

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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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



*Take nothing with you
except a walking stick and sandals*

LITURGIES

Sunday	9:00, 11:00 AM
Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
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.

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. One 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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 15, 2018

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Mon	07-16	8:15a	Andrew Pindrock
Tue	07-17	8:15a	Celeste Keller
Wed	07-18	8:15a	Souls in Purgatory
Thu	07-19	8:15a	James Corson
Fri	07-20	8:15a	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	07-21	4:30p	Memory of Mary Voli
Sun	07-22	9:00a	Margaret Nolan
		11:00a	For the Parish

READING and CELEBRATIONS for the WEEK

Mon	07-16	Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tue	07-17	Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
Wed	07-18	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
Thu	07-19	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
Fri	07-20	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
Sat	07-21	Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
Sun	07-22	Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Collection Info from	07/01	07/08	Expenses
Regular Collection	4,721.50	5780.11	3,710.61 07/01
Building Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	4,698.37 07/08
Capital Campaign	91.00	1,291.00	
Other Regular Income	105.00	1,436.25	
Parish Partnership	83.00	78.00	
Missionary Co-Op	2,817.55	50.00	

*Altar flowers are in memory of August Witowski, Sr. and
Blessed Sacrament Candle is in memory of Joseph Soga this week*

Please Pray for the Sick, and their loved ones:

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

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

THIS WEEK		NEXT WEEK
MUSIC MINISTRY		
4:30	Spanier, Chris Casey, Peggy	DeWald, Heather Casey, Peggy
9:00	Skoronski, Nathan Lazar, Anne	Sedlack, Christina Cebenko, Steve
Youth	Skoronski, Mary	Sitarik, Anne
11:00	DeWald, Heather Talarico, Tim	Pirnot, Tom Klopp, Tom
EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
4:30	Arentz, Bill Arentz, Stephanie Otruba, Pam Zawaly, Sue ?? ??	Arnold, Ellen Arnold, Vince Hadnagy, Muriel Zawaly, Joe Zawaly, Sue ??
9:00	Coco, Joe DelRio, Michael Pangrazi, Dana Quinn, Devin Quinn, John Schnabl, Janice	Bucci, Nancy Coyle, Bill Crossley, Karin Hilburt, Laura Sitarik, Rim Tucker, John
11:00	Brooks, Michael Hosterman, Eileen Marakovits, Hannah Morris, Shannon Pirnot, Ann Wanner, Theresa	Cook Bradley Fullington, Katrina Hosterman, Ed Hosterman, Eileen Kropf, Walter ??
LECTOR MINISTRY		
4:30	c-Sosik, Carm I-Eshbach, Valetta	c-Shidisky, Joseph I-Zettle, Steve
9:00	c-Phillips, Rita I-Pettit, Bill	c-Mehrtretter, John I-Spevak, Joe
11:00	c-Thomas, Cathy I-Augustin, Loretta	c-Kopchick, Karen I-Thomas, Dan
ALTAR SERVER		
4:30	Pritchard, Jessica Roth, Owen Stitzel, Amaris	Alaimo, Emmanuela Beals, Juliet ??
9:00	Phillips, Makala Skoronski, Benjamin Touch, Lola	Crossley, Carson Crossley, Evangeline Pummer, Ian
11:00	DeSmedt, Steven Fullington, Jesse ??	Cook, Celeste Gow, William ??
GREETERS		
4:30	Arnold Family	Galantino Family
9:00	DelRio Family	Sedlack Family
11:00	Marakovits Family	Kern Family
9:00a-CHILDREN'S LITUGY of the WORD		
Leader	Osenbach, Carol Zawaly, Patty	Grabowski, Lisa
Reader	Osenbach, Anne	Spanier, Amelia
ROSARY LEADER - SATURDAY		
4:05	Eshbach, Valetta	Zettle, Steve

