



WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WENT TO

# ADORATION?

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 3, 2024**

**SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH**

**MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY**

## Financial Report

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Weekly Collections 2/19/24 & 2/26/24

	2/19/2024	2/26/2024
Weekly	\$ 24,189.46	\$ 26,795.27
Advancing the Kingdom	\$ -	\$ 43.04
Ash Wednesday	\$ 8,231.55	\$ 260.36
Ave Maria	\$ -	\$ 2,144.59
Candles	\$ 359.26	\$ 686.23
Children	\$ 683.98	\$ 421.98
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 371.00	\$ 68.00
Donorbox offering	\$ 116.34	\$ 3,330.76
Easter	\$ 610.00	\$ 95.00
Easter Flowers	\$ -	\$ 27.00
Mass Cards	\$ 1,141.00	\$ 210.00
Mortgage	\$ 259.47	\$ 823.00
Shrine	\$ 260.00	\$ 896.23
Winter Bills	\$ -	\$ 48.65
Youth	\$ 123.58	\$ 27.00

\*Totals include Weekend Collections & Online Parish Giving

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(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,

As we journey through the third Sunday of Lent, reflecting on the Gospel passage where Jesus emphasizes his zeal for his Father's house, we are reminded of the importance of our own spiritual homes and the sanctity of our church community.

In the spirit of deepening our connection with God and one another, I am pleased to announce that we will be offering the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative this upcoming Friday, March 8, starting at 4 pm and concluding on Saturday, March 9 at 4 pm. This special event provides an opportunity for all of us to come together in prayer, reflection, and reconciliation through the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration.

I encourage each and every one of you to take advantage of this opportunity to seek God's mercy and forgiveness, and to experience the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a profound way to renew our commitment to God and to grow in our journey of faith during this Lenten season.

Let us approach this time with open hearts and contrite spirits, ready to receive the grace and mercy that flows from the loving embrace of our Father in heaven. May this act of reconciliation bring us closer to God and to one another, fostering a sense of unity and peace within our parish community.

Together, let us make the most of this opportunity to deepen our spiritual journey and to rekindle the fire of zeal for our Father's house. May this act of confession be a source of grace and renewal for all of us as we continue to walk the path of faith together.

Life Teen, our vibrant youth ministry program, aims to provide our young members with opportunities for growth, connection, and deepening of their faith. One such opportunity is the upcoming Franciscan University of Steubenville Youth Conference, scheduled to take place from July 12 to 14, 2024. This conference promises to be a transformative experience for all those who attend. The cost of attendance is \$300.00, and we are looking for sponsors who are willing to support our youth in this endeavor.

Your sponsorship will not only enable our youth to attend this life-changing conference but also show them that they have the support and encouragement of our parish community behind them. If you are able and willing to sponsor a member of Life Teen for the Franciscan University Youth Conference, please visit our parish webpage at [www.stmarychurchnj.org/lifeteengiving](http://www.stmarychurchnj.org/lifeteengiving) or make your donation directly to the parish office specifying the purpose.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support the spiritual growth and development of our youth. Your generosity and kindness are deeply appreciated.

May God bless you abundantly for your continued support and prayers. Have a blessed week!

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Jeff Kegley  
Pastor



## Mass Intentions - 3rd Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, March 2, 2024

- 5:00 Michael LoTorto r/o Michael & Kathleen Russo  
5:00 Marie Massillo & Dolores Niola r/o Their Loving Children  
5:00 Barbara R. Walter r/o The Blais Family  
5:00 Ora Buckley r/o Friend

### Sunday, March 3, 2024

- 8:00 Bobby Takacs r/o Sal & Dorren LaSpata  
8:00 Special Intentions of Bishop David O'Connell r/o Ann Rankl  
10:00 For Those Enrolled in the Monthly Memorial Mass  
10:00 Thomas Pontecorvo r/o Loving daughter Theresa Pontecorvo  
12:00 Richard O'Connor r/o Kathy O'Connor  
12:00 Thomas McColgan r/o His Family  
5:00 People of the Parish

