

Memorial Day

May 30, 2016



The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

~ 1 John 3:16

To those who courageously gave their lives
and those who bravely fight today ~
We Thank You!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 28	Catherine Ruhl & Intentions of Kristen Seddon - Paul Groh
4:00 p.m.		
Sunday	May 29	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
7:30 a.m.		Living/Deceased Members of the Cicchetti Family - Bill & Maddie McGeeney
9:00 a.m.		People of Saint Mary Parish
10:30 a.m.		Peggy Hinson's Birthday - Deacon Ed Hinson
12:00 p.m.		Living/Deceased Members of Kees & Hinson Families - Peggy
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day
9:00 a.m.		Cynthia Curcio - Virginia Donnelly
Tuesday	May 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m.		Steven Beatty - Steve & Marianne Saboe
Wednesday	June 1	Saint Justin
9:00 a.m.		Abbie & William Johnston - Gail Schlanser
Thursday	June 2	Saint Marcellinus and Peter
9:00 a.m.		Living/Deceased Members of the Zandier Family - Mike & Jeanne Zandier
Friday	June 3	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 a.m.		Dorothy Anderson - J. Swantek
Saturday	June 4	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m.		Intentions of the Paznokas Family - A Friend
4:00 p.m.		Rosalie Palmer
Sunday	June 5	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m.		John & Anna Cassidy - Mary Farrell
9:00 a.m.		Joe Hufnagle - Spychalsky Family
10:30 a.m.		People of Saint Mary Parish
12:00 p.m.		Albert Kershetsky - Leon & Sharon Bernardyn

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kimberly DiPietro Alexander, Kay Allerton, Christina Altieri, Scott Barton, Pat Beauchamp, Janelle Bergandino, Leon Bernardyn, Fred Bickel, Walter Borzok, Bill Brooks, Laura Brumbaugh, Vilma Brumbaugh, Marge Burghart, Bruno Capobianchi, Danielle Carbo, Dolores Carbo, Luke Carroll, Lisa Caruso, Suzanne Casazza, Mike Christie, Larry Conway, John Cooper, Randy Cornell, Teri Daring, Leslie DeFrancesco, Diana DeSantis, Jeffrey DiPietro, Louis DiTanna, Madeline Dobbs, Isabella Donaghy, Robert Donaghy Sr., Susan Elizabeth Eggert, Faith Embree, Robert Erwin, Richard Espenship, Dorothy Fenyus, John P Fitzpatrick, Erica Fox, Bill and Charles Fries, Colt Girard Gallagher, Patrick Gardenier, Maria Gellis, Robin Gellis, Carmella & Joseph Gimber, Bethany Gresh, Lois Walter-Hammer, Art Hinson, Gary Hobson, Richard Hood, Esther Hopkins, Charlotte Frances Hvorecky, Joe Jaconski, Carol Kern, Robert Kindermann, Catherine King, Carisa Koziol, Frank Larkins, Theresa Leichner, Maryann Lepone, Sharon Lutz, Carol Lynd, Doris Marsh, Anthony Martin, Joe McGann, Matthew McGann, Nancy McGoldrick, Bill McHugh, Matthew McNamee, Joan Mooney, Elizabeth Myers, Maggie Nosek, Bill O'Donnell, Dot Plower, Frank and Dianne Ponzio, Rick Porter, John Ragg, Walter Righter, Dawn Rush, Joe Ryan, Brendan Saboe Jr., Dolores Santorusso, Susan Schnaubelt, Logan Shaner, Helen Shekalis, John Shofran, Nick Simeo, Morgan Smith, Anthony Stevens, Nancy Stevens, Harry Stumpf, Fran Szewczak, AnnMarie Tate, Florence Techman, Donna M. Thompson, Nicholas Trojanski, Ed Urick, Maggie Veneziale, Katherine M. Veneziano, Jessalynn Walsh, Joe Windfelder, May Young, Molly Weidemoyer, Maria Wellis, Jeanne Zandier, Beverly Ann and Joseph Zapata, Paul and Dawn Zottoli

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,
A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS AND ALL WHO ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY! Please know we are very happy you have decided to worship with us today. You are most welcomed and loved! If you need any type of service or ministry please do not hesitate to call or email me or one of the members of our staff. We are happy to serve you!



SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY/ALUMNI GATHERING:

On Friday, November 25, as you are aware, we are celebrating our 55th Anniversary of Saint Mary Catholic School as well as an Alumni Celebration. You can say it is a dual celebration. So, the event is for our alumni since we opened our doors in 1961 and it is an event for the Parish to celebrate that we have a Parochial School in 2016. Isn't that an accomplishment? We are not a Regional School, we are a PARISH SCHOOL! Not many parishes can make that statement!!! However, I need your help. Can you please go to this link: <http://www.smsk-8.org/OurSchool/Alumni.html> and give us current information of former students (graduates or not) of Saint Mary School? We need to contact these important people. This is our hardest task for this celebration: *FINDING WHERE EVERYONE HAS GONE and placing their CONTACT INFORMATION in our user friendly site. Can you help us out, please?* This will be another great celebration for us and the alumni. **NO, THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER! ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!** This is a FUN-RAISER! We want to celebrate our PAST, be grateful for our PRESENT and be full of hope for our FUTURE! I would love our Parish Hall to be filled with people laughing, eating and sharing stories and memories of Saint Mary School. I cannot do this without your help. Please encourage alums to visit our site and submit their contact information to us. Thank you in advance!

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAY FOR US: was above the MAIN ALTAR in our old church. We would like to add this phrase in our new church. Can you help? This phrase will be placed above the mural of Our Lady of the Angels located in our main vestibule, seen immediately when you enter into our beautiful church. Next to this mural will be placed painted "fluted columns" on each side. If you wish to help please call the Parish House and speak to Mary Beth O'Connor, Parish Business Manager. I deeply appreciate any assistance you wish to make for this new addition to our beautiful church.

MEMORIAL DAY: Tomorrow we celebrate Memorial Day (the unofficial start of the Summer). It is a time to remember and pray for all the fallen men and women who have served our country and gave us the freedom we enjoy. Before you begin your day with family and friends please stop by Church and attend our 9:00AM Mass.



SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD: will meet on Thursday, June 2 in the library of our Catholic Education Center (School).

PARISH MASTER CALENDAR 2016-2017: Reminder to all leaders, heads, presidents of our ministries, organizations, adult faith formation, PREP, School and CYO to submit your Dates and Facilities Use Form to Sandi Olzinski, Parish Secretary in order for your meetings, gatherings and events to be "booked and reserved" for the date requested. Please also submit time "before and after" to set up and clean up. Thank you so very much!

KINDERGARTEN "MOVE UP" CELEBRATION: On Friday, June 3, the Kindergarten Class of Saint Mary School will attend the 9:00AM Mass followed by a SKIT in the Parish Hall in celebration of their MOVE UP DAY to the First Grade. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



Have a nice week, everyone!

Love & prayers,
Fr. Bellopede

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 28-29

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Bellopede	S.J. McCurdy Kip Falconero	S. Freed, Davis, Gdonski, Grossbauer, Hinson, Matthews	H., J. & K. Goudsward	Organ/Cantor	Bakey
7:30 AM	Fr. Kean	Patrick Dougherty Sean Chalmers	Kosiorek, McCloskey, McGeeney, Shofran, Whitehead, Zandier	A., K. & T. Bryant	Quiet	Kosiorek
9:00 AM	Fr. Kean	John Antosh Jennett Fassnacht	Bakey, Dyson, Forsyth, Kunz, Storti, Walsh	J. & N. Bakey, Dougherty	Children's Choir	Kosiorek
10:30 AM	Fr. Bellopede	Kathy Blum Deirdre Camilleri	Longua, McCarron, McHugh, O'Donnell, Pirrall, Rodzewich	Goetz, M. & M. Hughes	Organ/Cantor	Kosiorek
12:00 PM	Fr. Bellopede	Kim Mares Anamaria Hazel	Keller, Luckenbach, Lugo, Schnaubelt, Glackin, Hamel	G., N. & T. John	Organ/Cantor	Kosiorek

