



December 1, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many thanks for your many acts of kindness to me and my family during this very difficult time. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity from our school and parish families. St. Mary's is truly a family in which I am blessed to belong. I am so grateful for all of you.

Thank you to those who were available to join us at our Academic Assembly as we recognized those students who received Principal List, First/Second Honors as well as those who were Student of the Month and House Point Winners for the months of September and October. We were also glad to see so many of you at Parent Conferences. What a great time to see how your child has been progressing so far this year.

Our school year is flying by...so many fun events so far including Crusader Day, Book Fair, School Masses, School Dance, Trunk or Treat, Halloween Parade and Celebrations, Harvest Hoedown, and the Thanksgiving Luncheon just to name a few. Our third Race for Education was a very successful fundraiser to support our Annual Fund. The children had a great time walking and dancing during their time outside! Thanks to the generosity of our school community, family, and friends, SMS raised approximately \$42,000! Our classroom doors were covered with turkeys these past few weeks as the students bought feathers which supported the purchasing of the turkeys distributed to those in need in our parish. The parish food drive provided Thanksgiving meals to close to 300 families. The school raised approximately \$1200.00 for the turkeys and contributed boxes of can goods which were donated by our generous school families. Thank you to volunteers in our school who dedicate their time and energy making these experiences for the students so meaningful!

Tuition Assistance applications for the 2016-2017 school year are due in to FACTS by **December 31, 2015**. Please see the on-line weekly communication for more information.

We hope that you will join us as we celebrate this holy season with our two Christmas Shows scheduled for Wednesday 12/9 (band and K-3 singers) and Wednesday 12/16 (Performing Arts). You are also welcome to join us for Liturgy Thursday, December 17th at 9:15AM. Blessings to you and your family during this season of Advent!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

SMS
THANKS YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY



Ministry of Student Leadership sold many turkey feathers to help our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you to everyone who helped with this effort.

Fr. Mazz also sends you his thanks for all the generous donations made to the Our Lady of Peace Social Concerns Ministry. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.



St. Mary School is proud to present our Performing Arts Club as they perform “Christmas Pictures.” The program is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Assumption Hall. Tickets for the program are available at a cost of \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Please complete the order-form below, if you wish to order tickets for the program.

“Christmas Pictures”

Name: _____ Grade: _____ A B

Number of Tickets: Adult _____ @\$4.00 per ticket

Child _____ @\$2.00 per ticket

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Student of the Month

November 2015

Congratulations to the following students:

Isabella Tran	K1	Natalia Clidy	K2
Carissa Gonzalez	1A	Ashley Dodd	1B
Christian Lampone	2A	Mikaela Kopaczewski	2B
Luke Plunkett	3A	Giovanni Pacilio	3B
Logan Totten	4A	Isabela Valle	4B
Colin O'Brien	5A	Aiden Baker	5B
Jeffrey Puri	6A	Cassidy Rullo	6B
David Dopke	7A	Janelle Kern	7B
Gianna Vecchio	8A	Carina Stacy	8B





HOUSE POINTS WINNERS 2015-2016

House of Saint Patrick	Kiera Dumas
House of Saint Valentine	Isabella Capone
House of Saint Joseph	Anthony Gregorio
House of Saint Francis	Elizabeth Drahos
House of Saint Theresa	Greta Wolf
House of Saint Elizabeth	Andrew Hall
House of Saint Dominic	Katherine Tootchen
House of Saint Joan of Arc	Rocco Gallelli
House of Servant Maria Esperanza	Christopher Cannon

The division winners for highest points

Division 1	House of Saint Joseph
Division 2	House of Saint Francis
Division 3	House of Saint Dominic



**REMINDER PARENTS: Deadline approaching for Tuition Assistance Applications
12/31/15.**



October, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For your planning and convenience, FACTS Tuition Assistance is now available for the 2016-2017 school -year. There is a \$15 application fee which will need to be paid online before submitting the application.

All applications must be completed electronically at <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3KGBP> . You will come to the home page and then be able to log on using your username and password for your FACTS account. You will then see a link that will take you to the tuition assistance application. The 2014 tax returns will be used for your application. All required documentation must be submitted for the application to be processed. **Only completed applications will be considered.** It is the responsibility of the family to supply all necessary paperwork. FACTS customer care representatives are available to assist you at 866-441-4637.

