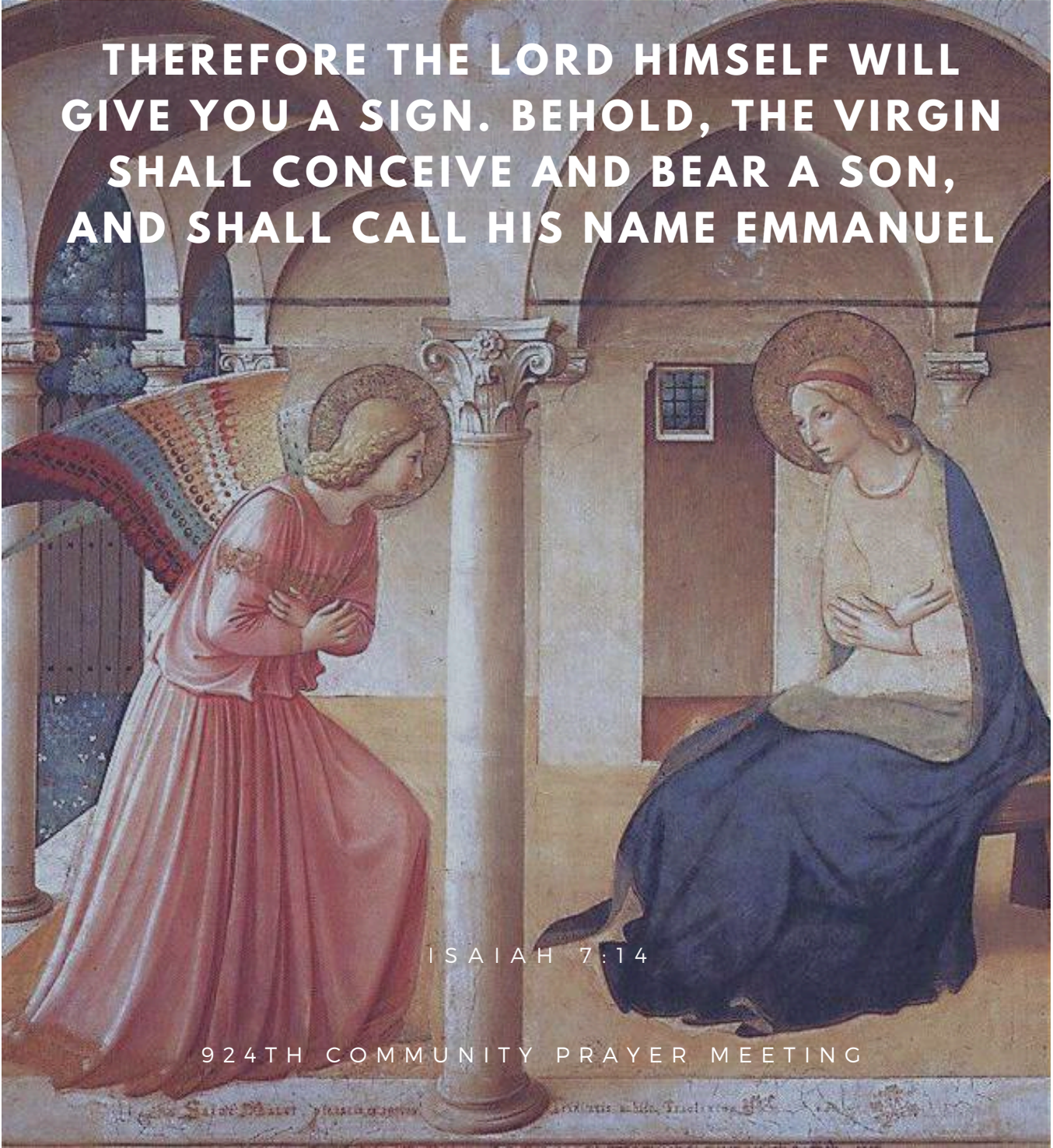


JESUS IS LORD!

# PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF WILL  
GIVE YOU A SIGN. BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN  
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,  
AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL

ISAIAH 7:14

924TH COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2024

“Behold, I am with you always, even until the end of time.”

