Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

40 Spring Mount Road ✝ Schwenksville, PA 19473

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Monday - Saturday
9:00 a.m.

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Anticipated Sunday Mass
Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Confession Schedule

Saturday Morning
9:30 a.m to 10:00 a.m.

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Saturday Afternoon
2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

To schedule a confession contact
solzinski@churchofsaintmary.org

Reverend James M. Cox
Pastor

Saint Mary 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.

Office Center Staff & Hours

Reverend James M. Cox — *Pastor*
frcox@churchofsaintmary.org

Reverend Charles J. McElroy — *Pastor Emeritus*

Monsignor Gerard C. Mesure — *Weekend Assistant*

Deacon Donald O. Nichols — *Permanent Deacon*
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Deacon Peter Burghart — *Retired Permanent Deacon*

Mrs. Mary Beth O'Connor — *Director of Operations/ Business Manager*
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solzinski@churchofsaintmary.org

Ms. Peggy Hinson — *Head Sacristan*

Ms. Nadine Keller — *Campus Custodian*

Parish Office Center
Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PREP Staff & Hours

Mrs. Mary Goudsward — *Coordinator, Religious Education; Principal of PREP*
mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org

Mr. John Coen — *Campus Security*

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
610-287-8156 (Day) † 484-522-0330 (Evening)

PREP Classes: 1st thru 7th Level (Sept. - May)
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Monday or Tuesday

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday 10:30am Mass from October - April

Saint Mary School Staff & Hours

Mr. Philip Repko — *Principal, Saint Mary School*
prepko@smsk-8.org

Mrs. Anne DeSantis — *Chair, Board of Limited Jurisdiction*

Mrs. Geneviève Giampa — *Director of Advancement*
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Ms. Elizabeth Pastorius — *Saint Mary School Secretary*
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Saint Mary Catholic School
610-287-7757 † Website: smsk-8.org
Office Hours
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parish Services

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

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of each month immediately following the Noon Mass. Contact the Parish Office Center to schedule.

Sacrament of Marriage
Parishioners must contact the Parish Office Center 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 notify the Parish Office Center for arrangements.

Sponsor Certificates
Certificates are needed in order to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor. To be eligible you:

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Must have received the sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation
- If married, must have been married in a Catholic Church or a Convalidation Ceremony
- Must be a registered and active member of Saint Mary Parish.

Please call the Parish Office Center at least 1 month in advance of date needed.

Evangelization Resource Center Hours:
Saturdays: Before and after 4pm Mass
Sundays: 8am-12pm

SCRIP Gift Card Program
Call the Parish Office Center for information on this program.

The Unbegun Life -- DALE AHLQUIST

A long time ago, even before the Dark Ages — we're talking about the 1970's, the Stoned Age — when I was in Junior High, I stood up in an English class and gave a speech against abortion.

I was a long way off from being a Catholic, but I was a devout Evangelical Christian, and I knew that abortion was wrong on all counts and simply could not be justified. The U.S. Supreme Court had just handed down its grim decision in the *Roe v. Wade* case, and I think the country was reeling. It just didn't seem possible that what had happened could ever happen. The people in favor of legalized abortion were a loud and unpleasant minority, and suddenly they had won.

But the argument was not over. Already the controversialist, I plunged into the controversy, and I did it controversially. There I was giving my speech, and I used as a visual aid ... an actual unborn baby. That's right. My father was a high school biology teacher, and occasionally the county coroner would give him a fetus in jar, the result of a pregnant mother being killed in unusual circumstances. My father had three or four of them and used them in an advanced biology class to show the stages of pre-natal development. They were never on public display. Incredibly, he let me borrow one for my speech. Obviously and for any number of reasons, this is not something anyone could get away with today: a junior high student in a public school giving a formal presentation against abortion and showing the class a jar with an unborn baby inside.

But it was effective.

I had listed all the reasonable arguments why abortion is wrong, but the climax was pulling the jar out of a paper bag and holding it up. "This is a human being."

