



Church of Saint Mary

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January 4, 2015



St. Mary's Parish is a community of Catholics, striving to be an open and caring people, living our faith, spreading God's word, and serving as Jesus' disciples to our families, our parish and our surrounding communities.

ONE FAITH ONE FAMILY ONE SPIRIT

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of each month immediately following the Noon Mass. For more information, please contact the Parish House.

Sacrament of Marriage: Parishioners must contact the Parish House at least six months prior to the wedding date. Pre-Cana session is required.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you know of anyone who is sick, elderly or homebound, please call the Parish House and let us know so that we can minister to them.

Adoration: All day, every day in our Chapel.

Rosary: The Rosary will be prayed daily before the 9:00 a.m. Mass and on Sundays before the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: The Thursday before the first Friday of the month from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

New Parishioners: If you have recently moved into our community, welcome! Please call the Parish House to register.

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| Rev. Louis P. Bellopede | <i>Pastor</i> |
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| Rev. Charles J. McElroy | <i>Pastor Emeritus</i> |
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Sunday Mass Schedule

Vigil (Saturday evening) • 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning • 7:30 a.m. † 9:00 a.m. † 10:30 a.m. † 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday • 9:00 a.m.

Confession Schedule

Saturday • 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. † 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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| School | 610-287-7757 |
| St. Mary School Website | www.smsk-8.org |
| Religious Education (PREP) | 610-287-4517 |
| PREP Classes | 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Mon or Tues |
| Little Church (Ages 4 and 5) | Sunday 10:30 a.m. |
| Youth Group | First and Third Sundays |



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4:00 p.m.	January 3 Gloria R. Sabatini - Barb Higgins & Ellen Curcio
Sunday 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	January 4 Epiphany of the Lord People of Saint Mary Parish John W. Kelsall - Paul B ickel Family Lawrence Seaver - Susan & Joe Somerville Mark F. Wells - Bill, Melissa, Nicole & Alexis Shimukonas
Monday 9:00 a.m.	January 5 Saint John Neumann John Zihal - Helen Laychack
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	January 6 Saint Andre Bessette Intentions of Peter Carney - Mom and Dad
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	January 7 Saint Raymond of Penyafort Robert W. Kindermann Jr. - Mr. & Mrs. John Baier
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	January 8 Christmas Weekday Dolores Hogan - Bruce Redmond and Family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	January 9 Christmas Weekday Paul R. Long - Paul and Carol Murcoch
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	January 10 Christmas Weekday Pete Paznokas - The Beck Family Geraldine O'Neill - Mr. & Mrs. Francis Kelleher
Sunday 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	January 11 Baptism of the Lord Living/Deceased Members of the McGeeney Family - Bill and Madeline McGeeney Marie Antonelli - Dan and Annamae O'Callaghan Intentions of Nicole Wasniewski - Mom and Dad People of Saint Mary Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kimberly DiPietro Alexander, Marisa Allen, Infants Matthew and Mya Allen, Margaret Bajor, Scott Barton, Patricia Beauchamp, Janelle Bergandino, Joe Brady, Infant Brendan Brisar, Christine Broadwell, Bruno Capobianchi, (granddaughter) Kathryn Capobianchi, Sabrina Capperella, Lisa Caruso, Art Chandler, Patricia Chermela, Ann Marie O'Callaghan Clair, Patrick Coleman, Anthony Corbicz, Randy Cornell, Jeremy Cosgrove, Rosemarie DeRosa, Diana DeSantis, Madeline Dobbs, Tony Downey, Derek Dvorjak, Charles Fries, Anthony Gdonski, Mark Giambone, Nancy Grubb, Grace Guckin, Anne Hale, Thomas B. Hammer, Jennifer Harleigh, Abby Heilman, Ed Heilman, Anton Hevener, Mateo Heye, Art Hinson, Sr Patricia Hoey, Michael Holva, Richard Hood, Charlotte Hvorecky, Aileen Hyden, Virginia John, Justin Michael Johnson, Lisa Keeder, Thomas Kees, Debbie Keister, Chris Krinvick, Nicholas Kumpf, Eleanor Kunz, Frank Larkins, Maryann Lepone, Pearl Loch, Ed Loughery, Max Maertzig, Doris Marsh, Anthony Martin, Margaret (Maggie) McCallum, Joe McGann, Matthew McGann, Jerry McGee, Francis and Helen McHugh, Pat McMahon, Joan Mooney, Priscilla Miller, Margaret Murphy, Nicholas Noel, Fred Nubbemyer, Susan Ondo, Teresa Ott, Britney Pinson, Frank and Dianne Ponzio, Scott Rafter, Patricia Reigner, Dorothy Rush, Brendan Saboe Jr., Mary Ellen Salerno, Anthony Sammartino, Joan Santello, Dave Schumaker, Leo Scotto, Clay Sebra, Tom Shilling, Ron Shofran, Richard Sinclair, Joshua Stern, Ron Szwczak, Anna Taglianetti, Lorraine Tausz, Baby Emanuel Thomas, Baby Nicholas Trojanski, George Tyler, Katherine Veneziano, Jane and Dennis Vicchio, Shannon Yockel, Walt and May Young, Lois Walterhammer, Walter Wasilwski, Frank Wilson Jr, Ed Woods, Beverly Ann and Joseph Zapata, Paul and Dawn Zottoli