### Monday, March 4, 2024

- 8:15 Helen Ryan r/o Mr. & Mrs. James Maltese  
8:15 Charlie Boyle r/o James & Dilshad Phair  
12:00 Special Intentions of Gladys Ruggiero r/o Eileen DeGennaro  
12:00 Manuela Camba r/o Her Loving Daughters  
12:00 Larry Novak r/o Anna Mae & Gene Garb

### Tuesday, March 5, 2024

- 8:15 Anna Paparella r/o Daughters  
8:15 Michael McDonnell r/o Family  
12:00 Marcella Liotta r/o Judi & Bert  
12:00 Mary Barbara Crowell r/o The Ruffini Family  
12:00 Jerry, Rico, & Judy r/o Their Loving Friends

### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

- 8:15 Lucy Chambers r/o Joe & Rosemary Keeney  
8:15 Gregory Dapcic r/o Carol Dapcic  
12:00 Alfred Scanlor r/o Harold & Peggy Harris  
12:00 Mary Barbara Crowell r/o Bill & Ginger Large  
12:00 Larry Novak r/o Ellen & Dominick Russo

### Thursday, March 7, 2024

- 8:15 Rosemary Bernice Dapcic r/o Carol Dapcic  
8:15 Stephen Kelleher r/o John & Tara Fallon  
12:00 Mary Barbara Crowell r/o Kathleen & Rick Moore  
12:00 Special Intentions of Bernadette Miguelino r/o Amy Faelner

### Friday, March 8, 2024

- 8:30 Mr. Robert Kenny r/o Mrs. Peggy Corbett  
8:30 Gregory Paul Dapcic r/o Carol Dapcic  
12:00 Mrs. Julie Hoffman r/o Mrs. Peggy Corbett  
12:00 Mary Barbara Crowell r/o The Petersen Family

### Saturday, March 9, 2024

- 8:15 Living & Deceased Members of The Alandy & Verderosa Family  
8:15 Ramon Kringdon r/o Marisel & Steve Kamper  
5:00 Carole Hunt r/o Hunt Family  
5:00 John Toale r/o His Children  
5:00 Barbara Woerz r/o Marilyn Schamber

### Sunday, March 10, 2024

- 8:00 People of the Parish  
10:00 Helen Donohue r/o Matthew & Eileen Donohue  
10:00 Dr. Vuolet Kramer r/o Ann Rankl  
12:00 Deb Johnson r/o Zupancic Family  
12:00 Charles B. Grant r/o Matthew Zieniewiez  
5:00 Ellen M. Lippincott r/o The Lippincott Family  
5:00 Rosemarie Carroll r/o Mr. & Mrs. Kennelty

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saint Mary, Mother of God Church

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

#### Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine

Saturday 8:15 a.m.

### SACRAMENTS

#### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 1:00 to 2:00pm & Thursday 3:30 to 4:30pm

**BAPTISM:** Every Sunday 1:30 pm Ceremony

#### BAPTISM PREP CLASS:

7 pm every 2nd Thursday of each month, in the Bulman Center To register call Ext. 221

**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE & BAPTISM:** Ext. 222

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#### Saint Vincent DePaul Society

For assistance call: 732-671-4062

[svdp.stmarysmiddletown@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.stmarysmiddletown@gmail.com)

### Congratulations to the Newly Baptized

*Juliana Marie Colasurdo*      *Jack Michael Pellicano*  
*Carter Declan Eastmond*      *Richie Jacob Taylor*

### BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Bruce Doorly

Sunday to Saturday Candles  
March 3, 2024 to March 9, 2024

#### Saint Mary, Mother of God Sanctuary Candle:

The Family of Lena Marchetta r/o Family

#### Adoration Chapel Candles:

Mary Ellen Ellis r/o Mother & Sister  
Angela Murray r/o Son & Family  
Special Intentions of 2nd Lt. Brian T. Healey r/o Mom & Dad  
Living & Deceased members of the Wawrzonkiewicz Family r/o Pat & Tom Cusick  
John Maurer r/o His Loving Wife  
Michael McClymont r/o Dorothy Kelly





