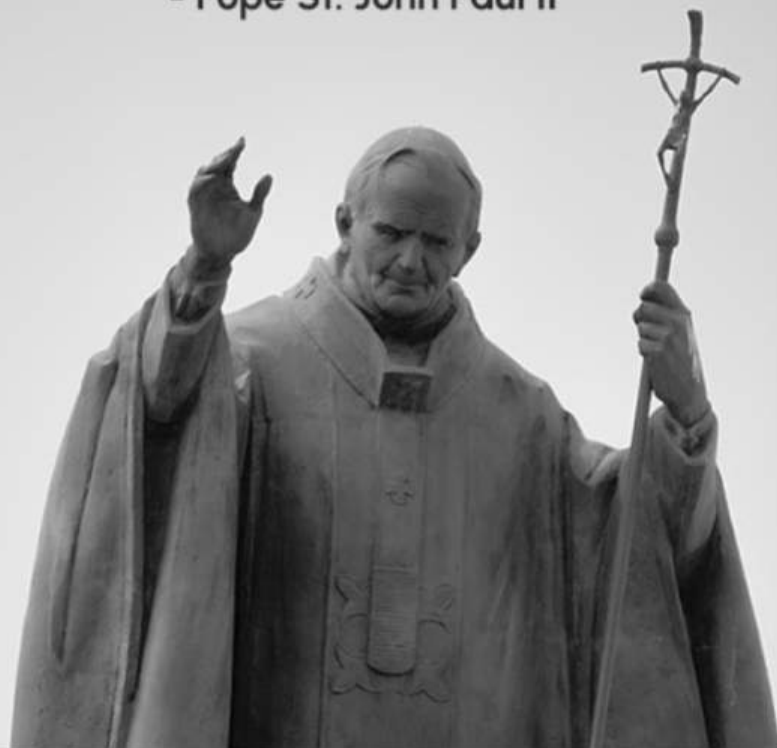


66 IN THE
MASS
AND IN
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION

we meet the merciful love of God that
passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ.

- Pope St. John Paul II



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY

Financial Report

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collections 2/5/2024 & 2/12/24

	2/5/2024	2/12/2024
Weekly	\$ 18,713.25	\$ 27,859.52
Advancing the Kingdom	\$ -	\$ 49.02
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00	\$ 179.00
Ave Maria	\$ 1,538.48	\$ 1,943.15
Candles	\$ 290.05	\$ 381.16
Children	\$ 441.25	\$ 1,232.50
Christmas	\$ 6.00	\$ 100.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,813.00
Donorbox offering	\$ 571.63	\$ 10.72
Easter	\$ -	\$ 453.00
Gratto	\$ 18.00	\$ 26.98
Healing Mass	\$ 964.00	\$ -
Immaculate Conception	\$ 6.00	\$ -
Mass Cards	\$ 765.00	\$ 515.00
Mortgage	\$ -	\$ 4.86
Shrine	\$ 225.03	\$ 171.00
Solemnity	\$ 6.00	\$ -
Youth	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 255.00

***Totals include Weekend Collections & Parish Giving Online Donations**

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,

Grace and peace be with you as we embark on the holy season of Lent. It is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, I write to you with great joy and anticipation to share the need and benefit of perpetual Eucharistic adoration, and to invite each one of you to consider becoming adorers during this sacred time.

Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is the practice of spending time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, Christ's true presence in the Holy Eucharist. Throughout history, countless saints and faithful believers have found solace, strength, and spiritual nourishment through this profound act of devotion. It is a powerful way to deepen our relationship with our Lord, seek His guidance, and experience His transformative love.

In our fast-paced and often chaotic world, the need for perpetual Eucharistic adoration is even more significant. It offers us a sanctuary of peace and serenity, where we can find solace amidst the pressures of daily life. It is an opportunity to still our hearts, listen to the gentle whisper of God, and surrender our worries, burdens, and intentions to Him.

As we enter into this holy season of Lent, the invitation to participate in perpetual Eucharistic adoration takes on special significance. Our Lord calls us to draw nearer to Him, to set aside time for prayer and contemplation, and to open our hearts to His grace and mercy. Through adoration, we can enter into a deeper intimacy with Christ, allowing Him to transform us from within and guide us along our Lenten journey.

I invite each one of you to consider becoming adorers during this holy season. Your commitment to spending time with our Lord in Eucharistic adoration will not only benefit your personal spiritual growth but also contribute to the well-being of our entire parish community. As we come together in adoration, we strengthen the bonds of faith, support one another in prayer, and create a sacred space where the Holy Spirit can work wonders among us.