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

A warm welcome to you, our faithful parishioners and all who may be joining us today for Mass. Please know you always have a home at the Church of Saint Mary!

HAPPY "LITTLE CHRISTMAS" TO YOU: May the appearance of the Wise Men at the crib of our Savior teach all of us the importance of presenting our **GIFTS** and **TALENTS** for the good of Christ and His people.

THANK YOU: Father Kean and I deeply express our thanks and gratitude to you our parishioners and friends for your kind and thoughtful cards, gifts and cookies during this holy Season of our Lord's birth! The cookies were delicious; because of you there is MORE of us. LOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Sunday, January 25th begins Catholic Schools Week. Since we are blessed with a Catholic School here at Saint Mary Parish we have a special week planned. At the 10:30am Mass on January 25th all our School families are kindly asked to be present for Mass with your child/ren. God bless you for your many sacrifices! Pass the word!

LECTORS: We are looking for more parish Lectors to proclaim God's Word at Mass. We would also like to know if we can have more High School students involved in this ministry. Can you help us? Please email Sean Chalmers at seanchalmers@me.com if you are interested.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS: Each Thursday morning we clean our beautiful church. If you are available on Thursday mornings after the 9:00am Mass stop by. We gladly appreciate your help. By the way - Do not worry if you cannot come every week. Come when you can! God loves a cheerful giver!

ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL: Our parish appeal and census is continuing through the New Year - 2015. If you have not returned your census form and/or appeal donation we kindly ask if you can do so during the months of January and February so we can complete our census report to the Archdiocese. Your census form and appeal donation are deeply appreciated! Thanks so much! Also, thanks to the people who have volunteered to be on the HVAC committee for our church.

LATIN MASS: Here at the Church of Saint Mary we will be offering the traditional LATIN MASS on Wednesday, March 25- The Solemnity of the Annunciation at 7pm. More details to follow. Please mark your calendar. Pass the word!

Have a nice week, everyone!

Love and prayers,
Father Bellopede

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 3-4

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Kean	Bill Bushey	Davis, F. Freed, Grossbauer, Hines, Hinson, Matthews	C. & C. Caiola, Cervantes	Youth Group	Little
7:30 AM	Fr. Kean	Sean Chalmers	Zandier, Allen, Chalmers, Coneghen, Dewees, Kelly	A., B. & P. Vince	Quiet	Hanlon
9:00 AM	Fr. Bellopede	Deborah Ford	Walsh, J. Bickel, M. Bickel, Cahill, Forsyth, Kolesky	Roth, Suarez, Wagner	Folk Music Ministry	Hanlon
10:30 AM	Fr. Bellopede	Jack Carney	Brady, Cornely, Gentner, Gibson, Leichner, Longua	A. & J. Redmond, Vu	Acclaim	Hanlon
12:00 PM	Fr. Bellopede	Steve Imms	Schnaubelt, Smart, Uhl, Watt, Hamel, Keller	Ardizzi, Behrens, Bickel	Organ/Cantor	Hanlon

