

ST MARY'S CHURCH



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PASTORAL MINISTRY

Pastor	Fr John Maria
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Msgr Walter T Scheaffer
Transitional Deacon	Rev. Mr. N. Romero Brelinsky
Permanent Deacon	Dcn. Howard Schultz
Coordinator/Religious Educ	Mrs. Ann Pergosky
Director of Music Ministry	Mrs. Anne Sitarik
and Parish Secretary	

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Auxiliary	Theresa Bieak & Deb Massa
Men of St. Mary's	Mr. Tom Cengeri
Pro-Life Committee	Mr. John Tucker, O P
R C I A	Fr. John Maria

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

Diocesan Policies and Procedures on Youth Protection:

www.allentowndioocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S Krisak, Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Office of Safe Environment Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services: Pamela Russo, MSW, MS ; PO Box F, Allentown, 181-5-1538 Telephone 610-871-5200 xt 2204

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service: If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service: www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or 800-276-1562



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:30 pm
Sunday	8:30, 11:00am
Daily Masses	7:30am (Monday – Friday) 8:00am (First Saturdays)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Every

Wednesday, 7-8 pm *and* First Friday of the Month, 8 until 9am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Baptism is celebrated at various times, often 11a Mass, the 1st Sunday of the month. Baptisms are also scheduled privately upon arrangement with families. Parents must contact the Religious Ed Office to arrange Baptismal Prep sessions and learn all the details.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturday, 3:30-4:20p, Sundays 8:00-8:20; 10:30-10:50 am, Wednesdays 7:00-8:00p and by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK – Those who are dangerously ill or facing serious surgery may receive this healing Sacrament. Please contact Father John Maria to make arrangements

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY – Congratulations! Couples must contact Father John at least six months in advance of desired date. Marriage Preparation is required for proper celebration of this Sacrament

PROSPECTIVE GODPARENTS/SPONSORS asked to serve as Baptismal Godparents or Confirmation sponsor must request an eligibility certificate from the parish priest. To serve in this special role parishioners must: Be in full communion with the Catholic Church; Attend Mass weekly; have received Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation; Married individuals need be validly married in the Catholic Church.

Please contact the Parish Office and allow 2 weeks to process
HOMEBOUND – Parishioners homebound and unable to attend Mass please contact the Parish Office to arrange visitation, to receive Holy Communion

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

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - Welcome to St. Mary's Parish! Please contact the Parish Office to meet with Father John and become registered. We also ask those who move to notify the parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Education for parish children occurs September 10 through April. Contact Religious Education office: 610-683-6454 for registration.

Center-based

- Levels 1 to 5 meet every week, Sundays, 9:40-10:50am

- Level 6-8 meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays, 6-8pm

- Youth Group (9-12) Stay tuned for upcoming events.

Home-based Arrangements may be made for select grade levels, contact Ann Pergosky

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MASS Intentions

Mon	09-25	7:30a	Andrew Romansky, Sr.
Tue	09-26	7:30a	In Thanksgiving
Wed	09-27	7:30a	Harry and Clara Painter
Thu	09-28	7:30a	Souls in Purgatory
Fri	09-29	7:30a	Joseph Andros, Jr.
Sat	09-30	4:30p	Mary Voli
Sun	10-01	8:30a	Thomas H. Smith
		11:00a	People of the Parish

Sponsor altar flowers in memory. Call the parish office.

READINGS and CELEBRATIONS for the WEEK

Sun	09-24	25 th Sunday Ordinary time- Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Mon	09-25	Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18 (449)
Tue	09-26	Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wed	09-27	Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thu	09-28	Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Fri	09-29	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
Sat	09-30	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Sun	10-01	Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

MUSIC MINISTRY

	<i>THIS WEEK</i>	<i>NEXT WEEK</i>
4:30p	Moore, Mark Casey, Peggy	Spanier, Chris Casey, Peggy
8:30a	Skoronski, Nathan Cebenko, Steve	Moore, Mark Cebenko, Steve
11:00a	Thomas, Cathy Talarico, Tim	Pirnot, Tom Skoronski, Katharine

Collection info Online in Church Expenses

Regular Collection	\$3,604.00	\$8,295.50	\$10,105.54
Building Fund	\$25.00	\$1,000.00	
Capital Campaign	\$320.00	\$0.00	
Parish Partnership	\$115.00	\$1,664.00	
Other Regular Income	\$80.00	\$312.00	

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING?



