



SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH  
MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY

## Financial Report

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Weekly Collections 4/22/2024

Weekly	\$	22,012.76
Ave Maria	\$	1,818.03
Candles	\$	208.82
Children	\$	252.08
Donor Box	\$	180.76
Easter	\$	1,806.50
Easter Flowers	\$	32.71
Holy Thursday	\$	9.65
Good Friday	\$	52.87
Mass Cards	\$	200.00
Mother's Day	\$	110.00
Mortgage	\$	140.00
Shrine	\$	165.00
Youth & Young Adults	\$	92.58

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

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 (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,

In the midst of the trails ablaze in our world, where chaos seems to reign and flames lick at the fabric of our existence, there stands a beacon of hope—the unwavering love of Jesus. In the face of adversity, when despair threatens to engulf us, it is this love that offers solace, guidance, and strength. Through the darkness, it illuminates a path of compassion, forgiveness, and understanding. It teaches us to extend kindness even when met with hostility, to embrace empathy in the midst of indifference, and to find courage when fear seeks to paralyze us. In a world consumed by turmoil, the love of Jesus remains a steadfast refuge, offering comfort to those in need and peace to troubled hearts.

John 13:34 is a profound verse where Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." This statement encapsulates the essence of Jesus' teachings and the core principle of Christianity: love.

The significance of this command lies not only in its simplicity but also in its depth. Jesus doesn't just instruct his followers to love one another; he sets the standard by which this love should be measured—his own love. Jesus's love was selfless, unconditional, and sacrificial. He healed the sick, forgave sinners, and ultimately gave his life for humanity. Therefore, the love he commands his disciples to emulate is a love that goes beyond mere affection or sentimentality; it's a love that seeks the well-being of others above oneself, even to the point of self-sacrifice.

Reflecting on John 13:34 prompts us to examine our own lives and relationships. Are we loving others as Jesus loved us? Are we willing to put aside our own interests and comfort for the sake of others? Are we extending love and grace to those who may not deserve it? These questions challenge us to live out the essence of Christianity in our daily lives.

Moreover, this command extends beyond the boundaries of the Christian community. Jesus doesn't specify that we should only love those who share our beliefs or belong to our social circles. Instead, he commands us to love one another universally. In a world marked by division, conflict, and prejudice, this call to love becomes even more relevant and urgent.

In essence, John 13:34 is a call to embody the love of Christ in all aspects of our lives. It challenges us to transcend our own self-interest and extend love, compassion, and grace to everyone we encounter. In doing so, we not only fulfill the greatest commandment but also become instruments of God's love and reconciliation in the world.

Have a blessed week!

In Jesus and Mary,

Father Jeff Kegley  
Pastor



## Mass Intentions - Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

- 5:00 Ann Klawunn r/o The Klawunn Family
- 5:00 Mary & Patrick Tevington r/o The Buercke Family
- 5:00 Eileen P. Reilly r/o The Fitzsimmons Family

### Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ruane r/o The Ruane & McCurnin Families
- 8:00 Charles Grant r/o Erin Caddock & Kevin Amici
- 10:00 Arlene Rowe r/o The Gallagher Family
- 10:00 Robert Oliveri r/o Tommy & Jane Quinn
- 12:00 Frank Badali r/o Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kazuba
- 12:00 Phyllis Savonarolla r/o Stacy & Scott Clifford
- 5:00 People of the Parish
- 5:00 Vincent Carusotto r/o Barbara Hohmann

### Monday, April 29, 2024

- 8:15 Anne Corey r/o The Brandon Family
- 8:15 Isabel Shaughnessy r/o Betty Leston
- 12:00 Marcelino Palisoc r/o His Loving Daughter
- 12:00 Special Intentions of Rita DiMartino r/o Eileen DeGennaro

### Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- 8:15 Katie McCarthy r/o Her Loving Family
- 8:15 Stephen Kelleher r/o Steve & Debbie McCarthy & Family
- 12:00 Jack P. Cantagallo r/o Mary Ellen LaStella
- 12:00 Bern Yahara r/o Kathleen Erli

### Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- 8:15 Brian Schaeffer r/o Joanne & Don Dearie
- 8:15 Dane Cunningham r/o Betty & John Leston
- 12:00 Paul Campanella r/o The Campanella Family
- 12:00 Richard Fosko r/o His Family

### Thursday, May 2, 2024

- 8:15 Caterina Ilapi & Maziorizo r/o Daughter
- 8:15 Agnes & Nicholas Cegla r/o Their Family
- 8:15 Irene K. Brennan r/o Her Loving Husband
- 12:00 Nicholas Biase r/o Maureen Toth
- 12:00 Special Intentions of Reverend Jeffrey J. Kegley On His Birthday r/o The Parish Office Staff

### Friday, May 3, 2024

- 8:30 Nicolas Del Giudice r/o His Family
- 8:30 Colin Casey r/o The Kandravay Family
- 12:00 John Thomas McGaughey r/o His Loving Daughter
- 12:00 Mary Barbara Crowell r/o Karen Mauro

### Saturday, May 4, 2024

- 8:15 Pat McGrath r/o Carol Christiansen
- 8:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Alandy & Verderosa Families
- 5:00 Patricia McGrath r/o The Minervino Family
- 5:00 Mary Pepsin r/o Her Daughter
- 5:00 Michael LoTorto r/o Michael & Kathleen Russo

### Sunday, May 5, 2024

- 8:00 Richard O'Connor r/o Kathy O'Connor
- 8:00 Stephanie I. Soldo r/o The Walaron Family
- 10:00 For Those Enrolled In The Monthly Memorial Mass
- 10:00 Jack & Monica Kurkemelis on their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- 12:00 Erik Emanuelson r/o The Campanella Family
- 12:00 John A. Buono r/o Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Volastro
- 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](mailto:RCIA@stmarychurchnj.org)

#### Saint Vincent DePaul Society

For assistance call: 732-671-4062

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

## Congratulations to the Newly Baptized

*Emilia Luna DePaulo*  
*Lilliana Laurie Murphy*  
*Mikayla Rose Powell*

*James Nicholas Requa*  
*Declan Thomas Rhatigan*

Sunday to Saturday Candles  
April 28, 2024 to May 4, 2024

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

Kevin Gasiorowski r/o MariBeth Sess

#### Adoration Chapel Candles:

Mary Ellen Ellis r/o Mother & Sister  
Special Intentions of 2nd Lt. Brian T. Healey  
r/o Mom & Dad  
Special Intentions of The Giaimis Family r/o Pat & Tom Cusick  
Susan Limratana r/o Kathy O'Connor  
Special Intentions of Baby Lucas Alexander Klymasz  
r/o The McLaughlin Family





## Pope Francis: Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Word of God, even on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, continues to indicate to us the way and the conditions to be a community of the Risen Lord. Last Sunday the relationship between the believer and Jesus the Good Shepherd was highlighted. Today the Gospel offers us the moment in which Jesus introduces himself as the true vine and invites us to abide in him so as to bear much fruit (cf. Jn 15:1-8). The vine is a plant whose branches form the whole; and the branches are only fruitful insofar as they are joined with the vine. This relationship is the secret of Christian life and John the Evangelist expresses this with the word 'abide', which is repeated seven times in today's passage. "Abide in me", says the Lord; abide in the Lord.

It means abiding in the Lord in order to find the courage to step outside of ourselves, from our comfort zone, from our limited and protected spaces, in order to cast ourselves into the open sea of the needs of others and to give a wide range to our Christian witness in the world. This courage to step outside ourselves and to advance the needs of others is born from faith in the Risen Lord and from the certainty that his Spirit accompanies our history. One of the ripest fruits that springs from communion with Christ is, in fact, the commitment to charity for our neighbour, loving brothers and sisters with self-sacrifice, to the point of the final consequences, as Jesus loved us. The dynamism of believers' charity is not the result of strategies; it is not born of external stresses, of social or ideological concerns, but rather, it is born from the encounter with Jesus and from abiding in Jesus. For us he is the vine whose sap — that is, 'life' — we absorb, in order to convey into society a different way of living and self-spending which places the least in first place.