## Pope Francis: Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel presents, in John's version, the episode in which Jesus drives the merchants out of the Temple of Jerusalem (cf. 2:13-25). He performs this act with the help of a whip of small cords, overturns the tables and says: "you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade" (v. 16). This decisive action, undertaken in proximity to Passover, makes a great impression on the crowd and sparks the hostility of the religious authorities and of those who feel their economic interests threatened. But how should we interpret it? It certainly was not a violent action, inasmuch as it did not provoke the intervention of the defenders of public order: the police. No! But it was interpreted as *an action typical of prophets*, who often denounced, in the name of God, abuses and excesses. The issue raised was that of authority. In fact the Jews asked Jesus: "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" (v. 18), that is, what authority do you have to do these things? As if to demand that he show he was truly acting in the name of God.

To interpret Jesus' act of purifying the house of God, his disciples made use of a biblical text taken from Psalm 69[68]: "For zeal for thy house has consumed me" (v. 9); the Psalm says this: "For zeal for thy house has consumed be". This Psalm is a call for help in a situation of extreme peril due to the hatred of enemies: the situation that Jesus will experience in his Passion.

Zeal for the Father and for his house will lead him all the way to the Cross: his is the zeal of love which leads to self-sacrifice, not that false zeal that presumes to serve God through violence. Indeed the "sign" that Jesus will give as proof of his authority will be precisely his death and Resurrection: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (v. 19). The Evangelist notes: "But he spoke of the temple of his body". With Jesus' Paschal Mystery begins the *new worship*, in the new temple, the worship of love, and the *new temple* is He himself.

Jesus' behavior recounted in today's Gospel passage exhorts us to live our life not in search of our own advantage and interests, but *for the glory of God who is love*. We are called to always bear in mind those powerful words of Jesus: "you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade" (v. 16). It is very harmful when the Church goes astray with this manner of making the house of God a house of trade. These words help us to reject the danger of also making our soul, which is God's dwelling place, a house of trade, by living in constant search of our personal interests instead of generous and supportive love. This teaching of Jesus is always timely, not only for Church communities, but also for individuals, for civil communities and for society as a whole. Indeed, it is a common temptation to exploit good, sometimes dutiful deeds in order to cultivate private, if not entirely illicit interests. It is a grave danger, especially when one exploits God himself and the worship owed to him, or service to mankind, His image. This is why Jesus used "a harsh approach" that time, in order to shake us from this mortal danger.

May the Virgin Mary support us in the effort to make Lent a good occasion to recognize God as the One Lord of our life, removing all forms of idolatry from our hearts and from our deeds.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SAINT MARY RCIA ON CELEBRATING THE RITE OF SENDING AND THE RITE OF ELECTION WITH BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL AND SIGNIFICANT MOMENT IN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. WISHING YOU ALL CONTINUED BLESSINGS AND GUIDANCE AS YOU PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING EASTER VIGIL.**







# 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

"WALKING IN A NEW LIFE"

(ROMANS 6:4)

## CONFESSIONS & ADORATION

MARCH 8 - 9, 2024

4:00PM TO 4:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

INVITE ONE BACK!

