony Terranova
- 12:00 Thomas Ryan r/o Wife & Children
- 12:00 Miles Christopher Cannon r/o Loving Family

Saturday, December 2, 2023

- 8:15 Vee André r/o D'Albero Family
- 8:15 Henriette Capano r/o Betty & Russ Meyer
- 5:00 Rose Ann Arena r/o Rick & MJ
- 5:00 John Fee r/o Michael & Cristin McCarthy

Sunday, December 3, 2023

- 8:00 Living and Deceased Members of The Alandy Family r/o Fredie
- 10:00 For Those Enrolled in the Monthly Memorial Mass
- 12:00 Nicholas Albano r/o Family
- 5:00 People of the Parish
- 5:00 Joanne DeSanctis r/o Matthew, Eileen, Diana & Ryan Donohue

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

Niall Alexander Driscoll

Leo Paul Farruggia

Sunday to Saturday Candles
November 26, 2023 to December 2, 2023

Saint Mary, Mother of God Sanctuary Candle:

Susan Alvino r/o Zupancic Family

Adoration Chapel Candles:

William Condon r/o Patricia Condon & Family

Susan Alvino r/o Zupancic Family

Mary Ellen Ellis r/o Mother & Sister

Deceased Members of the Mauro & Leake Families r/o Karen & Family

John Maurer r/o His Loving Wife

Edward Eastmond Jr. r/o The Eastmond Family

William John Walsh r/o His Parents

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



Pope Francis: Solemnity of Christ the King

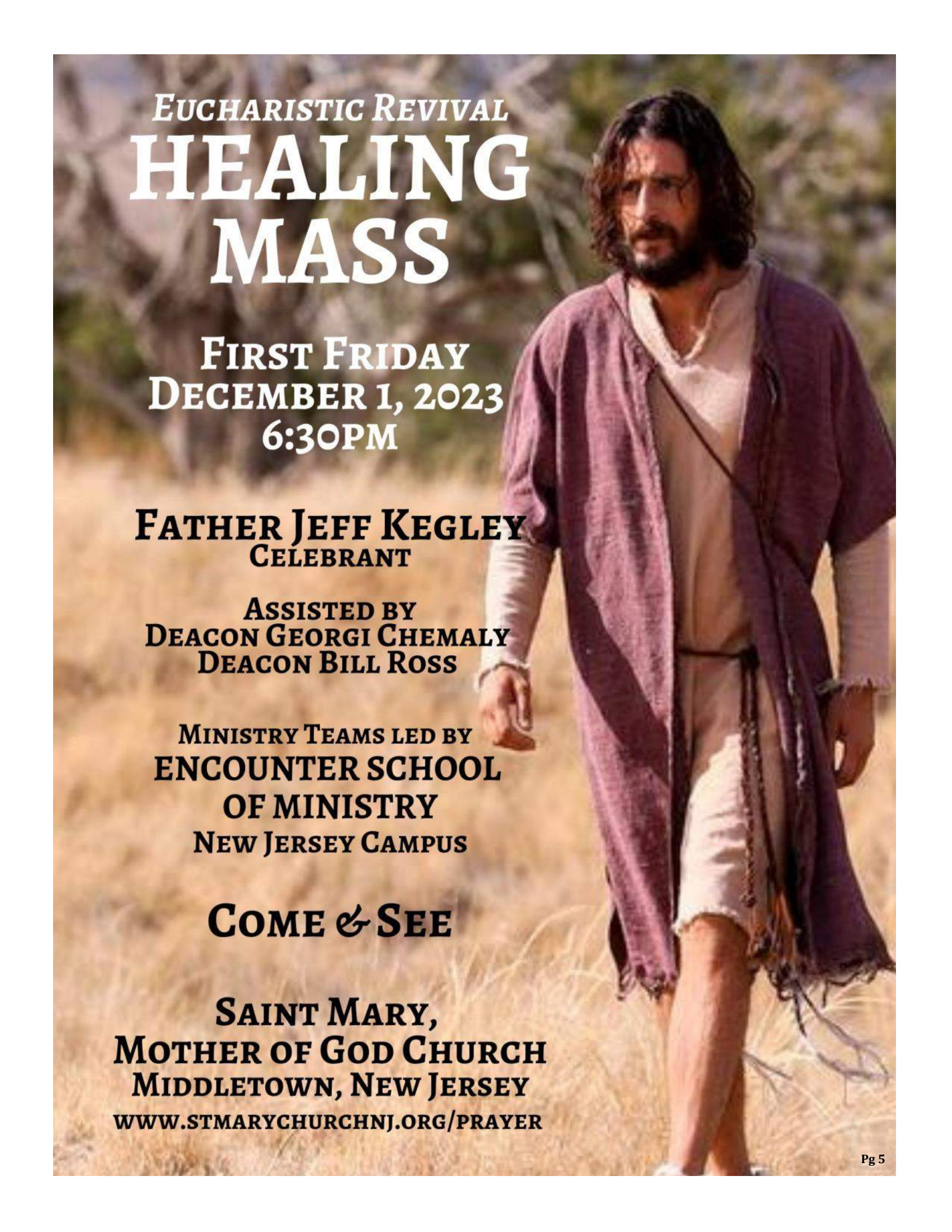
On this last Sunday of the liturgical year we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. His is a kingship of guidance, of service and also a kingship which at the end of time will be fulfilled as judgment. Today, we have Christ before us as King, shepherd and judge, who reveals the criteria for belonging to the Kingdom of God. Here are the criteria.

