



**COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S
PARISH ADVENT MISSION
FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL
DECEMBER 4-6 , 2023 - 7:00PM**



Financial Report

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collections 11/27/2023

Weekly collection	\$ 14,845.00
Parish Giving	\$ 5,412.50
Donor Box	\$ 729.42
Ave Maria	\$ 2,206.62
Youth	\$ 22.87
Children	\$ 207.54
Christmas Flowers	\$ 287.00
Diocese Assessment	\$ 82.75
All Saints	\$ 12.00
All Souls	\$ 3.00
Summer	\$ 60.00
Human Development	\$ 217.11

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OFFICE HOURS & INFORMATION

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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,

Welcome! Today is the first Sunday in the Advent season. Can you think of some of the Biblical themes of this season? Certainly, the love and faithfulness of God our Father is high up there, but have you ever considered the idea of *hope*? Although it may not be the first thing that comes to mind during the Christmas season, there is much to consider.

In fact, hope is a very prominent theme in Advent. The anticipation of the coming Messiah is always in light of the hope we have in his return. Just as the Israelites hoped for their deliverance, we too look forward to the final deliverance, his return in glory where he will create a new heaven and a new earth. As the prophet Isaiah proclaims: *But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

God has promised us he will deliver us. He encourages us by his Holy Spirit to cling to his promises, to love his word and to cherish his statutes. He makes clear paths for our feet so that we continue to press forward in a world which is often so dark. We eagerly anticipate the coming of our Lord, who “*shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it*” (Jn 1:4).

This Sunday, we begin our “*Come Home for Christmas at Saint Mary’s*” invitation with the Outdoor Christmas Market from 9am to 4pm. There will be many vendors, food, entertainment, and lots of fun and fellowship.

Also, this weekend, the parish community welcomes the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal who will present our Parish Advent Mission. The mission will include Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Teaching and Preaching by the Friars. On Tuesday evening of the Mission, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Confession. Our own Ken Perry will be the leader of worship for the mission. Saint Mary’s has always been blessed by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal when they have presented parish missions in the past. I want to encourage everyone, young and old, to attend this Advent Parish Mission as we prepare our hearts for the “Coming of the Messiah.” Invite your family and friends to join you at the Mission.

Christmas is around the corner and there are many opportunities here at Saint Mary's to assist families that are struggling this Christmas with our Saint Mary's Christmas Love. If you would like to make a monetary donation for families in need (food and gifts), please go to our secure sight to make donation: <https://donorbox.org/empoweringfamilieswithlove> or drop you donation at the parish office. 100% of your donations will go to needy families. For more information, please call me at the parish office at 732-671-0071, x222.

Thank you for your generosity as we share St. Mary's Christmas Love with our brothers and sisters in Christ. As I keep saying: “*We are Blessed!*” Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Jeff Kegley
Pastor



Mass Intentions - First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2, 2023

- 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 Freddie
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

Monday, December 4, 2023

- 8:15 Joan K. Fabricatore r/o Olivia
8:15 Souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them r/o Deacon Marty & Family
12:00 Special Intentions of Adam Miller Family r/o David & Gale Miller
12:00 Walter F. Lawlor r/o Marian Lawlor

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

- 8:15 Christopher Russello r/o Loving Wife
8:15 Bernadette Petit r/o John & Patti Gillis
12:00 Crispina Villarin r/o Amie
12:00 Ann Hudak r/o D'Albero Family

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

- 8:15 Joseph Schwartz r/o Ellen Poole
8:15 Agnes McConway r/o Joe & Nina Lopez
12:00 Karen McGrath r/o Husband Ronald
12:00 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pronnicki r/o Ruane & McCurnin Families

Thursday, December 7, 2023

- 8:15 John Agatiello r/o Denise & Family
8:15 Maureen Donohue r/o Carlucci Family
12:00 James Mione r/o Maureen Toth
12:00 Special Intentions of Concetta Blancodini r/o MaryAnne
5:00 Daniel Hansen r/o Christine Atherley
5:00 Antonieto Montolo Uy r/o Pat & John Moller

Friday, December 8, 2023

- 8:30 Kimberly Benson r/o Centrone Family
8:30 Catherine Gotti r/o RAS
12:00 Deacon Charlie Smith r/o Kathy
12:00 George Bechtel r/o Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Reilly & Family
5:00 Nancy Russo r/o Family
5:00 Maureen Gill Donohue r/o Parks Family

Saturday, December 9, 2023

- 8:15 Janet Lofland r/o Susanna & Andrew
8:15 Special Intentions of Saun Punzone & Charles Fontana r/o Family
5:00 Anna Paradine r/o Barbara Hohmann
5:00 Talitha den Hartog r/o Mom and Dad