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 10-11

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Bellopede	S.J. McCurdy	Moyer, Swantek, Bradbury, Bushey, Davis, S. Freed	J., J. & M. Allwein	Organ/Cantor	Hanlon
7:30 AM	Fr. Badeaux	Jody Shollenberger	Kirby, Kosiorek, McCloskey, McGeeney, Shofran, Whitehead	A., K. & T. Bryant	Quiet	Olzinski
9:00 AM	Fr. Kean	Dave Kolesky	Kunz, Saboe, Storti, Walsh, J. Bickel, M. Bickel	Brady, B. & T. Yaglenski	Folk Music Ministry	Olzinski
10:30 AM	Fr. Kean	Steve Bakey	McCarron, McHugh, O'Donnell, Pirrall, Bintner, Brady	J., M. & N. Bakey	Acclaim	Olzinski
12:00 PM	Fr. Bellopede	Anna Maria Hazel	Klisch, Luckenbach, Lugo, Schnaubelt, Smart, Uhl	B., J. & S. Wade	Spirit Choir	Olzinski

Memorials

The **Rose For Life** in front of the Blessed Mother statue has been donated in memory of **James J. Kerr** at the request of **Anne M. Kerr and Family**

The **Vigil light** in our Chapel burning next to an image of our Blessed Mother is in memory of ____ at the request of ____.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burning next to our tabernacle in the Church is in memory of _____ at the request of _____.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burning next to our tabernacle in our Chapel is in memory of _____ at the request of _____.

The **Altar Candles** burning on the Altar in our Church this week are in memory of **Charles Marsh** at the request of **Carolyn Stenger**

The **Altar Candles** burning on the Altar in our Chapel this week are in memory of _____ at the request of _____.

The **Altar Bread and Wine** donated this week is in memory of _____ at the request of _____.

The **Altar Flowers** donated this week are in memory of _____ at the request of _____.

If you are interested in having Memorials in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish House. Memorials are for one week.

Donations: Rose for Life, Vigil Light are \$5, Sanctuary Lamps are \$10, Altar Candles are \$20, Bread and Wine is \$50, Altar Flowers are \$175

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Tim Fitzgerald	Matthew Foley	Jim Gotlewski	Jennifer Foley
Yaphet Blair	John Walsh	Gerard Pettine	Richard Granozio
Frank P. Roth	John Weaver	Brian Smith	Sharon Hyland Keyser
Michael Hood	Jonathan Minkler	Brett R. Karkheck	Ed Loughery Jr.
David Sinnk	William Ian Holdsworth	Michael Boehret	Jacob McLendon
Brian Dunn	Michael E. Ingram	Joseph Wolf	Ian Keyser
Keith E. Mason	Wayne Cherry, Jr.	George Lockbaum	Michael Regan
Timothy Ryan McGinnis	Kyra Chamberlain	Collin Hamel	Ryan Decker
Lauren Shaw	Dominic D. Zottoli	Matthew Kearney	William Schweitzer
Ryan Nolan	David Gentner	Charles Joseph Maloney III	Eric Funk
Madeline Augustine	Bridgette Augustine	Thomas Fisher	Kevin K. O'Malley
Albert Joseph Augustine	Travis R. Quimby	Tim Murray	Matthew Dager
Blaise Fountaine	Andrew Schnaubelt	Tom Gutherman	Kyle Houchins
Kayla Carroll	Shawn O'Connor	Jackie Perrie	Kyle Kearney
Fr. David A. Daigle	Brian Sinclair	Aaron Hart	Brian Murray
Eric Himmel	Bobby McCall	Geoff Ostrowski	David Casas