The deadline for applying for tuition assistance is December 31st. If you have any questions regarding FACTS Tuition Assistance procedures, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS FOR 3RD AND 4TH GRADE GIRLS ---

TRAVEL TEAM/ not Intramurals

There will be tryouts for any 3rd or 4th grade girl interested in playing on the travel team on Saturday, December 5 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Required paperwork, available on the school website, must be completed immediately and handed in to school before any player is allowed to attend the first practice.

Third grade girls may choose between this team or the Sunday Intramural team. All games for the Intramural team are played at our school against other teams whose players are our students.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS FOR 4TH GRADE BOYS

There will be tryouts for 4th grade boys on Saturday, December 5, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

BASKETBALL SPIRIT!!!!

Show your Crusader pride by ordering the new Saint Mary's Basketball Hooded Sweatshirt. All sweatshirts are Heather gray this year and will have a brand new Navy blue logo!!!!

****ALL ORDER FORMS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD!!!!****

NO ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER THIS DATE!!! WE LIKE TO GET THESE SHIRTS ORDERED SO WE CAN DELIVER THEM FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Please return this order form with cash or check (made out to SMS) no later than **12/3/15**. Mark envelope "Basketball Spirit Wear."

NAME: _____ CLASS: _____
(please use all capital letters and print legibly)

_____ Hooded Basketball Sweatshirt \$25.00

_____ Hooded Basketball Sweatshirt \$30.00

WITH LAST NAME ON BACK

Qty. _____ *Phone Number _____

CIRCLE SIZE: YOUTH: M(10-12)-L(14-16)-XL(18-20)

ADULT: S-M-L-XL (No youth small available)

*If you would like for the shirt to be a surprise Christmas gift, please include your phone # and write a note on the order form saying "SURPRISE"!!!! Please direct any questions to Patti Bradford @ eliteworld@aol.com.



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATIONS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

St. Mary School will be having two Christmas Shows this year. The first show will be held on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm in Assumption Hall. The school band will be performing as well as Kindergarten thru 3rd grade singers. The performance will be through the combined efforts of Mr. Michael Gruender and Mrs. Nancy Tranovich. The students in K thru 3 are learning the Christmas Carols they will be singing in their weekly music class.

A rehearsal for the singing part of the show (students in grades K thru 3), will be held from dismissal until 4:00 pm on Monday, December 7th. Students need to be picked up at **4:00 pm in Assumption Hall** and will not be able to attend our After School Care Program unless he/she is registered. If your child would like to participate in the singing part of this program, please fill out the form below and return it to school. It is required that he/she be present at the practice and also available on December 9th for the program. Performers in this show are requested to wear **Christmas style clothing**.

The second show will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm in Assumption Hall. The show is called "Christmas Pictures". The show features our 4th-8th grade Performing Arts Club students, acting, singing, and dancing.

We hope you can come out and celebrate this very joyous season with us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION
For Grades Kindergarten thru 3rd Only
Please return form by Wednesday, December 2nd

Student _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Grade _____

_____ My child/ren will be present for the practice on Monday, December 7th and for the program on Wednesday, December 9th. **I will send in a note to the teacher the day of practice authorizing my child(ren) to stay after school.**

OUR LADY OF PEACE MUSIC MINISTRY

PRESENTS

A FESTIVAL OF WORD AND SONG

Saturday, December 5, 2015

7:30 PM

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JON AGRESTA

NARRATION BY: Deacon John J. Kacy

ST. MARY CHURCH/OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

WILLIAMSTOWN, NEW JERSEY



Spend an hour with us and enjoy a musical concert that is sure to move you spiritually and guide you toward the birth of Christ.

Admission is free, however donations of any non-perishable food item for our food pantry are requested. Refreshments will be served after the concert in Marian Hall

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS



Starring

THE NEW YORK TENORS

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ

ANDY COONEY

CHRISTOPHER MACCHIO

Special Guest

ACTOR/COMEDIAN

JIM LABRIOLA

THE BIG APPLE ORCHESTRA *with Musical Director* **AARON GANDY**

INVESTORS BANK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

519 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015 • 7:30 PM

TICKET PRICES | \$39.50 & \$29.50

TICKETS ON SALE THROUGH TICKETMASTER OR THE IBPAC BOX OFFICE

TICKETMASTER.COM 1-800-745-3000 | IBPAC BOX OFFICE 856-218-8902

Special Ticketing Discount for Groups | Contact Jim Weiner at jweiner@wtps.org

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SOUTH JERSEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION



SMS STOCKING STUFFER

BUY A SECOND N.U.T. CARD “NO UNIFORM TODAY”

Purchase a N.U.T. Card in the amount of \$10.00 per card and give your child three more opportunities to come to school dressed in casual clothes through Thursday, March 31st.

