



Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 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 frcox@churchofsaintmary.org	<i>Pastor</i>
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Parish Office Center
Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Mary Goudsward mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education; Principal of PREP</i>
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PREP Classes: 1st thru 7th Level (Sept. - May)
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Monday or Tuesday

Youth Group 9th - 12th Grade: Begins 2022

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Begins October 2022

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Saint Mary Catholic School
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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.

A Word From Our Pastor

Don't Wait for the Teachers -- CASEY CHALK

A friend of mine recently told me that he and his wife (devout Catholics) had decided to cancel their Disney+ subscription for their elementary school-aged children.

Some Disney content, they found, discussed menstrual cycles or featured transgender characters, which, rightly, the parents determined was not appropriate for their pre-pubescent children.

It's commendable whenever moms and dads act more assertively about what their children see, hear, or read. But as we approach another school year, I'd argue we as parents need to do much more. To put it bluntly, we shouldn't wait for others, no matter how professional, to intellectually form our kids.

No, this isn't another exhortation to homeschool your children (though, admittedly, my wife and I are soon starting our third year of homeschooling and have found it a better fit than the parochial school our eldest daughter previously attended). The homeschooling option, for various personal, professional, or financial reasons, may not be feasible for you or your kids. There are some good Catholic schools and even, in some parts of the country, decent public schools that haven't capitulated to woke, anti-Catholic sexual and racial ideology. Nor is this a rallying cry for parents to become more invested in what schools are teaching their children—though that, too, is a noble and increasingly needed endeavor.

Rather, my appeal is far broader and deeper in scope. We as parents need to view ourselves not only as those bearing primary responsibility for catechizing our children in the truths of the Catholic Faith, but for providing our children a robust moral and intellectual vision of the good life. We need to make a good-faith effort to communicate to our kids the wonder and splendor of the West's intellectual and cultural inheritance, one that will provide them not only a thoroughly Catholic upbringing, but a thoroughly *human* one that shapes how they view themselves and the world.

That may sound a little daunting—and perhaps it should. The Western tradition, spanning thousands of years, multiple continents, and hundreds of unique but related cultures, is no small thing. I certainly wasn't imparted a vigorous, coherent, and comprehensive conception of Western culture by my many years in public education. But in a sense, the fact that such a project appears an impossible challenge is the point.

Western civilization, from Socrates to Schubert to Stevenson to Seurat, is a remarkable achievement whose scope and character would be impossible to fully ingest, even in a lifetime. But so is Catholicism, if not more so, given that our Faith is transcendent and oriented toward the eternal. Does the complexity of the Incarnation or the Trinity stop us from teaching our children about them? If something is good and true, we should *expect* it to be marvelous in its grandiosity.

Perhaps some explanation is in order. Why, you might ask, is such a formidable undertaking even worth aspiring to? Because, I would argue, our communities, our nation, and even our Church need people who have some inkling of an understanding of the richness of our Western civilization and apply that incalculable wealth to every activity they perform. Who do you want designing the buildings of the future—someone schooled in the soul-crushing pragmatism and minimalism of modern architecture, or someone who wants to replicate the old Penn Station or Thomas Jefferson's "academical village" at the University of Virginia? What kind of scientists and doctors do you want—those whose ethics are as confused and permeable as the CDC's guidance, or those inspired by Hippocrates, Mendel, and Gianna Molla?

In other words, the deeper we drink of the beauty and goodness of our Western tradition, the more capable we are of creating communities and even nations that respect human dignity and orient our hearts to life-giving transcendent truths. Everything, including the books we read, the music we listen to, the furniture we sit on, and the clothes we wear either contributes to human flourishing, or, however imperceptibly, undermines it. It is the difference between a world filled with churches like Santa Maria del Fiore or Niemeyer's monstrosity of a cathedral in Brasília.