Sunday, December 10, 2023

- 8:00 Jeanne Decker r/o Sal & Doreen LaSapta
10:00 Mary Timpanaro r/o Jean Lambert
12:00 Lawrence Chenoweth r/o Ellen & Peter Costello
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

Gloria Ann Jordan

Lyla Michelle Mariano

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Thomas Michael Fitzgerald Ernesto Rodriguez

Sunday to Saturday Candles
December 3, 2023 to December 9, 2023

Saint Mary, Mother of God Sanctuary Candle:
Vocation to the Priesthood

Adoration Chapel Candles:

Dorothy M. Castanza r/o Paul & Gladys Ruggiero
Mary Ellen Ellis r/o Mother & Sister
George Newcomb r/o Paul & Judy Hencoski
Special Intentions in thanksgiving for answered
prayers r/o The Healey Family



Pope Francis: First Sunday of Advent

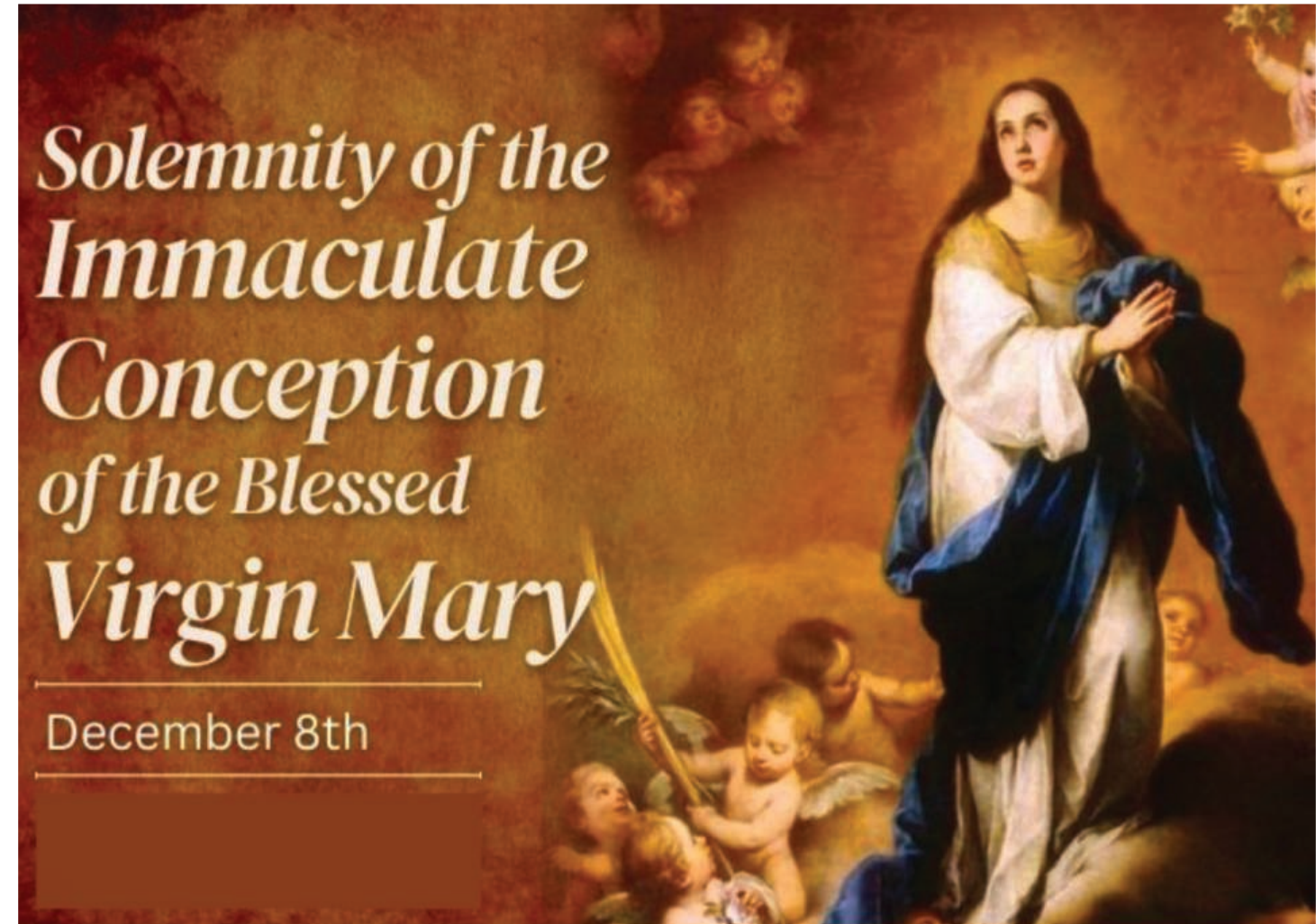
Today we begin the journey of Advent, which will culminate in Christmas. Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return. He will return to us in the celebration of Christmas, when we will remember his historic coming in the humility of the human condition; but he enters our heart each time we are willing to receive him; and he will come again at the end of time to "judge the living and the dead". Therefore, we must always be vigilant and await the Lord with the hope of encountering him. Today's liturgy introduces us precisely to this evocative theme of vigilance and waiting.