1. Visit our church website at www.stmaryskutztown.com
2. Click on the Online Giving link
3. Complete the online registration form
It's that simple! For more info or help setting up your account please contact the parish office: 610-683-7443

Please Pray for the Sick, and their loved ones:

Logan Alkons	Ken Gorski	Benedicta Otchere
Caleb Bauer	Bijou Greenwood	Rick Padilla
Christopher Bennett	Muriel Hadnagy	Ed Pilarski
Claudia Berg	Devon Hanna	Pat Regensburger
Greg Bradford	Jacqueline Hartz	Rosemarie Reimert
Monica Bradford	Linda Haurus	Bill Pettit
Bradford family	Hannah Hayduk	Megan Roth
Nadia Cahill	Kathy Henry	Nina Hertzog
Drew Cengeri	Joan Hullinger	Rundle
Meaghan Clark	Lillian Karch	Richard Rusconi
Colleen Wolff	Michael Karch	Mary Rutkosky
Jerome Costanzo	Joanne Kear	Sr. Mary Sapanara, MSC
Kim Costanzo	Patricia Keeney	Tina Scatamacchia
Nancy Devlin-Litinsky	Jane Kern	Jim Sherman
Milton Kern	Milton Kern	Barbara Shidisky
Dave Ebling	Cena Knowles	Tracy Snyder
Trent Eidle	Edward & Rosemary Law	Nicole Sosik
Floyd Falcone	Harry Lewellen	Todd Tanis
Helen Falcone	Julie Lindsey	Robt. Thompson, Jr and family
Patricia Farabaugh	Eva Malanczuk	Ralph Touch
Paula Fehlinger	Dennis Martinsen	Amy Turbo
Kathleen Fink	Barry, Sharon Miller	Christine VanDoorn
Ruth Fitterling	Elaine O. Miller	Phillip Vazquez
Joey Flecher	Marilyn Neider	Joseph Wawrzak
Tammy G.	Nikolette Nolte	Bonnie Wessner
Joe Galantino	Diana Novi	Emily Wickle
Michelle Galantino	Joanne O'Connell	
Sandra George		
Lucy Ginsiorsky		

Contact office to update list: secretary@stmaryskutztown.com



We are happy to announce on Oct. 07, 2023,
Zachary Althouse and Katrina Fullington
will be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Mary's Church.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Please Pray for all those serving our nation

Keenan Albright	Anthony DiPietro	Nick Marakovits
Kyle Albright	Charles Douglass	Melissa Marks
Michael Barron	Joseph Douglass	Laura Miller
Andrew Barthol	Keith Essig	Spencer Morris
Frank M. Bieda	Ryan Flanagan	Heather O'Donnell
John Boyer	Kale Follweiler	Menaka Nayyar & Anthony Pirnot
Matthew Boyer	Michael Allen Haak	Jake Schmeck
Jonathan Cardé	Diane Henry	Phillip Talarico
Ryan Cengeri	Joshua Joseph	Steve Ziegler
Eric Cunningham	Dan King	
Timothy DeVall	James Knight	

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sun 09.24 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2nd Collection – Church in Latin America
Elementary Religious Ed., 9:40a
Junior High ministry, 6p
Level 8 PARENT meeting, 6:15p
- Mon 09.25 Kitchen help, Potatoes, 9a
Kitchen help, Make pierogies, 11a
- Tue 09.26 Faith Sharing, 10a
Bake cookies, 12n
- Wed 09.27 Staff meeting, 9a
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7p
- Thu 09.28 Liturgy meeting, 9a
Mary’s Café, 7p
Music Ministry, 7p
- Sat 09.30 Pray the Rosary, 4p

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

- Sun 10.01 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Elementary Religious Education, 9:40a
Baptism, 12:15p
- Mon 10.02 Kitchen Help: Potatoes, 9a
Kitchen Help: Make Pierogies, 11a
Baptism Prep, 6p
- Tue 10.03 Faith Sharing, 10a
Ladies Aux. mtg, COOKIES/CRAFTS, 12n
- Wed 10.04 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7p
- Thu 10.05 Handiwork from the Heart, 7p
Music Ministry, 7p
R.C.I.A., 7p
- Fri 10.06 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:45a
Wedding rehearsal, 5p
- Sat 10.07 1st Saturday daily Mass, 8a
Fullington-Althouse Wedding, 2p
Pray the Rosary, 4p

