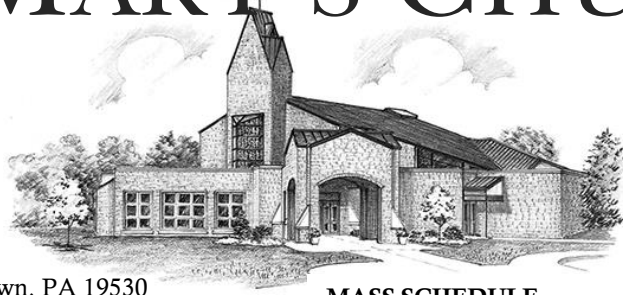


ST MARY'S CHURCH



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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.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



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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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

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MASS Intentions

Mon 09-30	7:30a	People of the Parish
Tue 10-01	7:30a	John R. Zimmerman
Wed 10-02	7:30a	William and Celestina Keller
Thu 10-03	7:30a	Mrs. Sandra L. Beard
Fri 10-04	7:30a	Intentions of Michael Regensburger
Sat 10-05	8:00a	Phil Raymond
	4:30p	Mary Voli
Sun 10-06	8:30a	People of the Parish
	11:00a	Felix R. Raymond

Altar flowers thios week in memory of Tom and Jane Quirk.

READINGS and CELEBRATIONS for the WEEK

Sun 09-29	26 th Sunday Ordinary time- Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Mon 09-30	Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
Tue 10-01	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wed 10-02	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thu 10-03	Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12
Fri 10-04	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
Sat 10-05	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Sun 10-06	27 th Sunday Ordinary Time-Gn 2:18-24; He 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

MUSIC MINISTRY

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
4:30p	Skoronski, Nathan Casey, Peggy	Spanier, Chris Casey, Peggy
8:30a	Moore, Mark Cebenکو, Steve	Sitarik, Anne Cebenکو, Steve
11:00a	DeWald, Heather Talarico, Tim	Pirnot, Tom Skoronski, Katherine

Income	OLG	In Church	Expenses
Regular Collection	\$2,229.00	\$4,796.00	\$3,912.93
Building Fund		\$1,000.00	
Capital Campaign	\$125.00	\$169.00	
Parish Partnership	\$80.00	\$962.00	
Other Reg. Collections	\$40.00	\$370.00	



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

Contact office to update list: secretary@stmaryskutztown.com



Remember in your Prayers Stanley Chmielewski of our parish. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Amen

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
John Boyer	Michael Allen Haak	O'Donnell
Matthew Boyer	Diane Henry	Menaka Nayyar &
Jonathan Cardé	Cmdr. Jason Hoch	Anthony Pirnot
Eric Cunningham	Joshua Joseph	Jake Schmeck
Timothy DeVall	Dan King	Phillip Talarico
Anthony DiPietro	James Knight	Steve Ziegler

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sun 09.29 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
2nd Collection – Church in Latin America
Elementary Religious Education, 9:40a
- Mon 09.30 Kitchen help, Potatoes, 9a**
Kitchen help, Pierogies, 11a
- Tue 10.01 Faith Sharing, 10a**
Ladies Aux. meeting, *Pizza and crafting*, 12n
Bake Cookies, 12n
- Wed 10.02 Handiwork from the Heart mtg, 10a**
Make hoagies, pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p
Hoagie pickup, 7-8:30p
- Thu 10.03 Hoagie pickup, 7:30-9a**
Music ministry, 7p
O.C.I.A., 7p
- Fri 10.04 First Friday Adoration, 8-9a**
- Sat 10.05 First Saturday daily Mass, 8a**
Catechist retreat until 12n
Pray the Rosary, 4p

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! Learn more www.usccb.org/latin-america

Thank you for your support

RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM:

Way to Emmaus

The Holiday Bazaar sponsors a table of items from the Way To Emmaus store annually. Merchandise will include Sunday Missals for the new year, Advent calendars, rosaries and other religious items and books on consignment; a percent of sales proceeds benefiting the church. To request items to be considered for this table call Frances Larash by Oct. 28 for possible inclusion, 610-683-3675.

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

- Sun 10.06 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Elementary Religious Education, 9:40a
Young Adult Group, 7p
- Mon 09.30 Kitchen help, Potatoes, 9a**
Kitchen help, Pierogies, 11a
- Tue 10.01 Faith Sharing, 10a**
Bake Cookies, 12n
Baptism Workshop, 7p
- Wed 10.09 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p**
- Thu 10.10 Music Ministry, 7p**
O.C.I.A., 7p
- Sat 10.12 Rauenzahn-Bower wedding, 1p**
Pray the Rosary, 4p
2nd Collection – Capital Improvements

MASS INTENTIONS:

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 be offered for the souls of loved ones.

