

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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PASTORAL MINISTRY

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Baptismal Preparation	Mrs. Ann Pergosky
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Scripture Study	Msgr. Scheaffer
Small Faith Sharing Groups	Mrs. Dottie Boyle

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

Diocesan Policies and Procedures on Youth Protection:	www.allentowndiocese.org
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:	Wendy S. Krisak Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209
Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:	Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT, Telephone (610) 332-0442 xt. 2019



LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
Sunday 9:00, 11:00 AM
Daily Masses 8:15 AM

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month, 2PM-4PM
Third Wednesday of the Month, 7-8 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Third Sunday of the month at 11AM Liturgy, except during Lent. Baptismal Prep Class required. Please call 610-683-6454 to register for Class.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturday, 4:05 to 4:25 PM, before Masses, or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Call the Rectory to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - Contact the Rectory one year in advance. Couples must attend the Marriage Preparation Program or Engaged Encounter.

CERTIFICATES - Parishioners in full Communion with the Catholic Church may submit requests to receive sponsorship certificates (for the Rites of Baptism and Confirmation). Please allow two weeks to process requests. An individual is required:

- to attend Mass regularly.
- to have celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation.
- Married individuals should be validly married in the Catholic Church.

HOMEBOUND - Call the Rectory to arrange visitations, made once a month by a Priest and at other times by a Eucharistic Minister.

HOSPITALIZED - Call the Rectory to notify of someone in the hospital so we can pray for and possibly visit him or her. Each hospital in our Diocesan boundaries is either covered by a local parish or has a priest on staff at the hospital.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - Welcome to St. Mary's Parish. Please register for Parish membership by calling the Business office. Please inform us if you are moving.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Please call the business office for more information:

Center-based

- Levels Pre-K to 5 meet every week, Sunday mornings.
- Jr. High and Sr. High meet every 2nd Sunday evening.

Home-based

- Families share faith at home and come together several times a year.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Mon 01-21	8:15a	Celeste Keller
Tue 01-22	8:15a	ProLife Intentions
Wed 01-23	8:15a	Charles Esterly
Thu 01-24	8:15a	Edward and Maryanne Guzowski
Fri 01-25	8:15a	Souls in Purgatory
Sat 01-26	4:30p	Mary and John Voli
Sun 01-27	9:00a	For the Parish
	11:00a	Fudlie Flecher

READING and CELEBRATIONS for the WEEK

Mon 01-21	He 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tue 01-22	He 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
Wed 01-23	He 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Thu 01-24	He 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Fri 01-25	Ac 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Sat 01-26	2 Ti 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21
Sun 01-27	Ne 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Co 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Collection Info from	Income	Expenses
Regular Collection	5575.30	4,837.09
Building Fund	1,500.00	
Capital Campaign	848.00	
Other Regular Income	35.00	
Parish Partnership	7.00	

To sponsor altar flowers in memory of someone call the parish office

Please Pray for the Sick, and their loved ones:

Sylvia Austermilller	Ken Gorski	Nikolette Nolte
Barbara Bellus	Marlow Graff	Joanne O'Connell
Betty Bennett	Jacqueline Hartz	Dawn Raudenbush
Thomas Bennett	Linda Haurus	Anna Riegel
Alayna Biltcliff	Philip J. Haurus	Douglas Riguera
Kayla Brown	Hayduk, Hannah	Norma Roche
June Bruno	Kathy Henry	Ann Rosales
Ed Caffrey	Jane Hughes	Dawn Rosales
Nadia Cahill	Joan Hullinger	Joe Rosales
Meaghan Clark	Allison Marie Innella	Jose Rosales
Frank Daddona	Lillian Karch	Nina Hertzog Rundle
Linda Dermotta	Michael Karch	Richard Rusconi
Kolby Jos. Doerr	Robert Klucharich	Mary Rutkosky
Annabeth Rose Ebert	George Kopchick	Dannielle Sands
Dave Ebling	Henry Kryeski	Evan Schaffer
Mandy Engleman	Christopher Lengner	Karen Schinski
Floyd Falcone	Edward & Rosemary	Rev. James Schlegel
Helen Falcone	Law	Alyssa Sitarik
Patricia Farabaugh	Julie Lindsey	Faye Smith
Orchid Fajardo	Sabina Malik	William and Arlene
Niki Ferrizzi	Joceline Maldonado	Stadalnik
Kathleen Fink	Dennis Martinsen	Todd Tanis
Ruth Fitterling	Kail Maynard	Amy Turko
Sue Fry	Barry & Sharon	Paul Vasko
Eric Lee George	Miller	Phillip Vazquez
Sandra George	Elaine O. Miller	Randall Vresko
Garrett Goebel	Shannon Morris	Susan Wechezak
Jim Goebel	Anthony Myers	