To become an adorer, simply sign up for an hour or more of adoration each week. There are several available time slots throughout the day and night, allowing flexibility to fit into your schedule. Please visit our parish website at www.stmarychurchnj.org/adoration or contact the parish office for more information on how to sign up.

Let us remember the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). In the busyness of our lives, may we find solace and rest in the loving presence of our Lord during this Lenten season.

I encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming an adorer and to invite your friends and family to join as well. Together, let us embrace this opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ and experience the transformative power of perpetual Eucharistic adoration.

May the Lord bless you abundantly during this holy season of Lent and guide you on your spiritual journey. I look forward to seeing you in the presence of our Lord during Eucharistic adoration.

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Jeff Kegley
Pastor



Mass Intentions - 1st Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 17, 2024

- 5:00 Jean Weisbrot r/o Falco Family
- 5:00 Kimberly Benson r/o The Centrone Family
- 5:00 Jerry Bavaro r/o Ellen & Dominick Russo

Sunday, February 18, 2024

- 8:00 Sammy & Joan LaSpata r/o Sal & Doreen LaSpata
- 8:00 Josephine Reno r/o Nonnenmacher Family
- 10:00 Joseph & Vincent LoBrutto r/o Their Loving Mom
- 10:00 Thomas Ashe r/o Peter & Susan Tommaso
- 12:00 John & Anna McCormack r/o Patricia & Martin McCormack
- 12:00 Charles Grant r/o Jim & Ann McCarthy
- 12:00 Carlos Abraham Manuel Torres r/o Nina & Joe Lopez
- 5:00 People of the Parish

Monday, February 19, 2024

- 8:15 Doreen Geiss r/o Brian
- 8:15 Stephen Kelleher r/o LaSasso Family
- 12:00 Richard O'Connor Sr. r/o Kathy O'Connor
- 12:00 Stephen Kelleher r/o Valentino Family
- 12:00 Gladys Sylvester r/o Marilyn Schamber

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- 8:15 Elizabeth Duffy r/o The Duffys
- 8:15 Charlie Boyle r/o Maureen and Patrick Maguire
- 12:00 Michele DiGiulio r/o Sisters
- 12:00 Sr. Gloria Barone r/o Janet Moscuza

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- 8:15 Bette Maltese r/o Mr. & Mrs. James Maltese
- 8:15 Fr. Bill Halbing r/o Judi & Bert
- 12:00 Fr. Bill Halbing r/o The Dacey Family
- 12:00 Patrick McConway 13th Anniversary r/o Fr. Jordan

Thursday, February 22, 2024

- 8:15 Marie Masillo r/o Debbie Viola
- 8:15 In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mary & Joseph r/o Celestine Madsen
- 12:00 Ramond Kringdon r/o Janet Moscuza
- 12:00 Francine Severini r/o Janet Moscuza

Friday, February 23, 2024

- 8:30 Richard & Doreen Geiss r/o Linda Cronin
- 8:30 Kenny Massicotte r/o Linda Cronin
- 12:00 Barbara Prettyman r/o Her daughter, Leslie
- 12:00 Jane Murray r/o Ann Annechino

Saturday, February 24, 2024

- 8:15 Patty & Allie Hawthorne Graham r/o Graham & Stengel
- 8:15 In Loving Memory of Robert J. Sylvester r/o Marilyn Schamber
- 5:00 Lenore Mielcarek r/o Judi & Bert
- 5:00 Maritza Gloria Suarez r/o Cerami Family
- 5:00 Jeanne Bakelar r/o Nina & Joe Lopez

Sunday, February 25, 2024

- 8:00 Charles G. Duffy r/o The Duffys
- 8:00 Valentino Basandella r/o The Nonnenmacher Family
- 10:00 Deceased Members of Bellach/Rodriguez Families r/o Judi & Bert
- 10:00 Marie & James Mazzariello r/o Rose, Marge & Bill & Nick & Christian
- 12:00 People of the Parish
- 5:00 Ellen Lippincott r/o The Clark Family
- 5:00 John Sitty r/o Eulodia Oritz

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

*Liliana Josephine Laddaga Olivia Rose Wagner
Cecilia Catherine Spaeth*

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Joseph Berardi	Matthew Szotak
Lucy Kwiecinski	Jeanne Bakelar
Sally Ann Provenzano	John F. Lacy Jr.

