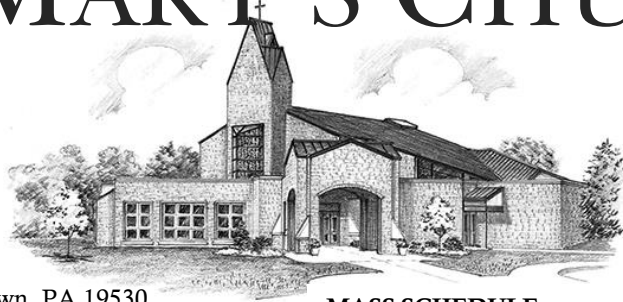


ST MARY'S CHURCH



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Email: Parish@StMarysKutztown.com

Religious Education Center: 610-683-6454

Email: RelEd@StMarysKutztown.com

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Pastor	Fr John Maria
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Msgr Walter T Scheaffer
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
O 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 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

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

*The hand
of the Lord
feeds us;
He answers
all our needs.
Ps 145:16*



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 28, 2024

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MASS Intentions

Mon 07-29	7:30a	Kenneth Pfeifer
Tue 07-30	7:30a	Robert DeSantis
Wed 07-31	7:30a	Eric Rineman
Thu 08-01	7:30a	Betty Flanagan
Fri 08-02	7:30a	DeSantis family
Sat 08-03	8:00a	Patricia Stiefel
	4:30p	People of the Parish
Sun 08-04	8:30a	Raymond and Julie Bieak
	11:00a	Wesley Kriebel

Altar flowers in memory of Tom and Jane Quirk this week

READINGS and CELEBRATIONS for the WEEK

Sun 07-28	17 th Sunday Ordinary Time- 2 K 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15	
Mon 07-29	Jr 13:1-11; Jn 11:19-27 <i>or</i> Lk 10:38-42	
Tue 07-30	Jr 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43	
Wed 07-31	Jr 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46	
Thu 08-01	Jr 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53	
Fri 08-02	Jr 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58	
Sat 08-03	Jr 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12	
Sun 08-04	18 th Sunday Ordinary Time-Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35	

MUSIC MINISTRY

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
4:30p	Spanier, Amelia Casey, Peggy	DeWald, Heather Casey, Peggy
8:30a	Skoronski, Nate Cebenko, Steve	Skoronski, Nate Cebenko, Steve
11:00a	Sitarik, Anne Cebenko, Steve	Sitarik, Anne Skoronski, Kate

	OLG and in Church Income		Expenses month of July to date
	07/14	07/21	
Regular Collection	\$8,966.00	\$7,221.00	\$39,567.88
Building Fund	\$1,005.00	\$1,000.00	
Capital Campaign	\$1,498.00	\$260.00	
Parish Partnership	\$45.00	\$100.00	
Church C&E Europe	\$40.00	\$892.00	
Other Reg. Collections	--	\$10.00	



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.

Please pray for the sick of our parish.....
..... and those that care for them



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

Contact office to update list: secretary@stmaryskutztown.com

Please Pray for all those serving our nation

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

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sun 07.28 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
2nd Collection – Parish Partnership
- Tue 07.30 Agapè Faith Sharing, in REC, 11a
- Wed 07.31 Finance meeting, 6:30p
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p
- Thu 08.01 No Music ministry
- Fri 08.02 1st Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8-9a
Dinner on Main, Kutztown, 6-10p
- Sat 08.03 1st Saturday daily Mass, 8a
Pray the Rosary, 4p

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

- Sun 08.04 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- Tue 08.06 Faith Sharing, 10a
Ladies Aux. Holiday Bazaar planning mtg., Parish Ctr., 6p
- Wed 08.07 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7p
- Thu 08.08 Music Ministry, 7p
- Sat 08.10 Pray the Rosary, 4p
2nd Collection – Capital Improvements

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Submit items by the Monday 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.*

RELIGIOUS EDUC. REGISTRATION now open!

To get started visit:

[www.stmaryskutztown.com/prep-at-st-marys/register now!](http://www.stmaryskutztown.com/prep-at-st-marys/register%20now!)



HOLIDAY BAZAAR MEETING - 6p, Aug. 6 in the Social Hall. All involved with the Bazaar please attend. Anyone interested in Bazaar help is also welcome. Debbie Massa: dmas106@hotmail.com or Theresa Bieak: tchbieak_5@hotmail.com.