In the Gospel (cf. Mk 13:33-37) Jesus exhorts us to *take heed* and *watch*, so as to be ready to welcome him at the moment of his return. He tells us: "Take heed, watch ... for you do not know when the time will come.... Watch therefore ... lest he come suddenly and find you asleep" (vv. 33-37).

The person who *takes heed* is the one who, amid the worldly din, does not let himself be overwhelmed by distraction or superficiality, but lives in a full and conscious way, with concern first and foremost *for others*. With this manner we become aware of the tears and the needs of neighbors and we can also understand their human and spiritual strengths and qualities. The heedful person then also turns *toward the world*, seeking to counter the indifference and cruelty in it, and taking delight in its beautiful treasures which also exist and are to be safeguarded. It is a matter of having an understanding gaze so as to recognize both the misery and poverty of individuals and of society, and to recognize the richness hidden in little everyday things, precisely there where the Lord has placed us.

The *watchful person* is the one who accepts the invitation to keep watch, that is, not to let himself be overpowered by the listlessness of discouragement, by the lack of hope, by disappointment; and at the same time it wards off the allure of the many vanities with which the world is brimming and for which, now and then, time and personal and familial peace is sacrificed. It is the painful experience of the people of Israel, recounted by the Prophet Isaiah: God seemed to have let his people err from his ways (cf. 63:17), but this was a result of the unfaithfulness of the people themselves (cf. 64:4b). We too often find ourselves in this situation of unfaithfulness to the call of the Lord: He shows us the good path, the way of faith, the way of love, but we seek our happiness elsewhere.

Being *attentive* and *watchful* are prerequisites so as not to continue to "err from the Lord's ways", lost in our sins and in our unfaithfulness; being attentive and being watchful are the conditions that allow God to permeate our existence, in order to restore meaning and value to it with his presence full of goodness and tenderness. May Mary Most Holy, role model for awaiting God and icon of watchfulness, lead us to her son Jesus, rekindling our love for him.



*Solemnity of the
Immaculate
Conception
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

December 8th

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 5:00PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

8:30AM - 12:00PM

**5:00PM MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN
OUR LADY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
SHRINE**

