

Eucharistic Revival



FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH

MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY

Financial Report

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(Wednesdays closed from 1 pm to 2 pm)
(Thursdays closed from 9 am to 10 am)
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FR. JEFF KEGLEY

FROM THE PASTOR

JESUS IS LORD!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past several months, Pope Francis has been reminding the Church again and again about the importance of Eucharistic adoration—especially the silence of adoration. Why is silence so critical? Because it is the sacred space where the Holy Spirit works within us individually and among us as the Body of Christ. Last August, the Pope noted, “Filling with tenderness the wounds and voids produced by sin in man and society, begins by **getting down on one’s knees before Jesus in the Consecrated Host, and remaining there for a long time.**”

As we approach the Holy Season of Lent in a few weeks (Ash Wednesday, February 14th), I want to encourage all our parishioners to become adorers at the Adoration Chapel. In this bulletin there is a list of hours that need at least one adorer to have every hour covered by two people. But more than helping “fill an hour” at the Shrine, I want to invite everyone to a personal encounter with our Eucharistic Lord.

Bishop Kevin Cozzens, chairman for the National Eucharistic Revival shared the following at the recent Assembly of the Bishops of the United States:

On November 11, I had the joy of being in Milwaukee, WI, for their Inheritance Young Adult Conference, which was completely focused on the Eucharist. When I tell you that over 200 young adults were not only present but profoundly open to an encounter with Jesus Christ, it is no exaggeration. Every time I visited the Adoration Chapel (which was open throughout the day), it was packed with young men and women on their knees, and joyful enthusiasm literally resonated down the halls.

Later in the evening, after a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Sean Grismer from the Diocese of Rockford, the assembly was invited into a period of Eucharistic adoration. Fr. Grismer led a meditation on the Gospel story of the woman at the well (Jn 4:4–42) and invited all of us to open our hearts to the life-giving water Jesus offers us. As the meditation closed, Father invited us to come to the foot of the altar to be near Jesus. Moments later, I sensed a wave of grace wash over me as dozens of young adults rushed to be close to Jesus, hidden under the appearance of bread. Remaining on their knees, they reverently sang in prayer and praise of the God who truly sets us free and fills us with the waters of new life.

This experience that Bishop Cozzens witnessed among the young adults is a common experience of our life here at Saint Mary. Through our Sunday Liturgies, Eucharistic Adoration at the Shrine, Healing Masses, Encounter Nights, XLT’s with Life Teen, people of all ages are having powerful encounters with our Eucharistic Lord. It is my sincere prayer that every parishioner will be part of the Eucharistic Revival by spending time with the Lord.

Have a blessed week!

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Jeff Kegley
Pastor



Mass Intentions - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 3, 2024

- 5:00 Eva Cantwell r/o Loving Family
5:00 Helen Donohue r/o Matthew & Eileen Donohue
5:00 Jeanne Bakelar r/o Janet Moscuza

Sunday, February 4, 2024

- 8:00 Rosemarie "Ro" Mandato r/o The Mandato Family
8:00 Valentino Basandella r/o Maria Belich
10:00 For Those Enrolled in the Monthly Memorial Mass
12:00 Deceased Members of the Monahan Family r/o The Gallagher Family
12:00 Constance Gillis r/o Carolyn Enge
5:00 People of the Parish

Monday, February 5, 2024

- 8:15 Stephen Kelleher r/o Regina & John Begley
8:15 John DeSiato r/o The Pearson Family
12:00 Raymond Benedetto r/o Anna Mae & Gene Garb
12:00 Leon R. Kegley r/o Son

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

- 8:15 Barbara Borys r/o Erickson Family
8:15 Steve Kelleher r/o The Duffys
12:00 Raymond Corrado r/o Vincent Corrado
12:00 Vera Pietraniello r/o Ellen & Dominick Russo

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

- 8:15 Rick Gronquist r/o His Wife
8:15 Sr. Anne Therese, MC Contemplative r/o The Duffys
12:00 Mary O'Connor r/o Kathy O'Connor
12:00 Mary & Patrick Tevington r/o The Buercke Family

Thursday, February 8, 2024

- 8:15 Steve Kelleher r/o Agnes Malgieri
8:15 Kenny Masacotti r/o Joe & Rosemary Keeney
12:00 Eleanor Dolan r/o Steve & Debbie McCarthy
12:00 Special Intentions of Fr. Daison r/o Joe & Jackie Dacey & Family

Friday, February 9, 2024

- 8:30 Stephen Kelleher r/o The lamundo Family
8:30 Special Intentions of Billy McCarthy r/o Ena, Brian, & Tommy Healey
12:00 Christopher Zicarelli r/o Anna Mae & Gene Garb
12:00 Stephen Kelleher r/o Kathy O'Connor