I still needed an ending to my speech. I closed by saying, "In the words of the poet: 'Never fear that your life might come to an end; rather fear that it should have no beginning.'"

The students all applauded, and it was pretty clear that I had won the debate that day. My opponent reluctantly congratulated me, but she said "the bit with the baby was below the belt." (Did I mention we were dating? Did I add that we broke up?)

The only thing the teacher said was, "Who was the poet?"

I replied, "I don't know. I got the quote off a poster hanging in my bedroom."

The poster in my room showed the silhouette of a young man leaning in obvious despair against the limb of a leafless tree, set against a barren sky.

For reasons that I am about to explain, I was thinking about this quotation the other day and wondering if there really was a poet behind it, or if its entire literary life was on a 1970's poster. So I did some research. Imagine my surprise when I learned that the actual quote comes from — no, it wasn't G.K. Chesterton — it comes from the recently canonized John Henry Newman. Pretty interesting. Turns out I was quoting a Catholic. It is originally rendered as: "Fear not that life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning."

Though the line is not from Chesterton, who wrote a lovely poem called "By the Babe Unborn," there's a paradox here worthy of Chesterton. Your life has to have begun in order for you to have the fear that it won't begin. But it is a fear you should have.

What is the Unbegun Life?

I thought of this recently when I was talking with a couple that I've known a long time. They had a very un-merry Christmas. Their son has been on a steady path of self-destruction for most of his 35 years. Even as a child he was reckless in his behavior, regularly injured because of taking thoughtless risks, and never taking responsibility for his actions. When his face was bleeding from having fallen on it, it was always someone else's fault. As he grew up, he was a million excuses waiting to be made for his many non-accomplishments, or rather anti-accomplishments. He studiously avoided his schoolwork so that he managed to put nothing into his head. He spent hours playing video games. He never developed any of the disciplines that would have afforded him mental, intellectual, philosophical or artistic satisfaction, but he only pursued physical stimulation. After several years of this, he has become a violent drunk, unable to hold a job, unable to take care of himself. He begs and steals, then gets bombed and breaks things, sobers up, feels sorry, sort of, then does it again.

His life could end this way. And that would be tragic. But the real tragedy is that his life has never begun. He has never actually started living. On the one hand, he is a product of an education system that does not teach truth, beauty and goodness, leaving him nothing to do but grope after the shallow substitutes of the artificial, of glamor and glitter and instant gratification. On the other hand, he is a representative of the abortion generation that has been taught that there are no consequences for your actions. In either case, there is no meaning, only misery. And he is miserable. And there are millions like him, whose life has never begun.

As we pray for the end of abortion, let's also pray for the abortion generation that has been doubly cheated out of the beginnings of their lives. If the first chapter hasn't been written, then neither has the last.

MASS Intentions

Saturday	**October 1**
4:00 p.m.	Brendan W. Saboe's 6th Anniversary - Mom, Dad & son, Andrew
Sunday	**October 2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Aaron Meister - Meister Family
10:30 a.m.	Michael Creeden - Mary Creeden
12:00 p.m.	Edward Woods - Monica Luckenbach
Monday	**October 3 Weekday**
9:00 a.m.	Robert Swantek Jr. & Dorothy Anderson - Swantek Family
Tuesday	**October 4 Saint Francis of Assisi**
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Deacon Ed Hinson - sister, Peggy
Wednesday	**October 5 Saint Faustine Kowalska & Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Bill & Maddie McGeeney - William & Kaitlyn McGeeney
Thursday	October 6 Saint Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Linda Allen - Deb Ford
Friday	**October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary**
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Dorinda Hevener - Pirrall Family
Saturday	**October 8 BVM**
9:00 a.m.	Rose Gaudiosi - Susan Paznokas
4:00 p.m.	James Murphy - Peggy & Deacon Ed Hinson
Sunday	**October 9 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Chris & Deb Ford's Anniversary
10:30 a.m.	John & Margaret DeStefano, Cyril & Elizabeth Seddon, & Frances Piacitelli - Kristen Seddon
12:00 p.m.	Frederick H. Geller - Geller Family