Sunday to Saturday Candles
February 18, 2024 to February 24, 2024

Saint Mary, Mother of God Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Willie Packus r/o The McCurnin & Ruane Family

Adoration Chapel Candles:

Mary Ellen Ellis r/o Mother & Sister
Dr. John J. Nazzaro r/o Mr. & Mrs. Paul Minervini
Special Intentions of 2nd Lt. Brian T. Healey r/o Mom & Dad
Barbara Woerz r/o Marilyn Schamber
Frank DiMaiolo r/o Steve & Kathy Aungerbuhler
Lucy Kwiecinski r/o Steve & Kathy Aungerbuhler



Pope Francis: First Sunday of Lent

This first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel recalls the themes of temptation, conversion and the Good News. Mark the Evangelist writes: “The Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan” (cf. Mk 1:12-13). Jesus goes into the desert to prepare himself for his mission in the world. He does not need conversion, but as a man, he must go through this trial, both for himself, to obey the Father’s will, and for us, to give us the grace to overcome temptation. This preparation consists in the battle against the evil spirit, that is, against the devil. For us too, Lent is a time of spiritual “contest”, of spiritual struggle: we are called to confront the Evil One through prayer in order to be able, with God’s help, to overcome him in our daily life. We know that evil unfortunately is at work in our existence and around us, where there is violence, rejection of the other, closure, war, injustice. All of these are the work of the Evil One, of evil.

Immediately following the temptations in the desert, Jesus begins to preach the Gospel, that is, the Good News, the second word. The first was “temptation”, the second, “Good News”. And this Good News demands man’s conversion — the third word — and faith. He proclaims: “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand”; and then he cautions, “repent, and believe in the gospel” (v. 15), that is, believe in this Good News that the kingdom of God is at hand. In our lives, we always need to convert — every day! —, and the Church invites us to pray for this. In fact, we are never sufficiently orientated towards God and we must continually direct our minds and our hearts towards him. In order to do this, we need to have the courage to reject all that takes us off course, the false values which deceive us, by subtly flattering our ego. Rather, we must entrust ourselves to the Lord, to his goodness and to his project of love for each of us. Lent is a time of repentance, yes, but it is not a time of sorrow! It is a time of penance, but it is not a time of sorrow, of mourning. It is a joyous and serious commitment to strip ourselves of our selfishness, of our “old man”, and to renew ourselves according to the grace of our Baptism.

Only God can give us true happiness: it is useless to waste our time seeking it elsewhere, in wealth, in pleasure, in power, in a career.... The Kingdom of God is the realization of all our aspirations because at the same time, it is the salvation of mankind and the glory of God. On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to listen carefully and to hear Jesus’ appeal to convert, and to believe in the Gospel. We are exhorted to begin the journey towards Easter with commitment, to embrace evermore the grace of God who wishes to transform the world into a kingdom of justice, peace and fraternity.

May Mary Most Holy help us to live this Lenten Season with fidelity to the Word of God and with unceasing prayer, as Jesus did in the desert. It is not impossible! It means living each day with the desire to embrace the love that comes from God and which seeks to transform our life and the entire world.



02.25.24 @ 2:30PM

THE GATHERING

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

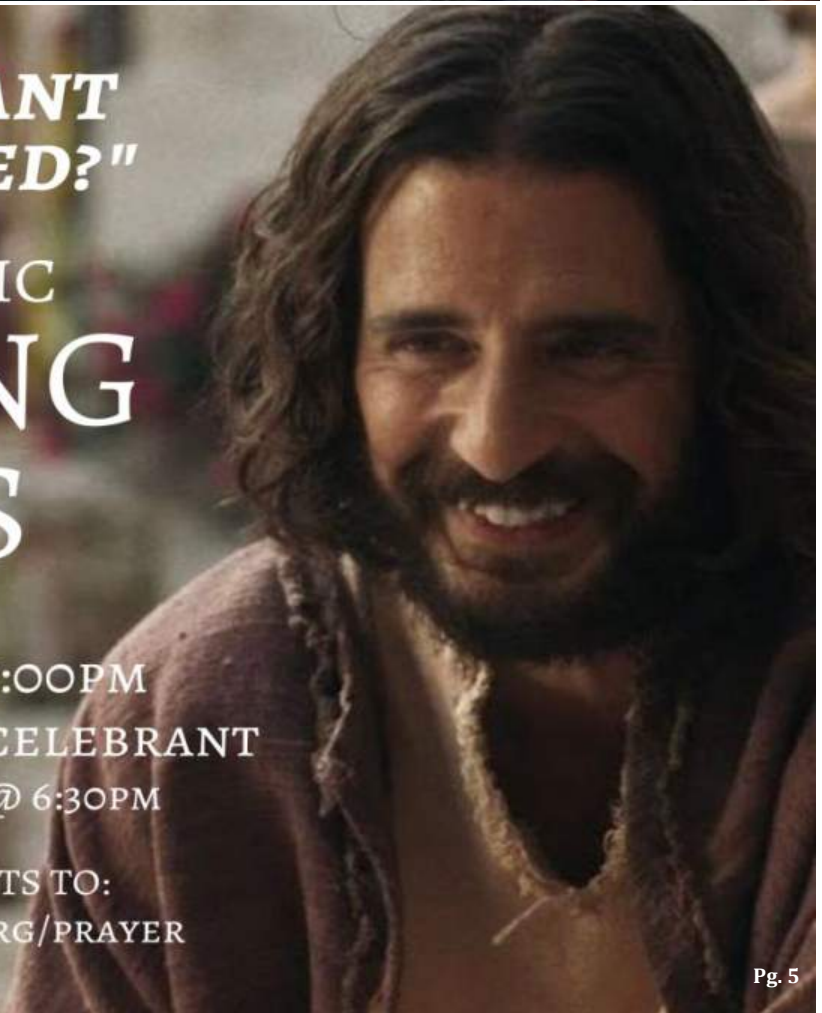
When you gather, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. 1 Corinthians 14:26