Saturday, February 10, 2024

- 8:15 Jean Weisbrot r/o luele Family
8:15 Dennis McCormack r/o Patricia & Martin McCormack
5:00 Michael Bruntz r/o Susan Tommaso
5:00 William Dowd, Sr. r/o Rita Williamson
5:00 Mary Pepsin r/o Daughter

Sunday, February 11, 2024

- 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. John Tomei r/o The Ruane & McCurnin Families
8:00 Rose Barone r/o Jim & Ann McCarthy
10:00 Amelia Ryan r/o The Minervino Family
10:00 Charlotte Adelfio r/o Mr. & Mrs. Neil Gallagher & Family
12:00 Vita Colella r/o John & Debra Nicholson
12:00 Anthony Sclafani r/o Carla, Marie & Christine
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

Nicolette Ava Battaglia Logan James Suppa

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Agatha DiPalermo Marilyn E. Mannix

Sunday to Saturday Candles
February 4, 2024 to February 10, 2024

Saint Mary, Mother of God Sanctuary Candle:

Christopher Matarese r/o Maureen Toth

Adoration Chapel Candles:

George Newcomb r/o Paul & Judy Hencoski
Mary Ellen Ellis r/o Mother & Sister
Christopher Toth r/o Casey Family
Jason Cohen r/o Casey Family



Pope Francis: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel reading continues the narrative of Jesus' day in Capernaum, on a Saturday, the Jewish weekly holy day (cf. Mk 1:21-39). This time the Evangelist Mark highlights the relationship between Jesus' *thaumaturgical work* and the *awakening of faith* in the people he meets. Indeed, with the healing signs that he performs on all types of sick people, the Lord wants to arouse faith as a response.

Jesus' day in Capernaum begins with the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and ends with the scene of a crowd of townspeople who gathered outside the house where he was staying, to bring all the sick people to him. Marked by physical suffering and by spiritual wretchedness, the crowd comprises, so to speak, "the living environment" in which Jesus' mission, made up of healing and comforting words and actions, takes place. Jesus did not come to bring salvation in a laboratory; he does not preach from a laboratory, detached from people. He is in the midst of the crowd! In the midst of the people! Just think that most of Jesus' public ministry took place on the streets, among the people; to preach the Gospel, to heal physical and spiritual wounds. This *crowd* of which the Gospel often speaks is a humanity marked by suffering. It is a humanity marked by suffering, toil and problems. It is to this poor humanity that Jesus' powerful, liberating and renewing action is directed. That Saturday ends in this way, in the midst of the crowd until late in the evening. And what does Jesus do after that?

Before dawn the next day, he goes out of the town's gates unseen and withdraws to a secluded place to pray. Jesus prays. In this way, he removes even himself and his mission from a "triumphalist" view which misunderstands the meaning of miracles and of his charismatic power. Miracles, in fact, are "signs" which encourage faith as a response; signs which are always accompanied by words that enlighten; and, taken together, the signs and words arouse faith and conversion through the divine power of Christ's grace.

The conclusion of today's passage (vv. 35-39) indicates that Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom of God finds its most rightful place on the streets. To the disciples who look for him in order to bring him back to the town — the disciples went to find him where he was praying and they wanted to bring him back to the town — what does Jesus answer? "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also" (v. 38). This was the journey of the Son of God and this will be the journey of his disciples. And it must be the journey of each Christian. The street, as the place for the Good News of the Gospel, places the mission of the Church under the sign of "going forth", of journeying, under the sign of "movement", and never of idleness.

May the Virgin Mary help us to be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit which propels the Church to increasingly "pitch her tent" among the people, in order to bring to everyone the healing word of Jesus, the physician of souls and bodies.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 23, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, until Holy Thursday morning, March 28, 2024** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.
3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.
4. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.
5. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, 2024, to Trinity Sunday, May 25-26, 2024**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

A close-up photograph of a man with a beard and a cross tattoo on his forehead, smiling warmly. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. The background is softly blurred, showing other people in a crowd.

ASH
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE
8:30AM, 12:00PM, 7:30PM

SERVICES
6:30AM, 3:30PM, 6:00PM

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.