The Gospel passage opens with a grandiose vision. Jesus, addressing his disciples, says: “When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne” (Mt 25:31). It is a solemn introduction to the narrative of the Last Judgment. After having lived his earthly existence in humility and poverty, Jesus now shows himself in the divine glory that pertains to him, surrounded by hosts of angels. All of humanity is summoned before him and he exercises his authority, separating one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

To those whom he has placed at his right he says: “Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me” (vv. 34-36). The righteous are taken aback, because they do not recall ever having met Jesus, much less having helped him in that way, but he declares: “as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (v. 40). These words never cease to move us, because they reveal the extent to which God’s love goes: up to the point of taking flesh, but not when we are well, when we are healthy and happy, no; but when we are in need. And in this hidden way he allows himself to be encountered; he reaches out his hand to us as a mendicant. In this way Jesus reveals the decisive criterion of his judgment, namely, concrete love for a neighbor in difficulty. And in this way the power of love, the kingship of God is revealed: in solidarity with those who suffer in order to engender everywhere compassion and works of mercy.

The Parable of the Judgment continues, presenting the King who shuns those who, during their lives, did not concern themselves with the needs of their brethren. Those in this case too are surprised and ask: “Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?” (v. 44). Implying: “Had we seen you, surely we would have helped you!”. But the King will respond: “as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me” (v. 45). At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in our littlest and neediest brothers and sisters. That mendicant, that needy person who reaches out his hand is Jesus; that sick person whom I must visit is Jesus; that inmate is Jesus, that hungry person is Jesus. Let us consider this.

Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all nations, but he comes to us each day, in many ways, and asks us to welcome him. May the Virgin Mary help us to encounter him and receive him in his Word and in the Eucharist, and at the same time in brothers and sisters who suffer from hunger, disease, oppression, injustice. May our hearts *welcome him in the present* of our life, so that we may be *welcomed by him into the eternity* of his Kingdom of light and peace.



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**

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

AT SAINT MARY'S



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

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

**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

LIFE TEEN ADVENT RETREAT



DECEMBER 8 - 10, 2023
HARVEY CEDARS BIBLE CONFERENCE
RETREAT HOUSE
LONG BEACH ISLAND, NJ

CONTACT: KENNY FALLS
732-671-0071, 221



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.



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 Pfirman at 732-671-0071, ext. 241 or spfirman@stmarychurchnj.org for additional information and to be a part of this exciting ministry!

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH ADVENT SERIES

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM
WITH DINNER & FELLOWSHIP



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

Making Your Commitment

Advancing the Kingdom





ST. MARY'S LIFE TEEN'S

Giving Tree



Accepting Donation Through
Sunday, December 10th



Please donate new,
unwrapped or gift bagged
gifts for local families in need.

Drop-off in the Narthex

Gift Tags Available 11/17 - 11/30

For more information:
shunt@stmarychurchnj.org

**In Conjunction with Family Promise
of Monmouth County**



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.



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



ON THIS FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING,
 LET US ALLOW CHRIST TO REIGN IN OUR MINDS,
 OUR WILLS, AND OUR HEARTS!

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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Buy a \$100 Gap eGift card from RaiseRight, with 10% earnings. Pay with your bank account or credit card.



USE IT INSTANTLY
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Watch the earnings add up

Expense Category	Monthly Budget	Average Monthly Exp.	Average Monthly Earnings
Gasoline	\$100	75%	\$15.00
Shopping Out	\$100	100%	\$10.00
Entertainment	\$100	75%	\$15.00
Dining	\$100	100%	\$10.00
Home Improvement	\$100	75%	\$15.00
Total	\$500	85%	\$115.00

*Based on average spend for a household family of 4

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Dearest Lord

Thank You for the poor You have placed in my midst. Their presence is a blessing to my soul. I am honoring to help them in small ways. I desire to do more. Their fragile lives, coupled with their great faith, are an inspiration and mystery to me. Their prayers inspire compassion. Bless all that have less than I do and instill within me the spirit of sharing. Let gratitude and giving be my banners, and may all the glory be Yours. May justice and mercy have places of honor within my being and may my hands work to relieve suffering wherever I find it. And may all I do, be in Your Holy Name. Amen

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Can you help??? Once again, we are asking for help to lighten the burden many people face this Christmas season. There are a couple of opportunities for you to consider.

