



Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



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>
Reverend Charles J. McElroy	<i>Pastor Emeritus</i>
Monsignor Gerard C. Mesure	<i>Weekend Assistant</i>
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Ms. Peggy Hinson	<i>Head Sacristan</i>
Ms. Nadine Keller	<i>Campus Custodian</i>

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

PREP STAFF & HOURS

Mrs. Mary Goudsward mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education; Principal of PREP</i>
Mr. John Coen	<i>Campus Security</i>

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

Mrs. Heather Sickinger hsickinger@smsk-8.org	<i>Principal, Saint Mary School</i>
Mrs. Anne DeSantis	<i>Chair, Board of Limited Jurisdiction</i>
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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. First time parents must attend Pre-Jordan Class held on the 3rd Sundays of the month at 6pm. Contact the Parish Office Center to schedule baptism or to pre-register for the class.

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

PASTOR'S

Corner

7 Ways to Keep the Wokeness Out of Your Home and Away from Your Kids -- NOELLE MERING

Whenever I speak to a crowd about the woke movement, an inevitable comment surfaces in the Q&A. With a sort of resigned sadness, parents will tell me about their teen or adult children who are now woke, uninterested in the faith of their childhood, and disdainful of those who passed it down to them.

Political division is not new, but it is increasingly more ferocious. A contributing factor is the nature of wokeism which relocates moral stature away from the development of character and gives perverse incentive to the adoption of a victim identity. To maintain the status of victim, the aggrieved must become an incessant accuser, unmasking the evil all around him, but rarely in himself. This leads to a society roiled in conflict and unable to self-examine.

Still, the parent/child fracture is far more painful than the demise of an old high school friendship or a rebuke from a woke cousin in Vermont. There is a patricidal tendency that is particular to totalizing ideologies. Family is a deeply stabilizing force. Cultural revolutions thrive on the instability that comes with the erosion of parental authority.

My advice to parents going through this is perhaps obvious: strive to remain engaged in their lives, avoid political discussion (they already know where you stand), but don't hesitate to clearly and simply affirm what is true when needed. If conversations come up, pointed questions might facilitate introspection and reconsideration of their positions over time.

Such parents also need to be reassured that their experience is a common one, and not necessarily reflective of some great failure or oversight on their part. Most importantly, we all need to remind ourselves that this is far more of a spiritual battle than a political one, and to never underestimate the preeminent place of prayer and sacrifice for our children.

But as the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. What about those parents who are still in the stage of car seats and grade school selection? With them in mind, here are some suggestions.

1. Cultivate a cheerful, fun, and affectionate marriage and family life. Aim to create a cheerful atmosphere at home and regulate your own emotions. It's unfair to expect children to control their feelings if we struggle to manage our own. Emotions have a ripple effect, influencing those around us positively or negatively.

Cultivating fun in family life builds a reservoir of positive connections and memories that kids will carry into adulthood. The deeper spiritual realities we want to impart to them are not merely prohibitions or propositions, but also embodied habits of life that give them the experience of the joy and love that they will forever seek one way or another.

Showing them great affection helps to communicate that they are not only loved, but liked. Kids who feel this are more likely to trust that you have their good at heart when you set boundaries.

2. Get on top of their technology. Once phones are introduced, it's challenging to scale back, so delay giving them a phone for as long as possible - in our house, that's age sixteen. We've found that workarounds like repurposing an old iPhone with restricted browser access and parental controls are burdensome to maintain and too porous. The Pinwheel phone, which lacks internet access and social media but includes maps and texting capabilities, is a great alternative. Here is a guide that evaluates other options as well and offers general tech advice for family life.

Though smartphones are uniquely hazardous, there is plenty of trouble awaiting and nefarious influences lurking on YouTube and other media platforms as well as various gaming devices. Exercise caution and ensure that access to such tech is limited, and located in public areas of the home, if permitted at all.

3. Foster discussion and dialogue. Adolescents will have doubts, questions, pushback about everything from family rules to religion. Take them seriously and dignify their struggles with conversation. Listen, ask questions, discuss, and follow up. People tend to embrace more deeply what they arrive at more freely. Allow them the room to think critically about what they believe and why.