PARISH NEWS



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"We cannot be messengers of God's consolation if we do not experience first the joy of being consoled and loved by Him. When we remain in prayerful silence in His presence, when we meet Him in the Eucharist or in the sacrament of Reconciliation. All this consoles us!" - Pope Francis. Please call MaryKay @ 484-415-0338 to sign up as a scheduled adorer or substitute. EMAILS NEEDED: All scheduled adorers and substitutes, please send an email with your adoration time/date to: tinycarmel@comcast.net.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who came out and donated at our December blood drive. Your gift of life is greatly appreciated!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGIATES

Are you a senior in high school or a commuting college student and would like to earn some extra money on the weekends? The Parish House is looking for an individual to fill our weekend Rectory Guardian position on Sunday mornings from 8am to 1pm. Duties include: answering phone and door, filing, and other duties. You must be at least 18 years old and have a positive and professional attitude. To apply, please submit your resume to Mary Beth O'Connor, Saint Mary Parish Business Manager, through email at MOConnor@churchofsaintmary.org. If you have questions, please call the Parish House at 610-287-8156.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



The Perkiomen Valley Council 3633 of the Knights of Columbus of St. Eleanor and St. Mary Parishes are offering two \$1,500.00 Scholarships to Pope John Paul II Catholic High School. These one year competitive scholarships are available to any Catholic eighth grade student enrolled in either St. Mary School or Holy Cross Regional School, or belonging to St. Eleanor or St. Mary Parish, regardless of where or how they complete their elementary education. An application for admission and notification of eligibility is needed prior to the awarding of the scholarship. The complete application form and criteria can be found on the church website. All essays and applications must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2015.

NEW FRONT LAWN SIGN:

Our New ILLUMINATED SIGN has been installed! Many thanks to Mr. Paul Brady who constructed the brick pillars, to Mr. Mike Petro who coordinated the project and to the Class of 2013 and our own Home and School Association who supplied the funds for this project. We truly appreciate their commitment to Saint Mary Parish.



HELP WANTED - PARISH LIBRARY

We are in need of a few volunteers for our parish library. Please consider volunteering once a month on Saturday evening before and after the Vigil Mass or Sunday Morning. No experience needed, just a willing heart! Contact Linda Nichols at (215) 256-4941 or dnic101180@aol.com.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES- PHILADELPHIA 2015 SAVE THE DATE!



Join us for a once in a lifetime event at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia on September 22-27, 2015. The theme is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive." Families from around the world will come together for prayer, speakers, celebrations, and activities for all ages. All are welcome! Visit the official World Meeting of Families website at: WorldMeeting2015.org to learn more and to sign up for regular updates on how you can participate.

ATTENTION ALL TEENS IN GRADES 7-12

There is a Youth Group meeting this Sunday, January 4th in the Parish Hall from 6:30-8:30 pm. Come have some fun and meet new friends!

SCHOOL NEWS

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2019 HONORED

Congratulations to Eighth Graders Thomas Heibeck, Candace White and Sofia Farrell! Thomas was awarded a 4 year Academic Neumann Scholarship to the Archdiocesan High School of his choice, Candace was awarded a Fontbonne Academic Scholarship to Mount Saint Joseph Academy, and Sofia Farrell was honored with a Music Scholarship for Voice to Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, as well as a Fontbonne Academic Scholarship and a Scholarship for Voice to Mount St. Joseph Academy. What wonderful achievements! We are so proud of you!

FINANCIAL FACTS

Collection for December 21, 2014

Week 25

Target Needed for the 14-15 Fiscal Year.....\$957,000.00

Weekend Collection

Target Needed Weekly for 14-15 Fiscal Year.....\$18,135.00

Collection for Weekend of December 21.....\$13,123.58

Electronic Funds Transfer (Parish Giving).....\$1,328.00

Over (Under) Target.....(\$3,683.42)

Hands Together Capital Campaign (Blue Envelope)

Mortgage Owed for Catholic Education Center \$1,820,428.32

Target Needed Weekly.....\$1,856.00

Collection for Weekend of December 21.....\$1,176.00

Over (Under) Target.....(\$680.00)

Total Collected To Date.....\$425,749.32

Total Envelopes Mailed.....659

Total Envelopes Used.....339

Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt.....\$796,201.52

Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope).....\$50.00

New Debt Total.....\$796,151.52

Collection for December 28, 2014

Week 26

Due to early transmission of the bulletin, we do not have the financial numbers for the above weekend. They will be published in next week's bulletin.

