



Church of Saint Mary

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May 17, 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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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

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| Saturday 4:00 p.m. | May 16 The Intentions of Chris Sozda - Mom and Dad |
| Sunday 7:30 a.m. | May 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter Living/Deceased Members of Cicchetti Family - Bill and Maddie McGeeney People of Saint Mary Parish |
| 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. | George Graeber - Family Robert Wunder |
| Monday 9:00 a.m. | May 18 Saint John I In Thanksgiving of Fr. Bellopede's 24th Priestly Anniversary |
| Tuesday 9:00 a.m. | May 19 Easter Weekday Marianne Mikolaitis - Betty Murray and Family |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | May 20 Saint Bernadine of Siena Cong Nguyen, Long Nguyen, Tuyet Nhung Quet Huyen - Hung Vu and Tam Le |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | May 21 Saint Christopher Magallenus Eugene Zandier - The Zandier Family |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | May 22 Saint Rita of Cascia Frederick Cooper - The Pirrall Family |
| Saturday 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. | May 23 Easter Weekday The Intentions of Leon Bernardyn - Peggy Hinson People of Saint Mary Parish |
| Sunday 7:30 a.m. | May 24 Pentecost Sunday Dominique But Vu and Maria Mung Doan - Hung Vu and Tam Le |
| 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. | Mildred SAGRANTZ - her daughter Rose Baker Doris R. Mooney - Mr. Mooney Alexander & Peter Hrynko - Rita Hrynko |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kimberly DiPietro Alexander, Scott Barton, Janelle Bergandino, Mike Bones, Bruno Capobianchi, Danielle Carbo, Dolores Carbo, Lisa Caruso, Suzanne Casazza, Randy Cornell, Teri Daring, Leslie Defrancesco, Isabella Donaghy, Robert Donaghy Sr., Faith Embree, Bill and Charles Fries, Maria Gellis, Robin Gellis, Lois Walter-Hammer, Art Hinson, Richard Hood, Ric Interrante, Joe Jaconski, Debbie Kiester, Catherine King, Frank Larkins, Maryann Lepone, Doris Marsh, Anthony Martin, Joe McGann, Joan Mooney, John Nichols, Bill O'Donnell, Frank and Dianne Ponzio, John Ragg, Walter Righter, Joe Ryan, Morgan Smith, Nancy Stevens, Theresa Stipp, Harry Stumpf, AnnMarie Tate, Nicholas Trojanski, Katherine Veneziano, May Young, Maria Wellis, Beverly Ann and Joseph Zapata, Paul and Dawn Zottoli



If you would like to place someone on the prayer list or those serving our country list, please contact the parish house.

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!

CONFIRMATION AT SAINT MARY PARISH: His Excellency, Archbishop Charles Chaput will be the Principal Celebrant, Homilist and Minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 30 at 11:00am. This should prove to be a very exciting, uplifting and spiritual time in the life of the 106 candidates, for their families and our entire parish community. The last time the Archbishop of Philadelphia visited Saint Mary Parish was in 1984. The Archbishop at that time was His Eminence, John Cardinal Krol. Wow, how exciting to know that we have 106 candidates to be confirmed. Please pray for our candidates!

ORDINATION and ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES: This time of the year for both our deacons and priests is certainly a joyous one. This year the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will have celebrated the Priestly Ordination of 7 new priests on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00am at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul. Our Deacon Ordination, in which our own Dave Kolesky and Eddie Hinson will be ordained to the diaconate, is on Saturday, June 6 at 10:00am at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul. We also are celebrating Deacon and Priestly Anniversaries: Deacon Don will be celebrating his 2nd Anniversary in June, Father Kean will be celebrating his 7th Anniversary this week and I will be celebrating my 24th Anniversary this week. May God continue to bless the Church with many vocations to the diaconate, priesthood and consecrated life.