The truth can withstand any scrutiny. Have confidence in that. Kids who are encouraged to wrestle with ideas, will more likely become adults who are immune to propaganda.

4. Introduce them to beautiful things. Beauty instructs us that we are not made for a life of mere utility. As circumstances permit, bring them to cathedrals, symphonies, plays, museums, forests, oceans, rivers, meadows.

Family culture isn't just about what we're keeping out of the home, but what we're bringing in. Have beautiful books strewn about for them to take and thumb through or enjoy together. This requires kids who have the space in their life to grow bored enough to turn to books even if they're not generally inclined to read.

Consider beautiful scents as well. Light candles for family prayers, cut simple flowers for them to arrange for dinner. If you're a baker, involve them in the process. The sense of smell is intimately tied to memory which is why a scent might transport us mysteriously to another time or place or person.

5. Think beyond your neighborhood school. Consider alternatives such as homeschooling, a good co-op, or a classical orthodox private school. Expecting children to withstand ideological pressure alone in a sea of indoctrination is unrealistic and unfair. There are of course exceptions: some well-formed kids with a particularly strong leadership temperament might fare well, but we are well beyond the point in time when the neighborhood school should be the default option.

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MASS Intentions

Saturday April 20
 4:00 p.m. Robert Swantek, Jr., 61st Birthday - J. Swantek

Sunday April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of Bill & Saunie Kirby - Bill & Maddie McGeeney
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Monica Lynn's 60th Birthday -
 Brendan & Andrew
 12:00 p.m. Bernard Kunz - Denise & Gene Sozda

Monday April 22 Easter Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Marsh, Berish, Bushéy &
 Karwoski Families - Bushéy Family

Tuesday April 23 Saint George & Saint Adalbert
 9:00 a.m. Jake Michael Debro - Sam & Margherita Storti

Wednesday April 24 Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen
 9:00 a.m. Brendan John Heary, 32nd Anniversary - Mom & Dad

Thursday April 25 Saint Mark
 9:00 a.m. Joe & Jane Ilacqua - Suzette

Friday April 26 Easter Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Nadine O'Leary - Gary & Linda
 Sweeney

Saturday April 27 Easter Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Living Waters Class - Michelle Beck
 4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Marcozzi & Nosek
 Families - Marge & Ron Nosek

Sunday April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 a.m. Muriel Kay Cavan - Sue Paznokas
 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Elizabeth Viscusi - Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Viscusi
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish
 12:00 p.m. All Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund

Weekly Memorial Intentions

CHURCH

Rose For Life
 In memory of **Jake Michael Debro**
 Requested by **Samuel & Margherita Storti**

Rose for Resurrection
 In memory of **Robert Swantek, Jr.**
 Requested by **Jackie Swantek**

Sanctuary Lamp
 In memory of **George D'Ambrosio**
 Requested by **Megan & Joe Repko**

Altar Candles
 In memory of **Debbie Cassel**
 Requested by **Steve & Family**

Altar Bread and Wine
 In honor of **Louise Capaldi's 82nd Birthday**
 Requested by **Donna, Kamila & Mason**

Altar Flowers
 In honor of _____
 Requested by _____

CHAPEL

Vigil Light
 In memory of **Michael Erne**
 Requested by **Monaghan Family**

Sanctuary Lamp
 In memory of **Dorothy Speaker**
 Requested by **John & Flossie Chomyn**

Altar Candles
 In honor of **Louise Capaldi's 82nd Birthday**
 Requested by **Donna, Kamila & Mason**

*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 APRIL 20-21

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Gibbons	Masington	Bushey Grossbauer (if needed)	A. & D. Kupfer, Bluhm	Rembisz	Hinson
7:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Paolucci	Moore Whitehead (if needed)	J. & J. Erwin, Flanagan	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Fr. Cox	S. Bakey D. Ford	Rodzewich Storti (if needed)	K. & L. Dalasio, J. Ford	Olzinski	Hinson
10:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Conte	Saboe Brady (if needed)	J. & M. Corbin, V. Giampa	Organ/Cantor	Hinson
12:00 PM	Msgr. Mesure	LaGuardia	Lederer James (if needed)	J. Yaglenski, Moore, Dominguetti	Organ/Cantor	Hinson