"Fine," you might say, "all things being equal, I'd rather my kids be more conversant in Rembrandt than *Paw Patrol*, or Bach rather than Taylor Swift. But heck, I can't even tell Mozart from Chopin. How could I possibly teach my kids?" Here's my answer: in many respects, I'm in the same position. To their great credit, my parents exposed me to more literary titans, such as Homer and Shakespeare, than my peers, but there were (and still are) many holes in my own education, ones even college and grad school did little to fill.

So, in our family, we learn together. We print up copies of great works of art, often depicting biblical scenes, and put them in frames around the house. We put on the classical music radio station or search for symphonies on YouTube. We find children's versions of the classics that expose our kids to some of the greatest stories ever told, and we try to read the unabridged, adult versions on our own (or watch cinematic portrayals of them after the kids go to bed). Our house, and our family, is a school for *everyone*. And it is *fun*, especially when you make a reference to some great work of literature and even the kids know what you're talking about.

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MASS Intentions

Saturday September 17
4:00 p.m. Intentions of Tracie Corbin - Mom & Ted

Sunday September 18 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish
9:00 a.m. Agnes Batzel - husband Harry & family
10:30 a.m. George Matthews - Pat Matthews
12:00 p.m. James Murphy - Pirrall Family

Monday September 19 Saint Januarius
9:00 a.m. Antoni & Antonina Kostusiki - daughter, Helena

Tuesday September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang
9:00 a.m. Aleksander & Maria Czepulkowski - daughter, Helena

Wednesday September 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle
9:00 a.m. Lidia & Stanislaw Hawrus - sister, Helena

Thursday September 22 Weekday
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Carolyn Stenger & Joanne Kunz - Deacon Ed Hinson

Friday September 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
9:00 a.m. John Janoski - Thomas Dewees & Family

Saturday September 24 BVM
9:00 a.m. Nancy Phelan - Peggy & Hank Phelan
4:00 p.m. Intentions of Mercedarian Friars USA - DeSantis Family

Sunday September 25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Nancy Stiles - Richard Stiles
10:30 a.m. John Harris - wife, Sally Ann Harris
12:00 p.m. All Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund

Weekly Memorial Intentions

CHURCH

Rose For Life
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Rose for Resurrection
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Sanctuary Lamp
In memory of **Peter Casazza**
Requested by **Steve & Karen Bakey**

Altar Candles
In honor of **Tom & Tamara Ferlick**
Requested by **Suzette**

Altar Bread and Wine
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Altar Flowers
In honor of _____
Requested by _____

CHAPEL

Vigil Light
In memory of **Robert O'Donnell**
Requested by **Jim & Beth Bickel**

Sanctuary Lamp
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Altar Candles
In memory of _____
Requested by _____

*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 SEPTEMBER 17-18

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Cox	Masington	Kirby Beverley (if needed)	A. & B. Hamilton, Bushéy	Rembisz	Hinson
7:30 AM	Msgr. Measure	Paolucci	B. McGeeney Hoffman (if needed)	J. & J. Erwin, Larson	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Msgr. Measure	Bakey	Longua Storti (if needed)	B. & J. Ford, Klenieski	Acclaim	Hinson
10:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Conte	Cornely Watt (if needed)	K. Dalasio, Schadler, Yaglenski	Weidemoyer	Hinson
12:00 PM	Bishop Senior	Shaw		J. & M. Rhuberg, Kupfer	Music Ministry	Hinson

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 24-25

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Msgr. Measure	Falconero	Bushéy Hinson (if needed)	Bluhm, Larson, Lees	Rembisz	Hinson
7:30 AM	Msgr. Measure	Watters	M. McGeeney Whitehead (if needed)	J. Goudsward, McElroy, Vu	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Fr. Cox	Poatsy Ford	Cornell Beverley (if needed)	K. & L. Dalasio, J. Ford	Olzinski	Hinson
10:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Blum	Brady Pirrall (if needed)	C. & E. Wood, Schadler	Weidemoyer	Hinson
12:00 PM	Fr. Cox	Mazzio LaGuardia	James Klisch (if needed)	J. & L. Flanagan, Moore	Maloney	Hinson



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

Every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in Annex Room 1.