E-GIVING: I sincerely bring to your attention this option of your Sunday Offering and Donations to Saint Mary Parish. This option of contributing replaces the traditional Sunday envelopes you and your family use each Sunday and it assures Saint Mary Parish reaches its weekly goal even when you are not able to be with us due to vacation, illness, inclement weather, holidays (*like Memorial Day weekend*), etc. It is safe, easy and paperless. Please check it out. Please go to our web site and click the BLUE BOX to the left of the screen which states: PARISH GIVING. Follow the easy step by step directions. If you have any questions regarding E-GIVING please call Mary Beth at the Parish House. I sincerely thank you in advance.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP and SUMMER CAMPS at SAINT MARY PARISH: Mom and Dad please consider having your child(ren) be campers at any of our Summer Camps. There is a nice variety of camps this summer. Please log onto to our Web Site and Click SUMMER CAMPS and register as soon as possible. These camps get filled so fast.

ADORATION CHAPEL: Our Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel is getting a face lift. **Phase One:** Plastering and painting the walls to be smooth (non cinder block). We have painted the walls to match the color in our church so there is a continuity in color. We re-positioned the chapel from a catty-corner look to a straight look. We also re-positioned the tabernacle tower to be placed on the other side of our chapel for a nice balance.

We are presently taking donations for new chairs that will have a kneeler attached in the back of the chair with a book shelf. Please call the Parish House for the suggested donation for each chair. Thank you for your kind consideration!

Have a nice week and a Happy Memorial Day weekend!

Love and prayers,
Father Bellopede

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 16-17

| MASS | CELEBRANT | LECTOR | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | ALTAR SERVERS | MUSIC | SACRISTAN |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 4:00 PM | Fr. Bellopede | Bill Bushey Gail Fulmer | S. Freed, Matthews, Moyer,,Bradbury, Davis, Gdonski | A., E. & R. Grossbauer | Organ/Cantor | Little |
| 7:30 AM | Fr. Badeaux | Sean Chalmers Grace Chalmers | Chalmers, Coneghen, Dewees, Kelly, Kirby, Kosiorek | Kosiorek, A. & J. Redmond | Quiet | Chalmers |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Kean | Sean Chalmers Laura Janis | Cahill, Dyson, Forsyth, Kunz, Saboe, Storti | M. & S. McHugh, Suarez | Organ/Cantor | Chalmers |
| 10:30 AM | Fr. Bellopede | Joe Ardizzi Sophie Ardizzi | McCarron, McHugh, O'Donnell, Pirrall, Brady, Cornely | J., J. & M. Allwein | Organ/Cantor | Chalmers |
| 12:00 PM | Fr. Kean | Paul Black Jan Kolesky | Watt, Hamel, Keller, Klisch, Luckenbach, Lugo | Behrens, Brady, Snyder | Organ/Cantor | Chalmers |

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 23-24

| MASS | CELEBRANT | LECTOR | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | ALTAR SERVERS | MUSIC | SACRISTAN |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 4:00 PM | Fr. Kean | Kim LaGuardia Fran Satalin | Grossbauer, Hines, Hinson, Matthews Moyer, Bradbury | Petro, H. & S. Roberts | Organ/Cantor | Chalmers |
| 7:30 AM | Fr. Badeaux | Hank Fox Patrick Dougherty | McCloskey, McGeeney, Shofran, Whitehead, Zandier, Chalmers | Jacobs, B. & T. Yaglenski | Quiet | Olzinski |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Kean | Deborah Ford John Antosh | Walsh, J. Bickel, M. Bickel, Cahill, Dyson, Forsyth | L. & M. Pelletier, Timlin | Folk Music Ministry | Olzinski |
| 10:30 AM | Fr. Bellopede | Steve Bakey Vivian Schorle | Gentner, Gibson, Longua, McCarron, McHugh, O'Donnell | Bickel, Mazzio, Ondo | Organ/Cantor | Olzinski |
| 12:00 PM | Fr. Bellopede | Anamaria Hazel Kim Mares | Schnaubelt, Watt, Hamel, Klisch, Luckenbach, Lugo | J., M. & N, Bakey | Organ/Cantor | Olzinski |

