

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 and Parish Secretary	Mrs. Anne Sitarik

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:

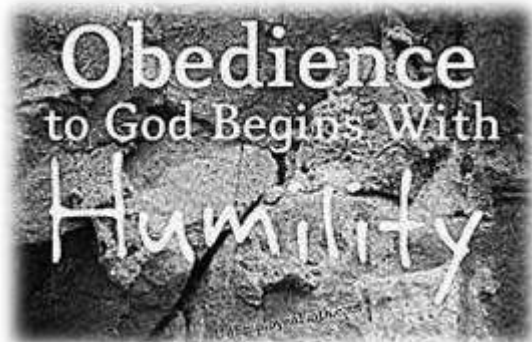
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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

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 a valid and Sacramental marriage

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

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 05, 2023

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

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MASS Intentions

Mon 11-06	7:30a	Beryl Roche
Tue 11-07	7:30a	Charles Brensinger
Wed 11-08	7:30a	Fiorino Grande
Thu 11-09	7:30a	William and Celestina Keller
Fri 11-10	7:30a	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Jacob and Abby
Sat 11-11	4:30p	Felix R. Raymond
Sun 11-12	8:30a	Sharon Keeney
	11:00a	People of the Parish

Altar flowers in memory of Anna and Joseph Soga this week

READINGS and CELEBRATIONS for the WEEK

Sun 11-05	31 st Sunday Ordinary Time- Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Th 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12
Mon 11-06	Ro 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
Tue 11-07	Ro 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
Wed 11-08	Ro 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
Thu 11-09	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Co 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Fri 11-10	Ro 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
Sat 11-11	Ro 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
Sun 11-12	32 nd Sunday Ordinary Time- Wis 6:12-16; 1 Th 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-1

MUSIC MINISTRY

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
4:30p	Spanier, Chris Casey, Peggy	Sitarik, Anne Moore, Mark
8:30a	Moore, Mark Cebenko, Steve	Spanier, Chris Moore, Mark
11:00a	Pirnot, Tom Skoronski, K.	Sitarik, Anne Moore, Mark

Collection info Online In Church Expenses

	Online	In Church	Expenses
Regular Collection	\$2,964.00	\$5,034.00	\$8,482.86
Building Fund	\$35.00	\$1,000.00	
Capital Campaign	\$30.00	--	
Parish Partnership	\$295.00	\$1,057.00	
Other Regular Income	\$380.00	\$276.00	

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

Contact office to update list: secretary@stmaryskutztown.com

Please Pray for all those serving our nation

Keenan Albright	Anthony DiPietro	Nick Marakovits
Kyle Albright	Charles Douglass	Melissa Marks
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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 11.05 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
2nd Collection-St Charles Borromeo Seminary
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 8:30a
Elementary Religious Education, 9:40a
- Tue 11.07 ELECTION DAY – VOTE 7a-8p**
Faith Sharing, 10a
Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 6:30p
- Wed 11.08 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p**
- Thu 11.09 Liturgy meeting, 8:30a**
Music ministry, 7p
Mary’s Café/R.C.I.A., 7p
- Sat 11.11 Pray the Rosary, 4p**
2nd Collection – Capital Improvements

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

- Sun 11.12 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Return Hoagie orders
Elementary Religious Education, 9:40a
 Men of St. Mary’s, 10:30a
Junior High Ministry, 6p
- Tue 11.14 Faith Sharing, 10a**
- Wed 11.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p**
 Make hoagies, pm
 Pickup hoagies, 7-8:30p
- Thu 11.16 Pickup hoagies, 7:30-9a**
 Music Ministry, 7p
 R.C.I.A., 7p
- Sat 11.18 Pray the Rosary, 4p**
 2nd Collection – Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund

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.*



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: If you’d like to begin receiving 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!

SUPPORT SEMINARY RELOCATION

Please support the Campaign for Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Lower Gwynedd. SCBS has been forming priests to serve in our communities for more than 190 years in Wynnewood. Join this special effort on behalf of our seminarians today and our priests for tomorrow. Follow construction progress: www.scs.edu/news-events/relocation-effort/

Give in Church Nov 04/05 or: AllentownDiocese.org/scbs
*Parish Online Givers please use fund: **Special Diocesan Collection-Seminary Relocation.***

Support new seminary construction Collection: Nov. 4/5

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING: 6:30p, Nov. 07 in the Parish Center. All Ladies of the parish are welcome ☺

BAPTISM PREP: The next meetings are 6p, Dec. 04 and 11. Call Ann Pergosky: 610-683-5454 to register.

GIVING FROM OUR BOUNTY: This *bountiful* project is supported by our JR High Rel Ed, **Nov 12-Dec 03**. Cost of living increases have made an especially difficult time for many. The organizations that support families in need struggle. Visit the Gathering Area to choose gift and/or food item tags. Gifts will support Lifeline, Friend, Inc., and Willow Brook.