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE 4-5

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Kean	Tony Rhuberg Damon Lees	Moyer, Swantek, Bushey, Davis, F. Freed, Grossbauer	A. & R. Grossbauer, Lees	Organ/Cantor	Kosiorek
7:30 AM	Fr. Kean	Cathy Watters Bob Paolucci	Bradbury, Chalmers, Coneghen, Dewees, Kelly, Kirby	George, Kosiorek, Neff	Quiet	Roth
9:00 AM	Fr. Bellopede	Laura Janis Joe Cahill	Bakey, Bickel, Forsyth, Kunz, Storti, Walsh	Bickel, Timlin, Vu	Folk Music Ministry	Roth
10:30 AM	Fr. Bellopede	Karen Mazzio Steve Bakey	Saboe, Bintner, Brady, Cornely, Donaghy, Gentner	Klisch, Lugo, Mazzio	Acclaim	Roth
12:00 PM	Fr. Bellopede	Tom Walsh Steve Imms	Keller, Klisch, Luckenbach, Lugo, Schnaubelt, Smart	McCafferty, H. & S. Roberts	Spirit Choir	Roth

Memorials

The **Rose For Life** in front of the Blessed Mother statue is in memory of **Dolores & Tobias Guy** at the request of **Pat McMahon**.
 The **Rose for Resurrection** in front of the Saint Joseph statue is in memory of **William & Mary Hufnell** at the request of **Betty Murray & Family**.
 The **Vigil Light** in our Chapel burning next to an image of our Blessed Mother is in honor of **Joni & Jim Rembisz**.
 The **Sanctuary Lamp** burning next to our tabernacle in our Church is in memory of **Ronald Hummel** at the request of **The Burke Family**.
 The **Sanctuary Lamp** burning next to our tabernacle in our Chapel is in memory of **Andrew "Sonny" Adamcik** at the request of **The Hripto Brothers**.
 The **Altar Candles** burning on the Altar in our Church this week are in memory of **Walter Wojcik** at the request of **son Michael & Family**.
 The **Altar Candles** burning on the Altar in our Chapel this week are in honor of **Deacon Don & Linda Nichols** at the request of **Rose & Danielle**.
 The **Altar Bread and Wine** donated this week is in memory of **Ralph Ewall II** at the request of **Daniel & Rebecca Reo**.
 The **Altar Flowers** donated this week are in honor of **Chester & Romaine Plevyak's 65th Wedding Anniversary** at the request of **Sandy, John & Chris**.

*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

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
Jonathan Minkler	Brett R. Karkheck	David Casas	Eric Roy	Matthew Bulen
David Sinnk	William Ian Holdsworth	Michael Boehret	Jacob McLendon	David Capobianchi
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	Molly Winters
Ryan Nolan	David Gentner	Charles Joseph Maloney III	Eric Funk	Brianna Carroll
Madeline Augustine	Bridgette Augustine	Thomas Fisher	Kevin K. O'Malley	
Albert Joseph Augustine	Tim Murray	Matthew Dager	Kyle Kearney	
Blaise Fontaine	Andrew Schnaubelt	Tom Gutherman	Kyle Houchins	
Kayla Carroll	Shawn O'Connor	Jackie Perrie	Brian Murray	
Fr. David A. Daigle	Brian Sinclair	Aaron Hart	Alexander Klobusicky	

PARISH NEWS

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



'I am making my retreat with the Eucharistic Heart. I am on fire, burning with the desire to love God and to bring others to love Him.' ~ Bl. Dina Belanger. Please help us fill these hours: Tues @ 8:00AM & 11:00AM, Fri @ 5:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM, Sat @ 8:00AM. We also NEED substitutes, especially for the morning hours. Please call MaryKay @ [484-415-0338](tel:484-415-0338).