Memorials

The **Rose For Life** in front of the Blessed Mother statue is in memory of **James J. Kerr** at the request of **Anne M. Kerr and Family**.
 The **Rose for Resurrection** in front of the Saint Joseph statue is in memory of **Emilie Higgins** at the request of **Barb Higgins and Ellen Curcio**.
 The **Vigil Light** in our Chapel burning next to an image of our Blessed Mother is in memory of **John T. Higgins** at the request of **Barb Higgins and Ellen Curcio**.
 The **Sanctuary Lamp** burning next to our tabernacle in our Church is in memory of **Danny Webster** at the request of **his family**.
 The **Sanctuary Lamp** burning next to our tabernacle in our Chapel is in memory of **Walter Young** at the request of **Patricia McMahon**.
 The **Altar Candles** burning on the Altar in our Church this week are in memory of **Anne Dewees O'Meara** at the request of **Tom Dewees**.
 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 thanksgiving and honor of **Richard Webster** at the request of **Mom and siblings**.
 The **Altar Flowers** donated this week are in memory of _____ at the request of _____.

*If you are interested in having Memorials in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish House. Memorials are for one week.
 Donations: Rose for Life, Rose for Resurrection, 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

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| Tim Fitzgerald | Matthew Foley | Jim Gotlewski | Jennifer Foley | Eric Himmel |
| Yaphet Blair | John Walsh | Gerard Pettine | Richard Granzio | Bobby McCall |
| Frank P. Roth | John Weaver | Brian Smith | Sharon Hyland Keyser | Geoff Ostrowski |
| Michael Hood | Jonathan Minkler | Brett R. Karkheck | Ed Loughery Jr. | David Casas |
| David Sinnk | William Ian Holdsworth | Michael Boehret | Jacob McLendon | Shannon D. Revit |
| Brian Dunn | Michael E. Ingram | Joseph Wolf | Ian Keyser | Nick Harris |
| Keith E. Mason | Wayne Cherry, Jr. | George Lockbaum | Michael Regan | Tim Harris |
| Timothy Ryan McGinnis | Kyra Chamberlain | Collin Hamel | Ryan Decker | Jordan Mares |
| 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 | |

PARISH NEWS

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



'God wants us to begin here in the knowledge of His love.' Julian of Norwich. Become a scheduled adorer and spend an hour a week with Jesus. Need adorers for: Sun @ 1:00pm, Mon @ 7:00pm, Tues @ 2:00am, & Wed @ 3:00am. We also need substitutes. Please call MaryKay @ [484-415-0338](tel:484-415-0338).

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE



On Thursday, May 21, 2015, the St. Mary Home and School Association will sponsor its 9th annual Memorial Day Remembrance which is a teaching lesson for St. Mary School students and a time to honor veterans in the community. The event will begin with a parish Mass at 9:00am and the program starting at 10:45am on the parish grounds, with the American flag raised to half-mast to honor those who have died in service to our nation. The program will include the posting/retiring of colors, a flag presentation, the buddy poppy and memorial wreath presentations, winning essayists and other Memorial Day lessons. All are welcome, especially Veterans. Veterans are invited to stay for a special luncheon in their honor. Please RSVP to the St. Mary School office at [610-287-7757](tel:610-287-7757).

CONDOLENCES....

The Church of Saint Mary extends prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Steven Beatty** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, May 7th at 11:00am.

WOMEN'S GROWTH GROUP

Women's Growth Group will meet this Monday, May 18th, from 9:30am - 11:30am in Annex Room 1.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Rose for Life sale earned a profit of \$1400 which will benefit pregnancy and pro-life efforts within our community. A warm thank you to the army of wonderful St. Mary parishioners who helped and supported this sale through efforts and donations!



The Mother's Day breakfast was a great success. Many thanks to all who helped set up, cook, serve and clean up. The food was delicious!