Kathleen Acquisto r/o The Lotorto Family	Dennis Fitzgerald r/o The Drake Family
Charlotte Adelfio r/o Mr. & Mrs. Philip Powers & Family	Ruth & Russell Fitzgerald r/o The Drake Family
Charlotte Adelfio r/o Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Sorrentino	Thomas Fitzgerald r/o The Drake Family
John F. Back r/o His Wife Suellen Phair-Back	Joseph Fuda r/o Valerie & Harold Schwake
John Back, Sr. & Geneva Back r/o Suellen Phair-Back	Loreta Lagman Galang r/o Anthony & Yolanda Abelardo
In thanks to members of our Parish and our Bible Study class who extended great kindness to me in my grief r/o Suellen Phair-Back	Jacqueline Galner r/o Michele Shinko
Katia Barragan r/o Paul & Gladys Ruggiero	Robert W. Gaughran, Jr. r/o Barbara Gilbert & Family
Jerry Bavaro r/o Robert Lauricella	Jeremy Gryratz r/o The Murgolo Family
Edna Boyle r/o Susan & Dominick Laneve	Carlene Johnson r/o Tom & Lynn Daly & Family
Elizabeth, Agnes, & Martin Brophy r/o Suellen Phair-Back	Stephen P. Kelleher r/o Mary E. Daughtery-Keip
Elizabeth, Agnes, & Martin Brophy r/o Suellen Phair	Donald R. Kleber r/o Joseph & Mary Ellen Keip
James & Ellen Brophy r/o Suellen Phair-Back	Frank Kneipher, Jr. r/o Tom & Kim Molloy
George Butzko r/o Andrew Butzko	Sean Kuehl r/o Suellen Phair-Back
Lucia Lynn Campo r/o Campo, Douglas & Ruzzano Families	Jeanne Leveroni r/o Marisel Kamper
Lucia Lynn Campo r/o Evelyn, Vikki & Bob	George & Dorothy Loughlin r/o Susan & Dominick Laneve
Jason Cohen r/o The Casey Family	Henry & Susan MacPhee and Children r/o Suellen Phair-Back
Gerard M. Conrad r/o John & Tara Casey	Susan & Henry MacPhee Family r/o Suellen Phair-Back
Sharon Conroy r/o The Drake Family	Special needs of Patrick & Maureen Maguire r/o Suellen Phair-Back
James Corridon r/o Stephen Muscarella	Marilyn Mannix r/o The Mayer Family
James Corridon r/o Mr. & Mrs. Trancucci & Family	Joseph Manuelli r/o The Casey Family
William J. Dondero r/o The Tartaglia Family	Ruth Maratas r/o Anthony & Yolanda Abelardo
Don Drake r/o The Drake Family	Thomas McColgan r/o His Family
Del & Stanley Drake r/o The Drake Family	Nancy McLoughlin r/o The Chirmside Family
	Dennis Menture r/o Janet & Tim Randolph

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Ciro Milazzo r/o Paul and Elizabeth Panicali