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Submit bulletin items by 12n the prior Monday; full-page items two full weeks in advance

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Welcome! Please register for parish membership. Call 610-683-7443 for an appointment. Learn about all the parish has to offer! *Please inform us if moving.*

We pray and ask God to bless the marriage of Michael and Holly Clarke. May the new couple be nourished in the Sacrament each and every day of their married life.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: If you’d like to receive offertory envelopes please contact the parish office: secretary@stmaryskutztown.com



ARE YOU a SNOWBIRD traveling south for the winter? Tell the parish office, we’ll hold mailings until your return. Call/email the office. Bon voyage!

MASS INTENTIONS, 2024: As Catholics we believe souls united in Christ remain connected-even after death, seek the prayers of the saints, and pray for the souls of loved ones who have died in Christ. It’s a most powerful prayer and act of love to request Mass offered for the souls of loved ones.

The 2024 Mass book will open Oct. 02 for Saturday/Sunday and weekday Mass requests. Contact the parish office to schedule a mass intention. Because of the increased demand for scheduled Masses:

- † The book will open for the whole year until dates are full.
- † Please request no more than 1 weekend Mass per month.
- † There are no limitations on daily Masses.
- † Personal Mass intentions not available for: Holy Thursday, Easter, Christmas, Mother’s, or Father’s Day

A Word About Church in Latin America Collection...

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

Thank you for your support

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION- DCN. NIKOLAI ROMERO B.

“As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways.”

The passage we read from the prophet Isaiah seems like how a parent might answer the questions of their young child: “You can’t understand now, but I have my reasons.” A marked difference, however, is that God constantly reveals His ways to us. He does not function as a dictator, but as a teacher. Through the Scriptures and the Church’s teachings, God’s ways are revealed to us so that we may understand them and live by them.

One such way is in God’s generosity. In the Gospel, Jesus tells of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. At the end of the day, he pays a full day’s wages to each person, regardless to how many hours were worked. This seems obnoxious to those who have worked all day long. Even though they receive fair and honest pay, they anticipate more. We might be tempted to judge this landowner as a poor economist.

But Jesus is not merely describing an economic dilemma here. Rather, he presents the radical generosity of God, which we should mirror in our own generosity. The landowner provides for the needs of each person, and thus does God pour out His grace to each person in abundance and excess. He does not love someone less because they come to Him late. His love transcends our worldly limitations. Our role is to receive His grace, to give Him thanks, and go into the world proclaiming the wonder of His ways!

St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar November 4, 8:30a – 2:30p



OUR HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS AROUND THE CORNER! You'll find delicious homemade food & baked goods; talented crafters & artisans; used books; cash & basket raffles; white elephant & collectibles! Watch your mail for info and cash raffle tickets. Collect books and donation items (donate items begins Sun Oct. 29 after Masses). Many hands will make this day a success! Watch bulletin for further info to volunteer, *an hour or two or more* if you can. Contact Stacey Breiner: 484-769-0318 or Kerry Boderman: YOU can make this the merriest Holiday Bazaar ever!

MARY'S CAFÉ: 7p Thursday, Sept. 28. In the Religious Ed center, all are invited to join Father John at "Mary's Café". Our topic will be "**PRAYER: SPENDING TIME WITH GOD.**"



Our faith is ultimately an invitation to a loving relationship with God. Prayer is essential to this most important and eternal relationship!

And yet, prayer is challenging, especially with the many distractions we face. This talk will cover the basics of prayer, different types of prayer, including praying with Scripture. Prayer is challenging, but it is the doorway to the peace that this world cannot give!

"Mary's Café" is a great opportunity to get together with others at the parish, and to grow in your faith. The talk is informal and informative, allowing time to ask questions on the topic at hand, and others as well! Light refreshments will be available. Hope to see you Thursday, September 28 at 7pm in the Religious Ed Center!

Holiday Bazaar Cookies: Rolled, decorated cookies are very popular at the Holiday Bazaar. Here's an *easy* recipe. **Donate cookie dough to REC** in time for baking 12n-3p Tuesdays Sept 05--Oct 10. Call Carm 610-683-5931 or Valetta: 610-926-3910.