SAINT MARY BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Mary is again partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Monday, June 6, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM in our Parish Hall. Those of us blessed with good health can share that blessing by donating blood. Your donation will enable a premature baby to survive, a cancer patient to be treated, an accident victim to live or a transplant candidate to have a life-giving surgery. As our Holy Father Pope Francis has said: "Like the Good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try to heal them with concrete acts of love". Please join us, along with your neighbors and friends, to help save lives. Contact us at StMarysBloodDrive@comcast.net or contact Mark Garrett at [610-306-7714](tel:610-306-7714) to schedule a donation appointment.



WELCOME.....

and God's Blessings on **Vivienne Frances Nicholson** who was baptized by Father Kean on Sunday, May 22nd.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2016 IS "FARM-TASTIC!"

In Barnyard Roundup Vacation Bible Camp (VBC), your child will learn that Jesus gathers us together! Come along with us as we explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him, sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Camp is open to all children ages 4 through 9. VBC runs from June 20th to June 24th, from 8:45am – 12 noon. Registration forms can be found online at www.churchofsaintmary.org and click on Barnyard Roundup. Return the completed form to the Religious Education Office by June 1st. For additional information contact Kathy at [610-287-8156](tel:610-287-8156), or e-mail kwaz@churchofsaintmary.org.

CYO NEWS

Congratulations to the new CYO Board for the 2016/2017 School Year:

Kevin Bryant - Chief Adult Advisor
Marty Klisch - Varsity Athletic Director
Rob Caparella - JV Athletic Director
Robin John - Spiritual Advisor
Kim DiMaio - Treasurer
Janine Mahoney - Secretary

Pam Grauer - Fundraising/Spirit Wear Chairperson
Karin Flanagan - Advertising/Social Media Chairperson
Kris Kessler - Kitchen Chairperson

Many thanks to the outgoing board members, Karen Mazzio and Carol Munz, for their service as board members the past two years. Thank you also to all the coaches, team moms, parents and of course the students who helped to make Saint Mary CYO the successful program it continues to be.

Congratulations to the winners of the Varsity CYO Christian Athlete Award for the 2015/2016 school year.

Boys Basketball – Michael Allwein, Ronnie Baker and Matt Comiciotto
Girls Basketball – Natalie Corrado and Kelly O'Brien
Girls Field Hockey – Victoria Cervantes
Golf – Kevin Kessler
Soccer – Abigail Yarrison
Track – Grace Brady

Fall sports registrations for St Mary's CYO will be open as of June 1st. Fall sports include girls field hockey, co-ed soccer, cross country, boys football and, new this year, girls volleyball. For information please visit the CYO webpage at <http://smsk-8.org/Activities/CYO.html>.

Our year-end closing Mass will be held on June 5th at the 10:30 am Mass. All CYO athletes are encouraged to attend. There will be a fall sports registration signup immediately following Mass in the parish hall.

The CYO JV Banquet will be held on Sunday June 5th from 6-8pm. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Please email kcmazzio@cs.com to register prior to June 1st.

YOUTH GROUP SPIRIT NIGHTS!

Mark your calendar and show your support for our Youth Group by participating in their Spirit Nights at the following local eateries:

- ◆ Thursday, June 2nd at Dairy Queen, 345 Main Street, Harleysville - 25% of sales donated
- ◆ Thursday, June 9th at Ortino's Northside, 1355 Gravel Pike, Perkiomenville - choose any of their Mexican specials and \$2 for each entrée will be donated
- ◆ Sunday, June 12th at Ortino's Northside, 1355 Gravel Pike, Perkiomenville - \$2 for each 8oz. deluxe burger purchased will be donated

All proceeds will offset the bus transportation costs to the Youth Conference in Steubenville, OH.