Matthew 28:20

Prophecies from Community Prayer Meeting

November 3, 2024

## **ASK FOR A SPIRIT OF HOPE**

The Lord says, 'I see how you love me, I see how you cling to me, I see how you offer up your sufferings. But I say that a spirit of hopelessness has found its way into many of your hearts and into many of your hearts about things in your families. And so I say to you now, cast out this spirit of hopelessness for those of whom you are praying for in your family.' I feel like the Lord has for many of us a particular person or situation in our family that we should lift up to Him now and ask for that spirit of hope to come in.

## **TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FORGIVE**

Luke 17:3-4: "If your brother sins, rebuke him; if he repents, forgive him. Even if he sins against you seven times in a day and seven times comes back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive him." I have a strong sense that there might be someone or multiple people here that have someone they still need to forgive and they haven't done it and the Lord wants you to take this opportunity and to do that.

## **PRAYERS ARE PRECIOUS**

I have a sense the Lord is saying to us 'We are leaving a lot of prayers on the table'. He wants us to offer all our aches, and pains and inconveniences for our spouse, our children, our parents, our neighbor, for those we meet at the store or on the train. He doesn't want us to miss the opportunity to pray because prayers are so precious.

## **TAKE TIME TO PONDER WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE**

My children, do you not know that Mary pondered? She pondered not only on the things that were happening that day, but she pondered everything, all of Jesus's life, all of her life, all of her husband's life. She pondered and she received strength through gratitude. She became more grateful and more hopeful and she received the strength and the grace that she needed to continue to be the woman that God called her to be. So I say to you, take time, especially during your prayer time to look back - it's okay to look back. As you look back see what I have done in your lives. See all the miracles that I have worked. Know that I have never left you and know that I will never leave you. Come to me, my people, be grateful for what I've done, see my majesty and know that the future will only be better because I will never leave your side.

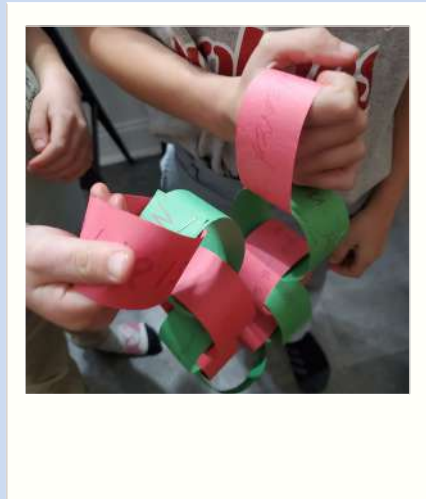
## **I LOVE YOU MY PEOPLE OF HOPE**

"Mark 12: 'Jesus replied - listen Israel, the Lord your God is the one Lord and you must love the Lord God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Now let me tell you how much I love you. I love you so much more than you can ever imagine. I want you to tell the evil one that I love you when he says to you, How about that disaster, how about this person who died, how about that tragedy in your past, or how about that sin? And I want to pour out my favor on you, my People of Hope, my people of budgets and schedules and simplicity and my people of prayer. I have so many blessings in store for you. I have so much good, so much joy and so much love for you. I chose you from all eternity to be alive and for me to love you at this time. You will not have to come for me, I will come for you. Indeed, I am always with you. I love you, I love you, I love you.

Images used throughout bulletin: *The Annunciation*, by Fra Angelico (front cover), *Madonna and Child* by William Dyce, 1947 (quote page 1), *Dinner at Emmaus*, by Caravaggio, 1601 (quote page 2), *Madonna and Child* by Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato, 1609 (Mary, Mother of God flyer)

# FAMILY ADVENT TRADITIONS

## *The Blessing of the Advent Season*



During Advent we have a few special traditions with our children. In such a busy season we try to put our focus back to Jesus in activities as a family.

The first is a Jesse Tree. We have a book that goes along with special ornaments that highlight special moments in the Old Testament leading up to the birth of Jesus. Every night we read from the book and add a new ornament to a small tree we use solely for this activity. The kids look forward to seeing favorite ornaments again and taking turns reading from the book. We also light an Advent wreath after dinner every night.