ABC Cookies-from Romana Kemp

5 c flour	3 eggs	1 tsp cream of tartar
2 c sugar	1 tsp baking soda	½ tsp vanilla
	¾ lb. melted butter	

Mix all ingredients together and divide into 3 patties. Wrap in waxed paper and chill overnight. Roll out and cut into shapes. Decorate & bake, 350° for 8-10 minutes.

PIEROGIE/KITCHEN HELP: Since 1995 a dedicated group of people has made over 30,000 pierogies and other delicious foods for St Mary's Holiday Bazaar. Our group of kitchen help continues to turn over, and we need some new helpers this year. Could *you* share a couple of hours?



We make ***pierogies Mondays after Labor Day**. It takes about 6 hours and involves about 12 different jobs; half of them are sit-down jobs. *Make **Soup and BBQ Mondays in October**; *Make **Haluski the week of the Bazaar**.

With fresh faces like YOURS will we continue to be able to make these sought-after, homemade Bazaar foods.

MONSTRANCE BLESSED BY ST. JOHN PAUL II AT ST.

MARY'S! Wednesday, Sept. 27, St Mary's will have our weekly hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be an added blessing that evening, as our parish will use a monstrance blessed by St John Paul II!

In 2004, the late Pope **John Paul II** blessed monstrances for use during the Year of the Eucharist for people to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life. These six monstrances were designated for Eucharistic adoration for *vocations* for each major continent or geographical area around



the world as a symbol of the connection between the Eucharist and priestly vocations. The six regions were: North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

At 7p, Wednesday, September 27, St Mary's will be blessed to host this special monstrance - a beautiful vessel which displays the greatest of all possible blessings: Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Plan to join us 9/27 and pray for an increase in vocations!

POPE FRANCIS' FRATELLI TUTTI THROUGH FRANCISCAN

EYES: Oct 6-8, St. Francis Retreat House, Easton. With Franciscan Fr. Greg Friedman. \$285 pp or \$550 couples/ \$80 Virtual. Register www.stranciscretreathouse.org or 610-838-1048 by **Sept 25** or *by Sept 29 for virtual*.

HGA REGIONAL SCHOOL DINE OUT EVENT: Visit Panera Bread (Muhlenberg location) 4-8p, Sept 27 and a portion of your purchase will help the school!

LIFE CHAIN: 2-3:30p, Oct. 1, Penn Ave, W Reading. Take a stand for life for the sake of children whose cries are being silenced. Attend this solidarity of Local Christians against abortion. *Prayer walk Penn Ave, Sat. Sept. 30; meet at 5:45p at St. James.* Info: Pam Snyder: 610-790-9197

MSC OKTOBERFEST:

12-5p, Oct. 8, Reading Liederkrantz. Hosted by and for the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Enjoy an authentic German Oktoberfest! **With** *Live Music and Dancing with the Josef Kroboth Band 1:00-4:00! *\$20 entrance fee online or at the door (\$10 for 10-17 – under 10 free); *An outdoor celebration in a scenic, accessible grove with pavilion, open-air first-come seating, scattered heaters, if needed; *Authentic German Food and Beer ordered by guests at cash only food and beverage stands (menu options online). *For tickets or to support our Sisters: www.mscreading.org cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org

GENDER IDEOLOGY: WHAT CATHOLICS NEED TO KNOW:

2-6, Oct. 08, Notre Dame Church, Bethlehem. Allentown Diocese hosts The Person and Identity Project (PIP), an initiative of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, to equip Catholics and Catholic institutions to promote the truth of the human person and counter gender ideology. Mary Rice Hasson, JD presents "Gender Ideology: What Catholics Need to Know." Join us for talks and expert panel. Register: www.allentowndiocese.org/gender-idology by **9/25**