**"DO YOU WANT
TO BE HEALED?"**

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

FIRST FRIDAY,
MARCH 1, 2024 @ 7:00PM
FATHER JEFF KEGLEY - CELEBRANT
STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 6:30PM

EMAIL PRAYER REQUESTS TO:
WWW.STMARYCHURCHNJ.ORG/PRAYER



**SPONSOR A TEEN TO THE SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE AT
FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE
JULY 12 -14, 2024**



Dear Friends,

During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to advance the Kingdom of God. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

May I humbly take this opportunity to ask for your financial support (almsgiving) for an important cause. It has been a very difficult time to be a teenager! Our church needs to be walking and ministering to our high school teens - now more than ever. There is so much I can write to you on the many challenges the teens are facing, but for now I will just ask for your help. Saint Mary LIFE TEEN is planning to take as many high school teens as we can to the *life changing* Franciscan University of Steubenville Youth Conference on July 12-14, 2024.

The cost for each teen for the Conference is \$300.00, not including the cost of the bus (\$6500). Life Teen wants to ensure every high schooler can attend by removing the financial burden for them. So, I want to ask if you could sponsor a teen for \$300.00 (or any financial donation) to ensure every teen can go to this Conference. You can make your donation on our parish webpage: www.stmarychurchnj.org/lifeteengiving.

Thank you for your support for Life Teen in "our" mission of leading teens closer to Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Jeff Kegley
Pastor



27th Annual

CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST CONFERENCE



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023 | 8 AM - 3 PM

St. Mary Mother of God Parish | 19 Cherry Tree Farm Road | Middletown, NJ

Doors open at 8 AM for Bagels and Coffee; Lunch also included



Joe Klecko

New York Jets NFL Hall of Famer



Tim Glemkowski

Catholic Evangelist



Xavier Reyes-Ayral

Speaker, Author, Evangelist



We are pleased to have our Bishop, **THE MOST REVEREND DAVID M. O'CONNELL**, return as the presider and homilist for celebration of the Holy Mass

\$50 PRE-REGISTRATION

\$60 AT THE DOOR

\$20 FOR STUDENTS

Order tickets Online at:

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or send your check with a self-addressed envelope to:
Catholic Men For Jesus Christ PO Box 266 Clarksburg NJ 08510

(732) 671-0071

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PRAYER, SOUP & FELLOWSHIP



FRIDAYS IN LENT

5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

BULMAN CENTER

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 27th




*The Glorious Choir
of Saint Mary's*

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

**JOIN SAINT MARY'S GLORIOUS CHOIR FOR A
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THE CHANCE TO TRY OUT AND BE PART OF
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SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
19 Cherry Tree Farm Road Middletown, NJ
Contact Malena Towers, Director of Sacred
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SAINT MARY'S MUSIC MINISTRY

PRESENTS

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR



SATURDAY AT 5:00 PM
SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH

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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 Friday
10am Sunday
1pm Sunday

2pm Friday
3pm Monday
3pm Saturday
5pm Saturday
8pm Friday



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

Women's Discipleship



St. Mary's 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 gifted Musical Director, Malena Towers,
leads us in praise and worship. Our teacher
Darlene Line, continues our ongoing 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
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LIFE TEEN & EDGE CORE TEAM

SERVE OUR TEENS! 2 QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Love Jesus

You have a personal
relationship with our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

2. Serve Teens

You have a passion to serve
and lead teens closer to
Christ.