When we are intimate with the Lord, as the vine and branches are intimate and joined, we are able to bear the fruits of new life, of mercy, of justice and peace, derived from the Lord's Resurrection. It is what the Saints did, those who lived Christian life in fullness and lived the witness of charity, because they were true branches of the vine of the Lord. But "to be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious.... We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves" (Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 14). We are all called to be holy; we must be holy with this richness we have received from the Risen Lord. Every activity — work and rest, family and social life, exercising political, cultural and economic responsibilities — every activity, whether small or great, if lived in union with Jesus and with the attitude of love and of service, is an occasion to live Baptism and Gospel holiness to the fullest.

May Mary, Queen of Saints and example of perfect communion with her Divine Son, help us. May she teach us to *abide in Jesus*, as branches in the vine, and to never distance ourselves from his love. Indeed, we can achieve nothing without him, because our life is the living Christ, present in the Church and in the world.

Set aside the busyness of daily life and immerse yourself in a weekend of prayer, reflection, and encounter with the Holy Spirit.

## Why attend the Born of the Spirit Retreat?

**Spiritual Renewal:** Experience a deep spiritual rejuvenation as we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. Open your heart to receive fresh insights, healing, and empowerment from God.

**Personal Growth:** Discover new dimensions of your faith journey through introspective prayer, insightful teachings, and meaningful fellowship with fellow believers. Gain clarity, direction, and renewed purpose.

**Community and Fellowship:** Connect with a vibrant community of faith-filled individuals who are seeking to deepen their relationship with God. Build supportive relationships, share testimonies, and uplift one another in prayer.

**Encounter with the Holy Spirit:** Explore the transformative power of the Holy Spirit as we seek His presence and guidance together. Experience spiritual gifts, divine revelations, and a deeper intimacy with God.

**Guidance and Discernment:** Receive personalized spiritual guidance, counseling, and prayer support from experienced leaders. Whether you're seeking clarity, healing, or empowerment, our dedicated team is here to walk alongside you.

### Benefits of praying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit include:

**Empowerment for Ministry:** Receive supernatural gifts and abilities for serving God and others effectively.

**Deeper Intimacy with God:** Encounter God in a more profound way, leading to greater intimacy and communion with Him.

**Spiritual Boldness:** Experience a newfound boldness and courage to share your faith and live out your Christian convictions.

**Spiritual Discernment:** Develop a heightened sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit, enabling you to discern God's will and direction more clearly.

**Renewed Zeal for Evangelism:** Be ignited with a passion for spreading the Gospel and making disciples of all nations.

**Don't miss out on this opportunity to draw closer to God and experience the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in your life. Join us for the Born of the Spirit Retreat on Pentecost weekend and step into a new season of spiritual growth and empowerment.**

Register today at [stmarychurchnj.org/bornofthespiritretreat](http://stmarychurchnj.org/bornofthespiritretreat)

# **This Pentecost**

## **BORN of the SPIRIT Weekend Retreat**

**Fri., May 17th**

**7pm - 9pm**

**Sat., May 18th**

**9am - 9pm**

**Euphemia Hall**

**Suggested Donation - \$25.00**

**Register at [www.stmarychurchnj.org](http://www.stmarychurchnj.org)**



# FRIDAYS AT ST. MARY'S

*St. Mary's - the place to be on Friday Nights!*



## HEALING MASS

*Come join us for a time of spiritual renewal at our First Friday Healing Mass, where miracles are real!*

*Experience the power of prayer and the healing touch of God. Join us this Friday and let Him restore your soul.*

**May 3rd at 6:30pm**

## PRAYER MEETING

*Step into a realm of faith and fervent prayer. Join us for a Charismatic Prayer Meeting, where hearts are set ablaze! Experience the joy of praise, the power of the Holy Spirit. Come and be uplifted! **May 10th at 7pm.***