Weekly Memorial Intentions

CHURCH

Rose For Life
In memory of **John Maloney**
Requested by **Nancy & Joe Malecki & Family**

Rose for Resurrection
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Sanctuary Lamp
In honor of **Carla McWilliams**
Requested by **Mom, Louise Capaldi**

Altar Candles
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Altar Bread and Wine
In memory of **Brendan Coughlin's Birthday**
Requested by **his loving family**

Altar Flowers
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

CHAPEL

Vigil Light
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Sanctuary Lamp
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Altar Candles
In memory of **John Maloney**
Requested by **Karen Cwalina**

If you are interested in Mass Intentions or Memorials in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office Center.
Memorials are for one week and begin on Sunday.
***Donations**: Announced Mass: $10, Unannounced Mass: $5*
Rose for Life, Rose for Resurrection, & Vigil Light: $5, Sanctuary Lamp: $10
Altar Candles: $20, Bread and Wine: $50, Altar Flowers: $175

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER 1-2

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Gibbons	Lees	Bushèy Cornell (if needed)	A. & J. Corbin, Lees	Rembisz	Hinson
7:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Busedu	Whitehead Filippini (if needed)	J. & J. Erwin, Vu	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Fr. Cox	B. Gurgick L. Gurgick	O'Donnell Forsyth (if needed)	A. & B. Hamilton, K. Dalasio	Acclaim	Hinson
10:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Reiff Dyer	Cornely Donaghy (if needed)	C & E. Wood, Yaglenski	Weidemoyer	Hinson
12:00 PM	Msgr. Mesure	Roth	James Zandier (if needed)	Bushéy, Klisch, Zamrin	Maloney	Hinson

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER 8-9

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Kennedy	Falconero	Hinson Kirby (if needed)	A. & D. Kupfer, Bluhm	Rembisz	Hinson
7:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Paolucci	Hoffman McCloskey (if needed)	J. & L. Flanagan, Schadler	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Poatsy	Bakey Cornely (if needed)	B. & J. Ford, Klenieski	Olzinski	Hinson
10:30 AM	Fr. Kennedy	Ardizzi	Brady Longua (if needed)	E., J. & B. Goudsward	Weidemoyer	Hinson
12:00 PM	Fr. Kennedy	LaGuardia	Schnaubelt Klisch (if needed)	C. & G. Greenley, Larson	TBD	Hinson

Rowen Aldridge, Philip Berardi, Adam Bockis, Sam Brown, Marge Burghart, Dolores Carbo, Rita Carney, David Carpenter, Suzanne Casazza, Deborah Cassel, Susan Storti Debro, Leslie DeFrancesco, Suzanne DeSantis, Tom DeSantis, Tim Dippolito, Louis DiTanna, Mary Ann Dziak, Eugene Endress, Margaret Franks, Patrick Gardenier, Andy Gdonski, Len Geary, Delores Giera, Irene Gilsky, Michelle Gormley, Rose Griffith, Alessandra Grosso, Ann Hall, Eileen Halpin, Millicent Healy, Richard Hood, Jack Houser, Rita Hrynko, Esther Hunter, Jolene, Maryann Kelch, Jack Kern, Pat Kern, Jane Kerr, Bob Kindermann, Leo Kushnir, Frank Larkins, Joseph P. Lea, Amelia Mahon, Joseph Malecki, Patricia Storti Martin, Pat Matthews, Robert McDonald, Dolores McGuigan, Pat McMahon, Bill Moore, Michele Moore, Rachel Moore and child, Carol Murdoch, Betty Murray, Dave Nester, Ruth Nikish, Kenneth Orner, Jack Palm, Ryan Palm, Marianne Peters, Ann Petty, Larry Powers, Max Roberge, Dottie Romer, Larry Rosencrance, Lauren Sarabaugh, Richard Schell, Abra Schmidt, Elliot Schmidt, Tom Schnaubelt, Ernestine Shofran, Mary Shofran, Alexander Smith, Heather Smith, John Smith, Maureen Steinmetz, Kathryn Stone, Margherita Storti, Chris Szumiloski, John Szumiloski, Patricia Tacconelli, Marie Tressler, Mary Wills, Natalie Weiss, Elfrieda Wojcik, Patrick Zampetti, Joseph Zohil

If you are in need of urgent or emergency prayers for situations that arise unexpectedly, please contact Saint Mary Prayer Warriors at

SMCprayerwarriors@gmail.com

If you would like to add a loved one or friend to the Prayer List please contact the Parish Office Center at 610-287-8156 or solzinski@churchofsaintmary.org.