To update the prayer list, please contact stmarysec@ptd.net

THIS WEEK		NEXT WEEK
MUSIC MINISTRY		
4:30	Gralinski, Jim Casey, Peggy	Sitarik, Anne Casey, Peggy
9:00	Spanier, Chris/Julia Skoronski, Ben	Sitarik, Anne Cebenko, Steve
Youth	NONE	Skoronski, Mary
11:00	DeWald, Heather Talarico, Tim	Gralinski, Jim Klopp, Tom
EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
4:30	Gralinski, Robyn Hadnagy, Muriel Otruba, Pam Stadalnik, Arlene Zawaly, Joe Zawaly, Sue	Arentz, Bill Arentz, Stephanie Arnold, Ellen Arnold, Vince Osenbach, Carol Ruh, Mike
9:00	Bogansky, Carol Coco, Joe Pergosky, Ann Phillips, Rita Quinn, John Spevak, Joe	Bucci, Nancy Coyle, Bill Crossley, Karin Hilburt, Laura Pangrazi, Dana Snyder, Pat
11:00	Hosterman, Eileen Marakovits, Hannah Morris, Shannon Pirnot, Ann Thomas, Cathy ?	Augustin, Loretta Cook, Bradley Hosterman, Ed Neumann, Sue Reimert, Rosemarie Wanner, Theresa
LECTOR MINISTRY		
4:30	c-Zawaly, Patty l- Mazich, Rick	c-Shidisky, Joseph l-Osenbach, Anne
9:00	c-Hipp, Emma l-Hilburt, Teagan	c-Fullington, Katrina l-Philips, Rita
11:00	c-Thomas, Dan l-Jones, Anne	c-Thomas, Cathy l-Kopchick, Karen
ALTAR SERVER		
4:30	Alaimo, Emmanuela Pritchard, Jessica ?	Beals, Juliet Roth, Owen ?
9:00	Phillips, Makala Quinn, Devin Quinn, Nora	Crossley, Carson Crossley, Evangeline Pummer, Ian
11:00	Fullington, Jesse ? ?	Cook, Celeste Fortna, Jacob ?
GREETERS		
4:30	Schermerhorn family	Galantino Family
9:00	Elementary Youth	Sedlack Family
11:00	Marakovits Family	Fortna Family
CHILDREN'S LITUGY of the WORD - 9:00a SUNDAY		
Leader	~NONE~	Skoronski, Wendy
Reader	Youth Mass	Skoronski, Mary
ROSARY LEADER - SATURDAY		
4:05	Zettle, Steve	Arentz, Stephanie

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sun 01.20 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
2nd Collection – Parish Partnership
Youth Mass, K-12, 9a
 Baptism, 11a
Senior High ministry, 6:30-8p
- Mon 01.21 Be My Witness Small Group mtg., 6:45p**
- Tue 01.22 Faith Sharing, 9:30a**
 Men's Spirituality mtg., 7p
- Wed 01.23 Yoga, 6:30p**
- Thu 01.24 Choir practice, 7p**
- Sat 01.26 Yoga, 10a**
 Pray the Rosary, 4:05p
2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services

NEXT WEEK

- Sun 01.27 2nd Collection-Catholic Relief Services**
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9a
Elementary Religious Education, 10:30a
Level 6 Retreat, 2-5p
Junior High ministry, (Lvl 7&8), 6-8p
- Mon 01.28 Be My Witness Sm. Group Facilitator mtg., 7p**
- Tue 01.29 Faith Sharing, 9:30a**
- Wed 01.30 Be My Witness Sm. Group Facilitator mtg., 9a**
 Yoga, 6:30p
- Thu 01.31 Choir practice, 7p**
- Fri 02.01 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 2-4p**
- Sat 02.02 Pray the Rosary, 4:05p**
 2nd Collection-Mary's Shelter/Lifeline Svcs.
 SouperBowl of Caring Collection-After all Masses

BULLETIN DEADLINE: For Sunday publication please submit items by 12 noon of the prior Monday. *Submit full-page information a full two weeks in advance.*

PROJECT HOPE January contact: Laurel Delaney: 610-683-5882. Info/join HOPE: LOLCSW@ptd.net

St. Paul reminds us that we all have different gifts given to us by God. Let us ask the Spirit to give us the courage to share those gifts for one another for the greater glory of God.