Louise Milazzo r/o Paul & Elizabeth Panicali

Joseph Morano r/o Tom & Kim Molloy

Theodore J. Moss r/o The Chirmside Family

Theresa Pagnozzi r/o Ann Warren

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

Janet M. Perrone r/o Renee Huntington

Annette Czechowski Pfleger r/o Her Grandmother Fran Aquila

Deceased members of the Robert & Til Phair Family r/o Suellen Phair-Back

James & Ellen Phair & Children r/o Suellen Phair-Back

Robert J. & Till Phair r/o Suellen Phair-Back

John J. Quinn r/o Carl & Roberta

Maureen Rossi r/o Martha Heaton & Family

Sylvia Salvatico r/o John & Diane MacNamara

Felix P. Sanguiliano r/o Alysia & Jeff Bruno

Patricia Santoro r/o Barbara & Rob DePalo & Family

John Sitty r/o Eulodia Ortiz

Christopher Toth r/o The Casey Family

Sara Jane Valenti r/o Linda & Roger Mueller

Josephine Vescuso r/o Joan Ciesmelewski

Barbara Vitale r/o The Mullins Family



DIVINE MERCY
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

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



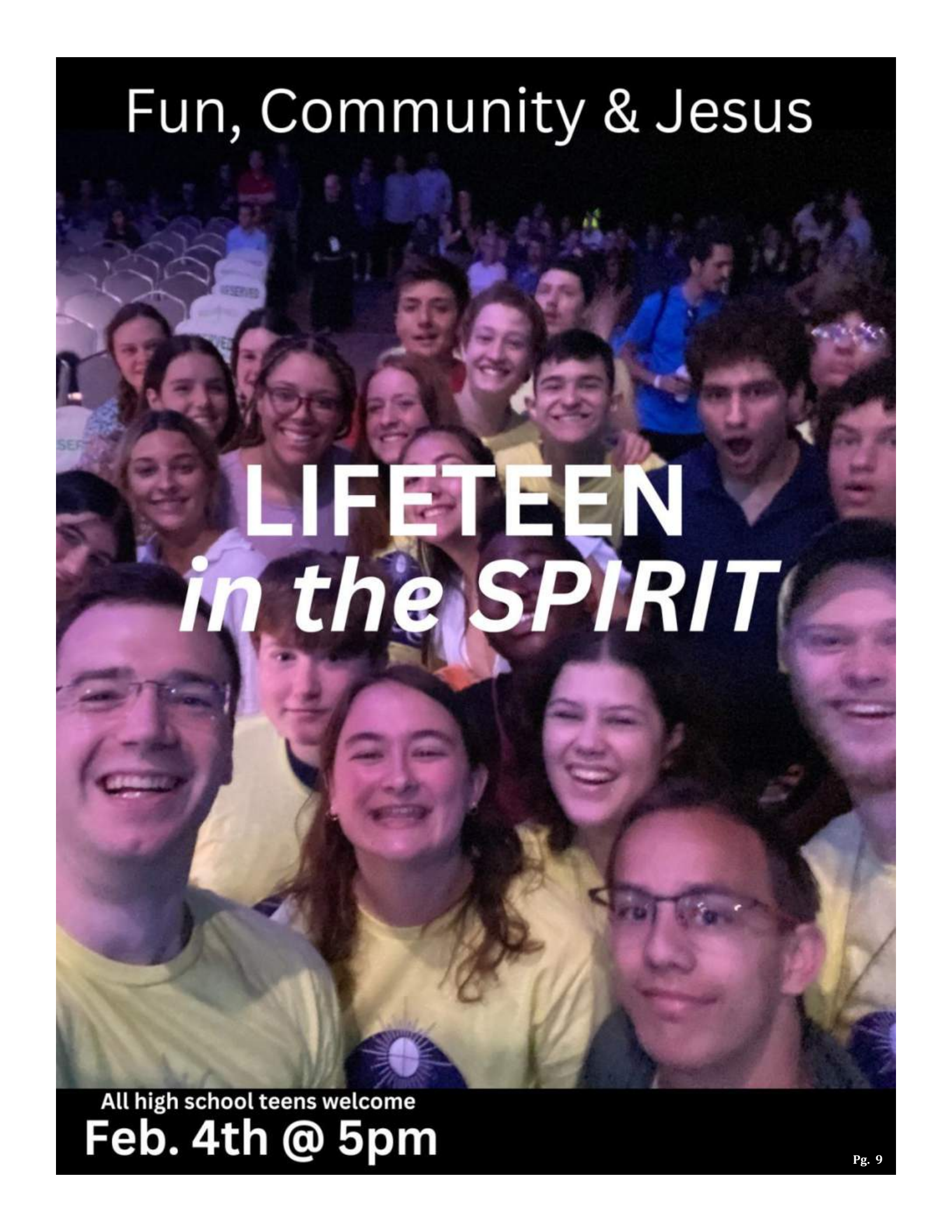
EXPOSITION AND
 BENEDICTION OF
 THE BLESSED
 SACRAMENT
 DIVINE MERCY
 CHAPLET

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
 February 13th and 27th





Fun, Community & Jesus

LIFETEEN
in the SPIRIT

All high school teens welcome
Feb. 4th @ 5pm



02.11.24 @ 3:00PM

THE GATHERING

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING
NARTHEX OF ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH

When you gather, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. 1 Corinthians 14:26



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 Tuesday
3am Friday
4am Sunday
10am Sunday

1pm Sunday
1pm Wednesday
3pm Monday
3pm Tuesday
3pm Saturday
5pm Saturday
6pm Wednesday

8pm Friday



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

Women's Discipleship



St. Mary's Women's Discipleship

Please join us from 7:30-9 PM on Zoom every Wednesday night as we pray, praise, and study the Word of God in Scripture.

Darlene Line is our teacher and Malena Towers leads us in praise. Each meeting is a spiritual treasure, and we want to share it with you!

For the Zoom link or for further information, please contact Pat at robpat52@aol.com or 732-671-0671.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

will be starting on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at the 10 a.m. Mass. Before the readings, our teachers will gather the children in front of the sanctuary. Children must be able to leave a parent easily and go to the Bulman Center where they will learn the Gospel and complete a craft. Children will return after Communion to the front of the sanctuary where parents will pick up their children and return to their pew.