Saint Mary Prayer Groups

Adoration
Our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel is open to the general public from 6am to 9pm. Scheduled adorers only from 9pm to 6am.

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 Chaplet
Daily after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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

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

Fatima Rosary Group
First Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m.

Flame of Love Rosary
Every Monday at 6:15 p.m. in Annex Room 1.

In the Spirit Prayer Group
Every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Annex Room 1.

Oasis Women's Prayer Group
3rd Friday at 1:00 p.m. in Annex Room 1.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Albert J. Augustine	Bridgette Augustine	Madeline Augustine	Yaphet Blair	Michael Boehret
Matthew Bulen	Matthew P. Burns	David Capobianchi	Brianna Carroll	Kayla Carroll
Michael Carty	David Casas	Wayne Cherry, Jr.	Noah Colapreto	Matthew Dager
Ryan Decker	Brian Dunn	Thomas Fisher	Tim Fitzgerald	Jennifer Foley
Matthew Foley	Parker Foss	Blaise Fountaine	Eric Funk	David Gentner
Jason Giger	Jim Gotlewski	Richard Granozio	Collin Hamel	Brian Handel
Tim Harris	Aaron Hart	Eric Himmel	William Holdsworth	Kyle Houchins
Michael Ingram	Kyle Kearney	Matthew Kearney	Alexander Klobusicky	Brett R. Karkheck
Fr. Joseph Lea	Gabriel Leone	George Lockbaum	Aiden Lyles	Charles Maloney III
Jordan Mares	Keith E. Mason	Bobby McCall	Timothy R. McGinnis	Jacob McLendon
Jonathan Minkler	Meghan Morton	Danielle Murdoch	Brian Murray	Tim Murray
Shawn O'Connor	Kevin O'Malley	Geoff Ostrowski	Jackie Perrie	Gerard Pettine
Michael Regan	Jesse Rodeheaver	Martin D. Roth	Elizabeth Schnaubelt	William Schweitzer
Sara Saraceni	Lauren Shaw	Angela M. Sills	Ashley L. Sills	Brian Sinclair
David Sinnk	Owen Sisbarro	Sharon Sisbarro	Brian Smith	John Walsh
John Weaver	Mark Wimmer	Kathleen Winters	Joseph Wolf	Damian Zottoli
Dante Zottoli	Dominic D. Zottoli	Zachary Zottoli		

Parish News. . .

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The cure for all the spiritual cancer and evils in the world is Jesus Christ and His wonderful Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. We all need Eucharistic Adoration in our lives if we ever hope to make it safely into the harbor of Heaven." ~ Fr. Daniel Doctor. We are currently in need of a Morning Division Leader; please call to find out how to join our Adoration Team. Open hours: Sunday @ 1:00 AM, Monday @ 3:00 AM & 4:00 AM, Wed @ 5:00 PM, Thursday @ 12:00 PM, and Saturday @ 2:00 AM & 6:00 PM. If interested please contact MK at marykath14@gmail.com or call 610-476-4490 .

THANK YOU MARY FRANCES MALONEY

Mary Frances Maloney, our parish organist for many, many years, has announced her retirement from the Saint Mary Music Ministry. In addition to being the organist, Mary Fran was also the music teacher at Saint Mary Catholic School and the music/choral director for our adult choirs. We are truly grateful for her many years of service and dedication to the Saint Mary community. We will miss her leading us in prayer to our Lord through song. God Bless you, Mary Frances, in your retirement!

CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION OPEN

Attention all parish boys and girls in grade 4 and above: come join us for a fun season of CYO basketball! Registration is now open! Please visit stmarycyo.com to register. For more information contact saintmaryspartans@gmail.com. We hope to see you!

LIVING WATER CLASS

The Living Water Group is offering the series Catholicism staring Bishop Barron. Class starts October 8th, after the 9 am Saturday Mass and meets in Annex room 1. We meet every 2nd and 4th Saturdays. If interested in joining the class please contact Michelle Beck at 215-234-0453. Come join us and grow your Catholic faith!

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

Saint Mary Parish will sponsor a bus to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on Saturday, October 15th for the annual Philadelphia Archdiocesan pilgrimage. Bus will depart promptly at 6:45AM from parking lot A. Day will include procession, rosary, crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and 3PM Mass at the Shrine celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Pérez. Arrival back at Saint Mary around 10:00PM. Cost is $56 per person and includes transportation only. Please pack a brown bag lunch as the Shrine café will not be open. There will be a stop at the Maryland House Rest Area on the way home where you can purchase dinner (not included in trip cost). To reserve your spot or for more information contact Sandi in the Office Center at solzinski@churchofsaintmary.org or 610-287-8156.

LUCKY LOTTERY WINNERS

Our Lucky Lottery Winners for the week of September 19th - September 25th are:

September 19th: Deb Ford - $45.00
September 20th: Lou Ann Pirrall - $45.00
September 21st: Cecilia Bussell - $45.00
September 22nd: Joe Purtill - $45.00
September 23rd: Sarah Rodzewich - $45.00
September 24th: Kathleen Shaw - $45.00
September 25th: Saundra Kirby - $45.00

Congratulations to all our winners!

ROSE FOR LIFE

This Sunday is Respect Life Sunday. At all Masses this weekend, the Knights of Columbus Council 3633 will be asking for donations after all Masses and distributing Rose for Life emblems, symbol of the pro-life movement. Your donation supports pro-life pregnancy centers: Birthright in Pottstown, A Baby's Breath with locations in Collegeville, Phoenixville, and Jeffersonville, and other pro-life agencies Your help is greatly needed to save unborn babies.

RACE FOR EDUCATION

Our 13th Annual Race for Education fundraiser has begun and we need your help to make this a success! Please consider sponsoring Father Cox (and Blaise) as he joins our Saint Mary School students as they walk the campus to raise money. Even the smallest gift can help us reach our goal of $40,000! To donate on line go to www.smsk-8.org or send your sponsorship donation to the Parish Office Center marked "Father Cox Race Sponsor". Thank you in advance for your support!

ORGANIST POSITION

Saint Mary is currently looking for a parish organist to play for two Masses each weekend, weddings, funerals, holy days, and other parish liturgical events. If interested, or for more information, please contact Mary Beth O'Connor at 610-287-8156 or moconnor@churchofsaintmary.org.

WELCOME……

and God's Blessings on **Macario Milo Henderson-Torres** who was baptized by Deacon Don Nichols on Sunday, September 25th.

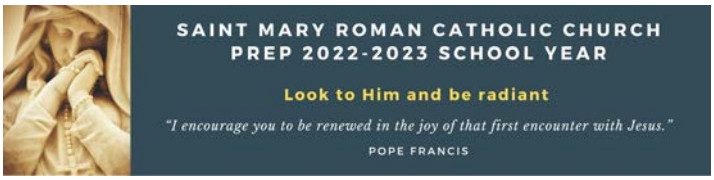
FOOTBALL MANIA WEEK 3 WINNERS:

Charlotte Catherman - $20
Sondra Reilly - $20
Carl Rodzewich - $20

Congratulations to this week's winners!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLAY!

The football season is under way but it's not too late to participate in Football Mania! Stubs and payment of $20 per ticket must be returned to the Parish Office Center before October 29th to participate this year.



