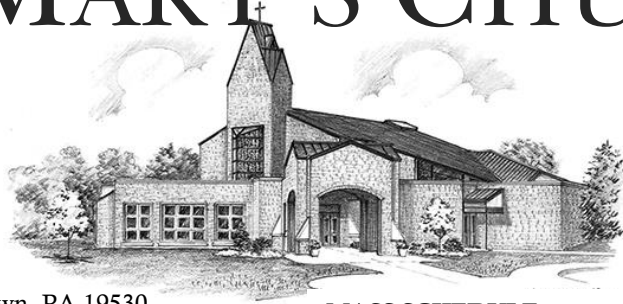


ST MARY'S CHURCH



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Religious Education Center: 610-683-6454

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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:

www.allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

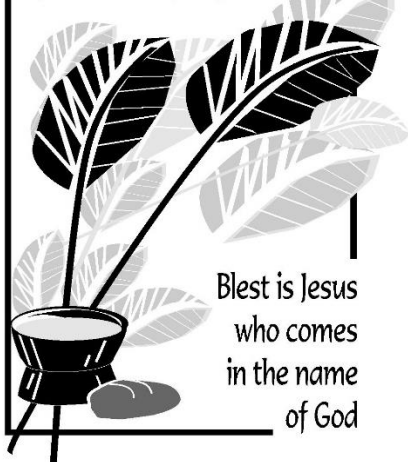
Wendy S Krisak, Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Office of Safe Environment Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services: Pamela Russo, MSW, MS ; PO Box F, Allentown, 181-5-1538 Tele. 610-871-5200 x2204

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

HOSANNA



Blest is Jesus
who comes
in the name
of God

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, MARCH 24, 2024

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MASS Intentions

Mon	03-25	7:30a	Fr. Kevin Devine
Tue	03-26	7:30a	Harry Milman
Wed	03-27	7:30a	William and Celestina Keller
Thu	03-28	7:30a	People of the Parish
Fri	03-29	3:00p	+++
Sat	03-30	8:00p	People of the Parish
Sun	03-31	7:00a	People of the Parish
		9:00a	People of the Parish
		11:00a	People of the Parish

Blessed Sacrament Candle in memory of Fr. Kevin Devine

READINGS and CELEBRATIONS for the WEEK

Sun	03-24	<i>Palm Sunday-</i> Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47
Mon	03-25	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tue	03-26	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed	03-27	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thu	03-28	<i>Holy Thursday-</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Co 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri	03-29	<i>Good Friday-</i> Is 52:13-53:12; He 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat	03-30	<i>Easter Vigil:</i> Gn 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ro 6:3-11; Mk 28:1-10
Sun	03-31	<i>Easter Sunday-</i> Ac 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Co 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

MUSIC MINISTRY

THIS WEEK		NEXT WEEK
4:30p	Spanier, Amelia Casey, Peggy	<i>t.b.d.</i>
8:30a	Skoronski, Nate Cebenko, Steve	<i>t.b.d.</i>
11:00a	Sitarik, Anne Talarico, Tim	<i>t.b.d.</i>

OLG & in Church	03/10	03/17	Expenses
Regular Collection	\$10,071.00	\$8,388.75	\$10,396.85
Building Fund	\$1,005.00	\$1,025.00	
Capital Campaign	\$1,025.00	\$462.50	
Parish Partnership	\$40.00	\$385.00	
Rice Bowl	\$262.55	\$51.00	
Other Regular Income	\$538.00	\$415.00	

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING?

1. Visit 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 of our parish.....
..... and those that care for them



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

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

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sun 03.24 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
 2nd Collection – Parish Partnership
Elementary Religious Education, 9:40a
 Reconciliation Service, 3p
 Junior High ministry, 6p
- Wed 03.27 *Holy Thursday altar servers' practice, 5p*
 Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
 Adoration and Reconciliation, 7-8p
- Thu 03.28 **HOLY THURSDAY Mass at 7p**
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30-11p
- Fri 03.29 **GOOD FRIDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION**
 Holy Land Collection
 Liturgy, 3p
 Stations of the Cross, 7p
- Sat 03.30 **HOLY SATURDAY**
 Easter Egg Hunt, 10a
 Bless Easter food, 11:15a
 Reconciliation, 11:30a-12:30p
 Easter Vigil Liturgy, 8p