Our family also chooses 'Advent Angels'. The kids each pick a name from a hat of another sibling. They are supposed to pray for that person, help with their chores, and then on Christmas Eve they give that sibling a special gift. It helps them bond as siblings.

Finally, we make a paper chain of red and green paper that we write good deeds on. There is much more willingness to do chores joyfully when they get to add a link to the chain. We try to make it longer each year.

Strange that so much suffering is caused because of the misunderstandings of God's true nature. God's heart is more gentle than the Virgin's first kiss upon Christ.

*And God's forgiveness to all, to any thought or act, is more certain than our own being*

# A N U P D A T E F R O M THE DAUGHTERS OF HOPE

MARY QUENSE



The theme for the Daughters of Hope event in November was Thankfulness!

While everyone had a chance to share what they are thankful for over tea and coffee, cheese and crackers and yummy pies our team started the afternoon telling our sweet Daughters how thankful we are for them.



How easy it was to express our thankfulness to these holy women for all the ways they have blessed us and others. We thanked them for their joy and love, wisdom and creativity! We thanked them for their courage, generosity, kindness and beautiful smiles! We thanked them for serving, giving and blessing so many! We thanked them for their deep faith and devotion to the Lord and the witness they are to everyone they meet!



In short, we are thankful for each and everyone of them and who they are -Daughters of God, Daughters of Hope!

# Jesus is Lord!

This year's Fourteenth Annual KA Gala took place on November 7, 2024 at the Bridgewater Marriott. It was a special evening reflecting on an amazing 40 years since the school opened its doors.

Head of School Burk Ohbayashi and Board of Trustees President Mike Temple made remarks and student speaker Patrick Knob shared about his experience at KA. Brother Adam Neri was awarded the Alumni Legacy Award, Damon and Melanie Owens received the Lumen Christi Award, and Nora Coletta & Marge Margiotta were honored posthumously with the Paraclete Award which was handed to Bob Coletta and Bob Margiotta.

All the recipients gave inspiring speeches that will continue to resonate with our school community. Once again it was a beautiful evening of celebrating our blessed school and all that God has done through it!

See the full gallery of event photos [HERE](#) - feel free to download any you'd like to have.

Watch the Koinonia Academy Gala Video [HERE](#)

# The Fourteenth Annual Koinonia Academy Gala









God is not distant:  
he is 'Emmanuel,'  
God-with-us.

He is no stranger: he  
has a face, the face  
of Jesus

" I ALSO HAVE HAD MUCH TIME TO  
PRAY AND TO THINK ABOUT WHAT  
GOD'S WILL IS FOR MY LIFE "



## A GAP YEAR UPDATE FROM JOHNNY CONANT

*Johnny has been living and serving in Belfast, Ireland since this summer, living with the Servants of the Word and serving with UCO.*

I want to keep you a bit updated on what I have been doing here in Belfast so far.

I have really enjoyed it here. I have enjoyed working with the people in UCO, getting to meet people in the community and also getting to know the guys in the Servants of the Word house where I am staying.

It has been a busy couple months. I was able to go on a retreat/ mission training in Rostrevor, which is an hour drive south of Belfast, during my first week here. The retreat was with other UCO missionaries in Belfast, Glasgow and London. Then right after that I went to Glasgow for more mission training with Kairos mission year people that are doing similar years as me but only for those who were just doing a mission year.

Then by mid September was really when we began mission work. The first week, we had coffee stalls outside Queens University and were offering tea and coffee and inviting students to different UCO events that week. We were able to get students to different events and have had a good amount of regulars attend.

We usually run football on Monday Nights, worship nights every Tuesday and Bible Studies on Thursdays. My job is trying to help run these events, and to meet up with students one on one to build a relationship with them, to evangelize to them and to help guide and give advice on how to live as a christian.

I also have had much time to pray and to think about what God's will is for my life. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue my mission here.

Blessings, Johnny Conant



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# Mary Mother of God Mass

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**  
**7:00PM MASS**

6:45pm Carols before Mass

**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT**  
**CHURCH**

170 Mt Bethel Rd, Warren, NJ 07059

Come join for Mary Mother of God Mass. We will have a time of socializing with cookies & hot beverages after - please bring a plate of cookies to share. We look forward to being together!