The 2025 Mass book is open 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 is 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, Mothers' nor Father's Day

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Submit items by Monday prior to Sunday, *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.*

BAPTISM WORKSHOP 7p, Oct. 01 and 08. Contact Ann Pergosky to register/for info: 610-683-6454

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR SERVER TRAINING. 4th -12th grade

boys and girls may participate in Altar Server ministry, assisting Fr. Maria. Parents, talk with your children about becoming involved. Contact Fr. John Maria with any questions.



ATTN-YOUNG ADULT GROUP AT ST. MARY'S! You've heard the names of Perpetua and Felicity during Mass, but who are they? Starting 6p Sunday Oct. 6 in the Parish Center, come find out more about the saints – most especially those young adults who followed Christ! For more info, contact Sarah: smwilson0913@gmail.com

A FEW SPOTS REMAIN at Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. (*5th & 8th grades are full*). We cherish and nurture our students. Enroll: kelpre@hgaschool.org or 610-929-4124.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION- FR. JOHN MARIA

In our Gospel for the 26th Sunday, Jesus delivers some blunt and challenging teaching concerning the absolute urgency of salvation. He gives stark commands on how we should identify and root out sin in our lives. From the words of Christ Himself, we see that it is quite possible for souls to reject His mercy and choose sin, and jeopardize their souls for eternity.

This should make us sober about the battle with sin in our lives. The daily practice of examining one's conscience leading to an Act of Contrition is an important devotion, followed by regular access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us take sin seriously, and then let us be sure to take the Lord's love and mercy seriously. The Lord went to the cross to free us from the grip of sin, and He has given us the gifts we need to remain in His grace. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever!



Sept/Oct we're busy preparing the delicious food you can purchase at the annual Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 2. Walk-in helpers welcome! Call Mary Alkons for info: 610-683-5443. Here is the food prep schedule:

Mon	Sept 30	9-12, 11-3	Prep potatoes/Make pierogies
Mon	Oct 07	10a	Make BBQ
Mon	Oct 14	10a	Vegetable Beef Soup
Mon	Oct 21	10a	Turkey Noodle Soup
Mon	Oct 28	10a	Turkey Rice Soup
Thu	Oct 31	10a	Haluski (<i>Bring electric fry pan if possible, for Haluski</i>)
Fri	Nov 01	10-3p	Set-up
Sat	Nov 02	7:30a-3:30p	Bazaar kitchen help: sign-up for help thru-out the day

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 03—Oct 08.** Call Carm 610-683-5931 or Valetta: 610-926-3910.

ABC Cookies



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.

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR, Nov 02, showcases parishioners' talents. Donate handcrafted items - fabric, wood, paper, yarn, etc., small items, using materials you already have, make splendid additions to the Ladies Auxiliary craft table. Bring items to the REC the week before the bazaar. All proceeds benefit the Ladies Auxiliary/St. Mary's Church. Questions? Frances Larash: 610-683-3675

EUCARIST ROSARY CONGRESS FOR BERKS COUNTY! The Catholic parishes of Berks County will unite for a special time of adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, united in prayer to God with Our Lady of the Rosary!

From Saturday Oct 5 to Friday, October 11, Holy Guardian Angels will provide their side chapel for all of our parishes, as we join in Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament throughout the week!

Together with Sacred Heart West Reading & Holy Rosary in Reading, **St Mary's Parish in Kutztown has been entrusted with the filling time-slots on Sunday, October 6 (all day).** That is, from 11:59pm Saturday night until 11:59 pm Sunday night. The location is safe and secure. We are seeking multiple people for each slot. See the table in the gathering area to sign up. Signing up can also be done here: <https://adorationpro.org/hgareading> Rosary will be recited every hour on the hour. Learn more: www.rosarycongressusa.org

Join together in prayer with the Blessed Mother and all the faithful in Berks before our Eucharistic Lord. He will bless all those willing to spend this intimate time with Him!

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.

WORSHIP: 5p, Sept. 29 AT HGA. All youth are welcome to gather in adoration with the Eucharistic Lord. Pray with other young people from the area. Worship music, prayer and reflection, and the opportunity for confessions. Future dates: Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15. Info 610-921-2729

40 HOURS DEVOTIONS: Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 01 at Holy Guardian Angels. 7p evening prayer nightly. Hours of Adoration: Sunday 12:30-7p, Monday and Tuesday 8:30a-7p. Learn more: 610-921-2729.

Inspired by the antiphon for the Magnificat of Evening Prayer for the Feast of Corpus Christi, Fr. Lowry, of the diocese of Tyler, Texas, will speak on *Christ Our Food; Christ's Passion & Grace; and the Pledge of Eternal Glory*. 40 Hours is a powerful way to strengthen our liturgical life by delving deeper into the source and summit of our Faith.