PREP NEWS

PREP Classes for the 2022-2023 school year have begun. Classes are held Monday and Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 7:45 PM in our beautiful Saint Mary Catholic Education Center. It is not too late to register. Please register your child/ren as soon as possible. You can find the registration forms on the church website under the Religious Education Tab at www.churchofsaintmary.org. If you have questions about our PREP program please contact Mary Goudsward, Principal of PREP, at mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org or 610-287-8156. We're looking forward to seeing your child/ren in September!

JR. LEGION OF MARY

The Junior Legion of Mary is for the youth of the parish, ages 8 to 17. Our mission is to bring Jesus to the world, through the love of His Mother Mary by performing a variety of works, including learning/teaching the rosary, hosting rosary and card making workshops, participation in community events, road trips to local shrines and churches, and praying and visiting with nursing home residents. Our group meets every Sunday from 6 - 7 PM in Annex Room 2.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Christian Initiation of Adults: Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00pm from September thru June.

Lay Missionaries of Charity: First Saturday of every month from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

Legion of Mary: Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Living Water Bible Study: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 9:45am to 12:15pm September thru May.

Men's Gospel Reflection: Every Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00am.

Patricians: 3rd Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00pm from September thru May.

Women's Bible Study: Two sessions on Thursdays: 10:00 to 11:30am and 7:00 to 8:30pm. Sessions are offered at various times of the year.

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PROGRAMS MOVIES AUDIO BOOKS

PICK OF THE WEEK

Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina

St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

Registering is easy. Go to saintmaryrcc.formed.org, type in 19473, click on St. Mary, click on the blue next button and complete the registration information. There is no cost for the subscription. Questions on how to use this service? Contact Mary Goudsward at mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org or call 610-287-8156.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way by which persons become "citizens of the Kingdom" through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or are thinking about coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Don Nichols at 610-287-8156 or email at dnichols@churchofsaintmary.org.

Father Chuck's Challenge

Helping the poorest of the poor in Haiti

No one should have to live like this. Please help restore their dignity.

October 8-9, 2022

Father Charles Kennedy will be here to speak about what our help means for the people of Haiti.

Information packets with donation envelopes will be available at all entrances next weekend. Place the yellow envelope in the collection the weekend of October 15th-16th, or use the white envelope if you prefer to mail a donation at a later time.

To donate online go to: www.fatherchuckschallenge.com

UPCOMING PROJECT

Our Lady of Deliverance Community

Construction of 50 homes with water, septic tanks, and sanitation, a community center, water treatment system, four wells, and four solar-powered street lights at an estimated cost of $284,742.43.

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God bless you abundantly for your generosity and love of the poor!

LEGACY OF FAITH

LEGACY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Amount Pledged…….……..	$2,020,933.35
Pledge Income……...	$1,865,364.81
Expenses Paid……	$1,223,609.30
Bank Balance……	$641,755.51
Legacy of Faith Campaign Goal……...	$2,000,000.00

Visit our Legacy of Faith page at www.churchofsaintmary.org to donate online or for more details on ways to give.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS GIFT OF LOVE.

Is Our Lady calling you?

Are you a Catholic looking for a deeper meaning of your faith and a way to actively serve Jesus and Mary?
The Legion of Mary offers you many ways to serve the Church and practice the spiritual works of mercy.

Contact us through our website **LOMNorristown.com** or email **LOMNorristown@gmail.com**

Knights of Columbus Council #3633

Serving Saint Mary & Saint Eleanor

Catholic men over 18 - Join Us!
Visit: www.kofc3633.org
or call:
Bob Donaghy 215-783-4106 | Joe Klobusicky 610-653-0829

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

RESPECT LIFE FORUM

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church, 120 Allison Road, Oreland, will host a Respect Life Forum on Living in a Post-Roe World – Dispelling the Myths on Wednesday, October 19th at 7pm. Speakers include Ms. Marlene Downing, PA Deputy State Director, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America; Mr. Michael McMonagle, President, Pro-Life Coalition of PA; and Dr. Lester Ruppersberger, Medical Director for two crisis pregnancy centers in the Philadelphia Area. Admission is free but please register for the event at holymartyrschurch@gmail.com or call 215-884-8575.