LIFE TEEN ADVENT RETREAT

LIFE TEEN
**FACE
TOFACE**
A RETREAT ON REAL PRESENCE

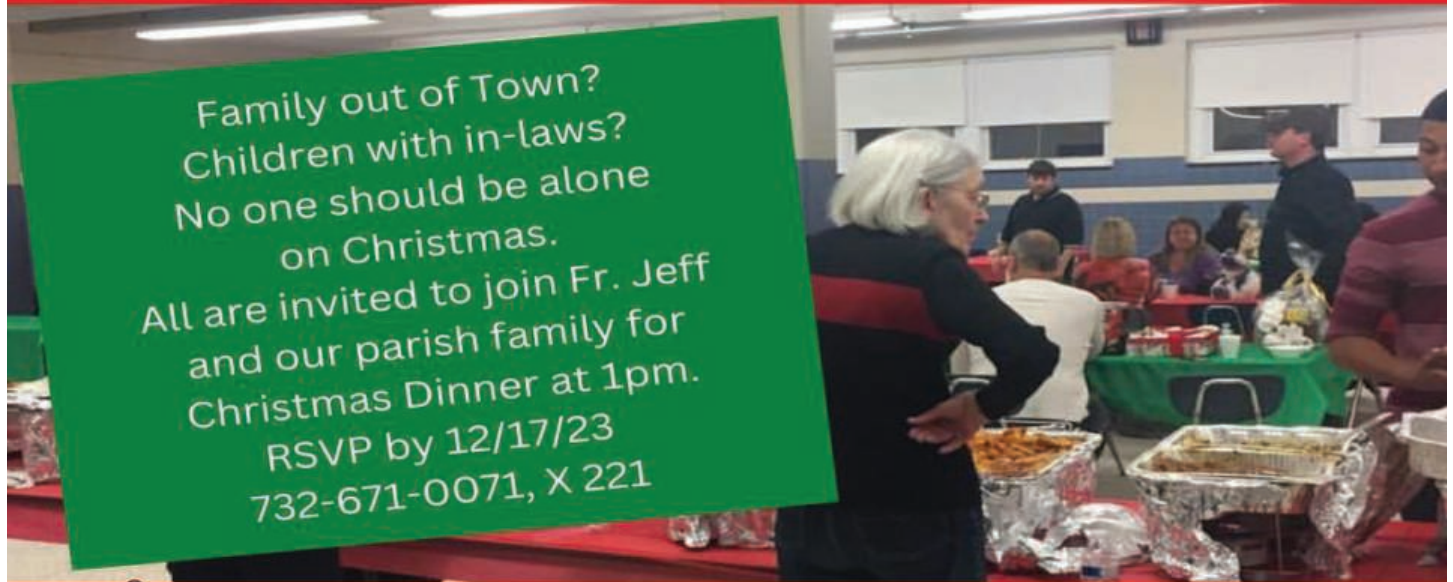


DECEMBER 8 - 10, 2023
HARVEY CEDARS BIBLE CONFERENCE
RETREAT HOUSE
LONG BEACH ISLAND, NJ

CONTACT: KENNY FALLS
732-671-0071, 221

Come Home for Christmas at Saint Mary's

Family out of Town?
Children with in-laws?
No one should be alone
on Christmas.
All are invited to join Fr. Jeff
and our parish family for
Christmas Dinner at 1pm.
RSVP by 12/17/23
732-671-0071, X 221



CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER
ALL ARE WELCOME!

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET

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



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH 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



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

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.

Pasqualina Arena r/o Teresa Arena
John Back r/o Suellen Phair-Back
Robert Peter Bennett r/o The Woods Family
Jane Brennan r/o The Deery & Walsh Families
Elizabeth Calimano r/o Frank & Kerry
Colin P. Casey r/o Ilona Fossetta & Dawn
Dooley
Colin P. Casey r/o The Molicki Family
Colin Casey r/o Gorski Family
Joseph Colasurdo r/o His Loving Wife Mary &
Family
Bridget Deery r/o Her Children
William Deery r/o His Children
Joseph DeSimone r/o Andrew DeSimone &
Family
Joseph Diana r/o Roseann & Mark Chesler
Aunt "B" Duffy r/o The Gorski Family
Edward Eastmond, Jr. r/o The Eastmond
Family
Diane Frushon r/o Robert Trancucci
John Gallagher r/o Janet & Tim Randolph
Gloria Esquietes Guerrero r/o Guerrero
Family
Gloria Araña Guerreo r/o Guerrero Family
Jose Vera Guerrero r/o Guerrero Family
Judith Jankowski r/o Donna & Gary
Alfred Kitz r/o Terry & Joan McAnuff
Camille LaNeve r/o Dominick & Susan Laneve

Olga Manongdo r/o Guerrero Family
Noran McDermott r/o The Urban Family
Terry McLean r/o Donna & Gary
Gale Miller r/o Her Loving Husband
William A. Nurthen r/o Barbara Kirby
Robert Scanlon r/o Anne & Angelo Pacifico
Patrick Allan Smith r/o Anne & Angelo
Pacifico
Richie Stack r/o Sheila & Vinny Spatafora
Corinne Trancucci r/o Robert & Iris Froehlich
Andrew Joseph Troutman, Sr. r/o Jim &
Shirley Sheehan
Allan JA Flores Tubig r/o Guerrero Family
Mary Varno r/o The Valentin Family
Mary Varno r/o The Varno Family
Bette Vazquez r/o Loretta & Tom Rivera
Josephine Vescuso r/o Joan Ciesmelewski
Neil Zullo Sr. r/o His Loving Daughter Anne
Davis

*Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon them. May the
souls of the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.*

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



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

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

2023 Monmouth County

Simbang Gabi

Inherited by the Filipinos from the Spaniards, the Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) is a Catholic devotion of offering a Mass each night for nine consecutive days in joyful anticipation of Christmas Day. All are welcome to this festive Novena of Masses.

6:30 p.m. Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration | 7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12, at Saint James, Red Bank

Wednesday, December 13, at Saint Ann, Keansburg

Thursday, December 14, at Saint Catherine, Farmingdale

Friday, December 15, at Holy Innocents, Neptune

Saturday, December 16, at Holy Family, Union Beach

Sunday, December 17, at Saint Dorothea, Eatontown

Monday, December 18, at Saint Benedict, Holmdel

Tuesday, December 19, at Saint Clement, Matawan

Wednesday, December 20, at Saint Mary, Middletown





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.

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:

Dec. 13



Nocturnal Adoration-January 5, 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



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>

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.
FAUSTINA'S RELIC

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH

Saint Mary's Knitwits
Will meet in the
Bulman Center from
10 am to 12 pm
on Tuesday
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



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



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
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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



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November 14th

December 12th

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7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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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
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before the 12 noon Mass.**

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



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

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