The next **BAPTISM PREP WORKSHOP** is 7p, Aug. 12 and 19. Contact Ann Pergosky to register/info: 610-683-6454

A Word About: Churches in Central & Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected \$952.00 to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

Your support last week was most appreciated

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? Visit www.MassTimes.org for nationwide Mass times/locations. Free lookups.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE

ELDERLY: Sunday July 28. The theme is **Do not cast me off in my old age.** *Ps 71:9* This is “meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons.” Families and parishes “are called to be at the forefront in promoting a culture of encounter, to create spaces for sharing, listening, to offer support and affection: thus, the love of Gospel becomes concrete.” *Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life.*



6-10p, Aug. 02. Visit the St. Mary's booth with Men of St. Mary's and Ladies Auxiliary. Enjoy a bite of dessert and goodies. Volunteer help most welcome! [Tom Cengeri: tomcengeri@gmail.com](mailto:TomCengeri@gmail.com)
[Debbie Massa: dmas106@hotmail.com](mailto:DebbieMassa@dmas106@hotmail.com)

[Theresa Bieak: tchbieak_5@hotmail.com](mailto:TheresaBieak:tchbieak_5@hotmail.com)



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SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION- NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

At the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass offered at the Shrine in Washington, D.C., the Diocese of Allentown, and nationwide dioceses, will take a 'no

envelope', cash collection

August 17/18, part of a larger endeavor to support Shrine Infrastructure Renewal.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION- FR. JOHN MARIA In our readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we have recurring themes of the Lord providing an abundance of bread for His people in need, in the Old Testament through Elisha the prophet, and in the Gospel through Our Lord. This alone would be cause for consolation and assurance of God's love, but the miraculous signs were but a hint of an event greater miracle that He would give to His Church – His True Presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

This week begins a series of Sundays, in which we will have the opportunity to reflect upon this staggering gift that comes to us every day in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This great gift was prefigured in the Old Covenant and delivered in the New.

Last week, I had the great privilege of attending the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. It was an amazing event, where 50,000 people gathered to praise the Lord, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, and to call down His blessing upon our land.

There were many excellent talks by the best speakers in our Church. You can view them: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9CQ1ldupc5-TAMz3fOIJwyBO3zWLOFVv

May we continue to grow in understanding and love for the Lord's Real Presence. Come and visit the Lord during our weekly Holy Hour of Adoration 7-8p, Wednesdays! Let us give praise and thanks to the Lord, truly Present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity!

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THE LORD CALLS EVERY SOUL TO KNOW HIS LOVE AND MERCY. Each of us is called to strive to know Him in the



fullness of Truth; not *settle* for partial truths, passing fads or imitations that won't satisfy our heart's longing.

He founded His Church upon the Rock of Peter to teach with His authority. He sent the apostles forth to baptize in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy

Spirit. He entrusted these truths and graces to the Catholic Church.

Do you have a friend or loved one who is open to hearing this call of Christ, and to being received into the Catholic Church? Might YOU be that someone who's been a friend of St. Mary's parish, but have hesitated to take the step toward becoming Catholic?

Jesus is still calling! Weekly meetings begin in Sept. There is no pressure or obligation to commit immediately.

The **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)** is a prayer and study journey, culminating in union with Christ at Easter 2025.

For more info, no need to wait 'til Sept! Contact Fr. John Maria: 610-683-7443. We'd love for you to join us!

THE NEXT PARISH DIRECTORY: For many years, St. Mary's has published a parish directory every five years or so. This has been a great way for parishioners to stay connected. To keep this tradition alive, we seek a group of people to help create the next directory. Lifetouch went out of business during the pandemic while working on our 2020 directory, but there are other companies now available.

The directory team will work with a photo directory company to organize photo sessions and content. Fr. John will assist the team by suggesting potential companies and giving input on the directory content. We aim to start in early fall with a release hoped for 2025. As always, extra hands make for lighter work! We seek a small team, including a chair or co-chairs. If interested, please email Fr. John: pastor@stmaryskutztown.com and he will gather a team, and plan a meeting.

CONSIDER A CHANGE FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUC. HGA Regional School registration is open for 2024-2025, PreK thru 8th Grade (*space limited, esp. PreK, 1 & 6*). Learn more, email Head of School Kelly Precht: Kelpre@hgaschool.org

RETROUVAILLE: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage. Thousands of couples have healed their marriages at Retrouvaille (*retru-vee*). Get help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Learn to build communication skills and increase intimacy. **Next weekend programs: Aug. 09-11 and Oct. 4-6** at the Family Life Center in Malvern. Info or Register: 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. *All inquiries strictly confidential.* www.HelpOurMarriage.org

INVITE ONE BACK: We can all pray for those who do not embrace the fullness of the faith, partake of God's mercy or the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for them, and for guidance in your relationships with them. It all begins with prayer.

ITALIAN FAMILY PICNIC: 12:30-2p, Aug. 11, Victor Emmanuel Grove, sponsored by Holy Rosary, Reading. Admission by wrist band only (\$20pp, under 12 free). Live music. Contact Christine: 610-373-5579

ST MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR: 6p Aug 13. Join Dcn. Christopher May, and the St. Monica Ministry petitioning Our Lord to draw our loved ones who've strayed back into the fold, to give strength and wisdom to those who await their return. Monthly meeting and book discussion follows Holy Hour. St. Theresa Church, Hellertown. Info: StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

SANTO NINO FESTIVAL: Aug. 18. 1:30p Mass followed by a Multicultural Social at Immaculate Conception, Douglassville. All are welcome. To reserve your seats, to volunteer or to perform: 610-670-1429.