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

- Sun 03.31 **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S**
RESURRECTION – Masses 7a, 9a and 11a
 No Religious Education – Easter break
- Mon 04.01 Parish Office Closed-Easter Monday
- Tue 04.02 Faith Sharing, 10a
 Ladies Auxiliary mtg, REC, 6:30p
- Wed 04.03 Handiwork meeting, 10a
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p
- Thu 04.04 Music Ministry, 7p
- Fri 04.05 1st Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 8a
- Sat 04.06 1st Saturday daily Mass, 8a
Level 8 Confirmation practice in Hamburg, 10a
 Pray the Rosary, 4p

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Submit items by 12n one week prior to Sunday. *Submit full-page items two full weeks in advance.*

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

*Save
the
Date*

ST MARY'S WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

RETREAT: 9:30a-3p, Saturday, April 27 at McGlinn Conference Ctr. Alvernia Univ.
 See full-page flyer!

COME FILL EGGS after 8:30a Palm Sunday
 Mass. Info: Sue Zawaly 610-944-7313.

COME ONE & ALL: Children of all ages—
 Parish Easter Egg Hunt, 10a Sat. March 30.
 Bring children, grandchildren, and your basket!

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING: 6:30p, Tuesday
 April 02 in the Religious Education Center. All women of
 the parish are welcome to attend.



HOLY WEEK

- March 24th **PALM SUNDAY OF OUR**
LORD'S PASSION
 3pm Reconciliation with 4 priests
- March 28th **HOLY THURSDAY**
 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- March 29th **GOOD FRIDAY**
 3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
- March 30th **HOLY SATURDAY**
 10am Easter Egg Hunt
 11:15am Blessing of Easter Food
 11:30am-12:30pm Reconciliation
 8pm Easter Vigil liturgy
- March 31st **EASTER SUNDAY**
 7am Mass
 9am Mass
 11am Mass



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: 2:30-4p, April 07.
 Pray and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday! 2:30p
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and
 confessions available. 3p Chaplet of Divine
 Mercy. 4p Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION- FATHER JOHN MARIA

The readings presented for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion are long, and rich beyond our ability to comprehend them all. The Palm Sunday liturgy is a great gift to us, as we prepare to enter into Holy Week.

In our reading from Isaiah, the prophet who lived some 700 years before Jesus, we hear the mission of a mysterious Suffering Servant who would come and endure misery, in suffering love for the people of God.

In Psalm 22, we have the ancient words "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" First written perhaps a thousand years before Christ, Jesus quoted them on the cross. He entered into the desolation of suffering mankind, but it is erroneous to say that He despaired of the Father's love. He did not. By quoting the Psalm, He invites us to read it all. Psalm 22 begins with desolation but ends with praising God for His mercy.

In the Gospel, we hear the joyful cries of "Hosanna" as Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem. We use this word at every Mass, just prior to the consecration when Jesus comes again – via His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

What does "hosanna" mean? It is an ancient Hebrew acclamation that means "save us!" Our Lord has answered this cry of sinful humanity. He has come to save us. He entered into our suffering and took it upon Himself.

In the days ahead, draw near to Christ. Cultivate silence, so as to hear His voice. If you are able join us Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Enter into the mystery and allow the events of this week to speak directly to your heart. Cry out to Him: "save me!"—and experience His response to your cry.

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY -4 DAYS LEFT!

Visit portal.catholicleaders.org/d/by84db

Find paper copies of the survey on the Gathering Area table. Be sure to complete the survey by March 27, 2024. Results are confidential. Your response will help parish plans. Thank you for helping with this important project!

ST. MARY'S NEXT SOUP KITCHEN project approaches April



13/14. The Soup Kitchen serves 200-400 people. Look for donation table in gathering area. Return All items by Apr. 07. Cook for the soup kitchen on April 11 (10a-3p). A few volunteers would help. Questions? Mary Alkons 610-683-5443

PRAY FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS who will receive Sacraments at the Easter Vigil March 30:

Sacrament of Baptism **1st Eucharist & Confirmation**

Joshua Riemenschneider
Katherine Schlesselman
Maya Schweitzer



Theresa Arway
Haley Howe
Sarah Johnson
Gavin Preising
Joshua Riemenschneider
Katherine Schlesselman
Maya Schweitzer

May Christ always be the light in your life.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION- Pope Francis asks us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection helping Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support helps parishes, Catholic schools, and religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.



When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. *Please be generous!* Learn more about Christians in the holy Land: www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE: Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember to countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, or vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit CRSRicebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.