MINISTRIES - OCTOBER 2023					
	SEP 30 - OCT 01	OCT 7-8	OCT 14-15	OCT 21-22	OCT 28-29
4:30pm	<u>Music Ministers</u> Spanier, Chris Casey, Peggy	<u>Music Ministers</u> Skoronski, Nathan Moore, Mark	<u>Music Ministers</u> Sitarik, Anne Casey, Peggy	<u>Music Ministers</u> Moore, Mark Casey, Peggy	<u>Music Ministers</u> Sitarik, Anne Casey, Peggy
8:30am	Moore, Mark Cebenکو, Steve	Spanier, Chris Moore, Mark	Talarico, Tim Cebenکو, Steve	Skoronski, Nathan Cebenکو, Steve	Spanier, Chris Cebenکو, Steve
11am	Pirnot, Tom Skoronski, Katherine	Sitarik, Anne More, Mark	Pirnot, Tom Talarico, Tim	Thomas, Cathy Talarico, Tim	Pirnot, Tom Talarico, Tim
4:30pm	<u>Extraordinary Min</u> Klopp, Daryl Zawaly, Patty	<u>Extraordinary Min</u> Arnold, Vince Arnold, Ellen	<u>Extraordinary Min</u> Arentz, Bill Arentz, Stephanie	<u>Extraordinary Min</u> Otruba, Pam Ruh, Mike	<u>Extraordinary Min</u> Zawaly, Joe Zawaly, Sue
8:30am	Ganser, Steve Sanchez, Mike	Hilburt, Laura Phillips, Rita	Pergosky, Ann Skoronski, Joseph	Pangrazi, Dana Schnabl, Janice	Cengeri, Tom Fullington, Katrina
11am	Thomas, Dan Wanner, Theresa	Kropf, Walter Thomas, Cathy	Marakovits, Hannah Neumann, Sue	Gallagher, John Jones, John	Pirnot, Ann Wanner, Theresa
4:30pm	<u>Comm/Lector</u> c-Zettle, Steve I-Eshbach, Valetta	<u>Comm/Lector</u> c-Zawaly, Patty I-Sosik, Carm	<u>Comm/Lector</u> c-Shidisky, Joe I-Larash, Frances	<u>Comm/Lector</u> c-Hertzog, Darlene I-Taylor, Elizabeth	<u>Comm/Lector</u> c-Kasopsky, Sue I-Zettle, Steve
8:30am	c-Sanchez, Linda I-Kasopsky, Sue	c-Skoronski, Mary I-Skoronski, Wendy	c-Mehltretter, John I-Fullington, Katrina	c-Skrip, Stormy I-Pangrazi, Ron	c-Sedlack, Anni I-Phillips, Rita
11am	c-Thomas, Cathy I-Kopchick, Karen	c-Talarico, David I-Thomas Dan	c-Bauman, Lesley I-Wilson, Sarah	c-Kopchick, Karen I-Jones, Anne	c-Thomas, Dan I-Talarico, David
4:30pm	<u>Altar Servers</u> <i>Volunteer Server</i>	<u>Altar Servers</u> Zachary S.	<u>Altar Servers</u> <i>Volunteer Server</i>	<u>Altar Servers</u> Carter G.	<u>Altar Servers</u> <i>Volunteer Server</i>
8:30am	<i>Volunteer Server</i>	Maya M. Grayson P.	Katherine S. Daniel S.	Logan O. John S.	Alyssa O. Connor S.
11am	<i>Volunteer Server</i>	Jackson M. Alexa N.	<i>Volunteer Server</i>	Anthony C. Steven D.	<i>Volunteer Server</i>
4:30pm 8:30am 11am	<u>Greeters</u> <i>Volunteer Family</i> <i>Sedlack Family</i> <i>Volunteer Family</i>	<u>Greeters</u> Galantino Family Ladies Auxiliary <i>Volunteer Family</i>	<u>Greeters</u> <i>Volunteer Family</i> Parish Youth <i>Volunteer Family</i>	<u>Greeters</u> <i>Volunteer Family</i> Phillips Family <i>Volunteer Family</i>	<u>Greeters</u> Arnold Family <i>Volunteer Family</i> <i>Volunteer Family</i>
Count Rm Sunday 8:30am	<u>Collections Team</u> Lanyi, Moore, Ohl	<u>Collections Team</u> Phillips & Zettle	<u>Collections Team</u> Bennett, Moran, Tempesco	<u>Collections Team</u> Boderman & Arnold	<u>Collections Team</u> Olsheski & Zawaly
4:00pm	<u>Rosary Leader</u> Tom Sedlack	<u>Rosary Leader</u> Skoronski, Wendy	<u>Rosary Leader</u> Eshbach, Valetta	<u>Rosary Leader</u> Zettle, Steve	<u>Rosary Leader</u> Arentz, Stephanie