**SAINT MARY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA  
PRESENTS**

**TENEBRAE**  
A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

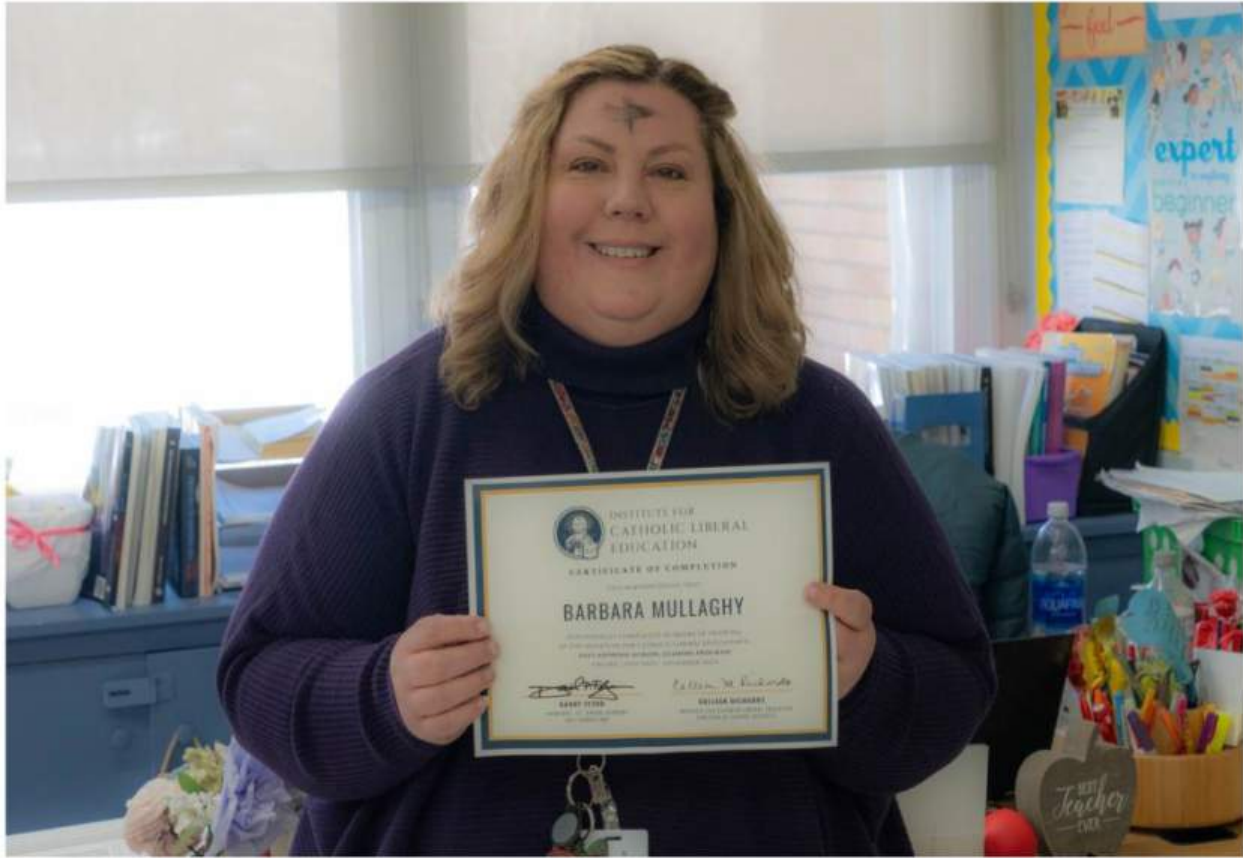


**PALM SUNDAY EVENING  
MARCH 24TH -7PM**

THE WORD "TENEBRAE" IS LATIN FOR "SHADOWS" OR "DARKNESS." THE SERVICE CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF SCRIPTURE READINGS, PSALMS, AND HYMNS THAT ARE PERFORMED IN A PROGRESSIVELY DARKENING ENVIRONMENT. MULTIPLE CANDLES OR LIGHTS ARE EXTINGUISHED AFTER EACH READING, SYMBOLIZING THE GROWING DARKNESS AND SORROW OF CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION.

A TENEBRAE SERVICE IS DESIGNED TO CREATE A SENSE OF SOLEMNITY AND REFLECTION, ALLOWING THE PARTICIPANTS TO EXPERIENCE THE IMPACT AND SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' SUFFERING AND SACRIFICE. THE READINGS FOCUS ON THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE CRUCIFIXION, INCLUDING THE LAST SUPPER, JESUS' BETRAYAL, ARREST, AND TRIAL, AS WELL AS HIS CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH. THE SERVICE CONCLUDES IN DARKNESS, SYMBOLIZING THE PERIOD BETWEEN JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION.





**CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. BARBARA MULLAGHY, OUR DEDICATED FIFTH GRADE TEACHER AT SAINT MARY SCHOOL, FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE ASPIRING SCHOOL LEADERS PROGRAM! THIS PRESTIGIOUS ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC LIBERAL EDUCATION TRULY SHOWCASES HER COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. WE ARE SO PROUD OF HER ACCOMPLISHMENT AND GRATEFUL FOR HER DEDICATION TO SHAPING THE MINDS OF OUR STUDENTS.**

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.