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 27-28

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Msgr. Mesure	A. DeSantis A. DeSantis	Hinson Godshall (if needed)	Kiefrider, Lees, Wolfinger	Rembisz	Hinson
7:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Watters	Szumiloski McGeeney (if needed)	E., J. & B. Goudsward	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Fr. Cox	L. Gurgick B. Gurgick	Bickel Bakey (if needed)	J., J. & J. Klenieski	Olzinski	Hinson
10:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Reiff Blum	Donaghy Klisch (if needed)	Zamrin, Rhuberg, Yarrison	Organ/Cantor	Hinson
12:00 PM	Fr. Cox	Mazzio Carney	James Zandier (if needed)	A. & D. Kupfer, Moore	Organ/Cantor	Hinson

Pray For The Sick



Rowen Aldridge, Baby Adrian, Ford Bartle, Donna Marie Bates, Rosemary Bauerle, Philip Berardi, Adam Bockius, Teresa Bockius, Suzanne Bonoduce, Bonnie Borro, Sophia Borzillo, Ron Brown, Marge Burghart, Dolores Burton, Paul Carney, Rita Carney, William Cornell, Angela Cramer, Carol Csisek, Elaine Csisek, Dante Danilshenko, Susan Storti Debro, Suzanne DeSantis, Tom DeSantis, Angela Desmond, Tim Dippolito, Lou DiTanna, Wayne Dowd, Bob Finkelston, Mary Catherine Gallagher, Patrick Gardenier, Andy Gdonski, Irene Gilsky, Frank Gormley, Rose Griffith, Katelyn Hessler, Liz Hoffstetter, Tony Hoffstetter, Ann Holland, Susan Houser, Esther Hunter, Joseph Ilacqua, Molly Ivory, Bruce Johnson, Jane Kerr, Bob Kindermann, Jennifer Klauder, Ted Leichner, Nico Linsalata, Joe Malecki, Shirley March, Patricia Storti Martin, Pat Matthews, Ginny McCartin, Joe McCartin, Sharon McGill, Dolores McGuigan, Kimberley McNulty, Bill Moore, Rachel Moore and child Hailey, Eileen Murdock, Kenneth Murdock, Betty Murray, Troy Nicholson, Jack Palm, Ryan Palm, Marianne Peters, Rebecca Pettine, Chester Plevyak, Angelique Ponzio, Dianne Ponzio, Kathleen Romich, Terry Romich, James Serianni, Richard Schell, Tom Schnaubelt, Abra Schmidt, Elliot Schmidt, Jeff Smythe, Heather Spillane, Jeff Spillane, Maureen Steinmetz, Donald Steward, Chris Szumiloski, Keith S., Patricia Tacconelli, Edward Vaccaro, Pamela Vollum, Kristen Warner, Richard Waryga, Ron Wasson, Natalie Weiss, Melissa Williams, Mary Wills, Victoria Winnicki, Elfrieda Wojcik.

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR (from page 3)



6. Imbue their days with a sense of mission. Much of the messaging in media and in the ever-expanding Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum in schools prompt children to fixate on their feelings and to identify themselves with their wounds and hurts. For example, in one SEL activity, grade school kids are asked to keep a "Problem Diary" where they're instructed to log their "Trigger Situations." Suggested triggers listed ask students to scrutinize how they might have been criticized, left out, or treated unfairly.

Asking children to filter their days through a lens of grievance is psychologically manipulative. Think of your family dinner table conversation. You likely ask your kids what they learned that day and how they helped at school or in the family or perhaps if they were a good friend to a new student or helpful to a sibling. In other words, kids need to be continually moved beyond their natural self-absorption by being tasked to see past their wants and hurts, and to start to assume responsibility and mission. They need to know that their lives mean something beyond themselves. Without a sense of real purpose, kids tend to drift into contrived ones and will almost inevitably sink into despair and anger.

7. Lead by example in your prayer life. A daily habit of family prayer goes without saying, but never underestimate the importance of your personal habits of prayer and meditation. A tremendous 85-year-old priest friend spoke once of the impact of accidentally walking unannounced into his parents' room as a child and finding his mother sitting with her eyes closed in prayer. It's important to teach kids to pray on their own, at set times in the day, but know that habits are also passed down without much explicit instruction. Your personal perseverance in prayer speaks far more of its importance than most any catechism class can.