- ☺ Lifeline requests mother and baby items
- ☺ Friend, Inc. seeks food donations for Christmas and children’s Christmas clothing and toys.
- ☺ Willow Brook residents in long-term care can feel isolated. A little cheer goes a long way to boost morale and aid recovery. You may even include a letter or care for a more personal connection.

Please visit Gathering Area table to select an item(s) and return gift items by Sunday, **Dec 03**, with tags securely attached, into the Gathering Area large boxes. Please do not wrap Gifts. *However, gift bags and wrapping paper donations welcomed.*

If you take a gift tag do please return it by the Dec. 03 due date so it can be handed to recipient families. *Thank you!*

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION- FR. JOHN MARIA

In our readings for the 31st Sunday, we hear the call to humility before God. Jesus exposes the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, who demanded perfection of others, but failed to practice what they preached. They desired the esteem of others and titles of respect – such as rabbi, master and father. This is the context for the Lord’s words – “Call no one on earth your father.” *Mt 23:9*

This passage is often used against Catholics by fundamentalists. The charge is that by calling priests “father”, we are in direct opposition to the words of Christ. This can make many Catholics feel vulnerable to their argument. But alas, it is demonstrably false, as we see in Scripture itself.

Jesus was using hyperbole to emphasize the need for humility. He was not forbidding all use of the terms rabbi, master and father. They appear again and again in the Gospels and the epistles of the NT. The term is used for natural fathers, and even for spiritual fathers. On three occasions, St Paul refers to his spiritual fatherhood. He even wrote: “I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” *1 Cor 4:15*

And so, we can feel quite secure that historic Catholic practice is consistent with Scripture.

And yet, the Lord’s warning against the prideful desire for the esteem of others remains – a caution for me, and for you. This week, spend time with the Lord in prayer, as a humble child before the Eternal Father, who is love and mercy! *For a full discussion of the “Call no man father” passage visit <https://www.catholic.com/tract/call-no-man-father>*

We welcome into the family of God, and the family of St. Mary's these children who were baptized recently.

Kiera D.
Alesander F.
and Jonathan K.

May we all share our faith with them.



"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." ~ Pope Francis



VETERANS DAY NOV. 10

God of peace,

We pray that you bless all those who have served their country through service in the armed forces. Grant healing to those veterans who have been wounded, be it in body, mind or soul.

We pray especially for those young men and women who come home to lives of suffering and loneliness. Amen.

From the *Catholic Health Association of the United States*.

CHRISTMAS OPLATKI: The parish has purchased a limited supply of "oplatki" - the wafer bread included in many family gatherings with East European traditions at Christmas. We ask \$3 per package to cover expenses. First come, first serve! We may order more if our supply is depleted quickly. To inquire about purchasing Oplatki, contact: 610-683-7443 or parish@stmaryskutztown.com



MARY'S CAFÉ: Thursday, November 9 at 7pm in the Religious Ed Center, all are invited to join Father John at **Mary's Cafe** for an informal talk on the "Last Things: What Happens After We Die?"

As we near the end of the liturgical year and approach Advent, our Mass readings draw us to reflect upon the final judgment and the coming of Christ. As Christians, we know that at death, life is changed, but not ended. What does the Church teach about death, judgment, heaven and hell? And how are we to understand the Church's teaching on purgatory? Where are these teachings found in Scripture?

Join us at Mary's Cafe! The talk is informal (30-45 minutes), with fellowship and Q&A to follow. Light refreshments will be available. Hope to see you Monday, November 9 at 7pm in the social hall of the Religious Ed Center for Mary's Cafe!



BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL- Many thanks to those who have given to this year's Because We are Catholic Appeal. View a recent video from Bishop Schlerf to see how your contributions make a difference in the lives of so many throughout the Diocese of Allentown. Visit BecauseWeAreCatholic.org to watch the video and support the Appeal today.

Please SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND FOR RETIRED AND INFIRMED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. Watch your mail for how to help. Return your gift in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass or: www.allentowndioocese.org/giving/endowment-care-retired-priests Thank you in advance for your generous support!

HGA REGIONAL SCHOOL WINTER SERVICE

PROJECT Nov. 06-20 will collect clean, gently worn and new coats for our **Annual Coat Drive**.



ST MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR: 6-7p Nov.08, with Rev. Anthony Mongiello, of *St. Anne's Bethlehem*. Are you heartbroken because family members have left the Church? Join the St. Monica Ministry petitioning Our Lord to draw back into the fold our loved ones who've strayed, to give strength and wisdom to those who await their return. Meet monthly at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown. Info: CelestStMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

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CATHOLIC ANSWERS TO: ETHICAL QUESTIONS AT THE END OF LIFE: Nov. 12, Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, sponsored by the Knights of Malta. Speakers will be Dr. Minh Nguyen, who is a medical doctor at LVHN as well as a Knight of Malta. He'll be joined by Fr. John Krivak, pastor at St. Theresa's, Hellertown, and a theologian and ethicist. [RSVP www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-answers-ethical-questions-end-life](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-answers-ethical-questions-end-life)

GETHEMANE CEMETERY CLEAN UP: Please retrieve any items you wish to keep prior to the week of Nov. 13th when the semi-annual grave clean-off will commence. Thank you.