## ENCOUNTER NIGHT



*Unleash the power of Encounter Night, a divine appointment awaits. Join us for a night of Adoration, Worship, Teaching, Healing, and Confession. Allow your soul to be touched and transformed by His presence. Come, experience His love and grace on **May 24th at 7pm** at the Shrine.*



## From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop

### *Let us sing to the Lord a song of love*

*Sing to the Lord a new song; his praise is in the assembly of the saints.* We are urged to sing a new song to the Lord, as new men who have learned a new song. A song is a thing of joy; more profoundly, it is a thing of love. Anyone, therefore, who has learned to love the new life has learned to sing a new song, and the new song reminds us of our new life. The new man, the new song, the new covenant, all belong to the one kingdom of God, and so the new man will sing a new song and will belong to the new covenant.

There is not one who does not love something, but the question is, what to love. The psalms do not tell us not to love, but to choose the object of our love. But how can we choose unless we are first chosen? We cannot love unless someone has loved us first. Listen to the apostle John: *We love him, because he first loved us.* The source of man's love for God can only be found in the fact that God loved him first. He has given us himself as the object of our love, and he has also given us its source. What this source is you may learn more clearly from the apostle Paul who tells us: *The love of God has been poured into our hearts.* This love is not something we generate ourselves; it comes to us *through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Since we have such an assurance, then, let us love God with the love he has given us. As John tells us more fully: *God is love, and whoever dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.* It is not enough to say: *Love is from God.* Which of us would dare to pronounce the words of Scripture: *God is love?* He alone could say it who knew what it was to have God dwelling within him. God offers us a short route to the possession of himself. He cries out: Love me and you will have me for you would be unable to love me if you did not possess me already.

My dear brothers and sons, fruit of the true faith and holy seed of heaven, all you who have been born again in Christ and whose life is from above, listen to me; or rather, listen to the Holy Spirit saying through me: *Sing to the Lord a new song.* Look, you tell me, I am singing. Yes indeed, you are singing; you are singing clearly, I can hear you. But make sure that your life does not contradict your words. Sing with your voices, your hearts, your lips and your lives: *Sing to the Lord a new song.*

Now it is your unquestioned desire to sing of him whom you love, but you ask me how to sing his praises. You have heard the words: *Sing to the Lord a new song,* and you wish to know what praises to sing. The answer is: *His praise is in the assembly of the saints;* it is in the singers themselves. If you desire to praise him, then live what you express. Live good lives, and you yourselves will be his praise.



# Saint Mary's Great Fair

**June 24 - June 29**

19 Cherry Tree Farm Rd.  
Middletown, NJ

Advanced Ticket Sales  
will be on sale soon

Saint Mary's Super 50/50's  
are on sale after all  
weekend Masses in the  
Narthex.

Inquire at the parish office for  
sponsorship opportunities.

## RADIANT JOY

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 29th - 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 Pffirman 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.



### Rosary Altar Society

#### Come join the Rosary Altar Society

Our last meeting of the year will be held  
May 5, 2024 following  
the 10 am Mass in the Bulman Center.

Volunteer Sign up for  
Mother's Day Bake Sale  
Discuss May Crowning—Date & Place to  
be determined.

#### ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

## HELP WANTED! MAINTENANCE PERSON

**Saint Mary,  
Mother of God  
Church & School**

**More info call:  
Glen Holck  
Business Manager  
732-671-0071  
Ext. 221**



**Full time position**





**LIFE TEEN**

# **VOLLEYBALL NIGHT**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 @ 5PM**

**Saint Mary, Mother of God Church**

@saintmaryslifeteen





# CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10 AM MASS

## THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Due to overwhelming response for this program, additional Adult 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 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](mailto:spfirman@stmarychurchnj.org)**





# 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 Thursday  
2am Friday  
2am Saturday  
3am Sunday  
3am Friday

4am Sunday  
1pm Sunday  
3pm Monday  
3pm Saturday  
5pm Saturday  
8pm Friday



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

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, I invite you to be a part of something truly special—the Annual Catholic Appeal! This year's theme, "One Love, One Faith, One Family," mirrors the teachings of Christ and resonates with the wisdom of Colossians: "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity" (Colossians 3:14). This profound and perfect love reinforces our shared belief in one God, inspiring us to become pillars of compassion and support for each other.