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sun 07.15 2nd Collection-Churches in E. Europe
Homeless Pet Supply Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9a
Baptism, 11a Mass
- Mon 07.16 Finance Committee meeting, 7p
- Tue 07.17 Agape Faith Sharing-Sylvia Wolff
St. Vincent de Paul meeting, 7p
- Wed 07.18 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p
- Thu 07.19 Staff meeting, 9:30a
Choir practice, 7p
- Sat 07.21 Pray the Rosary, 4:05p

NEXT WEEK

- Sun 07.22 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9a
MoSM Fightin' Phils trip, 5:15p
- Mon 07.23 Be My Witness mtg, 6:45p
- Tue 07.24 Men's Spirituality, 7p
- Sat 07.28 Pray the Rosary, 4:05p
2nd Collection, Parish Partnership

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



Care for the Castaways!

We're gathering snack supplies to feed all the hungry kids who come to our Shipwrecked VBS. Please sign up in the Gathering Area for a food item you can bring! Next time you're at the grocery

store, drop a few of the listed items into your cart; and then bring them to the Gathering area Basket Sunday July 22. Thank you, The Shipwrecked Crew

A Word About: Churches in Eastern Europe

This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your generosity.

Come sail away... to the best week of the summer!

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Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them. BRING A FRIEND!!

July 30—Aug. 3, 9am—12noon

**Registrations are in Gathering Area
For more info-Ann: 610-683-6454**



THANK YOU for returning Time and Talent surveys. Of the over **800** surveys mailed to parish families **82 have been returned.** Find a copy on the parish website and



tell us how you can be a part of parish family and/or spiritual activities.

COLLECTION FOR HOMELESS PETS: July 07/08 and 14/15. The homeless pets of our area need our help! The Animal Rescue League and Humane Society are in need of the following items for the dogs and cats in their care:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old towels, blankets, sheets • Wash Cloths/rags • Laundry detergent • Lysol type floor cleaner • Bleach • Cat and dog treats • Window Cleaner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard kitten food • Cat litter • Paper towels • Liquid hand soap • Canned cat food • Dog/cat toys |
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Questions? Stephanie Stamm: 610-926-1560.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: The letter of the Ephesians is a long prayer of thanks to God for having chosen us to participate in Christ's life and the hope it brings. But to participate in the life of Christ we sometimes have to give up what may be comfortable and allow our hearts to be vulnerable to the touch of God who offers endless possibilities. The Old Testament prophets had such experiences. Teilhard de Chardin writes:

"Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete. Above all, trust in the slow work of God, our loving vine-dresser."

Whatever God calls us to will ultimately be for our good.

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



DO YOU USE EMAIL? So do we! Help update the parish list. Email to stmarysktown@ptd.net (subject line "parish database"). Include your family name, current phone numbers (specify cell/land line?) and whose email it is so we can reach out from the pastor and parish. *Add us to your contact list to see our messages.*

St. Mary's night at the READING FIGHTIN' PHILS:



Sunday July 22. Green reserved tickets: \$7 (normally \$9). This is Celebrate your Faith night. Post-game a few players will join in a faith discussion and the role it plays in their lives as pro-athletes; enjoy Christian Rock band

Boundaries as well. Please see Tom Cengeri for tickets or call him at 610-207-5831 tickets are going fast.

Spiritual Adoption

Month Six-Developing Baby-

Your spiritually adopted baby is growing quite beautifully

now, weight is approaching 2 lbs. Premature babies born now have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby.



THANK YOU! The Senior High Ministry group is on its WAY to see "Jesus"! The play, at Sights and Sounds theatre! This is made possible by all of you who came and sponsored our carwash. We earned

just over \$600! Thank you for your generosity! *The Senior High Ministry Carwash Crew!*

KEEP ST. MARY'S in MIND DURING YOUR SUMMER

TRAVELS: Have fun on your summer vacations! We know you'll be out of town a few Sundays this summer, but that doesn't mean you can't participate with regular offering. With Online Giving you can contribute from wherever you are... you can even set up payments in advance if you like! And when you give online, it helps us make our budget, even when attendance is low. Visit www.stmarysktown.com/online_giving.html for the Online Giving link.