1. Gift cards to Shop Rite (\$10 denominations) to be shared among the people we serve.
2. Donate personal care products. These items will be distributed to the needy individuals the Sisters serve in Asbury Park and those living in local motels and boarding houses.

PLEASE ONLY NEW, UNOPENED items.
No pharmaceutical items, please.

Please keep the Shop Rite food certificates separate from the personal items. Items can be brought in a GIFT BAG or Staples box and will be collected after all the Masses in the Narthex:

the weekend of Dec 9/10 in the Narthex.

- PLEASE HAVE IN EACH GIFT BAG OR BOX:**
- TOOTHPASTE/TOOTHBRUSH, SOAP, OR BODY WASH
 - SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER
 - SHAVING CREAM, DISPOSABLE RAZORS
 - DEODORANT (MEN AND/OR LADIES)
 - TUBE SOCKS (MEN AND/OR LADIES)
 - NEW WARM HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES
- WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING THE ABOVE ITEMS AND SHOP RITE CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS**
- GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROUS HEARTS. BLESSED, HOLY CHRISTMAS!**
- KATHY PLATH GRIFF652@AOL.COM



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

Prayer to Invite Jesus into Your Life

Lord, Jesus Christ, I am sorry for my sins. I acknowledge you as the Son of the Living God. I accept you as my Lord and my God and I invite You into my life. Lord Jesus Christ, I receive you as my personal Savior. Fill Me with Your Holy Spirit. Heal and strengthen me. I shall love You and follow You all the days of my life. Amen.

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!



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>

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* & 22*
Nov 3 & 17 April 12 & 26
Dec 1 & 15 May 10 & 31

*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

MOPSoStMarys@gmail.com



@MOPSoStMarys



@MOPSoSt.Marys



Saint Mary's Knitwits

Will meet in the
Bulman Center from
10 am to 12 pm
on Tuesday
November 28 &
December 12



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

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, NJ.

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!





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

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
Newark Diocese - Cheryl Riley at Cheryl.Riley@rcan.org

Sister's of Life - 866-545-0075 or
hopeandhealing@sistersoflife

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

Lumina - 877-586-4621 or lumina@postabortionhelp.org

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

St. Mary's Chapel

26 Leonardville Rd,
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Solutions Pregnancy & Health Center

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Dawn Anderson, Tom Ashe, Carmelita Bautista, Joseph Berardi, Joe Bilotta, Angela Brummert, Susan Bruncati, 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, Frank DeSanitis, Helen DeSantis, Bruce W. Doorly, Marie Duffy, Mary Ellen Ellis, Dr. Keith English, Lilian Esposito, Brian Flanagan, Tony Frazee, Dennis Gallagher, Barbara Gentileco, Betty Hanson, Kathleen Hendrick, Laura Hoarle, Donna Horel, Cassandra Huber, Gilda Kenney, Manny Konstantinidis, Sr. Mary Large, Anna Lauricella, Lorraine Lauricella, Jackie Lelesi, Mike Levy, Anthony Logaglio, Dawn Massey, Jason Massey, Martin McCormack, Carol Montella, Kathy Mumm, Louise Munroe, Allison Murray, Robert Murray, Vincent Mustachio, Mary O'Brien, Mariana Ocampo, Max Ocampo, Angela Orrego, Evelyn Pachana, Robert Patterson, Anthony Pelle, John Petersen, Rosemary Petersen, Kelly Marie Rodden, Francisco Ruffalo, Christa Russo, Betty Sanchez, Amparo Sanchez, Juan Carlos Sanchez, David Sague, Jerry Sawick, Frank Scibetta, Michele Shinko, Patrick Allan Smith, Tracy Spece, Darleen Striker, Susan & Anthony Tanski, William Tucker, Victor Ugo, Joan Urgo, Kathleen Vacca, Consolacion Valenzuela, Nancy Velez, Stephanie Velez, 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, Baby Wyatt Daniel Generoso

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Special Ops. Sgt. Tim Hayes

U.S. Marines: Pvt. Connor Winz, Gunnery Sgt. Michael J. Mangan, Ryan Trachman, Jonathan Alfano, Master Gunnery Sgt. C.T. Gregoire SFC, 2nd Lt. Brian T. 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, SPC Thomas O'Friel

U.S. Coast Guard: Greg Charpek, George Martin Jr., H.M Ashley

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

DIVINE MERCY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023
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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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.

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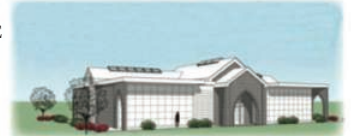
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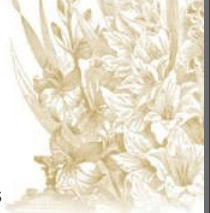
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