You may purchase one additional N.U.T. Card at this time. Please purchase between Wednesday, November 25th and Friday, December 11th. They will be delivered in communication folders on Tuesday, December 15th. Thank you!

Child: _____

Grade: _____

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Child: _____

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Child: _____

Grade: _____

Pancake Breakfast with Santa & his friends!

Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, Elves and Toy Soldiers!

Saturday, Dec. 12th from 9am-12pm

(doors will not open before 9am)



Held in Assumption Hall (St. Mary's school gym)

Proceeds help support the:
Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Our Lady of Peace Parish!

\$6 for children (ages 2-13 yrs old)

Infants 1 and under are free!

\$10 adults (14 yrs & over)

COST INCLUDES:

- Pancakes, scrambled eggs bacon & sausage
- Coffee and drinks
- Meet and greet with Santa & friends (Bring your camera)
- Face painting
- Balloon animals
- Crafts and prizes!



To purchase tickets drop in collection basket at Mass or bring to the parish offices "attn: Kari Janisse". Your name will be held at the door for you marked "Paid". Tickets will also be sold at the door that day.

Name _____ phone # _____

#of Kids ticket(s) _____ #of Adult ticket(s) _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of Peace". Questions please email: YouthMinisterKari@gmail.com

St. Mary's Scrip Program

There are only 3 Scrip Shopping Tuesdays before the Christmas vacation, please remember to use Scrip whenever you can.

At present, Scrip is offering a bonus on the following retailers until 12/11.

Bass Pro Shops 4% bonus.

Bed, Bath & Beyond 1% bonus

Bob Evans 2% bonus

CVS 1% bonus

Red Robin 3% bonus

SpaFinder 2% bonus

Starbucks 2% bonus

LL Bean 2% bonus

Also, to help with your gift giving needs, many retailers are offering for a limited time, smaller denominations. Some of the retailers are: Target \$10, CVS \$10, Outback \$10, Walmart \$10, Acme \$10, Amazon.com \$10, Regal/UA \$10, Panera Bread \$5 are just a few. Please keep these in mind when purchasing teacher's gifts, babysitters, mail people, and coaches.

More discounts will be announced each week, so be sure to order what you might need while the bonus discounts are in effect

Please remember that Scrip is able to accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. I can meet you at the school office in order to swipe your card, or it can also be done at my home some evenings, please let me know if I can make it more convenient for you.

Remember to get your Kohl's gift cards and take to the store and make payments on your credit card bill. This allows you to shop when you have a coupon or at your convenience, and just get the gift cards from Scrip to pay your bill.

You can email me or call anytime with questions or issues.