HARVEST FEST: Oct. 04/05, St. Mary's Hamburg. Live music, good food and activities for all ages. 610-562-7657; www.stmaryshamburg.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: Oct. 04-06, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. If you struggle with emotions of traumatic pregnancy loss, abortion or miscarriage, find God's mercy and compassion in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group setting. Info: www.rachelsvineyard.org Register/Info: Evelyn 215-317-5752

RETROUVAILLE: Next weekend program: Oct. 4-6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. 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. Info or Register: 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. *All inquiries strictly confidential.* www.HelpOurMarriage.org

DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP: 9-10a, Oct. 05, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall 2nd floor of parish office. Suffering a divorce or separation, or perhaps grieving a past divorce? Join us for prayers, donuts and conversation. *Bring your own coffee.* Info 505 688-8663.

BERKS COUNTY LIFE CHAIN: 2-3:30p, Oct. 6 Penn Ave, W. Reading. Take a public stand in prayer. Prayer walk 5:45p Sat. Sept 30, St James Church. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful activity, presenting the truth about abortion and the healing power of Jesus Christ. Learn more: Pam Snyder 610-790-9197

ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE: 8a-3p, Oct. 19, St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield. A day for Catholic men to renew and strengthen your faith. Embrace the mission of the Church and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful day of community, Sacraments, and talks from nationally renowned speakers. Cost \$35. Contact: Mark McDevitt, markmcd@outlook.com



MSC OKTOBERFEST: 12-5p, Oct. 13, at 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

KNOW THE FACTS - VOTER REGISTRATION IN PA:

Registered to vote? No? Check your county voter registration office. The last day to register for November 2024 elections is Oct. 21. Those registering must be:

- ✓ **a citizen of the United States** for at least one month before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.
- ✓ **a resident of Pennsylvania** and the election district in which the individual desires to register and vote for at least 30 days before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.
- ✓ **at least 18 years of age** on or before the day of the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.

Details about voting in PA: www.votespa.com

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating. Visit respectlife.org/celebrate

Word of Life: “Over the years, the FDA has bent the law and shown disregard for women’s health when it comes to chemical abortion. In 2000, mifepristone was first approved using an ‘accelerated’ review process that is supposed to be only for new drugs that treat serious illnesses and are better than existing treatments. But pregnancy is not an illness, and abortion drugs are riskier than surgical abortion.” ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Abortion Pills: The Basics”*

REFLECTION... by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We don’t usually think this way, but the shelves of your favorite supermarket are an example of tolerance. Just check out the cereal section, for example, the next time you’re there and notice the wide variety of types and brands competing for your attention. The colorful boxes almost shout: “Pick me!” But it is the store manager’s job to make sure all the makers get the chance to do it. Otherwise, a manufacturer’s rep might well protest.

Just so, God the Holy Spirit has abundant gifts and favors to extend to the world, but He will breathe where He wills and not just where we will Him to do so. Jesus makes that clear in the passage we are focusing on this weekend. The only condition He places is that whoever does the good work does it in His name.

You see, even among us faithful Catholics there is always the possibility that we will become exclusive in our thinking and acting.

Truth be told, we have no right to tell God what to do, much less how to do it and for whom. After all, we are only His creatures.

This means that the non-Catholic Church down the street from a Catholic Church just might form a Pro-life group in advance of the Catholic one, and whose prayers and protest lead to the closing of an abortion mill in the neighborhood. Praised be to God! A good work has been accomplished in Jesus’ name!

The warning posed by Jesus to His chosen Twelve is in no way a diminution of His choice of them to found a Church. It was to expand their minds and enlarge their hearts to embrace other believers in other faiths for their particular goodness. We call that “ecumenism” in our time. We can at least smile at our differences and learn from each other.

Once upon a time there was an unprecedented spiritual event at which every imaginable denomination was in attendance. During one well-attended meeting, a secretary suddenly rushed in shouting, “The building is on fire! The building is on fire! At which point:

The Methodists gathered in the corner and prayed.

The Baptists cried, “Where is the water?”

The Quakers praised God for the blessings fire brings.

The Lutherans posted a notice on the door declaring that the fire was evil.

The Roman Catholics passed a plate to cover the damages.

The Jews posted symbols on the doors hoping that the fire would pass.

The Congregationalists shouted, “Every man for himself!” The Fundamentalists proclaimed, “It is the vengeance of God.”

The Episcopalians formed a procession and marched out.

The Christian Scientists concluded that there was no fire.

The Presbyterians appointed a chairperson to appoint a committee to look into the matter and make a written report.

Meanwhile, the secretary grabbed a fire extinguisher and put out the fire.

God love you and give you His peace.