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, Erica Fox, 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 Nish, 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.

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 Fontaine	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



'Putting God in the center is the key to having peace, and to giving Him the commitment of time. Nothing is Lost with God. My spiritual director said to me, "You give Jesus time, He gives you eternity."

And, friends, now is the time, not tomorrow. Now is the time to get to know the Lord, to fall in love with Him, and to store up treasure in heaven, to make of your bodies a living sacrifice, to make of your prayer life something that honors and glorifies God, and it is storing up treasure in heaven.' ~ Kitty Cleveland. 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 & 5:00 AM, Wednesday @ 5:00 PM, Thursday @ 12:00 PM, and Saturday @ 2:00 AM & 6:00 PM. If interested please contact MK at [610-476-4490](tel:610-476-4490) or marykath14@gmail.com.

A Word from our Pastor (continued from page 3)



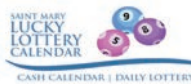
I won't deny that if you try to implement this approach after years of gorging on *Dora the Explorer* or the computer-generated graphical junk that passes for children's books, it very well could be a slog, at least for a while. Addictions are hard to break, and the addiction of entertainment-focused education is one to which many of us have succumbed. But let me tell you, the payoffs are huge. Those few, but increasing times that my nine-year-old daughter correctly identifies a work of classical music on the radio, or accurately remembers the characters and plot from a Shakespearean play, my heart flutters. Of course, it's also a good day when she describes the life of a saint about whom she's been reading, or correctly answers my questions about a story from the Gospels.

Ultimately, the two catechesis, of our Faith and our civilization, should go hand-in-hand. That's the way it's always been: the West informed our Faith (just look at the doctrine of the Trinity and its appropriation of Greek philosophical concepts, or the influence of Rome on canon law), and our Faith has indelibly formed the West. If we want both to survive, and perhaps flourish, in an America that tires of its diet of the vacuous and garish, our children will need the intellectual and cultural tools (and imagination) that a true classical education can provide. And we shouldn't wait for someone else, be it a teacher or CCD instructor, to do it for us. Otherwise, that time may never come. So, drop Disney and introduce Da Vinci and Dickens. You won't regret it.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



All boys and girls in 4th Grade and above are invited to join the altar server ministry at Saint Mary Parish. This is a wonderful ministry where you will learn more about the Mass, have a greater appreciation for the Liturgy, and grow in your relationship to Jesus Christ. Deacon Don will hold a training session on Sunday, September 25th at 3pm. We are in great need of servers for Sunday Masses and special parish liturgies! Please consider becoming a part of this beautiful ministry!



LUCKY LOTTERY WINNERS

Our Lucky Lottery Winners for the week of September 5th - September 11th are:

September 5th: Chris & Leslie Pezzano - \$250.00
September 6th: Bill Sarnese - \$45.00
September 7th: In honor of Saint Mary, Queen of Martyrs - \$45.00
September 8th: Bill Cornell - \$100.00
September 9th: In honor of Saint Joseph, Hope of the Sick - \$45.00
September 10th: John Talone - \$45.00
September 11th: In honor of Saint Mary, Queen of Patriarchs - \$45.00

Congratulations to all our winners!

ANOINTING MASS



Saint Mary Parish will hold an Anointing of the Sick Mass on Saturday, September 24th at 11:00 AM. This Mass is being offered for anyone who may be sick in body, mind or spirit! A light fare lunch will be held in Hedge Hall immediately following Mass. Please RSVP for the luncheon to Sandi at [610-287-8156](tel:610-287-8156) by September 22nd.

BUS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE IN 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 the opportunity for confessions, 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](tel:610-287-8156).

FOOTBALL MANIA WEEK 1 WINNERS:

Sean Fadden - \$20
Barbara Monaghan - \$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.



SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PREP 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Look to Him and be radiant

"I encourage you to be renewed in the joy of that first encounter with Jesus."

POPE FRANCIS

PREP NEWS

PREP Classes for the 2022-2023 school year begin this Monday, September 19th and Tuesday, September 20th. Classes each evening are 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!



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2022/2023 KINDERGARTEN
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Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Enrolling Now!

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40 Spring Mount Rd, Schwenksville, PA 19473

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 Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:30 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.



PROGRAMS MOVIES AUDIO BOOKS
PICK OF THE WEEK



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, Saint Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968, from San Giovanni Rotondo.

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.

SAINT MARY FEAST



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the Saint Mary Feast committee members: Suzette, Jeff, Mary, Peggy, Paulann, Mark, Mike McGrory, Colleen, Sandi, Alan, Cindy, Maddie, Flossie, Barb, Jeanette, Kevin, Carl, Susan, Sarah, Chris, Justin and the parish office staff; Sandi, Mary Beth, Kathy, Mary, Karen, Nadine and Debbie. Thank you to Karen and Mike Mazzio, Nadine, Anne, Maritza and Jeanne our **Evening Social Coordinators** and Chris and Deb Ford and The Dalasio and Goudsward Family. Thank you to Bill Scott, Jim Junod, Bill O'Donnell and Bill McGeeney, for all of your hard work behind the scenes; and Peggy our incredible **Sacristan** and Mary Schnaubelt. We are so grateful to **Attic Treasures Coordinators**, Jeff & Mary Goudsward & their family, Louise and our incredible team of volunteers!!! We express our sincere gratitude to Suzette Moyer our **50/50 Coordinator** & Flossie Chomyn, **Bake Table** Joni Rembisz and **Candy Booth**, the Gordon Family. A huge thank you to all of those who donated basket, food or a wish list item; and to our **Food Booth Coordinators**, Alan & Sandi Olzinski, Dawn Brown, Glenn Triches, Harry Boeshore, Fr. Cox, Paul & Cindy Brady, Shawn Marie & Mike Brown, Ted & Christian Caiola, Bob Donaghy & the Knights, Bob and Colleen Paolucci, and **Game Coordinators**, Tammy and Jay Erwin and Paulann Bellino. We want to thank our coordinators, musicians, The Legion and Junior Legion of Mary and all of the incredible volunteers that assisted throughout the weekend! We appreciate all of the time and effort devoted to making this a beautiful celebration. **Especially, thank you to all of our sponsors** and parishioner raffle and food and wish list donors and to **Father Cox, Monsignor Mesure, and Deacon Don & Peter**, for all of their kind support and for your prayers.

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LEGACY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Amount Pledged.....	\$2,020,933.35
Pledge Income.....	\$1,862,731.65
Expenses Paid.....	\$1,223,609.30
Bank Balance.....	\$639,122.35
Legacy of Faith Campaign Goal.....	\$2,000,000.00

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Holy Martyrs Parish, 120 Allison Road, Oreland, will hold its annual Carnival from September 20th-24th beginning at 6pm each evening and 3pm on Saturday. Come enjoy

family time with carnival rides, games, craft beer & wine, delicious food and much more! A Family Night Pass (good for Wednesday night or Saturday afternoon only) is available for purchase in advance for \$30. For more information or to purchase your Family Night Pass contact the parish office at [215-884-8575](tel:215-884-8575).

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.

FATIMA CANDLELIGHT ROSARY



All are welcome to the 27th Annual Candlelight Rosary on October 12th at 7:00pm at Saint Paul Parish, 2007 New Hope Street, East Norriton in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima and in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, on the vigil of the final apparition. The evening concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima statue, the relics of the saintly children to whom Our Lady appeared, and a relic of the tree on which she appeared. Join us as we spiritually unite with the throngs who gather in Fatima this evening, praying for peace in our world, our nation, our Church, and our lives. During our national Eucharistic Revival, we will also be praying for increased belief in and devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord. For more information call [610-279-6725](tel:610-279-6725) or visit our website <https://stpaulcatholicchurcheastnorriton.net/>.