Margaret Anderson r/o Sansevere Family  
Jeanne Bakelar r/o Jennifer Carlucci & Family  
Patricia Balland r/o Gloria Maurer  
Patricia Balland r/o Midge Sacco  
Rose Barone r/o The Maresca Family  
John T. Bascome, Jr. r/o Matthew & Eileen Donohue  
Thomas & Patricia Beatie r/o Anne & Angelo Pacifico  
Olive Bembo r/o The Guerrero Family  
Joseph Berardi r/o The Murgolo Family  
Joseph Berardi r/o Joann Jefferson  
Joseph Berardi r/o His Loving Wife, Joan  
Marc Borja r/o Pat & Brian Gyory  
Peter Paul Borowski r/o Sandos Orio  
Ora H. Buckley r/o Robert & Diane Pittelo  
Mrs. Burns r/o Rick & Michelle Gonzalez  
John Cangelosi r/o Linda Buckwalter  
Rosetta Lillian Carlo r/o The Landi Family  
Anna Chiarantano r/o The McAnuff Family  
Peter Chichizola r/o Giovanni & Aurora DiNardo  
Bobbi Cimmino r/o Elizabeth Stefanic  
James Corridon r/o Tom & Marge Dooley  
Marion Coutsouros r/o The James Family  
Margaret DeSimone r/o Andrew & Tricia DeSimone  
Bruce A. Doorly r/o Sansevere Family  
Bruce Doorly r/o The Liptak Family  
Micahel Fischetti r/o The Maresca Family  
Rosemary Fraschilla r/o John & Kathleen Rubick  
Joseph Frushon r/o Robert Trancucci  
Catherine Gaiso  
Bonnie Gallaro r/o The Gallipani Family  
Matthew Gargiso r/o Ricco Family  
Matthew Gargiso r/o Michael Ricco & Family  
Randy Gerbert r/o Kathy Gerbert  
Amy Gill r/o Rich & Michele Gonzalez & Family  
Constance Gillis r/o Mary Sanfilippo  
Paul Glanzman r/o Maria Murgolo & Danielle Bomberger  
Vatsala Gopinathan r/o Her Family  
Albert James-Lee Gordon r/o The Guerrero Family  
William Grieman r/o Donna & Thomas Carroll  
Ruben Guaman r/o The Guaman Family  
Gloria Esquieres Guerreo r/o The Guerrero Family  
Norman Henry r/o The Gallagher Family  
Norman Henry r/o Diane Hoerlein  
Mr. Frederick Hunt r/o The Gonzalez Family  
Margherita Inghilleri r/o Donna & Thomas Carroll  
Robert Kearney r/o The Adams Family  
Gary Kerney r/o The Liptak Family  
Chester Lee Kraus r/o The Heimbuch Family  
Raymond Kringdon r/o Mary Sanfilippo  
Lucy Kwiecinski r/o Jim Walsh  
Lucy Kwiecinski r/o Michael Hungerbuhler  
Lucy Kwiecinski r/o Locicero Family  
Gordon Leong r/o The Toth Family  
Anthony Longo r/o Fran Urbealis  
Michael LoTorto r/o Carlos Camba brother-in-law  
Michael LoTorto r/o Antonio Russo  
Micahel LoTorto r/o The Landi Family  
Anthony Daniel Manno r/o The Lanza Family  
Olga Rosete Manongdo r/o The Guerrero Family  
Frank Marascio r/o Gina & Sandus Orio  
Frank Marascio r/o Sandus Orio & Gina Lachaussee  
Daniel Mariano r/o Patricia Digennaro  
Annmarie Martin r/o Teresa Arena  
Christopher Matarese r/o Maureen Toth  
Christian Mazzariello r/o Rose, Nick, Marge & Bill  
Patrick B. McCartin r/o Doreen Gehr  
Christy Mendes r/o The Duffys  
Eugenio Mendoza r/o Sixta Fierro & Family  
Kenneth Joseph Mooney r/o Anna Vasilakis  
John Naughton r/o Tommy Lewis  
Zenaida P. Orpiano r/o The Guerrero Family  
Patricia Palermo r/o Susan MacMahon  
Patricia Palermo r/o Mary & John MacMahon  
Patricia Palermo r/o Her Tennis Friends  
Patricia Palermo r/o Mary, Judy & Ielene  
Richard W. Pawlicki r/o Patricia Salvaneschi  
Mary Ann Pepsin r/o St. Mary's Lazarus Ministry  
Fred Petruch r/o The Kovacs Family  
Kevin G. Price r/o Paul & Elizabeth Panicali  
Sally Ann Provenzano r/o Mary Gauld  
Sally Ann Provenzano r/o Marisel Kamper  
Sally Ann Provenzano r/o Laurie Herlihy  
Sally Ann Provenzano r/o Robert Lauricella  
Sally Ann Provenzano r/o Gladys Ruggiero  
Sally Ann Provenzano r/o Mary Enyart  
Camille Qualglia r/o Darlene, Malena & Patrick  
Tyler Rusinko r/o Mary Ann Huegel  
Delores Scalise r/o Ann Warren  
Roger Snyder r/o Tom, Marge & Karen Dooley  
Robert Stankovics r/o Dave Horing  
Joseph Stoddart r/o John & Joan Golba  
Joanne Szaro r/o John & Joan Golba  
Matthew Szotak r/o Chris McCann & Family  
Matthew Szotak r/o Robert Lauricella  
Matthew Szotak r/o Dyas & Fix Families  
Carlos Abraham Manuel Torres r/o St. Mary Women's Discipleship  
Carlos Abraham Manuel Torres r/o St. Mary Music Ministry  
Carlos Abraham Manuel Torres r/o Mary & Joseph Keip  
Edward Trebotica r/o Anne & Angelo Pacifico  
Doris Vernon r/o David & Gail Miller  
Mary West-Kennedy r/o Art & Doris Beatrice  
Bruce Winter r/o Thomas & Donna Carroll & Family  
Barbara Woerz r/o Thomas & Donna Carroll & Family