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# Dear brothers and sisters,

Maureen and I want to thank you for the cards and letters we received from you at our last Community Prayer meeting, as well as for the honorings from Mary Quense and Marty Buganski.

We were deeply touched by your words of encouragement and inspired once again to give everything we can to cultivate this wonderful part of the vineyard that the Lord called us to.

We are so grateful that He called us here and so grateful to be living alongside all of you. Thank you for your many kindnesses to us and our family.

*In our Lord,*  
**Gregory and Maureen**



**IMMEDIATE NEED**

- Gary Montemurno
- Joseph McMullen
- Eric Garcia
- Shannon Hardy

**SERIOUS & ONGOING**

- Eleanor Benson
- Jack Bickel
- Jackie Donnelley
- Peggy Camiolo
- Margaret Fierro
- Danielle Neri
- Lee Scarfone
- Rose Molnar
- Dan O'Mullan

Please visit our website [peopleofhope.net/prayerintentions](https://peopleofhope.net/prayerintentions) to see our complete list of our prayer intentions and to add to our list.

**PRAYER PETITION HIGHLIGHT**

**BROTHERHOOD OF HOPE**

We pray for the Brotherhood of Hope and thank God for their membership in the Sword of the Spirit and participation in the life of the People of Hope. Bless their college outreach at Rutgers and throughout the U.S.

*“Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude.”*

**PHIL. 4:6**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## COMMUNITY WIDE LORD'S DAY

Saturday, December 14th  
Varios Locations

## COMMUNITY MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS

Tuesday, December 31st  
Our Lady of the Mount  
7pm

## LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Friday, January 10th  
Details TBA

## ANCHOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 11th  
Details TBA

## IGNITE LARGE GROUP



Thursday, November 19th  
7:30-9:00pm  
Koinonia Academy

## IGNITE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Thursday, January 9th  
7:30-9:00pm  
Koinonia Academy

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IN LOVING MEMORY  
*LIBERO R. RAVAIOLI, JR.*

**Born into earthly Life: December 5, 1934**

**Baptized: March 3, 1935**

**Born into Eternal Life: December 5, 2024**

Libero R. Ravaioli Jr. "Lee", 90, of Somerset, New Jersey, peacefully completed his circle of life on December 5, 2024, having been born on December 5, 1934. Lee was raised in Elizabeth, New Jersey and was the beloved son of the late Libero R. Ravaioli Sr. and Louise Carella.

Lee lived a life dedicated to hard work, family, and service to his community. Throughout his life, he called several New Jersey towns home. After his early years in Elizabeth, he

resided in Port Reading, Sewaren, Milltown, Berkeley Heights, and Basking Ridge, before settling in Somerset in 2003. He was a man of diverse skills and determination, beginning his career as a technician with the Union County Telephone Company, serving as a UPS driver, and later becoming the proud owner of Lee & Ed's Automotive in Stirling, New Jersey. In addition, he worked as a starter for the Somerset County Park Commission for 19 years, a role that allowed him to combine his love for golf with his passion for meeting people.

Lee's vibrant life was filled with family, friends, and an enjoyment of recreation. He was known for his hobbies of golf, travel, playing cards, and bowling. Above all, he cherished time with his family, building a legacy of charity, laughter, and cherished memories.

A devout man of faith, Lee was a long-time parishioner of Christ the Redeemer in Manville, New Jersey. His devotion was a guiding light for his family and all who knew him.

Lee was predeceased by his loving wife, Catherine Ravaioli, as well as his brothers, Jerry and Ronald Ravaioli. He leaves behind a family who love and will miss him deeply, including his children, Kevin L. Ravaioli (Cheryl Ravaioli), Keith E. Ravaioli (Ned Jalbert), Kent A. Ravaioli (Patty Ravaioli), Lisa M. Ravaioli (Kristina Militante), Kraig A. Ravaioli (April Ravaioli), and Angela M. Ravaioli. He is also survived by his 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, each of whom brought him immense pride and joy. His legacy of faith, love, and kindness will endure in his family and extended family members.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

You can watch a memorial video for Lee [HERE](#).