A Word About: Catholic Relief Services

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

The Mission Coop Collection will be Jan. 26 and 27
Support for Catholic Relief Services is most appreciated.

IT TASTES GOOD TO DO GOOD!! Fair Trade Chocolate Sale Feb. 2/3 & Feb. 9/10 after all Masses, sponsored by the Faith-Justice Group.



Just in time for Valentine's Day! Show your solidarity with small family farmers abroad – Fair Trade is a way of selling products that makes sure every person's work is treated with respect and dignity.

Make the world sweeter – buy Fair Trade Chocolate for Valentine's Day

The LIFE AD THANK YOU: This year 42 families and individuals from our parish publicly declared their opposition to the killing of unborn children by having their names published in the Life Ad. Thank You for standing up for life.

"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord, your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him." Deuteronomy 30, 19-20

In light of the heightened cases of influenza being reported in our five-county area and the 2 January 2019 change in the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Influenza Status from "sporadic" to "widespread," His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, directs that the Exchange of the Sign of Peace and the Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice be suspended beginning with the Vigil and Sunday Masses on the weekend of the 12-13 January 2019. This suspension will be in effect until the incidence of influenza subsides in our region.

Remember the Church's constant teaching that the entire Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is present in the Sacred Host and that the reception of either species is sufficient to receive the graces of the Holy Eucharist, provided one is in a state of grace.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: In the Gospel reading about the miracle of water turned to wine, Christ's first miracle, we hear very little about the bride and groom. We may ask: is this story about marriage or are there other lessons to learn? In this Christ beginning his ministry we notice he did not make a speech but simply said fill the water jars. Actions can speak louder than words many times. The image of God as husband and the people of Israel as bride is a favorite image in the Old Testament. Here Christ is the husband the wedding guests the bride. He invites everyone to the feast and is most generous in providing the wine a symbol of joy and celebration. Often God uses others to show us his will. Mary, his mother, reminded Christ of his calling and ministry when it was already in motion. He lived up to the calling by performing a miracle. He began to embrace his role of husband and head of his church, the bride, by ministering and redeeming those the Father had given him.

Please Pray for these persons serving our Nation.

Keenan Albright	Timothy DeVall	James Knight
Kyle Albright	Anthony DiPietro	Nick Marakovits
Michael Barron	Charles Douglass	Melissa Marks
Andrew Barthol	Keith Essig	Laura Miller
Frank M. Bieda	Michael Allen Haak	Heather O'Donnell
John Boyer	Diane Henry	James Quinn
Matthew Boyer	Joshua Joseph	Phillip Talarico
Jonathan Cardé	Dan King	Steve Ziegler
Eric Cunningham		

Call the office to add/remove names from this list

SUPER BOWL & SOUPER BOWL: In 1990, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** began with one simple idea in mind: *What if everyone who watched the Super Bowl game gave just one dollar or food item to help those in need?* Since that day, more than \$143 million has

been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Donate a \$1, the price of a can of soup, after Mass on Feb. 4/5!



THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE - When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a Christian vocation it is saying that the couple's relationship is more than simply their choice to enter a union which is a social and legal institution. A great internet resource is foryourmarriage.org - an initiative of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

BE MY WITNESS-FACILITATOR WKP: The parish is starting Phase Two of Be My Witness. There will be a Small Faith-Sharing group facilitator workshop, offered twice; 7-9p Mon. Jan.28 and 9-11a Wed. Jan.30 in the Religious Ed. Center. This is the same workshop offered at two different times for your convenience.

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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 30, St. Mary's 2nd Annual Women's Retreat at the McGlenn Conference & Spirituality Ctr., Reading. Kathleen McCarthy of the "In His Sign" Catholic Radio Network is the speaker.

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING! Do you have a "HEART" FOR ROMANCE? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend provides a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you've decided to spend your life with! 1-732-904-9636 or www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org



BERKS CATHOLIC NEWS: Berks Catholic HS is centered on 4 pillars: God, Family, Academics, and Fun and is dedicated to providing a challenging academic environment for a diverse population of young men and women. Please contact Nicky Smith to schedule a shadow day or a personal tour nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 610.374.8361 ext.244

BC-STEP UP DAY, Jan. 24 : 8th graders spend the day at Berks Catholic and get a real feel of what it's like to Be A Saint. For info contact Mrs. Smith: 610-374-8361 ext.244

"LET'S BOWL TO STRIKE OUT CANCER NIGHT" St.