FINANCIAL FACTS

Collection for May 22, 2016

Week 47

Weekend Collection (Weekly Offering Envelopes)

Target Needed for the 15-16 Fiscal Year.....\$962,000.00
 Weekly Target Needed for 15-16 Fiscal Year.....\$18,500.00
Collection for Weekend of May 22.....\$13,982.00
 Electronic Funds Transfer (Parish Giving).....\$2,044.83
 Over (Under) Target.....(\$2,473.17)

Hands Together Capital Campaign (Blue Envelope)

Target Needed for the 15-16 Fiscal Year.....\$96,512.00
 Mortgage Owed for Catholic Education Center \$1,701,667.19
 Weekly Target Needed\$1,856.00
Collection for Weekend of May 22.....\$618.65
 Over (Under) Target.....(\$1,237.35)

Total Collected To Date.....\$823,545.55
 Total Envelopes Mailed.....803
 Total Envelopes Used.....313

Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt.....\$773,549.00
 Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope).....\$210.00
 New Debt Total.....\$773,339.00

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 Saint Mary Church 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

PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, PA welcomes all to its inaugural Mass and festival to honor St. Pio Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio", on Saturday and Sunday June 25th and 26th. The two-day event will be highlighted by a Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 12:30pm Mass celebrated by Fr. Pio Mandato, F.M.H.J., followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. The festivities continue with a healing service with confessions, a children's pavilion, musical entertainment and several ethnic food and craft vendors. Plenty of free parking is available, pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.

ABBEYFEST NIGHT OF WORSHIP

St. Eleanor Parish is hosting an "Abbeyfest Night of Worship" on Saturday, June 11th from 7:30-9:00PM in the main church. Father Moriconi and Abbeyfest's FireHill Worship will be leading the night of praise, worship and Eucharistic Adoration! Please be sure to mark your calendars and share this with your family and friends!

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!

Cereal, Grain, Snacks

Cereal
 Instant Potatoes/Rice
 Mac and Cheese
 Pre-packaged snacks
 Jelly

Canned Food, Soups

Hearty Soups
 Pasta Sauce
 Canned Fruits/Veggies
 Canned Tuna
 Pork and Beans

Paper, Cleaning

Napkins, Paper towels
 Toilet Paper, Tissues
 Dish Soap/Clorox
 All Purpose Cleaners

Health

Hand Soap
 Deodorant
 Shampoo/Conditioner
 Toothbrush, Toothpaste

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

#1	Men's shirts and sweatpants; size extra-large	#66	Adult Female Diapers, Small and Medium
			Diapers; size 3, 4, 5, 6



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 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

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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 1-888-800-8780.



PHILADELPHIA ZOO TRIP

St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center will be running a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo on Sunday, June 26th. Bus leaves from the Catholic Family Life Center at 11:00 AM and returns around 5:00 PM. Cost is \$30 per adult and \$26 per child ages 2-11. Cost includes transportation and entrance into the zoo. For more information or to register go to www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com or call 215-679-2237.

Meet the Saint Mary Pastoral Council Nominees



Jim Allen

My name is Jim Allen. I am a retired army officer. After twenty years of military service I taught college for nineteen years. My wife, Linda, and I have lived in Schwenksville for the past nine years. We are the parents of two adults who each have a family with one child. Six years ago I began participating in Adoration at Saint Mary even though I was not a Catholic. The Adoration experience convinced me to attend the classes for Catholic formation the next year. I joined Saint Mary Catholic Church the following Easter. I now feel that I should be doing more for Saint Mary and wish to become a member of the Pastoral Council.



Victoria Bluhm

My name is Victoria Bluhm. I have been a member of St. Mary's Parish for eleven years. I am one of four children and daughter to two great parents. I am active in the Spirit Choir and have also served in the Legion of Mary and participate in the bi-annual blood drive every June and December. I grew up in Westminster Maryland and was a member of St. John's Parish where I was active in youth groups, including Lifeteen. I love St. Mary's. It has been a true home for my family and myself, particularly in our hardest trials, our parish family has always been there. I would love a chance to further serve my parish family on our Pastoral Council.



Dawn Brown

Hello, my name is Dawn Brown, I have been a member of St. Mary parish for five years. I am a widow, I have one daughter who is married and lives in Texas, and one precious grandson, who is the love of my life. My education is in nursing and Speech and Communication. I am one of the leaders of our prayer group, and am the recording secretary for St. Mary School Advisory Board. I have always been happy to volunteer, I served as a nurse at the Free Clinic, and as president of the hospital auxiliary, and a board member in DuBois, PA. Our community at St. Mary's is such a blessing to me. I would be happy to serve this wonderful community as a member of St. Mary Pastoral Council.