Donna Broomell
Scrip Coordinator

(609)922-0683 Mobile
Call or text me anytime.....
dabroomell@gmail.com

**ST. MARY SCHOOL
ABBREVIATED SCRIP LISTING**

For full listing log onto: www.glscrip.com

SCRIP COORDINATOR: Donna Broomell (609)922-0683 text and/or call

or email me at donnaaplumley1@aol.com

RETAIL STORES

Advance Auto Parts	\$25	7%
Aeropostale	\$25	7%
Amazon.com	\$25	4%
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	10%
American Girl Doll	\$25/\$100	9%
Barnes & Noble Bookstores	\$10/\$25	9%
Bass Pro Shops	\$25	9%
Bath & Body Works	\$10/\$25	13%
Bed Bath & Beyond	\$25/\$100	7%
Best Buy	\$25/100/250	3%
Boscov's Dept. Store	\$25	5%
Buckle	\$25	8%
Build-A-Bear Workshop	\$25	8%
Burlington Coat Factory	\$25	8%
Champs Sports Store (Footlocker)	\$25	9%
Claire's	\$10	9%
CVS Pharmacy	\$25/\$100	6%
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25/\$100	8%
A.C Moore	\$25	5%
Eddie Bauer	\$25	10%
Express	\$25	10%
Fashion Bug	\$25	6%
Footlocker Stores/Lady/Kid's/Footaction	\$25	9%
Game Stop	\$25	3%
Gap/Gap Kids/Baby Gap	\$25	14%
GNC	\$25	8%
Gymboree	\$25	13%
The Home Depot	\$25/100/500	4%
Icing (Claire's)	\$10	9%
Itunes	\$15/\$25/\$50	5%
JCPenney	\$25/\$100	5%
J.Crew	\$25	13%
J.Jill	\$25	8%
Jiffy Lube	\$30	8%
Jo Ann Fabrics	\$25	6%
K Mart	\$25/\$50	4%
L.L. Bean	\$25	15%
Lands' End	\$25	16%
Limited	\$25	9%
Lowe's Home Improvement	\$25/100/500	4%
Macy's	\$25/\$100	10%
Marshalls (TJ Maxx)	\$25/\$100	7%
Men's Wearhouse	\$25	8%
Michael's Arts & Crafts	\$25	4%
Motherhood Maternity	\$25	6%
Office Depot	\$25	4%
Office Max	\$25	5%
Old Navy/Banana Republic/Gap	\$25	14%
Overstock.com	\$25	8%
Payless Shoes	\$20	13%
Pep Boys	\$20	4%
Pier 1 Imports	\$25	9%
Pottery Barn/PB Teen/PB Kids	\$25/\$100	8%
Radio Shack	\$25	4%
Rite Aid	\$25	4%
Ross Dress for Less	\$25	8%
Sam Goody/fye/Suncoast	\$25	9%
Sears	\$25/100/250	4%
Sephora	\$20	4%
Sports Authority	\$25	8%
Staples	\$25/\$100	5%
Structure (Express)	\$25	13%
Sunglass Hut	\$25	12%
T.J. Maxx	\$25/\$100	7%
Talbot's	\$25	11%
The Children's Place	\$25	12%
Toys-R-Us	\$20	1.5%
Trade Secret/Regis Salons	25	8%
Walgreens	\$25/\$100	6%
White Barn Candle Co. (Bath & Body)	\$10/\$25	13%
Zappos.com	\$25	8%

RESTAURANTS

Applebee's	\$25/\$50	8%
Arby's	\$10	8%
Panera Bread	\$10/\$25	9%
Baskin Robbins	\$2	9%
Bob Evans	\$10	10%
Boston Market	\$10	12%
Buca di Beppo	\$25	8%
BUFFALO WILD WINGS	\$10/\$25	8%
Burger King	\$10	4%
Carrabba's Italian Grill (Outback)	\$25	8%
Champps Restaurant & Bar	\$25	5%
CheeseCake Factory	\$25	5%
Chili's	\$25	11%
Chuck E. Cheese	\$10	8%
Cracker Barrel	\$10/\$25	9%
Dave & Busters	\$25	13%
Denny's	\$10	7%
Domino's Pizza	\$10	8%
Dunkin Donuts	\$10/\$25	4%
KFC	\$5	8%
Old Country Buffet	\$25	5%
Olive Garden (Red Lobster)	\$25	9%
Outback Steakhouse/Bonefish	\$25/\$50	8%
PF Chang's	\$25	8%
Uno's Chicago/Pizzeria	\$25	12%
Rainforest Café (Landry's)	\$25	9%
Red Lobster	\$25	9%
Ruby Tuesday's	\$25	8%
Starbucks	\$10/\$25	7%
Subway	\$10	3%
Wendy's	\$10	4%
Einstein's Bagels	\$10	10%
TGIF	\$25	8%
Little Caesar's Pizza	\$20	8%
Ruth Chris' Steak House	\$50	10%
CHIPOTLE	\$10	10%

OTHER SCRIP PROVIDERS

AMC/Loews Theatres	\$25	7%
Cinemark Theatres	\$25	4%
Regal/United Artist Theatres	\$25	8%
Regal/United Artist single ticket	\$9.50	15%
FAMOUS FOOTWEAR	\$25	8%
Whole Foods Market	\$25/\$100	3%
Trade Secret (Regis Salons)	\$25	8%
In Bold/Available Everyday		
WAL-MART	\$25/\$100	2.5%
Target	\$25/50/100	2.5%
Shop-Rite Supermarket	\$25/\$100	4%
Acme Supermarket	\$25/\$100	4%
Kohl's Department Store	\$25/\$100	4%