Parish Giving All of our parishioners are invited to use our new option of electronic funds transfer by logging onto our website and clicking 'PARISH GIVING'.

PLANNED GIVING: All parishioners and friends of The Church of Saint Mary are kindly asked to include Saint Mary Parish in their will and estate planning. We kindly thank you in advance for remembering this great community of faith in your will so its mission and ministry may continue in the years ahead.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

PERSONAL CARE APRTMENTS & REHABILITATION AVAILABLE

St. Mary Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare Continuing Care Retirement Community, 701 Lansdale Avenue, Lansdale, currently has personal care apartments as well as rehabilitation care available. Chapel on sight where residents can attend daily Mass. For more information call 215-368-0900.

HONESTY, HEALING & HOPE IN CHRIST

Confronting Sexual Violence in Our Archdiocese

Don't let sexual violence silence you. Healing can start with a call. Visit www.pacrimevictims.com/healing or call

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1-888-800-8780.

Saint Vincent dePaul Grocery List



Shopping this week? Can you pick up a few items from the list below and donate them to Saint Vincent dePaul? They can be dropped off during the week in any vestibule of the Church or on the first Sunday of the month in the Hall!

Canned Food, Soups	Health
Hearty Soups	Hand Soap
Canned Ravioli	Deodorant
Canned Fruits/Veggies	Shampoo/Conditioner
Canned Tuna	Toothbrush, Toothpaste
Cereal, Grain, Snacks	Paper, Cleaning
Cereal	Napkins, Paper towels
Instant Potatoes/Rice	Toilet Paper, Tissues
Mac and Cheese	Dish Soap/Clorox
Pre-packaged snacks	All Purpose Cleaners

Special Need

We have several families in need of a car, van or SUV, inspected and in good running condition. For more information, or if you or someone you know are able to help, please call Mary Cosgrove at 610-287-6552.

Client Needs

#187	Girls Clothing, size 6x or 7, Women's: Shirts size XL, pants size 16 or 18	#194	Men's jeans, size 30x32 or 30x34
#104	Blankets, twin size; Everything for a new baby girl	#60	Blankets, full size
# 212	Women clothes, size 3X (22/24)	#66	Adult Female Diapers, Small and Medium
#52	Jeans, size 12; Sneakers, size 9	#179	Girl's clothing, size 3T; Boy's clothing, size 4T



LIFE MINISTRIES

Saint Mary Parish is committed to the promotion and sanctity of all Human Life from the first moment of conception until natural death. Let us together as a parish community stand up and speak loudly and boldly for every person born and unborn.

Rachel's Vineyard: 1-800-395-HELP(4357)

Helpline for Abortion Recovery: 1-866-482-LIFE(5433)

Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Domestic Abuse: 1-866-Safe-014

World Meeting of the Families Prayer

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.



WORLD
MEETING OF
FAMILIES

2015 Philadelphia

May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Words cannot express my gratitude to all the individuals who have helped our parish prepare for this Christmas season during these past weeks. From the decorators, cleaners, repairmen, and installers who helped to make our buildings and campus a beautiful and welcoming place; the school faculty and staff, PREP faculty and staff, confirmation candidates and parish staff who worked tirelessly on all the Advent and Christmas events, the greeters, ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, musicians, sacristans, altar servers, Deacon Don Nichols, Acolyte Dave Kolesky, and Fr. Kean who helped make our liturgies so beautiful; and everyone else who helped to make this season a true celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please know that I love all of you very much and sincerely appreciate your love for St. Mary Parish and everything you do.

*Love and Prayers,
Father Bellopede*