03.10.24 @ 3:00 P.M.  
**CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**  
 THE GATHERING  
 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

**PRAYER, SOUP & FELLOWSHIP**



**FRIDAYS IN LENT**  
 5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.  
 BULMAN CENTER



**THE BARN FOR THE POOREST OF THE POOR**

BUILDING ADDRESS:  
 49 KANES LANE  
 MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

MAILING ADDRESS:  
 P.O. BOX 4270  
 MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

Volunteer with "The Barn For The Poorest Of The Poor".  
 Deliver food to Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchens and the Franciscan Friars Of The Renewal.

Drive our pickup truck to Delicious Orchards on the 1st Monday of the month. Leave the Barn at 9 a.m., drive to the Newark Friary and deliver to the Franciscan Friars, return to the Barn at 11 a.m.

OR

Drive our pickup truck to Delicious Orchards on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Leave the Barn at 5:00 p.m., load the truck at Delicious Orchards, deliver to Plainfield and Newark, and return to the Barn at 9 p.m.

Reply to [BARNFORTHEPOOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BARNFORTHEPOOR@GMAIL.COM)

God Bless,  
 Gerry Duffy  
 Trustee

Federal I.D. #22-3146403



# 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  
[robpatt52@aol.com](mailto:robpatt52@aol.com) for our Zoom login.

**Saint Mary's Knitwits**  
Will meet in the  
Bulman Center from  
10 am to 12 pm  
on Tuesday  
March 12 & March 26



**PALM CROSSES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE  
SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH NARTHEX  
WEEKENDS OF MARCH 16TH AND 17TH AND MARCH 23RD AND 24TH  
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)**

**THESE BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED PALM CROSSES ARE EXCELLENT  
EASTER DECORATIONS FOR LAWNS, GARDENS, AND A LOVED ONE'S GRAVE**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS AMAZING YOUTH MINISTRY  
OF LEADING TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST**





# 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

3am Wednesday

2am Friday

2am Saturday

3am Friday

10am Sunday

1pm Sunday

3pm Monday

8pm Tuesday

3pm Saturday


5pm Saturday

2pm Friday

8pm Friday



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





**ST. MARY'S**  
*Outdoor Market*

Our market will feature unique vendors from all over the area. From vintage clothing to antiques, you'll find something special for everyone. So come and explore all the unique items they have to offer.