ST. CHRISTOPHER NEWMAN CTR AT KU: FYI to those who sometimes attend the “Last Chance Mass” at the Newman Center, KU there is no 5p Mass on 3/31.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH BISHOP SCHLERT:

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ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM—Williamstown, KY.

St. Benedict Prime Timers Tour w/White Star Tours invites you to this 4-day/3-night excursion June 17-20, 2024. \$745/person - Double Occupancy; \$930/Single Occupancy; \$50 Deposit to hold reservation – **Balance Due April 1, 2024.** Questions: Marie Blimline 484-332-3241 or Jeanie Hauck 610-856-7575.

HS INFO SESSION St Francis Classical Catholic Academy, Bally-7p, April 03. PreK-12 Open House 11:15a April 07. whySFCCA.com

LADIES NIGHT BAG BINGO: 6p, April 06 HGA Regional School’s Home & School Assoc... \$25/ticket for 25 games. Special Games and more! 21+ event. **Advance tickets only:** holygardianangelsregionalschool.square.site

RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED & SEPARATED PARENTS:

7p Apr 12 thru 4p Apr 14 at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg (*lodging not available*). This Life-Giving Wounds ministry retreat to help understand how parents’ divorce impacts your own spiritual, mental and emotional wholeness. Retreat includes meals and materials: \$150/18-25 yr old & \$250/26+ yr old. **Learn more**-contact Melissa Maleski: MMaleski@hgbdiocese.org **Register** lifegivingwounds.org

ALTAR SERVER MASS: 11a, April 13, Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. All youth altar servers of the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass with Bishop Schlert to bless and thank all who serve this important ministry. Participants may bring and vest in their parish’s altar server robes. A reception for youth altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass.



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RESTLESSNESS AND DISTRACTION IN OUR LIVES: Monday Mini-Retreat, 6 or 7-9p, April 15, St. Francis Retreat House, Easton. Monday Mini-Retreat led by Bishop Schlert "Can the Synod Process Help Me? \$40 6p dinner & 7p presentation or \$25 for virtual presentation. Register by April 08: www.stfrancisretreathouse.org

RETREAT ON EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PROGRAM IN THE US: April 19-21. Learn about this and St. Francis of Assisi's devotion to the Eucharist. Take time for Eucharistic devotion and grow in love of the Eucharist. Weekend retreat at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton presented by Fr. Charlie Smiech and Fr. Pat McCloskey OFM. Single on-site participant is \$295; \$495 per couple; \$140 for commuter; \$95 for virtual participant. **Register by April 9:** www.stfrancisretreathouse.org

DAILY MASSES WITH BISHOP SCHLERT, BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC: All are invited to celebrate with the Bishop:
 April 25, 8:30a - Sacred Heart, Palmerton
 May 22, 8:30a - St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield
 Sept. 9, 8:00a - Our Lady of Mercy, Easton
 Sept. 12, 8:00a - Holy Guardian Angels, Reading
 Sept. 16, 6:00p - St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City

EUCHARISTIC PREACHER-Fr. Patrick Baikauskas: Father is a Dominican Friar and Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Evangelization at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. He will speak on the Eucharist as A MYSTERY TO BE BELIEVED, CELEBRATED & LIVED at two events.

6:30-8p April 28 Holy Guardian Angels Church *teen event* register: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/157772

6-8p April 29 at HGA *for general public* register: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/157078

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Word of Life: "There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (Gospel of Life 86).



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Holy Father Prayer Request for March: For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



NUN RUN 5K
April 13 at 10:00 AM
 Join us to support the mission and lives of our MSC Sisters:
 Sponsorships
 Live & Virtual Options
 Visit: MSCreading.org
CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org
Fun Walk 2024 **T-SHIRT DEADLINE 3/20**

REFLECTION... by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The overhead camera work used on a televised football game has something in common with an item needed for a family group photo. Both need perspective. The kind that can only come when the photographer steps back from his subject so that the viewer catches the whole scene.

I believe we can gain a better appreciation of the Lord's Passion account if we figuratively "step back" from the milieu our minds produce. Consider the many homilies we have heard over the years; the many movie versions of the events, and even the well-written New Testament commentaries we may have read, and how they influence our imaginations as we hear the words every Holy Week.

Why pull away from one or more of those? In order to gain a personal perspective of the well-known events. To be spiritually and physically alone in their presence, as if you were the only observer. Mark's version that we hear today is the major part of his shortest of the four gospels. The whole gospel can be read in less than an hour. But what matters is your reaction just to the Passion account. Various lines will pop out, so to speak, and compel you to pause for reflection.