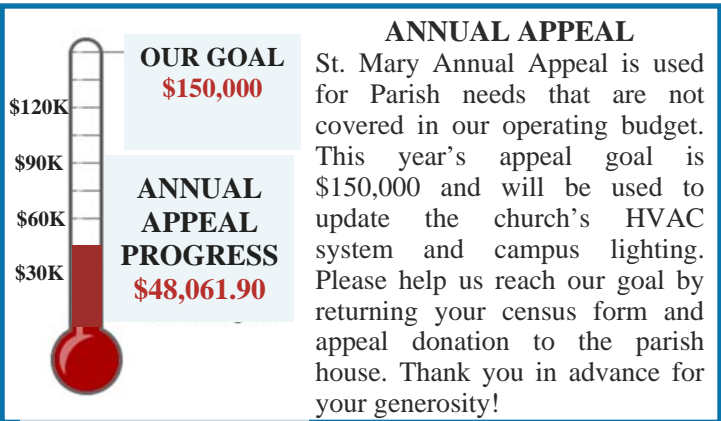
COME MEET THE YOUTH GROUP

Attention All Middle School and High School Teens: You're invited to a "Meet the Youth Group!" night this Sunday, May 17th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall!



Join us for Food, Faith, and fun!

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ANNUAL APPEAL

St. Mary Annual Appeal is used for Parish needs that are not covered in our operating budget. This year's appeal goal is \$150,000 and will be used to update the church's HVAC system and campus lighting. Please help us reach our goal by returning your census form and appeal donation to the parish house. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Next weekend we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and the descent of the Holy Spirit. All parishioners are encouraged to wear red to Mass next weekend.

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF SIN AND ADDICTION

We were created for freedom: the freedom to be in a loving relationship with God the Father. Join us this Thursday as Anthony DeFelice presents our next Patrician's topic - "Breaking the Cycle of Sin and Addiction: To be fully alive in the Father's love" this Thursday, May 21st from 7:00 - 9:00PM in Annex Room 2 with Fr. Bellopede as our Spiritual Director. Learn about the 5 keys of "Unbound" and how we can surrender more deeply and experience the Father's love. Refreshments will be served.

BEREAVEMENT CORNER

If you or someone you know has suffered a loss and would like to talk with a member of our bereavement ministry, please call: Joe or Patti Bluhm at [215-234-4062](tel:215-234-4062), Gail Gallagher at [610-454-7228](tel:610-454-7228) or Saunie Kirby at [610-754-6927](tel:610-754-6927). All calls are confidential.

SCHOOL NEWS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

St. Mary School is now accepting registrations from Pre-School 3 to Grade 8 for the 2015-2016 school year. School districts do provide busing for students in grades K - 8. Come See Us! Call the school office at [610-287-7757](tel:610-287-7757) to register, for more information or to schedule a tour. St. Mary School: Building the Faith, One Child at a Time!

OKLAHOMA!

Hold on to your cowboy hats! The St Mary Catholic School Drama Club invites you to watch their production of G2K Rodgers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma! Saturday May 16th at 7pm and a matinee show on Sunday, May 17th at 2pm. Doors open half an hour before performance. Tickets available at the door for \$5/adult, \$3/child, with a maximum price of \$15/immediate family. Hope to see y'all there!

FINANCIAL FACTS

Collection for May 10, 2014

Week 45

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 May 10.....\$12,958.80

Electronic Funds Transfer (Parish Giving).....\$1,843.00

Over (Under) Target.....(\$3,333.20)

Hands Together Capital Campaign (Blue Envelope)

Mortgage Owed for Catholic Education Center \$1,785,316.82

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

Collection for Weekend of May 10.....\$641.00

Over (Under) Target.....(\$1,215.00)

Total Collected To Date.....\$777,320.36

Total Envelopes Mailed.....704

Total Envelopes Used.....317

Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt.....\$791,559.00

Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope).....\$320.00

New Debt Total.....\$791,239.00

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE AND SAINT RITA SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Travel as pilgrims to the Miraculous Medal Shrine and the Saint Rita Shrine in Philadelphia on Thursday, May 28, 2015. Bus departs from Saint Maria Goretti at 7:00 AM or Corpus Christi at 7:20 AM and returns around 4:00PM. Tour the Miraculous Medal Museum and the shrine itself, then journey to the Shrine of Saint Rita to celebrate Mass, venerate her relic, and tour the shrine and upper church. Free time allotted for personal prayer, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a visit to the Shrine's Gift Shop. Cost is \$60.00 per person and includes lunch. Pre-registration and pre-payment are necessary. Payment is non-refundable but is transferable to another person. Please register through mail; no phone or e-mail registrations will be accepted. Please print a registration form from the Adult Faith Formation Page of parish website at either Corpus Christi Parish www.corpuschristilansdale.org or Saint Maria Goretti Parish www.stmariagoretti.net. For more information please contact Angela McClellan at [215-721-0199](tel:215-721-0199) (Ext. 202) or corpuschristiaff@yahoo.com.