LUNCH & BINGO



Corpus Christi Parish, 900 Summeytown Pike, Lansdale, will host a Lunch & Bingo on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Doors open at 9am and bingo starts at 12pm. Admission is \$30 per person and includes lunch and bingo cards. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and a guaranteed jackpot of \$1,000! For more information, advanced sales, or table reservations contact Laurie Ponticello at [610-584-5694](tel:610-584-5694) or geraldponticello@comcast.net.

FINANCIAL FACTS

Collection for September 4, 2022 Week 10

Weekend Collection (Weekly Offering Envelopes)

Target Needed for the 22-23 Fiscal Year..... \$900,000.00
 Weekly Target Needed for 22-23 Fiscal Year..... \$17,307.69
Collection for Weekend of September 4..... \$10,222.27
 Parish Giving & PayPal..... \$6,415.29
 Over (Under) Target..... (\$670.13)

School Mortgage (Blue Envelope)

Target Needed for the 22-23 Fiscal Year..... \$114,036.00
 Weekly Target Needed \$2,193.00
Collection for Weekend of September 4..... \$1,285.00
 Over (Under) Target..... (\$908.00)

Catholic Education Center Mortgage:

Balance as of July 30, 2022..... \$1,080,719.88
 August Principal Payment..... \$9,462.90
 Balance as of August 30, 2022..... \$1,071,256.98
 Next Monthly Principal Due September 30, 2022

Total Collected To Date..... \$168,685.17
 Envelopes Mailed..... 1,089 Total Used..... 131
 Parish Giving Enrollment.... 395 Total Used..... 185

Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt..... \$719,015.58
 Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope)..... \$364.37
 New Debt Total..... \$718,651.21

Collection for September 11, 2022 Week 11

Weekend Collection (Weekly Offering Envelopes)

Target Needed for the 22-23 Fiscal Year..... \$900,000.00
 Weekly Target Needed for 22-23 Fiscal Year..... \$17,307.69
Collection for Weekend of September 11..... \$11,114.27
 Parish Giving & PayPal..... \$6,852.58
 Over (Under) Target..... \$659.16

School Mortgage (Blue Envelope)

Target Needed for the 22-23 Fiscal Year..... \$114,036.00
 Weekly Target Needed \$2,193.00
Collection for Weekend of September 11..... \$662.62
 Over (Under) Target..... (\$1,530.38)

Catholic Education Center Mortgage:

Balance as of July 30, 2022..... \$1,080,719.88
 August Principal Payment..... \$9,462.90
 Balance as of August 30, 2022..... \$1,071,256.98
 Next Monthly Principal Due September 30, 2022

Total Collected To Date..... \$187,314.64
 Envelopes Mailed..... 1,089 Total Used..... 131
 Parish Giving Enrollment.... 395 Total Used..... 185

Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt..... \$718,651.21
 Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope)..... \$636.37
 New Debt Total..... \$718,014.84

The Parish Debt represents invoices that we owe to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These invoices are for assessments, insurance, property and liability, etc. incurred between the years of 2005 – 2012. The Archdiocese has been very gracious to cover these invoices during a time when we could not afford to do so. By using your Parish Debt (Gold) Envelope, you are helping our parish pay the obligation we owe to the Archdiocese. From 2013 to today we are current on all our Archdiocesan invoices. Thank you for your kind generosity.



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](tel:610-287-8156).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

Shampoo	Pasta
Body Wash	Pasta Sauce
Hand Soap	Soup
Deodorant (Men & Women)	Canned Vegetables
Toothpaste	Snacks
Liquid Dish Soap	Desserts
Cleaning Products	Mac & Cheese
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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 Helpline for Abortion Recovery: 1-866-482-LIFE(5433)
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