

# 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](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or 800-276-1562

"You are lacking in one thing.  
Go, sell what you have,  
and give to the poor  
and you will have treasure in  
heaven; then come, follow me."

Mk 10:21

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 13, 2024

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# MASS Intentions

Mon	10-14	7:30a	Stephen and Gertrude Silva
Tue	10-15	7:30a	Cause of Canonization Fr. Walter Ciszek
Wed	10-16	7:30a	Sue Fry
Thu	10-17	7:30a	William and Celestina Keller
Fri	10-18	7:30a	People of the Parish
Sat	10-19	4:30p	Mario Iannuzzi
Sun	10-20	8:30a	Walter Porambo
		11:00a	John and Patricia Calahan

To sponsor altar flowers or the Blessed Sacrament candle please contact the parish office.

## READINGS and CELEBRATIONS for the WEEK

Sun	10-13	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time- Wis 7:7-11; He 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30
Mon	10-14	Ga 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32
Tue	10-15	Ga 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Wed	10-16	Ga 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Thu	10-17	Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54
Fri	10-18	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Sat	10-19	Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12
Sun	10-20	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time- Is 53:10-11; He 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

## MUSIC MINISTRY

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
4:30p	DeWald, Heather Moore, Mark	Spanier, Amelia Casey, Peggy
8:30a	Spanier, Chris Moore, Mark	Skoronski, Nate Cebenken, Steve
11:00a	Thomas, Cathy Talarico, Tim	DeWald, Heather Talarico, Tim

## Income OLG In Church Expenses

Regular Collection	\$5,013.00	\$8,074.40	\$11,973.14
Building Fund	\$10.00	\$1,000.00	
Capital Campaign	\$60.00	\$120.00	
Parish Partnership	\$10.00	\$70.00	
Hurricane Relief	\$225.00	\$491.00	
Other Reg. Collections	\$30.00	\$350.00	



### HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING?

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

Contact office to update list: [secretary@stmaryskutztown.com](mailto: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 10.13 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection-Capital Improvements  
Mass recognizing Ladies Auxillary, 8:30a  
Elementary Religious Education, 9:40a  
Men of St. Mary's, 9:45a  
Junior High ministry, 6p  
Parent meeting, level 8, 6:15p
- Mon 10.14 Kitchen help: Vegetable Beef Soup, 10a**
- Tue 10.15 Faith Sharing, 10a**  
Baptism Workshop, 7p
- Wed 10.16 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p**
- Thu 10.17 Peace-Foulke wedding, 4p**  
Music ministry, 7p  
O.C.I.A., 7p
- Sat 10.19 Pray the Rosary, 4p**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – World Missions  
*Holiday Bazaar book/ White elephant drop offs, after Masses this weekend*

### EVENTS NEXT WEEK

- Sun 10.20 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – World Missions  
Free-Will *no envelope* collection-Hurricane Helene Relief  
Youth Mass, 8:30a  
*Holiday Bazaar book/ White elephant drop offs, after Masses this weekend*
- Mon 10.21 Kitchen Help: Turkey Noodle Soup, 10a**  
*Holiday bazaar book/ White elephant drop off 9a-8p*
- Tue 10.22 Faith Sharing, 10a**  
*Holiday bazaar book/ White elephant drop off 9a-8p*
- Wed 10.23 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8p**  
*Holiday bazaar book/ White elephant drop off 9a-8p*
- Thu 10.24 Music Ministry, 7p**  
O.C.I.A., 7p  
*Holiday bazaar book/ White elephant drop off 9a-8p*
- Fri 10.25 *Holiday bazaar book/ White elephant drop off 9a-8p***
- Sat 10.26 Pray the Rosary, 4p**  
Altar Server training, 9a-10:30a  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Parish Partnership  
*Holiday bazaar book/ White elephant drop off after Masses this weekend, (10/27 last 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, Dec. 03 and 10. Contact Ann Pergosky to register/for info: 610-683-6454

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR DONATION DATES:** Please only bring books/white elephant donations Sat. 10/19 thru Sun. 10/27. **There is no room to store items until then.**  
Thanks!

**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

**HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION:** At the direction of Bishop Schlert and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops St. Mary's has a free-will, no envelope collection basket for recovery efforts in the South-Eastern US from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Online Givers may use the fund "Special Diocesan Collection". Catholic Charities will disburse all money received. **Please make your donation by Nov. 03.** Thank you for your generosity.



### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION- FR. JOHN MARIA

Our readings for the 28th Sunday are about searching – for wisdom, for truth, for eternal life. In today's Gospel, we see the Lord's famous encounter with the rich young man. When he approaches Jesus to ask about eternal life, he already has a sense that obedience, and a moral life in this world is connected to eternal life in the next. He already avoids the major sins against neighbor. He also had a sense that there was something missing in his life.

The exchange between them was remarkable – "Jesus looked at him, loved him and said to him: You are lacking one thing – go and sell what you have, give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Come, follow me." This is the only time in Scripture that specifically says Jesus looked at an individual with love. And it's the first time that Jesus' invitation to discipleship was directly refused.

Jesus showed him the way to finding wholeness and holiness – to detach himself from his worldly trappings and to follow Him with his whole heart. But, this was too much. The rich young man went away sad.

Today the Lord asks each of us: What are you truly searching for? Is there anything that keeps you from giving your entire heart to Him? Is there anything that you must still leave behind, in order to fully follow Him? Be not afraid to ask Him for the grace to identify those things, and the courage to let them go!

Devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ and devotion to Mary are intimately united. The more we love Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the more we love the Blessed Virgin; and the more we love the Blessed Virgin, the more we love the Blessed Sacrament ~

St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier

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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	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?</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.



**CALLING ST. MARY'S BAKERS:** Consider sharing your baking talent at the Holiday Bazaar. Bring your favorite baked good—cake, brownies, pie, breads—to the REC Baked Goods Room **Friday, 9a-5p, Nov. 01.** Info-Valetta: 610-568-4985

**RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM THE 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.

*A Word About: World Missions*

Why World Mission Sunday Matters World Mission Sunday, observed on October 20<sup>th</sup> this year, is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on this day is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories.

These funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. In places where resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. As we reflect on the theme "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God's love.

*Your support Oct 19/20 is most appreciated*

**WHITE MASS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS:** 11a, Oct. 13, St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield, Bishop Schlert celebrant. Brunch reception at The Glasbern Inn, Fogelsville to follow, featuring guest speaker Dcn. Wm. Williams.

**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](mailto:markmcd@outlook.com) [www.menaliveinchrist.org/events/](http://www.menaliveinchrist.org/events/)



**ST MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR** 6p

Oct. 15. Are you heartbroken because family members have left the Church? Join in asking our Lord's merch and invoke the intercession of St. Monica for our prodicals. Meet monthly at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown. Info: Celest [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)

**THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE ROSARY:** 6p, Oct. 20, Queenship of Mary, Northampton. Presenter: Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM, TB hose and writer for National Catholic Reporter, and other publications.

**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.**

**Details about voting in PA:** [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)

**SUPPORT HGA REGIONAL SCHOOL:** **Donate \$5** and get **25% off shopping pass** for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends sale, date **Oct. 22.** Contact 610-929-4124 or email [HolyGuardianAngelsRegionalSchool.square.site](http://HolyGuardianAngelsRegionalSchool.square.site)

**ANGELORUM Women's Diocesan choir:** 3p, Oct. 27 at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church. Enjoy hymns honoring our Blessed Mother and her Son. [Angelorumvoices.com](http://Angelorumvoices.com) Info: [beyvmcdevitt2@gmail.com](mailto:beyvmcdevitt2@gmail.com)

**ELECTION CANDLELIGHT PRAYER SERVICE:** 6:30p; Oct. 29, Assumption B.V.M., Bethlehem. Join in prayer for the election process. Info: Mary 610-867-7424 x16

**WWW.WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG/PA0893**



Gethsemane Cemetery announces participation in this effort to coordinate veteran wreath laying at US cemeteries. Ensure all our veterans receive a wreath this year, help reach 5,000 wreath goal. Visit [WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/PA0893](http://WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/PA0893) website or call 610-929-2613.