Kip Falconero

My name is Peter "Kip" Falconero. I was born and raised in Conshohocken, attending SS Cosmas and Damian Church and school. I've been married to my wife Ali for 39 years. We have attended St. Mary for 3 years and are thrilled to be here. The devotion and warmth of everyone has been such a blessing. I am a lector, and a catechist on the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team. I am interested in adult faith formation as I believe it is important not only for new Catholics, but also life long Catholics, to know their faith, to grow closer to God and share it with others. It is an honor to be nominated and considered for the Pastoral Council.



Andrea Gdonski

My name is Andrea Gdonski. I'm a single, hard working woman and have been a parishioner of St. Mary with my family since 1988. Ever since our first time walking in, we always felt like we were "HOME" and still feel that way to this day. I have been part of Eucharistic Adoration since the beginning and I pray my own rosary every day. I participate in many 5ks, 10ks, and have even done 11 half-marathons. I am determined and disciplined and willing to help on the council to provide new and exciting ideas to bring to the church, maybe even a 5k! I saw this quote and found it very fitting: "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'."



Jeff Goudsward

My name is Jeff Goudsward. I have been married to my wife Mary for 22 years and have eight (yes eight!) wonderful children. I have been a member of St. Mary Parish for 15 years. Although raised Protestant, I converted to the Faith in 1998 and my spiritual life has blossomed since then. I have become involved in a number of organizations, including the Christian Family Movement (CFM), the Knights of Columbus and Perpetual Adoration (a personal favorite!). I have assisted my wife Mary with teaching Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Mass on Sundays as well as 3rd Grade PREP. I previously served as a member of the Pastoral Council, an experience that truly helped me grow in my understanding of the Faith while working to make the Parish better and stronger. I would love to have this opportunity again. Thank you for your consideration.



Mary Goudsward

My name is Mary Goudsward and if you attend the 10:30 Mass, I am a familiar face to you, as I am the one leading the Children's Liturgy of the Word every weekend! My husband and I have been very active members of St. Mary Parish for 15 years. We have been married for 22 years and have 8 children, ranging in age from 19 to 5. I was born, raised and educated in Central PA, and have always been active in parish life. I have been a scheduled adorer for 14 years. This coming year marks my 10th year teaching 3rd grade in our PREP program. My family and I are also members of the Christian Family Movement (CFM). I would love an opportunity to become even more active in our Parish by becoming a member of the Pastoral Council, and I appreciate your consideration for the position



Ghada Haddad

I am blessed and honored to be nominated to St. Mary Pastoral Council. My name is Ghada Haddad. I am currently employed by Merck & Co. as their Global Quality Risk Management Director. I have a degree in Chemistry and an MBA. My family and I moved to Schwenksville in 2013 from Portland, OR where I served as an Extraordinary Minister at Saint Juan Diego Church. My husband Jamil and I have two daughters, Christina 20, and Isabella 11. I am motivated by a desire to help the church grow and to help others grow in their faith. I believe if chosen to be a Pastoral Council Member, I will be a discernor with the ability to make decisions guided by a firm faith filled hand open to the Holy Spirit, a true parish representative in the way I will listen to fellow parishioners and present ideas to mold the future of the parish.



Mike Mazzio

My name is Mike Mazzio. My wife Karen and I have been parishioners of St. Mary Parish since 1995. We have four children, all of whom have attended St. Mary School and will graduate from PJP II High School. I am originally from South Philadelphia and graduated from St Thomas Aquinas grade school and Bishop Neumann High School. We have been blessed to be part of this community for many years and have enjoyed watching our children grow alongside of their many friends and classmates. We have also come to know many great families through our involvement in the parish and continue to learn from all of them. I recognize how very fortunate we are and appreciate the experiences we have had by being part of such a strong community at St. Mary's. I would hope to build on these experiences by being part of the Pastoral Council and continue the legacy of this great community of faith.

Elections Next Weekend ~ June 4th & 5th