Mary's Relay for Life Team together with St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fleetwood Team are Co-Hosting Saturday Jan.26, at Heisters Lanes. Check-in at 6:45p; Bowling from 7:30 - 9:30p. \$12.00 donation per person (max 6 people per Lane), includes all the Bowling you can do 7:30-9:30p, and bowling shoe rental. There will be Door Prizes, Cake and plenty of fun.



To reserve your tickets and your space contact Tom Cengeri, St. Mary's Team Captain, 610-207-5831, Help us Strike Out Cancer by Supporting this event.

BERKS CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE: 1-3p, Jan 27. It's a great time to Be A Saint! Come see our new John R. Post Learning Center featuring a new STEM Lab, expanded, cafeteria, new classrooms, college and career counseling suite and collegiate style learning commons. Experience our community.

For more info contact Nicky Smith at 610.374.8361 ext. 244 or nsmith@berkscatholic.org

FEAST DAY of ST. BRIGID: commemorative Mass 10:30a Feb. 03 at Immaculate Conception Church, 501 Ridge Ave Allentown. Food donations for Allentown Food Bank accepted in the generous spirit of St Brigid.

Membership in the AOH/LAOH is open to all practicing Catholics of Irish descent (birth or marriage). For more info: Maura O'Donnell Roszyk (LAOH) maurar1117@msn.com or Ed Barry (AOH) Edbarryaoh@aol.com

ICF 102-The Old Testament course provides a brief intro to the origin of Sacred Scripture and the senses in which we can interpret Scripture. The remainder of the course focuses on the Old Testament: the creation of the earth and God's covenant of love with the human person, the fall into sin, and the revelation of God's plan of salvation. Online class dates: Feb 4-Mar 3; cost \$35. Info & register: www.allentowndiocese.org/icf For any Catholic adult seeking to learn more about the Faith.

RETROUVAILLE can help helpless, hurting marriages. This peer ministry of volunteer couples can help re-awaken love, trust and commitment that originally brought you together, as they've done in their own marriages. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Feb. 8-10 at Family Life Center, Malvern. Future weekends: April and August. Info or register at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or 1-800-470-2230. All contact strictly confidential.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT™ - March 22-24:

An intimate spiritual journey to seek healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the healing process. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations experience God's compassion and forgiveness. Registration info: Sr. Meg Cole; 1-866-3 RACHEL; 610-



332-0442 Ext. 2019; projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org
*Register by: March 14; info: www.rachelsvineyard.org

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SAVE THE DATE! April 26-29, 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend at Camp Trexler – Settlers, so mark your calendars! Join us for a FUN-Filled weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass! You don't have to be working on a religious emblem to join us – all Catholic Scouts are welcome. Visit www.adccos.org/bsr.htm

OCTOBERFEST in APRIL: 2-6p, April 28 at The Crowne Plaza, Reading. Support our Religious Sisters in their efforts; show your appreciation by attending the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus benefit.



Celebrate our Mission Partner awardees: The Swann Family. 2019 highlights include: *Polka Mass, *Prizes for “Best Oktoberfest Attire”, * Dancing

to the German music of The Josef Kroboth Band * Cocktail hour and German dinner, *Balloon raffle and silent auction, *\$10,000 Heart of Mission Raffle Prize Winner announcement! * SPONSOR * ATTEND * DONATE RAFFLE/AUCTION ITEMS Tickets \$65/pp (under 18/\$35); or to support our cause, visit www.mscreading.org; call 610-929-2802; or cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org. Proceeds benefit our retired Sisters and their missions.

WORD of LIFE: “We are created to walk with and support one another; we don't need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God's message that resounds throughout time: ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10).” ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities , “What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion”, www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

HELP SOUGHT: Do you enjoy working with people? Are you retired, have daytime hours available? Gethsemane Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery seek part-time funeral attendant assistance.

Duties include directing funeral traffic, assisting families with directions, setting up chapel services and Masses, and assisting families graveside. Please stop by Gethsemane Cemetery office for details and an application.

PROLIFE: “If we ask him, Jesus will be with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need. And his plans are wildly more fulfilling than we can imagine.” — USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program “Love, Sex, & Sterilization”

REFLECTION... by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Embarrassment comes in many forms. Be it something amusing that reddens our face but makes our friends laugh, all the way to something of significance that demands our apology. You can fill in the blanks here with your personal details of remembered occasions.