WHEN PEOPLE wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest, because when there is no longer any priest there is no sacrifice, and where there is no longer any sacrifice, there is no religion. *St. John Vianney*

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: The annual Holiday Bazaar, on the 1st Saturday in November is an excellent opportunity to showcase parishioner talent. Consider making handcrafted items to be sold at the Ladies Auxiliary craft table. Any handcrafted items, made from materials you already have in your stash—fabric, wood, paper, yarn, etc.—will be accepted.

Crafty adults or teens are needed to sort donations before the bazaar and help sell them on the bazaar day. Bring items to the Religious Ed Center the week before the bazaar. Questions: please contact Frances Larash: 610-683-3675.

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



"Jesus sent them out two by two," (today's Gospel). Have you ever realized that by your Sacrament of Marriage Jesus has sent you out to be witnesses of God's love? Attend a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend to strengthen your love. For info: 1-732-904-9636 or www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

GENERATIONS of LOVE! July 21-27 National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week:

Every year, the Church celebrates God's design for married love, the gift of life and raises Natural Family Planning awareness. NFP users reveal dramatic improvements to their marriage: deeper intimacy, communication, and spiritual growth, AND NFP maintains and supports the natural dignity of women's reproductive health and fertility without dangerous drugs or devices. Learn more: www.allentowndiocese.org/NFP

CAT 01-The Creed:

An overview of fundamental Catholic teachings based on the founding Symbol of our Faith. This course provides catechists with a foundation in the basic tenets of the Catholic Faith, and is a good starting point leading to further study. Highly recommended for Catechists; but everyone is invited to learn more about what it means to say, I believe... scheduled from 8:30a-12:30p, Saturdays, July 21 & 28 St. Thomas More, Allentown. Register: www.allentowndiocese.org/icf Cost: \$30. *ICF Courses are for any adult Catholic looking to learn more about the Faith; no prerequisites required.*

REDISCOVER the LOVE in YOUR MARRIAGE!

Does the distance between you seem wide? Already separated? Retrouvaille offers hope for a better relationship. This peer ministry of volunteer couples helps you learn healthy communication tools, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done. Next program at in Malvern is Aug. 17-19. Info, or register: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230; all inquiries kept strictly confidential

OCEAN CITY & EASTERN SHORE MD TRIP: September 11-14, 2018, sponsored by St Benedict Prime Timer Group, a 4 day-3 night trip. Cost: \$395 pp, double occupancy. For more info/reservations contact Marie Blimline 484-332-3241. Arrangements through White Star Tours.

September 15 Sponsor + Run + Walk
Event MC Jo Painter Individual, Team, Virtual registrations



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NUN RUN 5K and 1M Fun Walk 2018: Sept. 15, Sacred Heart Villa, 51 Seminary Ave., Reading. Bring family and friends to benefit the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart! Register as an individual or a team online at www.mscreading.org by Aug. 25 to guarantee a dry fit NUN RUN t-shirt! Registration is \$25 before race day; \$30 on race day. Email Carrie: cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org with questions, to register or to become an event sponsor! Enjoy exercise, music and fun for a good cause!

IF YOU'VE RECEIVED...an adverse Prenatal Diagnosis: The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding adverse prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 2280

WORD of LIFE: "Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities ~ 2017-2018 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid

PROLIFE: Negative Effects of the Pill: Though the mainstream media and feminist groups typically present hormonal contraceptives as a boon for women, they overlook the serious side effects reported in mainstream scientific literature. Hormonal Contraceptives such as the pill have been labeled as carcinogens by the World Health Organization (WHO) - www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/ageing/cocs_hrt_statement.pdf

REFLECTION... by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
No matter how hard I try to pack no more than I need for a given trip, I always manage to overpack. It doesn't make sense to bring along all the comforts of home when you're leaving home for awhile. After all, why else take a trip. Still, we get used to certain conveniences, and they might not be had where we're going,

Nowadays there's an added incentive to pack lightly because the airlines are quick to charge you for a suitcase that's heavier than their arbitrary weight classification. Or you may be compelled to remove items that you thought were so necessary just to get onboard the plane.