Finally, know that even if we do everything perfectly they still have free will. But be assured that we will all do this very imperfectly. That's okay. Keep going.

Acknowledgement: Noelle Mering. "7 Ways to Keep the Wokeness Out of Your Home and Away from Your Kids." *Theology of Home* (March 4, 2024).

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	Caine Dusza	Thomas Fisher	Tim Fitzgerald
Jennifer Foley	Matthew Foley	Parker Foss	Blaise Fountaine	Eric Funk
David Gentner	David Giannini	Jason Giger	Jim Gotlewski	Richard Granozio
Brock Grosso	Brian Handel	Tim Harris	Aaron Hart	Colin Heary
Eric Himmel	William Holdsworth	Kyle Houchins	Michael Ingram	Alexander Klobusicky
Brett R. Karkheck	Kyle Kearney	Matthew Kearney	Fr. Joseph Lea	Gabriel Leone
George Lockbaum	Aiden Lyles	Charles Maloney III	Jordan Mares	Keith E. Mason
Bobby McCall	Timothy McGinnis	Sean McGuire	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	Sara Saraceni	William Schweitzer	Elizabeth Schnaubelt
Lauren Shaw	Angela Sills	Ashley L. Sills	Brian Sinclair	David Sinnk
Francis Sisbarro	Sharon Sisbarro	Brian Smith	Owen Stanton	JohnWalsh
John Weaver	Kathleen Winters	Joseph Wolf		

Parish News...

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



“Suppose you were told that Jesus wanted to meet with you personally for an hour at your parish. Who would say no to such an invitation? Me, for one. When Eucharistic adoration was inaugurated at our church several years ago, I politely declined to be an adorer, as I didn’t feel the devotion suited me. I had come into the Catholic Church late in life and with a lot to learn in a short time, including the finer points of Eucharistic theology. While I believed in the Real Presence, it was mainly an intellectual assent. Its profound implications had yet to settle in my soul. As an evangelical Protestant, I had been quick to quote John 3:7, “You must be born again”, yet skipped right over the astounding things Jesus said to his disciples only three chapters later about eating his body and drinking his blood. But Jesus made the blind see, and that included spiritual blindness, as I was about to learn.” F. Douglas Kneibert.

OPEN HOURS: Sunday @ 1:00 AM, Monday @ 8:00 AM, Tuesday @ 6:00 AM, (2nd Adorer), & 5:00 PM, Wednesday @ 9:00 PM, Friday @ 2:00 PM & 11:00 PM, Saturday @ 6:00 PM. If interested please contact MK @ adorationsaintmarys@gmail.com or [610-476-4490](tel:610-476-4490).

WELCOME.....



and God’s Blessings on **Bailey Robert Bhuta, Cormac Rhys Franklin & Braden David Percetti** who were baptized by Deacon Donald Nichols on Sunday, April 14th.

PATRICIANS



Please join us for the next Patricians on April 25th from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in Annex room 3. We will be discussing "Understanding Conscience". Come and learn how to share our beautiful Catholic faith!

LENTEN DINNERS THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to the entire team that assisted with our Lenten Dinners for all of their dedication and hard work. Our totals are in and we raised \$28,219 and served a total of 2,626 dinners! What an incredible achievement! A special thank you to Father Cox and all of our Lenten Dinner food and wish list donors, bakers, coordinators, volunteers, sponsors and patrons. A special thank you to our business sponsors including Carol Munz and Bova Foods, Chris Samsel of Dairy Queen, Ted Caiola, Matt, Steve and Jon of Moccia's Train Stop, Ed & Kathy Wasniewski and Indian Ridge Provisions, Bill Cornell and John Smith of Landis Supermarket of Vernfield for home baked desserts and rolls, and Ben of US Foods. We are so grateful to have friends like you in our community that give generously of your resources. May God bless everyone involved for their love and continued support of our shared home, Saint Mary Parish.



LUCKY LOTTERY WINNERS

Our Lucky Lottery Winners for the week of April 8th - April 14th are:

April 8th: Kathy Pfister - \$45.00
April 9th: Susan Kenna - \$45.00
April 10th: No winner - number not sold
April 11th: Janice Repko - \$45.00
April 12th: Heather Sickinger - \$45.00
April 13th: Mike McGrory - \$45.00
April 14th: No winner - number not sold

Congratulations to all our winners!