Imagine if you will the embarrassment of this young couple from Cana at the center of our gospel story. Considering the fact that a wedding in those days generally lasted a week. “In a life where there was much poverty and constant hard work, this week of festivity and joy was one of the supreme occasions. One had to be prepared. Have stored up all the necessary food and drink. One theory holds that Jesus and His five new companions caused the problem perhaps showing up uninvited, but that reflects poorly on Our Lord's impeccable manners.

At any rate, the wine ran out. Wine was so essential for such an occasion. After all, even the rabbis said “Without wine, there is no joy.” So the newlyweds had to ask themselves: “What are we going to do?” We know that Mary the Mother of Jesus had the answer. At her unspoken request behind the statement “They have no wine” Jesus works His first sign, or miracle. Embarrassment avoided.

There is so much meaning in a passage like this that we have to pick and choose for a limited space like this. Allow me to choose for brief reflection the compassion of Jesus' heart that poured out upon the unnamed newlyweds, and also the cost of it for Him.

First, Christ's compassion. From time to time, especially in crises, even the best of us doubt God's ways. Or, we say to ourselves that He cannot be bothered with the little everyday problems we face. We forget all those Scripture passages that speak so eloquently about God's love for us. Remember the one about having the hairs of our heads counted? Or another about His holding us in the palm of His hand?

Recall also that the mystery of Christ involves His having one Personhood but two natures, human and divine. He felt the upset of that couple. Perhaps the groom was a relative of His whom He watched grow up from childhood. Or maybe the bride was a cousin who bounced on His knee when she was a tot. Either way, there was a personal reason why He had been invited to the wedding. At His Mother's indirect request hiding behind her naming of the problem, Jesus willingly acted.

As for the cost, realize that this “sign” was evidently being worked earlier than Jesus' personal timetable. It was not yet His “Hour,” that mysterious expression He would later use to describe His Passion. Here it meant the end of a private life, for both Mary and Him, because word of the miracle would spread far and wide, rivaling for its day what a text or tweet does in our own. That alone would be a trial for Jesus. Despite all this, Jesus advanced the Divine Timetable, partly because His Mother asked, and partly out of compassion for two little people in a tiny otherwise forgettable village named Cana. Food for thought for us all. *“When God measures a man, He puts the tape around his heart instead of his head.”*

HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

When so many suffer the scourge of human trafficking, your contribution is saving lives.



In a small village in Bihar, in northeast India, lives a boy named Triveni, 11, and his sister Premshila, 13. Shortly after Triveni was born, he and his siblings were orphaned, and their older brother became their guardian. The children, needing money, withdrew from school to work. In India, the lack of education and job opportunities puts children at particular risk for human trafficking for labor or sexual exploitation.



Your support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection helped Triveni and Premshila avoid this fate and gave them hope for the future. Your generosity helped this brother and sister re-enroll in school. They now receive school uniforms and daily lunches.

Triveni has become a peer leader, warning other young people about the dangers of child migration and human trafficking. Children like Triveni and Premshila need you to continue this lifesaving work.

Support The Catholic Relief Services Collection today, and help Jesus in disguise.



The Catholic Relief Services Collection

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In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

"O Saint Josephine Bakhita, assist all those who are entrapped in slavery; intercede on their behalf with the God of Mercy so that the chains of their captivity will be broken."



—Pope Francis, Address to Participants in the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking, February 12, 2018

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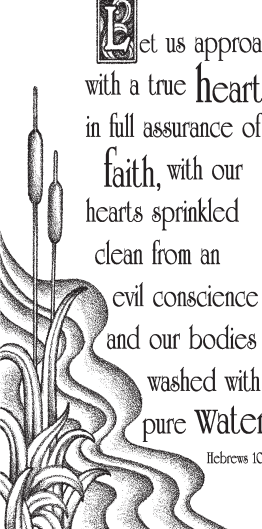
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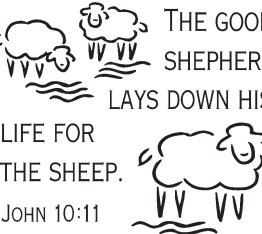
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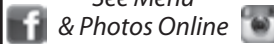


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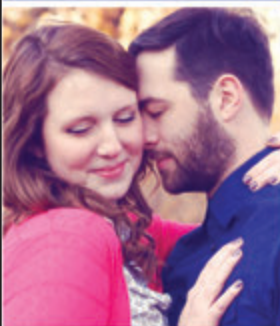
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