**MARCH 16, 2024**  
9 am - 4:30 pmxt

- Support Local Artisans
- Community Atmosphere
- Food Trucks

MORE INFORMATION CALL  
PARISH OFFICE 732-671-0071 EXT. 233



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** **10 AM MASS**

**THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCRIPTURE**

Due to overwhelming response for this program, additional volunteers are needed. Teens are welcome.

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 Bulhman 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](mailto:spfirman@stmarychurchnj.org)





## 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

## DIVINE MERCY

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

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



EXPOSITION AND  
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### St. Mary's Lost and Found

There is a lost & found closet in the  
Narthex. Parishioners can approach ushers  
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Religious Education registration for our  
Summer Program -Radiant Joy is open  
for children that will be in Grades 1st-  
8th in the fall of 2024 in public school.  
Families must be registered  
parishioners and attend Sunday Mass  
at our parish.

The dates are July 29st - August 9th  
(Monday through Fridays only) from  
8:30-11:45 am. Children must attend all  
10 mornings. There are other  
assignments and requirements during  
the year. Our Traditional registration,  
or weekly year round program will be  
opening in May.

Please contact Suzanne Pfirman or  
Jessica Parks to register your children  
and for additional information about  
the program. Our contact information  
can be found on the first page of this  
bulletin.

### 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

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**SATURDAY, MAY 18**  
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**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](http://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](mailto:stmarys45@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 School Cafeteria** 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](mailto:shalomsimcha7@gmail.com) or (cell) 917-675-1349.



## Nocturnal Adoration– April 5, 9 pm to 10 pm

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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](http://stmarynjrespectlife.org)  
Email: [stmarynjrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:JudyWaren543@msn.com)  
Newark Diocese - Cheryl Riley at [Cheryl.Riley@rcan.org](mailto:Cheryl.Riley@rcan.org)

**Sister's of Life** - 866-545-0075 or  
[hopeandhealing@sistersoflife](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife)

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

**Lumina** - 877-586-4621 or [lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>

March 12<sup>th</sup>

April 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

St. Mary's Chapel

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You are not alone. Here are some places you can get help in Monmouth County.

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#### **Solutions Pregnancy & Health Center**

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Diane Hansen lost her late husband's gold wedding band in Mary Mother of God Church, 4th pew from the back. Please contact her at 718-439-6885 if found. Thank you and God Bless.



**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, Karen Baum, Carmelita Bautista, Joe Bilotta, Angela Brummert, Susan Bruncati, Giovanni Caccamo, Joseph Caccamo, MaryAnn Calamo, Beatrice Catania, James Cavallo, Theresa Cavallo, John Chiarini, Mary Colasurdo, Pamela Collins, Kevin Conley, Emil DeMarco, June DeMarco, Eileen DiPietro, Frank DeSanitis, Helen DeSantis, Marie Duffy, Mary Ellen Ellis, Dr. Keith English, Lilian Esposito, Brian Flanagan, Tony Frazee, Dennis Gallagher, Barbara Gentileco, Mary Beth Hall, Betty Hanson, Kathleen Hendrick, Laura Hoarle, Donna Horel, Tanya Hornedo, 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, Elizabeth Meyer, Carol Montella, Jack Mullins, Kathy Mumm, 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, Freddy Velez, Nancy Velez, Chris Vaughn, Joan Wehner, Anne Marie Weiss, 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

### 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

**U.S. Navy:** Sgt. James A. Conklin, Col. Kevin Meisle, ETN3 Eric Borbely, LTJG Daniel Toth, Ensign, Captain Iraq; Lt Christopher Baum, LTJG 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, SGT Thomas O'Friel NJ Army National Guard 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, CPT James John Siuzdak 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**

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**What?**  
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**Where?**  
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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 <sup>^</sup> & 22 <sup>^</sup>
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

MOPSoStMarys@gmail.com  
@MOPSoStMarys  
@MOPSoStMarys

**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!

### 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](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org)

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