Join Our Core Teams

All 20 - 99 year olds are
welcome. Life Teen (High
School) or EDGE (Middle
School.)



CONTACT: LIFE TEEN YOUTH MINISTERS 732-671-0071, X221
KENNY FALLS OR
WILL BOESCHENSTEIN saintmarys.lifeteen@gmail.com

The PASSOVER SEDER – Come Discover the connection between the Last Supper with Jesus and the Passover of Israel!



DATE/TIME/PLACE:

The Seder will be held on **March 23 at 6:15PM** at **St. Mary's Memorial Hall** after the 5PM **Saturday** Mass in St. Mary Mother of God Church.

Dinner will follow the Seder presentation.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Tickets: ADULT-\$25.00

CHILDREN (12 AND BELOW)-\$10.00

The women of St. Mary's Women's Discipleship are excited to invite you and your family to experience Messiah in the Passover, presented by Darlene Line and Malena Towers. Come experience the richness of God's love for humanity as demonstrated in The Passover Seder, where you will experience with all your five senses how the elements on this table proclaim the Gospel, the game changer of our lives!

The Messiah in the Passover presentation is a powerful visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but also of the redemption of each person from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. This event is designed to give everyone a deeper understanding both of the Passover and of the Last Supper (The Eucharist and The New Covenant). Please join us in this beautiful celebration. St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians tells us, "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Corinthians 10:16).

Tickets are available February 10 thru March 18, 2024 at the Narthex after all weekend masses, at the front desk of the Parish Office, on line at

(<https://stmarychurchnj.regfox.com/passoverseder>) or by using the QR code below.

If you have any questions, please contact Darlene B. Line: shalomsimcha7@gmail.com or (cell) 917-575-1349.





MOPS of Saint Mary's Fundraiser

Spring Family Mini Photo Sessions

- **BOOK** a 30 minute photo session - no sitting fee!
- **RECEIVE** a digital gallery of 40+ photos in 3-5 business days
- **PAY** only for the photos you ❤️
- **RAISE** \$20 when you make a purchase. Raise a **BONUS \$20** if you buy the full gallery!

Perfect for cards, announcements, maternity and more!

DATES	LOCATION
Saturday, April 13, 2024	Kings Highway Cherry Trees, Middletown

Book your free photo session:

<https://qrco.de/MOPSSTMARYS>



Can't make the fundraiser? Book a standard Shoott session at the date and location of your choice with code **MOPSSTMARYS** to raise \$20 when you make a purchase!



Shoott is a female-run small business whose mission is to make professional photography more accessible while providing stability and opportunity for talented freelance photographers in the community. A 5 star rated service on Google, FB, and TripAdvisor.

Facebook: [shoottphotos](#) | Instagram: [@shoottphotos](#) | TikTok: [@shoottphotos](#)



Rosary Altar Society

Come join the Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting will be held
March 3, 2024 following
the 10 am Mass in the Bulman Center.

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.

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 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

How 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



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
Mar. 13
Apr. 10
May 8



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
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Pro-life Resources: stmarynjrespectlife.org
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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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Holy Hour for Life

✠Exposition and
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✠Rosary for Life

✠Stations of the Cross
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Tuesday

February 13th

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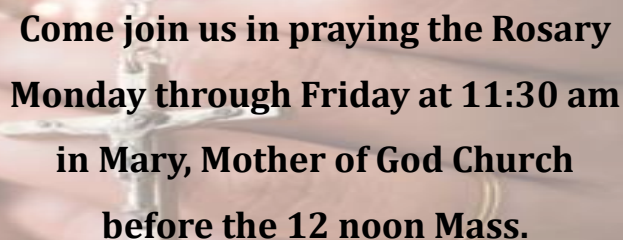
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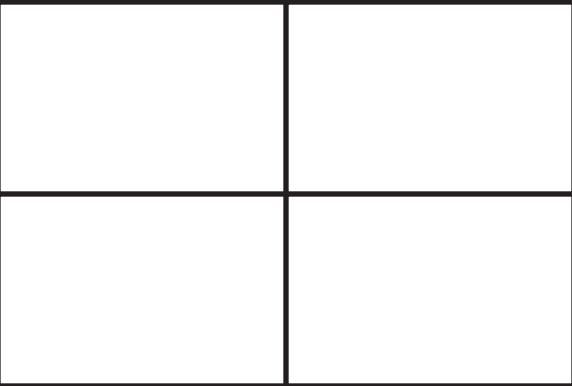
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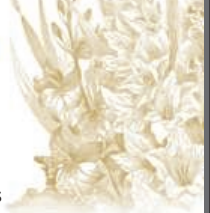
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