DESIGNED WITH PURPOSE: NFP DATE NIGHT: 6:30-9:30p, Nov. 16, Assumption BVM Bethlehem. Open church with Adoration, Confession, and Benediction from 6:30-7:30p. Followed by fellowship & discussion at the Copperhead Grille, with free appetizers and a drink on us, cash bar available, 5737 PA-378, Bethlehem.

LOSS – GRIEF – LETTING GO DAY OF REFLECTION – 6:30-8p, Friday, Nov. 17. Grief is a silent pain that is at times unbearable. Sr. Nancy Iampietro will guide you to reflect on loss and hope, on grief and love, on letting go of what we thought would be. With the Lord we can find comfort and healing where our wounds hurt the most.

Sr. Nancy is a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood and a Theologian with specialization in Formative Spirituality, Spiritual Direction, and leadership.

Register by 11/13: mariawaldcenter@gmail.com 610-777-0135 or mariawaldcenter@gmail.com Cost: \$20

“ASK, KNOCK, SEEK” Catholic Men's Conference-8a-4p, Nov. 18, DeSales Univ. The Allentown Diocese's Men's Commission host this annual Catholic Men's day-long conference with keynote speakers: Matthew Leonard, Peter Herbek, and Fr. Larry Richards who will be speaking on the importance of the masculine pursuit of faith in a modern age. Info/register: MenAliveInChrist.org

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS

ASSOC: 9:15a, Nov. 18 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center. Grandparents provide families with family history and traditions. Sometimes treasures lay buried waiting to be discovered. Is it time for your treasure to shine?

Passing on the Faith is part of that treasure and grandparents' vocation. You are not alone. Join the next monthly chapter meeting of the International Catholic Grandparents Association, a valuable resource, Nov 18.

Word of Life: “Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to

accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families.” ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities; “The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

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REFLECTION... by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You need a license these days for so many things. That includes one for driving a car, truck, or bus. For hunting game, fishing for fish, or carrying a pistol, and for so many more of life's activities. Attached along with the license are bunches of regulations and penalties for ignoring them. But one doesn't need a license for practicing hypocrisy.

As truth itself, Our Lord was rightly repulsed by any instance of this, especially when He found it among religious leaders of His people. Today He offers a withering critique of the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy.

On another occasion, He had called them “blind guides.”

Today He urges the people in His audience to observe what they teach, but not how they acted. Why? Because “they preach but they do not practice.”

I am at once sorry and ashamed upon pondering those words at the behavior of some of my brother priests who deserve that same rebuke. They brought great harm to many people, especially among the young, by their abuse of them. It remains an ongoing scandal. The late Benedict XVI succinctly described it as “filth” within the Church. It remains one of the devil's most successful efforts to harm the Church.

But today we hear Our Lord speak so powerfully about hypocrisy that could dwell in you and me. His assessment requires introspection on our parts. Have we, in some way or other, “preached” but not practiced? Have we given the young and not-so-young among us the kind of bad example that threatens their respect and love for the teachings of Christ and His Church? I think we do when we neglect our participation at the Mass, or we speak negatively about the pope or our pastor, who are our spiritual leaders. Our choice of TV shows. Our often-crude language. All habits that invite the young to imitate.

Our Lord offers a remedy; be humble. Recognize that true fidelity to God is shown by service of Him, followed by service to other people. Above all, to practice what you “preach” by your lifestyle.

A father once complained about the amount of time his family spent watching television. His children watched cartoons and neglected schoolwork. His wife preferred soap operas to housework. His solution?

“As soon as football season's over, I'm going to pull the plug.”

God love you and give you His peace.



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Men's Club of St. Mary's



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NEW: Order Online
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Thursday November 16, 2023



- Submit orders to St. Mary's Church or Religious Ed. Ctr by Sunday, November 12, 2023.
- Orders must be picked-up at the Religious Ed Center on Wednesday, November 15, between 7:00PM and 8:30PM, or Thursday, Nov.16, between 7:30AM and 9:30AM.
- Please pay for orders at pick-up if possible. [Sandwiches cost \$6.00 each]

-SELLER'S INFORMATION-KEEP THIS PORTION OF ORDER FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS-

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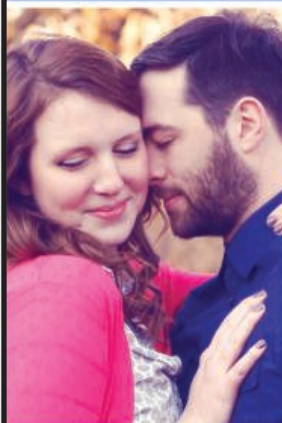
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