O'HARA CLASS OF '72 50TH REUNION

Cardinal O'Hara High School Class of 1972 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the Drexelbrook Event Center, Drexel Hill. For more information and tickets go https://cohs1972reunion50years.eventbrite.com/ or email cohs72reunion@gmail.com.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Join us for an "America Needs Fatima" Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 15th at 11:45am in front of Corpus Christi School, 920 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale. Rosary will begin at noon. For more information please call Kathy Blum at 215-896-5930.

BEREAVEMENT CORNER

If you or someone you know has suffered a loss and you would like to speak with a member of our bereavement ministry, please call Saunie Kirby at 610-754-6927 or Gail Schlanser at 610-454-7228. All calls are confidential.

A WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT

Hope Blooms: A Virtual Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma will be held on October 7-8, 2022. Betrayal trauma is discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. Gather with us as we lay our pain, our sorrow and our betrayals at the Lord's feet. Talk topics include: Uprooting Shame and Guilt, Understanding Trauma and its impacts on body, mind and spirit, Freedom through Forgiveness and more. Retreat also includes small group healing prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Retreat leaders are Father Michael Stalla of the Diocese of Cleveland, OH, Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden, and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. Retreat is offered in partnership with Integrity Restored, a Catholic ministry committed to education and healing services for those impacted by pornography. Find the full schedule and register today at https://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats or email De at de@youaremadenew.com.

CAREGIVER POSITION AVAILABLE

Along the Way, a non-profit social service organization which enables low income single mothers to attain financial and family stability, is hiring caregivers to provide in-home, quality childcare during nights and weekends. Position offers $20/hour with flexible shifts, paid time off, and 401K & HAS benefits. To apply or for more information go to https://www.alongthewaypa.org/work-for-us

Financial Facts

Collection for September 25, 2022
Week 13

Financial numbers for the above weekend were not available at the time of transmission. 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 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.

MY SUNDAY OFFERING

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FLOCKNOTE

What is Flocknote? It is an email system that allows Saint Mary to send out information to our parishioners and friends. We use Flocknote to send out the weekly bulletin, as well as news, events, and information of what is happening here at our parish and around our Archdiocese and community. If you are not receiving our Flocknote emails, you may be missing out! Contact the Parish Office Center in order to begin receiving Flocknote, or if you have stopped receiving them and would like to resume. This is a great way to remain connected with Saint Mary Parish!

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Saint Vincent de Paul Corner

Our conference here at Saint Mary Parish uses your contributions and donations to help those in need from our parish and local community.

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 is able to help, please call Peggy Hinson at 610-287-8156.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

Shampoo	Pasta
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Hand Soap	Soup
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Toothpaste	Snacks
Liquid Dish Soap	Desserts
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Canned Fruit	Baked Beans
Canned Tuna	Condiments
Canned Chicken	Juice

Please no green beans or corn.
Gift cards to local grocery stores are always appreciated!

Donations can be dropped off during the week in any church vestibule or in the Hedge Hall on the first Sunday of the month from 8:30am-12:00pm. Next collection 10/2/22.

The monies collected in the poor boxes throughout Saint Mary Church go directly to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to assist their clients who are in need.

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Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255
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Bulletin Submissions:
All information and announcements to be published in the bulletin are due to the Parish Office Center by Friday the week prior to publication. All bulletin submissions should be emailed to solzinski@churchofsaintmary.org.

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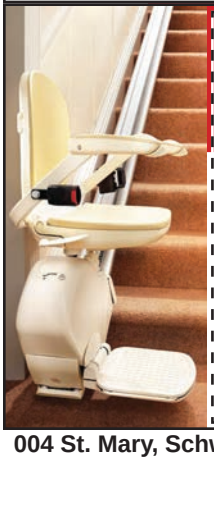
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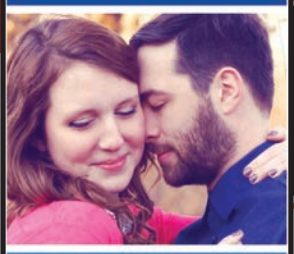
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