



**St. Mary's Church**  
**14833 Kutztown Road**  
**Kutztown, Pa. 19530**

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

In October of this year our parish will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the years our parish has grown from a handful of families to over 800 families. New programs and ministries have evolved over the 100 years. The faith of our parishioners, their willingness to share their time, talent and treasure have made St. Mary's Parish special. New ministries and some of the old will be needed as we move into the future. It will take an effort by all of us working together to meet the needs of our children, families, single persons and elderly. Your dedication and offering your gifts is certainly appreciated by me and our parishioners as they become aware of the outreach and support parishioners offer each other.

Our parish is a place that is alive in Christ. Our hope and intent is to be a parish where people experience prayerful and uplifting liturgies that inspire and strengthen our faith, a community where our unique gifts and talents are valued in service to others for our God.

As we recognize our strengths, gifts and talents is there a ministry that keeps coming to your mind?

Would you like to learn more about ministry opportunities presently in our parish or do you have a new ministry you would like to encourage?

What are your life circumstances right now? What is realistic for you at this time?

Attached you will find the Time and Talent invitation. Please prayerfully reflect on your unique gifts and how you might use those gifts in service to our parish. If you think you do not have gifts, you might be surprised that people around you can name your gifts. Perhaps you just want to come and see what one of our parish ministries is like. Maybe you feel that you don't have much time right now but would be willing to try a "one time" service for an hour.

Whatever your life circumstances are, there is a place for you to join in the life of our parish.

As Jesus said, "come and see". Let's make the next 100 year of our parish special as we continue to reflect Christ to each other and our extended community.

Rev. Msgr. Walter T Scheaffer



Pastor



*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Pt 4:10)*

*We are a welcoming community called to deepen and share our faith.*

*Thank you for your prayerful reflection!*

Please return your completed form to the Be My Witness team members greeting you  
at the door of the church at:

**\*4:30p & \*9:00a Mass on May 04 & 05 OR \*11:00a Mass, May 12.**

Your response will be included in the offering on the altar.

A member of the Time & Talent Team will contact you soon.

Keep this page for yourself.

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**Parish Office: 610-683-7443**

*For more detailed information on all the parish ministries please visit our website:*

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#### *Discipleship Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as disciples. Help us to respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost.

Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us to proclaim your gospel of hope and salvation here at home and to all nations and peoples. Teach us to be faithful evangelists in word and in action.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual and material blessing. Show us how to share our gifts with others and inspire us always to follow your example of generous self-giving.

Gracious Lord teach us to give with a joyous and grateful heart that we may provide hope, consolation, and pastoral care to your people and thus give glory and honor to your holy name.  
AMEN.

*“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you should also love one another.” (John 13:31-35)*

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***St. Mary's Time & Talent – Opportunities to serve and belong***

Please check all that apply to you...

My special interests/passions at this time are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> advocacy                             | <input type="checkbox"/> mission trips                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> arts                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> music                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> care for and dignity of the elderly  | <input type="checkbox"/> pastoral care/visiting the sick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community outreach/service           | <input type="checkbox"/> persons with disabilities       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ecumenism                            | <input type="checkbox"/> singles ministry                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> education/formation: children, teens | <input type="checkbox"/> social media/technology         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> education/formation: adults          | <input type="checkbox"/> spiritual growth & development  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the environment                      | <input type="checkbox"/> wellness                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> families and parenting               | <input type="checkbox"/> worship/liturgy                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> finance                              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grief & loss/life transitions        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                          |  |

My feelings about being invited to ministry at this time are:

- eager to learn more
- excited
- glad to use my gifts to serve
- never been asked
- reluctant
- tired and burned out
- uncertain and unsure about my role
- unprepared
- other \_\_\_\_\_
- other \_\_\_\_\_

At this time, my preference is to participate in ministry opportunities that are...

- a one-time commitment (1 hour to 1 day)
- a short-term commitment (up to 6 months)
- a longer period of service (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- I am able to commit \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week \_\_\_\_\_ hours per month
- I am satisfied with my current commitments
- I am unable to take on additional commitments at this time.
- I would like to talk with pastoral staff or Time & Talent Team (please circle one) about my gifts and calling.

Is there a parish ministry that you feel called to at this time?

**Sunday Matters:**

- Hospitality in gathering space
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Acolyte (Altar Server)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Lector
- Choir, instrumentalist, Leader of Song
- Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister
- Environment/Decorating Church
- Writing team for Petitions
- Rosary Leader
- Funeral Ministry

**Welcome Matters:**

- Breakfast
- Coffee and Donuts
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Fish Dinners
- Soup Kitchen Prep
- Hoagie Prep and Sale
- Holiday Bazaar
- Welcome Committee
- Spaghetti Dinner

**Belonging Matters:**

- Ladies Auxiliary
- Men of St. Mary's
- Maintenance of Bldg. and Grounds
- Pray for Parish 15 min. daily

**Witness Matters:**

- Baptismal Prep. Program
- Welcome Your Child
- Religious Education, elementary, Jr. and Sr. High, Vacation Bible School
- Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults
- Rite for Christian Initiation of Children
- Small Faith Sharing Groups
- Facilitators
- Home Hospitality

**Mission Matters:**

- Faith and Justice Committee
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Project HOPE Driving Ministry
- Pro-Life Committee
- Soup Kitchen PREP /SERVE
- Social Media Outreach
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Website assistance

(If more than one family member is responding, please include names next to the ministry)

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**My contact information:**

Family \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach you \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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