WELCOME.....



and Congratulations to **Steve & Dale Wittmer** who made their profession of faith and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 7th and **Jeremy Krieg** and **Shane & Darleen McClain** who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 13th. Please keep these individuals in your prayers, as well as those in the OCIA who are continuing their journey into full communion in the Catholic Church.

EASTER CANDY BASKET THANK YOU!



Thank you to coordinator, Mary Creeden, Joni Rembisz, their team of helpers and all our parishioners and friends who generously volunteered or donated towards our Easter Candy Baskets. Because of your generosity, we raised \$1,716 from the sale of our baskets and palm crosses for Saint Mary Parish. We are so grateful for all of our incredible volunteers and donors!

CONDOLENCES....



The Saint Mary Parish Community extends prayerful condolences to the family and friends of Lois Traitz, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated by Reverend James Cox on Tuesday, April 9th at 11:00am and Linda Cahill whose Funeral Mass was celebrated by Reverend James Cox on Friday, April 12th at 11:00am.

BONANZA RAFFLE & BEACH BASH



Our Bonanza Raffle spring fundraiser is underway. Tickets are \$50 each for a chance to win \$5,000, \$2,500 or \$1,000! Tickets were mailed to all households and are also available in the main vestibule of the church. Payment and completed stubs should be returned to the Parish Office Center. Please help Saint Mary Parish reach our goal of raising \$35,000 by buying or selling 2 tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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



Classes are held Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM in the Catholic Education Center for grades 1 through 7. For information on how to register, please visit the parish website at www.churchofsaintmary.org and click on the Religious Education Tab. If you have questions about our PREP program, please contact Mary Goudsward, Principal of PREP, at mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org or by calling the Parish Office Center at 610-287-8156.

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL presents

The SOUND of MUSIC

The SOUND of MUSIC
Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

Friday, April 19, 2024 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 20, 2024 - 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 21, 2024 - 2:00 pm

Tickets available at the door - no reserved seating.
Advanced Tickets available at Saint Mary School Office.
Doors open 30 minutes prior to show

\$7.00 per adult - \$5.00 per student
\$20.00 immediate family

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 at 11:30 AM 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.

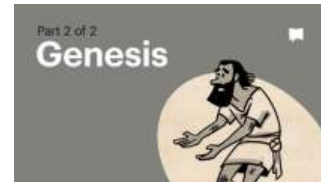
Patricians: 3rd Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00pm from September thru May.

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



Genesis Part 2 | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on Genesis 12-50, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Genesis, God promises to bless rebellious humanity through the family of Abraham, despite their constant failure and folly.

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 610-287-8156 or mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the way by which people 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 dnichols@churchofsaintmary.org or 610-287-8156.

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 2024

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROSARY - 6:30pm • MAY PROCESSION - 7:00pm



Please join us for our
Annual May Procession on
Tuesday May 7th.

Students, Families and all
Parishioners are asked to meet
inside the Church using the main
doors by 6:15pm.

The Rosary will begin at 6:30pm
followed by a procession around
campus honoring the
Mother of God.

We will conclude in Church
with the Crowning of
Our Blessed Mother.

**First Communicants are kindly asked to wear their
First Communion outfits.**

Parking Lot B will be open to traffic until 6:45pm.
Please use the Auxiliary Lot across Spring Mount Road after 6:45pm.

*We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother, and we
honor her simply and solely to honor him all the more perfectly.
We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek — Jesus, her Son.*

ST LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT



LEGACY OF FAITH

LEGACY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN AS OF APRIL 7, 2024

Amount Pledged.....	\$2,054,194.95
Pledge Income.....	\$2,020,115.63
Expenses Paid.....	\$1,406,681.60
Bank Balance.....	\$613,434.03
Legacy of Faith Campaign Goal.....	\$2,000,000.00

The next phase of our renovations will be the church HVAC which is scheduled to begin in Spring 2024.

RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH BATHROOMS HAS STARTED!

To donate to our Legacy of Faith Campaign visit Parish Giving or call the Parish Office Center.