GAS STATIONS

A-Plus (Sunoco)	\$50	1.0%
Exxon	\$50	1.5%
Gulf Oil	\$25	2.0%
Mobil (Exxon)	\$50	1.5%
Shell	\$25/\$100	2.5%
Sunoco	\$50	1.0%
Chevron	\$50/100/250	1.0%
Wawa (DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA)	\$25/\$100	1.5%

LODGING & TRAVEL & MISC

American Express	\$25/\$100	1%
Avis Rent-a-Car	\$50	8%
Best Western Int'l	\$25	12%
Budget Rent-a-Car	\$50	8%
Disney	25/100/1000	2%
Hyatt Hotels	\$50	10%
Ritz-Carlton Hotels	\$50	8%
Comfort Inn/Clarion Hotels	\$50	3%

Updated 12/1/2014



WINTER



Emergency closings are an inevitable part of life in the Northeast due to inclement weather. Therefore, we need to explain our procedures.

EARLY MORNING SNOW/ICE CLOSINGS...Local transportation authorities determine when their buses can operate safely. **Therefore, when Monroe Township public schools are not open due to inclement weather, St. Mary School will also be closed.** You will receive a SchoolMessenger phone call with the information. **You may also call the school office at 856-629-6190 or check the school website at www.smarys.org to receive notification of the school closing.** Our code number is 811 – Monroe Township. Information will also be available on local television stations. Only Monroe Township Schools will be announced, St. Mary School will not be identified. **If school is cancelled due to the weather, all afterschool activities will be cancelled as well.**

Monroe Township occasionally announces a 2-hour delay. If that is the case, supervision at St. Mary School will not be available until 10:00 a.m. School will begin at 10:15 a.m. NO BEFORE CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE

Since St. Mary School has students from outside the Monroe Township School District, it is important to have the following information:

Code numbers for: **Franklin Township - #812 Washington Township - #803**
 Winslow Township - #572 Clayton - #809

If St. Mary School is open and the Winslow Township, Franklin Township, Washington Township and/or Clayton schools are closed, it is the responsibility of the parents to transport students to and from St. Mary School. You may also choose to keep these children home from school for that day, if transportation is a problem. These students will be marked “absent” because they are not here for the day.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AFTER THE CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL. If we receive word that the school districts will be sending the buses for an unscheduled early dismissal due to dangerous driving weather – we need to cooperate with their request. **In this event,** parents will receive a SchoolMessenger phone call. In the beginning of the school year, we requested information from you regarding transportation plans in case of an emergency early dismissal. These are the plans that we will direct the children to follow. **PLEASE DISCUSS THIS PLAN WITH YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN.**

IF SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY, DUE TO WEATHER OR AN EMERGENCY, AFTER SCHOOL CARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.
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ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHO SERVE AS
COACHES OR ASSISTANTS ARE INVITED TO THE:

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“ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY”

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: ASSUMPTION HALL

Spouses are also invited to attend.

RSVP by December 7th, to Mrs. Dramesi ,
6b@smarys.org if you plan to attend.

Thank you😊



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
Office of Child and Youth Protection

We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what he has commanded. 1 John 5:2

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to **recognize child abuse and neglect** and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is called **CAP's Bullying Prevention Program** and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

CAP 3 is called **Cyber-Empowerment** and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP.

The following sessions will be offered in **December 2015**:

CAP Phase 1

Wednesday, December 02, 2015, 7:00pm; Paul VI High School; 901 Hopkins Road; Suite B. Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Saturday, December 05, 2015, 10:00am; St. Joseph's Pro-Cathedral; 2907 Federal Street; Camden, NJ 08105 (School Building)

Thursday, December 10, 2015, 7:00pm; St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish; St. Anthony's Hall 285 Route 206; Hammonton, NJ 08037

The CAP PHASE 1 SESSION being held at **St. Joseph's Pro-Cathedral** will host one **Spanish Class** and one **English Class**.
Each class will have a separate room. There is plenty of parking!

CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention Program

Thursday, December 03, 2015, 7:00pm; The Parish of the Holy Cross; 46 Central Avenue; Bridgeton, NJ 08302 (Parish Office Basement)

This location will offer one Spanish Class and one English Class on the same night. Each class will have a separate room and there is plenty of parking!

CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment

NONE

To attend one of these classes, please call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** with the Office of Child and Youth Protection at **(856)583-6165** or contact **Lucie Alcazar** at **luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org**. **Please leave your name and the Session Date** you are attending; you **will not** receive a call back. **Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.**

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website www.camdendiocese.org/cvp.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.