All this came to mind as I pondered Jesus' instructions to His first missionaries, His chosen Twelve. He makes sure they don't overpack for their upcoming road trips. His motive is clear. If they are to preach to others about the virtues of a simple lifestyle, and build up dependence on God, then they must lead by example. So it has ever been for Christ's representatives, which means you and me.

Another less obvious intent of Jesus is to guarantee that the Twelve do not go looking for better offers about their comfort than the one right in front of them. Rather are they to accept what people offered them.

Jesus also warns His men about the possibility of rejection of their message and how to handle it. That is helpful for us, as the teachings of our Church become more and more in conflict with the surrounding culture that we live and move and have our being in these days.

Jesus' "prep talk" is important for us to remember. I see in Jesus' instruction about travelling lightly as a reminder that our time on earth is limited. Wasting our time and energy on acquiring fame, wealth or power rather than grace and virtue is a strong temptation but not one we can't overcome if we have God's help.

And as for the potential rejection we must face as friends of Christ, especially if and when it originates from our own families or friends, we have to recall what St. Paul wrote to his Ephesians. He writes: "In love He (God the Father) destined us for adoption to Himself." That means we are part of God's family. He walks beside us through this vale of tears. That's good news. But so often we forget. We're not like elephants, who reputedly never forget. But that can sometimes be a detriment for them.

Once upon a time, at a circus, there was a huge elephant that was tied to an eighteen inch stake. Could he not easily have pulled it out of the ground and been free? Sure! But he had tried that when he was a baby and was unsuccessful. The elephant had concluded that he could never pull it out of the ground. So there he stood, a massive creature capable of lifting whole trees, yet held captive by a puny stake.

What small stake could faith release you from?



The Catholic Mirror: Reflections on Our Life in Christ

Forgiveness



We all long for forgiveness at various points in our lives. When we do something offensive or harmful to another we can find ourselves with a sense of shamefulness and we possibly avoid the person we have hurt. We find ourselves out of right-relationship with the other person. We are no longer in communion with them and find ourselves questioning where we stand with them, what they think about us. If left unaddressed, the feeling can grow and the relationship can die. The best course of action is a swift move to an apology as soon as we recognize our offense. The apology may help to heal the injured relationship, but depending upon the severity of the offense, some further action may need to take place to bring the relationship back to life.

People can tend to avoid apologies though because they require admitting that we knowingly did something that hurt another. It seems that the accidental transgressions are more easily and immediately apologized for as we perceive that the other would be more forgiving of an accident. The truth is, we don't know if we will be forgiven when we apologize, especially if we voluntarily hurt another. Apologies take courage, courage in the face of the fear that wonders if we will be forgiven or chastised. This fear, if left un-faced, can harden and turn into resentment making us even more resistant to healing the relationship. At least with the fear there is a desire to return to right-relationship, with resentment there is no desire to return to a healed relationship.

Fortunately, the Sacrament of Confession is easier; we already know that God will forgive us, presuming that we are truly penitent, which includes firm resolve to not repeat our sin. No matter our sin and shame, God will forgive us. Many who have not been to the Sacrament of Confession in decades find themselves deeply relieved after finally revisiting the Confessional. Christ is awaiting our arrival in the Confessional; He is waiting to forgive us. We should overcome our doubts, fears, or resentments and take His free offering of healing.

Let us Praise the Lord.
-And give him thanks.

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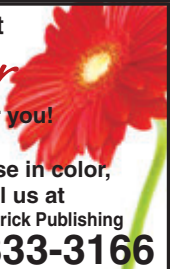
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