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.pacrimvictims.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!

Paper, Cleaning

Napkins, Paper towels

Toilet Paper, Tissues

Dish Soap/Clorox

All Purpose Cleaners

Health

Hand Soap

Deodorant

Shampoo/Conditioner

Toothbrush, Toothpaste

Cereal, Grain, Snacks

Cereal

Instant Potatoes/Rice

Mac and Cheese

Pre-packaged snacks

Jelly

Extra Vegetables from Gardens

Canned Food, Soups

Hearty Soups

Canned Ravioli

Canned Fruits/Veggies

Canned Tuna

Pork and Beans

Pasta Sauce

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

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| 245 | Twin or Full Size bed frame, box spring and mattress | #52 | Women's jeans, size 12; jogging pants, size 12-14; and new sneakers size 9; men's jeans, size 42/30 |
| #187 | Almost new or gently used refrigerator | #66 | Adult Female Diapers, Small and Medium |
| #248 | Full size bed frame, Boxe spring and mattress | #2 | Everything for a new baby boy |



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

Pregnancy Hotline: 1 (800) 712-HELP

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!



GIVING HOPE 2015



After carefully evaluating their options, Mick was enrolled in Our Lady of Confidence and the Hanes have not looked back.



MICK HANES AND OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE DAY SCHOOL

Courtney and Christopher Hanes' elation at the birth of their second child, Mick, was soon tempered by the realization that he had Down syndrome. Like all parents confronted with such news, their minds raced with concern for his future.

Knowing that Mick would face unique challenges, they worked hard to find out how to give him not only the kind of education that would prepare him for life, but one that would also give him the Catholic identity that is so important to their family. According to his pre-school teacher's evaluation, Mick needed to be in a school where he felt loved and where he could be taught and given the tools to excel. They found exactly that at Our Lady of Confidence Day School.

After carefully evaluating their options, Mick was enrolled in Our Lady of Confidence and the Hanes have not looked back. More than merely teaching them basic life skills for independence, Our Lady of Confidence teaches Mick and his classmates functional academics, such as reading, math, telling time and understanding money. In addition, the program includes occupational and physical therapy, speech and language therapy, music and art. Exposure to technology and current events helps Mick understand and appreciate the world around him.

Plus, of course, the school guides him spiritually and emotionally.

Now 11 years old, Mick has found a sense of belonging and pride at Our Lady of Confidence. He loves being there with his friends and with teachers who love him. Mick brings his parents great joy every day whenever he reads something new or shares what he learned in school. He recently showed his reading prowess at a restaurant. When his parents wanted him to order fish and chips, he pointed out that chicken fingers and French fries were also on the menu.

Without the support of the Catholic Charities Appeal, Our Lady of Confidence would not be able to provide Mick and his classmates the one-of-a-kind education that they receive. And parents like Courtney and Christopher would have nowhere to send a child like Mick for both the special education he needs and the Catholic identity they want for him. Your generosity to the Catholic Charities Appeal tells the Hanes family and many others like them, that they are not alone.

The Catholic Charities Appeal is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important fundraising initiative. The 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal: **GIVING HOPE** continues to build on last year's success and reach out to the entire Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia
100 North 20th Street, Suite 301
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All gifts to the 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal will be acknowledged by His Excellency Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. and are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please consult with your tax advisor on the tax treatment of all gifts, as they may vary from individual to individual.

Make your secure payment, pledge or gift online today at: catholiccharitiesappeal.org

For more information on ways to make a gift please call Sarah O. Hanley, Director of Development and Fundraising Services, at 215.587.5650 or email cca@catholicfoundationphila.org