AGES 3 (MUST BE POTTY TRAINED)
THROUGH 1ST GRADE



Any questions or if you wish to be part of this ministry, please reach out to Suzanne Pfirman at 732-671-0071, ext. 241 or spfirman@stmarychurchnj.org



CELEBRATE MARRIAGE
*World Marriage
Sunday*
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY
RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS
FOR CATHOLIC MARRIAGES AT
ALL THE MASSES



Rosary Altar Society

Come join the Rosary Altar Society

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

Lenten Book Sale
February 3-4 & 10-11, 2024 in the Narthex
Collecting for Easter Baskets during book sale.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



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.

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

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

2024 Dates

Feb. 7
Mar. 13
Apr. 10



Nocturnal Adoration-March 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

Calling all MAMAS!

YOU'RE INVITED
JUST SAY YES

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 8th & 22nd*

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

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

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!

MOPSofStMarys@gmail.com

@MOPSofStMarys

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20TH ANNUAL SPRING INTO SUMMER 5K

SAINT MARY'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY, MAY 18
MIDDLETOWN, NJ

EARLY REGISTRATION (BY 4/15/24) VIA RUNSIGNUP

[HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/NJ/MIDDLETOWN/SPRINGINTOSUMMER](https://runsignup.com/race/nj/middletown/springintosummer)

EARLY REGISTRATION ENTRY FEES

5K \$30
VIRTUAL 5K - \$30
1 MILE \$35
KID RACES \$15
+ \$3 ONLINE PROCESSING FEE

LATE REGISTRATION ENTRY FEES

5K \$35
VIRTUAL 5K - \$35
1 MILE \$35
KID RACES \$20
+ \$3 ONLINE PROCESSING FEE

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT BENEFIT THE SMAA, PROVIDING YOUTH SPORTS IN MIDDLETOWN, NJ. IN ADDITION TO THE 5K, THERE IS A 1-MILE RUN/WALK AS WELL AS A SERIES OF RACES FOR KIDS AGES 4-12. THIS RACE IS USA TF CERTIFIED.



PO Box 742 ~ New Monmouth, NJ 07748

**ST MARY'S 2024 TRACK PROGRAM
COME JOIN THE TRACK TEAM!**
Everyone who signs up will participate!

The St. Mary's Track Program will begin its 2024 season on March 2nd. Open to boys and girls in grades 3-8.

St. Mary School students and Faith Formation students. Sign up online at: www.smaa-nj.org

Registration Fee, includes team shirt- \$50 per child, each additional sibling is \$40

For more information, please contact
Coach Monica Todaro at
stmarys45@gmail.com

WORKSHOP 7 SOLUTIONS TO SUGAR CRAVINGS

Feb. 13th at 7:00 pm in the
Parish Conference room

Overview:

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Special Mass to Celebrate the Launch of the Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign

The Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday. Please join us for a special mass to celebrate the beginning of the campaign on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 PM in Mary, Mother of God Church. Refreshments will be served after mass in the narthex. To learn more about the campaign or to sign up please visit our website stmarynjrespectlife.org or scan the QR code below:



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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

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

February 13th

March 12th

April 9th

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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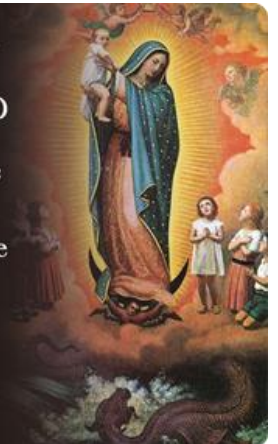


SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN CHILD

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love
you very much.

I beg you to spare the life of the
unborn baby that I have
spiritually adopted who is in
danger of abortion.

— Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



St. Mary's Parish will begin a Spiritual Adoption the weekend of February 10th and 11th. We will have a signup table in the narthex before and after all masses. Please stop by to commit to praying for an unborn baby this year and we will provide you with a spiritual adoption pack including a prayer card and blessed medal along with monthly email updates on the development of your spiritual baby. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers.

**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.**

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PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

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

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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 deployed to Middle East, 1st Lt. Connor Grasso, NJ Army National Guard 3-112th Field Artillery Regiment deployed to the Middle East, Dani Vargas NJ Army National Guard deployed to Middle East

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

Encounter Prayer

Do you need prayer?

St. Mary's is presenting:
"Encounter after the Saturday Vigil"

Saturday, February 10, 2024
Mary Mother of God Church
immediately following the
5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass.

All are welcome to come and be blessed!

The Holy Innocents Society, Diocese of Trenton is looking for volunteers.

The Holy Innocents Society supports families impacted by a disability throughout the Diocese.

Faith Formation Classes are offered on select Saturday mornings at St. Mary School.

Please reach out to the Northern Monmouth Holy Innocents Society at: NORMONHIS@GMAIL.COM



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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