Is Our Lady Calling You?

Would you like to develop a personal relationship with the Holy Trinity and Our Lady and a way to put your Catholic faith into action? Following Jesus' command at the Ascension to continue His teaching of the Gospel message, we place ourselves in partnership with Mary. Join The Legion of Mary any Tuesday at 6:30pm in Annex Room 2. For more information contact Lou Ann Pirrall at [267-615-9485](tel:267-615-9485)



Knights of Columbus Council #3633

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Catholic men over 18 - Join Us!

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEATIFICATION OF PADRE PIO



Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Beatification of Padre Pio and the Opening of Our Lady of Grace Chapel and Padre Pio Spirituality Centre on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at the National Center for Padre Pio. The day includes recitation of the Rosary, the celebration of Mass with Bishop Keith Chylinski, and veneration of the relic glove of Padre Pio. The Rosary begins at 11:30 AM. Contact angela@padrepio.org for more information.

FLAME OF LOVE TALK



Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville is hosting *Mary Our Mother, Flame of Love Talk* on Wednesday May 29, 2024. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with the rosary followed by guest speaker Dr. Antone Raymundo, a nationally broadcasted host on Radio Maria. For more information contact Maureen at [610-287-2525](tel:610-287-2525).

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia presents the Catholic Charismatic Conference with The Most Reverend John J. McIntyre, D.D., V.G. The conference is on May 18, 2024 and runs from 9:00 AM to the Pentecost Vigil Mass at 5:00PM. It is being held at Epiphany of our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting, PA. The cost is \$40 per person and includes lunch. Speakers include Christine Watkins, Daniel O'Connor and Fr. Rick Wendell along with emcee, Maria Carmel Richardson. To register, visit www.archphilaccr.org.

QUO VADIS CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEN



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA HEED THE CALL

High school men are invited to attend Quo Vadis Days this summer at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA.

The camp offers high school men the opportunity to grow in their faith and interact with other men of faith from around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The camp is held from Monday, June 24th through Thursday, June 27th and includes dynamic talks, daily Mass, swimming, Gaga Ball and more. This year's theme is "Behold the Lamb" and will focus on the witness of St. John the Baptist. For registration information visit heedthecall.org/quovadis, contact Sue Matour at smatour@archphila.org or scan the QR Code. The registration deadline is May 24th.



SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER RETREAT



All Catholic men are invited to register for the St. Joseph the Worker Retreat at the Malvern Retreat House on the weekend of May 3 - 5, 2024. The topic of this year's retreat is "Manly Love for the Eucharistic Lord." Father Roger Landry, renowned Catholic writer and frequent contributor to the National Catholic Register, will lead the retreat. He will be focusing on various male saints and the pillars of Eucharistic love as we go more deeply into the Eucharistic Revival. The cost of the retreat is \$275 for in person attendance. Register at www.MalvernRetreat.com, or call [610-644-0400](tel:610-644-0400) for more information.

FINANCIAL FACTS

Collection for April 7, 2024 Week 41

Weekend Collection (Weekly Offering Envelopes)

Target Needed for the 23-24 Fiscal Year..... \$900,000.00
 Weekly Target Needed for 23-24 Fiscal Year..... \$17,307.69
Collection for Weekend of April 7.....\$25,532.00
 Parish Giving & PayPal.....\$6,296.80
 Over (Under) Target.....\$14,521.11

School Mortgage (Blue Envelope)

Target Needed for the 23-24 Fiscal Year..... \$114,036.00
 Weekly Target Needed\$2,193.00
Collection for Weekend of April 7.....\$132.89
 Over (Under) Target.....(\$2,060.11)

Catholic Education Center Mortgage:

Balance as of February 29, 2024..... \$893,190.00
 March Principal Payment..... \$10,310.48
 Balance as of March 31, 2024..... \$882,879.52
 Next Monthly Principal Due April 30, 2024

Total Collected To Date.....\$680,351.51

Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt.....\$685,297.31
 Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope).....\$324.32
 New Debt Total.....\$684,972.99

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.

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

PARISH GIVING ON OUR WEBSITE

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***Greatly Needed Items**
Gift cards to local grocery stores are always needed and greatly appreciated.

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

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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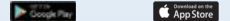
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