HISPANIC MEN'S CONFERENCE (in Spanish) We invite the entire community of Hispanic men to the Men's Conference taking place **7a-3p, Sept. 7, at St Mary's Parish in Hamburg.** *This conference will be entirely in Spanish.* Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 8a Mass. Also present: Fr. Eder Estrada (*Franciscan of Maria*), Coatesville, Fr. Eduardo Rodriguez of Reading and Fr. Angel Garcia, Allentown. Register: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/169404 Info: Freddy Morales, freddymorales1533@yahoo.com, Felix Pereira, borinken.fp@gmail.com.

DAILY MASSES WITH BISHOP SCHLERT, BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC: All are invited to celebrate with the Bishop:
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

SAVE THE DATE – YOUR LIFE RETREAT Malvern Retreat House. For men (**Sept 06-08**) and women (**Sept. 13-15**) a period of refreshment, support, and reassurance. Learn and focus on the gift of your life—reflect, and improve personal communion with the Lord. Info: Anthony Scarselletti, OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com or 610-393-4671

SAVE THE DATES! The first Diocesan Local Pilgrimage will be to The National Centre for Padre Pio.

Diocesan HS Pilgrimage – Thu. Sept. 19, 2024

Diocesan Pilgrimage in English – Fri. Sept. 20, 2024

Diocesan Pilgrimage in Spanish – Sat. Sept. 28, 2024

Includes: Mass with Bishop Schlert; Confession; Engaging Speaker; Eucharistic Procession and much more!

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH BISHOP SCHLERT:

Reservations are open for the JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY with Bishop Schlert & Fr. Hoffa: **Tue. March 25, 2025-Sat. April 3, 2025.** The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. Sign up: Fr. Allen Hoffa ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or 610-921-2729 x 2205.

Daily Marriage Tip

"[Married Love is] above all, an act of the free will, whose trust is such that it is meant not only to survive the joys and sorrows of daily life, but also to grow, so that husband and wife become in a way one heart and one soul" HV 9
foryourmarriage.org

STRUGGLING WITH SEXUAL ADDICTION? Help is available. There is now a Sexaholics Anonymous Group in central Berks County. For more info or to speak with a member of the Lumen Christi Commission (LCC), the diocesan response to issue of pornography, please contact LCC Commission Chair Fr. Allen Hoffa at 610-921-2729 ext. 2205 or adlumenchristi@allentowndioocese.org All inquires are confidential.

Wisdom from Saint John Paul II

The logic of the *total gift of self to the other* involves a potential openness to procreation: in this way the marriage is called to even greater fulfillment as a family. Certainly the mutual gift of husband and wife does not have the begetting of children as its only end, but is in itself a mutual communion of love and of life. (John Paul II, *Letter to Families*, no. 12)

Word of Life: "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more: www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities; "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

"Every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect."

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REFLECTION... by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Tests are the bane of student life. So much so that young people do not even want to talk about them on a summer vacation day in late July. But tests, we know, are a necessary component of the education process. It starts out slowly in kindergarten and stretches to graduate school.

Interestingly enough, tests of various kinds even have their place in the Bible. Even the holy Apostles had to endure them. Case in point: the perplexed apostle Philip in today's well-known episode. Jesus, who is, after all, the Master teacher observes the crowd of some ten thousand people (allowing for wives and children) who have followed Him. So, he turns to Philip and asks, "Where can we buy enough food for them?" (Please note, with a touch of humor, the complete absence of something called a "supermarket.") And then our author writes the six-word comment: "He said this to test him."

Not surprisingly, we were not given Philip's answer. But very surprising for sure was the follow up action of Jesus for both him and the other Eleven. Philip and the others will soon learn that this miracle was only a preview of another one to follow on Holy Thursday night.

For us, living some two thousand years later, we have the benefit of at least three consoling facts to hold dear in resisting the pull of our Western culture that pushes the false idea that truth is relative. First consolation: numbers are never an obstacle for almighty God's strategy. He can and does feed billions of Catholics now around the world spiritual food to energize their (and our) living out the Gospel.

Second consolation: the Eucharist, as the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus is the true treasure of our Church, having nothing to do with real estate or any other measurement.

Third consolation: Jesus has kept His promise to be with us "all days until the end of the age." Each holy Mass is proof. Each of us is its beneficiary. Therein lies the fact of the matter and the core of our belief. It does not change with the passage of time. Nor does it ever need updating. Only in our hearts.

There is a story of a man who came to his old friend, a music teacher, and asked him, "What's the good news today?" The old teacher was silent as he stood up and walked across the room, picked up a hammer, and struck a tuning fork. As the note sounded out through the room, he said, "That is *A*. It is *A* today; it was *A* five thousand years ago, and it will be *A* ten thousand years from now. The soprano upstairs sings off-key, the tenor across the hall flats on his high notes, and the piano downstairs is out of tune." He struck the note again and said, "That is *A*, my friend, and that's the good news for today."

God love you and give you His peace every day.