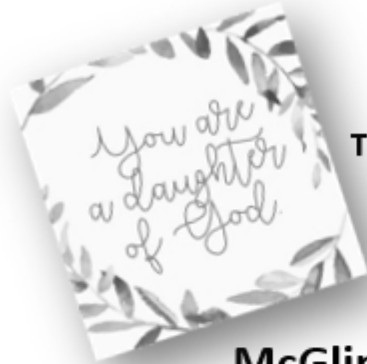
For me, there is a line that comes early on, when Jesus addresses His disciples by saying: "The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have Me." Of course He meant His physical presence, with no reference to His miraculous presence in the Holy Eucharist. Yet we can wonder what His physical presence might mean. When we hopefully reach heaven we shall be blessed with it. But in the meantime, wouldn't it be consoling? I think of saints like Mary Magdalene, or Sr. Faustina, all of whom had the privilege.

Something to think about as we step back from our ordinary pondering of the words that we read or hear this week.

Meanwhile we await the message of the event on the Third Day, trusting that our decision to live as He asked us to will yield the moment when He steps forward to give us a hug of welcome to eternal joy.

God love you and give you His peace.

“Living as a Joyful Daughter of God”
Women’s Retreat
with Maggie Riggins



The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Mary’s Kutztown
invites you to join them

Saturday, April 27, 2024

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

McGlinn Conference & Spirituality Center

460 Saint Bernardine Street, Reading, Pa

Adjacent to Alvernia University

A ministry of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

What is joy and how are we called to rejoice?

This retreat will focus on the Joyful Mysteries and St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, as inspirations and instructions to live a life of joy.



Maggie Riggins is a “daughter of the Diocese”, growing up in a small coal mining village in Schuylkill County. She attended DeSales University, and Villanova University, earning degrees in Theology and Philosophy. Her professional career began in 2001, working at DeSales University in Campus Ministry. She joined the diocesan staff in 2020 as the Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry and was promoted to the Executive Director of Evangelization and Formation (her current role) in 2022.

Registration Deadline: April 14th, 2024

Cost: \$30 per person includes continental breakfast and lunch

Please make checks payable to St. Mary’s Ladies Auxiliary

Contact person: Jane Bennett 724-920-2032 jbid@ptd.net

-----**Detach and submit by April 14**-----

Please mail registration to Jane Bennett, 567 College Garden Drive, Kutztown, PA 19530

Name _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Cell Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

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St. Mary's Annual Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt

10:00am, March 30, 2024

Rain or Shine!

(on Church grounds weather-permitting, or in Religious Education Center)

To donate wrapped candy to fit inside the plastic eggs, or other prizes for the baskets, look for boxes in the Church gathering area and in the Religious Education Center until March 24, 2024.

**Thank you,
the Easter Egg Hunt
Committee**



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St. Mary's Annual Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt



There are a few things that we would like to tell you about this event:

- 1) The day of the event is totally free! Thanks to the generous donations of our parishioners.
- 2) There are six age groups:
0 – 3 years 10 – 12 years
4 – 6 years 13 - 18 years
7 – 9 years Adults

Age groups “hunt” one after the other; starting with the 0 - 3 age group and ending with the adults. There is plenty of time to get from one age group to the next so you can watch all your participants hunt for their eggs.

- 3) When you arrive, **head to the pavilion ticket table first thing**, where the event will start. Each participant gets a ticket. **Put one half ticket** in the appropriate Age Group container and **keep the other half ticket** for the prize basket drawings. And this helps us count the participants in each age group.
- 4) At the 10am start of the egg hunt, Father Maria will give a blessing, followed by a few announcements about the egg hunt.
- 5) After you've finished with your egg hunt(s), return to the pavilion and empty your eggs. Watch for any paper slip in an egg which is for a **SPECIAL PRIZE**. Bring that slip of paper to the prize table to find out what you have won! **AND** remember to check your half-ticket that you received when you arrived to see if you've won a prize basket.
- 6) Look for empty boxes near you where you may return the emptied plastic eggs for use next year. If your child/children do not want to part with the plastic eggs they may keep them. You can always return them to the donation boxes located in the church gathering area or at the religious education center next year. There are donation boxes in church and the REC about a month before the egg hunt.

Have a very Blessed and Happy Easter!!

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