A gift to the appeal becomes a lifeline for families in need, supports the education of our youth in the faith, and empowers individuals on their journey to become religious leaders, such as Deacons and Catechists, serving our parishes and communities with wisdom and faith. Your support also sustains our retired priests, allowing them to continue offering guidance, and provides essential resources to our Catholic school principals and teachers, ensuring an education grounded in faith and values.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and commitment to our church. Join us on this journey, hand in hand, as we embody the spirit of "One Love, One Faith, One Family."

With every good wish, I remain  
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.  
Bishop of Trenton

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress:

Goal: \$120,000.00

Pledged: \$59,306.00 (49% of goal)

Paid: \$52,118.00 (43% to goal)

Total Donors: 242

Total Gifts: 268

Average Gift: \$221.29



SAINT MARY  
SCHOOL



## Alumni Sunset Happy Hour

We cordially invite all Saint Mary School Alumni to join us for a celebration of Saint Mary School's 70th Anniversary.

**Red Rock Rooftop**

14 Wharf Ave, Red Bank, NJ 07701

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
7:00pm**

*Apps & Hors D'oeuvres Complimentary  
Happy Hour Pricing Cash Bar*

RSVP to [bhanlon@stmarychurchnj.org](mailto:bhanlon@stmarychurchnj.org)

Can't make it but still want to support visit:  
[www.saintmary.school/give](http://www.saintmary.school/give)



**BUKAS LOOB SA DIYOS  
(OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD)**

**DIOCESE OF TRENTON**



*An Invitation*

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND  
JUNE 7-9, 2024**

Ave Maria Retreat House  
The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Road Doylestown, PA 18901

**Free Registration  
Meals and Accommodation To be Provided**

For all inquiries:

German/Letty Butay (732) 887-5298 or lbutay@yahoo.com  
Nestor/Cecille Vasquez (908) 578-9138 | Toy/Malen Juarez (609) 954-2300

Registration forms are available in  
the parish office

**Saint Mary's Knitwits**  
Will meet in the  
Bulman Center from  
10 am to 12 pm  
on Tuesday  
May 14th and May 28th



**Job Opportunity:  
LIFE TEEN & EDGE  
Youth Minister**



Saint Mary's is looking for a spirit-filled Youth Minister who will be responsible for leading our successful LIFE TEEN & EDGE programs.

The Mission of Life Teen is to lead teens closer to Christ. The successful candidate must have a passion for this mission.

If interested, please call  
Father Jeff at the parish office

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

Court Fulgens Corona #1684 celebrates its  
**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** at St. Mary's this year.

We thank our parishioners who have been good friends of the Court since 1954!

With your help—donations, raffles, and more—we have been able to help many local individuals, food pantries, and other groups in need.

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

**2024 Dates—please visit!**  
May 8—Anniversary Night  
June 12—Education Night



**St. Mary's Lost and Found**

There is a lost & found closet in the Narthex. Parishioners can approach ushers after Mass for lost items.



# 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  
[robpat52@aol.com](mailto:robpat52@aol.com) for our Zoom login.

# 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

**What to expect?**

-Guest speakers-  
Relevant topics-Small  
group discussions-  
Fellowship-Community  
-Crafts-Activities-Play-  
dates- Moms' Night Out  
Events-Leadership and  
service opportunities-

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Thank you for being a vital part of our event's success!



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Pro-life Resources: [stmarynjrespectlife.org](http://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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### Post Abortion Healing

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## Holy Hour for Life

✠Exposition and  
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✠Rosary for Life

✠Stations of the Cross for  
victims of abortion

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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  
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