**DIOCESAN-WIDE BLOOD DRIVE:** Miller-Keystone Blood Center and the Diocese of Allentown are hosting a diocese-wide blood drive in honor of Saint Januarius, the patron saint of blood banks. We are encouraged to donate blood at one of MKBC's donor centers beginning on the Feast Day of Saint Januarius, Sept. 19- Dec. 16, one of the miracle dates of his blood liquification. In addition to saving lives, all donors who provide the parish Sponsor Code "4547" at the time of their appointment will receive a Saint Januarius medallion, blessed by Bishop Schlert. To schedule an appointment 800-223-6667 xt 2 or scan code.



**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 Sts. Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. Sign up: [ahoffa@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:ahoffa@allentowndioocese.org) or 610-921-2729 x 2205.

**SAVE THE DATE: Tue., Oct. 7, 2025.** Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. Watch for more info. Contact Fr. Hoffa: 610-921-2729 x 2205 or [ahoffa@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:ahoffa@allentowndioocese.org)

**WORD OF LIFE:** "An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](http://usccb.org/end-of-life-care)." ~ *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities; Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End*

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH:** Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating. Visit [respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)

**EXPLORE \*NEW\* DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS**

Visit: [www.allentowndioocese.org/about/employment](http://www.allentowndioocese.org/about/employment)

**DAILY SUBSTITUTES K-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** Work with Holy Guardian Angels Regional School family. Submit cover letter, resume, and all certifications and clearances. Email: [kelpre@hgaschool.org](mailto:kelpre@hgaschool.org)

**BERKS ENCORE** seeks **VOLUNTEERS** for our **FRIENDLY VISITORS** program. We have several male clients who are looking for a friend to visit with and check in with once per week. Make a difference in someone else's life - become a friendly visitor! You may change your own life for the better too. For info: Michelle Goodhart 610-374-3195 ext. 225 Read about Friendly Visitors <https://berksencore.org/>

**READY.SET.READ! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Tutor 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students needing extra support. No previous teaching experience required. Topton Elementary 3:30-4:20p OR Kutztown Elementary 3:30-4:30p; One hour/week, Oct. thru May. Background clearances require; training provided. Info: Darby Wiekrykas, United Way 610-685-4574 [darbyw@uwberks.org](mailto:darbyw@uwberks.org)

**REFLECTION... by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

There is something attractive about most "Rags to Riches" stories. They whisk us away from the day-to-day matters that crowd our days to a dream world we all inhabit from time to time about being rich. In this vein, note the popularity of lottery tickets. Or even the current best seller written by one of the candidates for office in next month's election.

Yet Our Lord Jesus, so aptly called as "a sign of contradiction" teaches something quite different about wealth. He meets this unnamed rich young man in Mark's gospel and boldly calls wealth a potential obstacle to living the God-centered life.

The young man apparently has done well with the basics of being a disciple, and Jesus recognizes that. But then He presents the man with that next best step forward to reach perfection. The young man is unable to accept it. What started out as a happy meeting ends sadly.

I can imagine the disappointed look in Our Lord's eyes as He watched that young man walk away. I can also picture the sad expression in those younger eyes, and his downcast posture as he turns around.

Our First Readings this weekend presents an entirely different decision made by another rich young man named Solomon, who happens to be a king. He recognizes the folly having riches to his name but no helpful strategy for ruling people. He yearns for the wisdom to rule them effectively.

You and I live in the richest country in the world. We are so blest with our guaranteed freedoms, and so many other wonderful things that make earthly life pleasant. Consider just the access we must clear drinking at the turn of a faucet. From that we could list all the everyday items we have like health care and an array of technical gadgets that even kings of bygone times never had. Many of us live financially better off than most of the world's people.

It is not wrong to have all those. But do you ever stop and think that these tangibles could block our interest in the things of God? Could they lure us into the lie that these things are what life is all about? What would we cling to if they were taken from us? If, for example, an unexpected health problem would make them inaccessible? Where would we go for our comfort? Or our truth?

Our faith supplies the answer. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We also know that He acts through His Church, which safeguards His teachings until the end of time. So, it is a form of wisdom to know and believe that. When we try to live it out each day, we are subconsciously writing our own version of "rags to riches."

On the matter of the difference between knowledge and wisdom I offer this sound analysis: "Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

# World Mission Sunday is October 20, 2024

As you prepare this week for the coming World Mission Sunday, pray the World Mission Rosary. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen loved the missions and he wanted us to pray for our mission family. So in 1951 he created the World Mission Rosary.

**Color each decade** (set of the ten beads) in the picture to make your own World Mission Rosary.

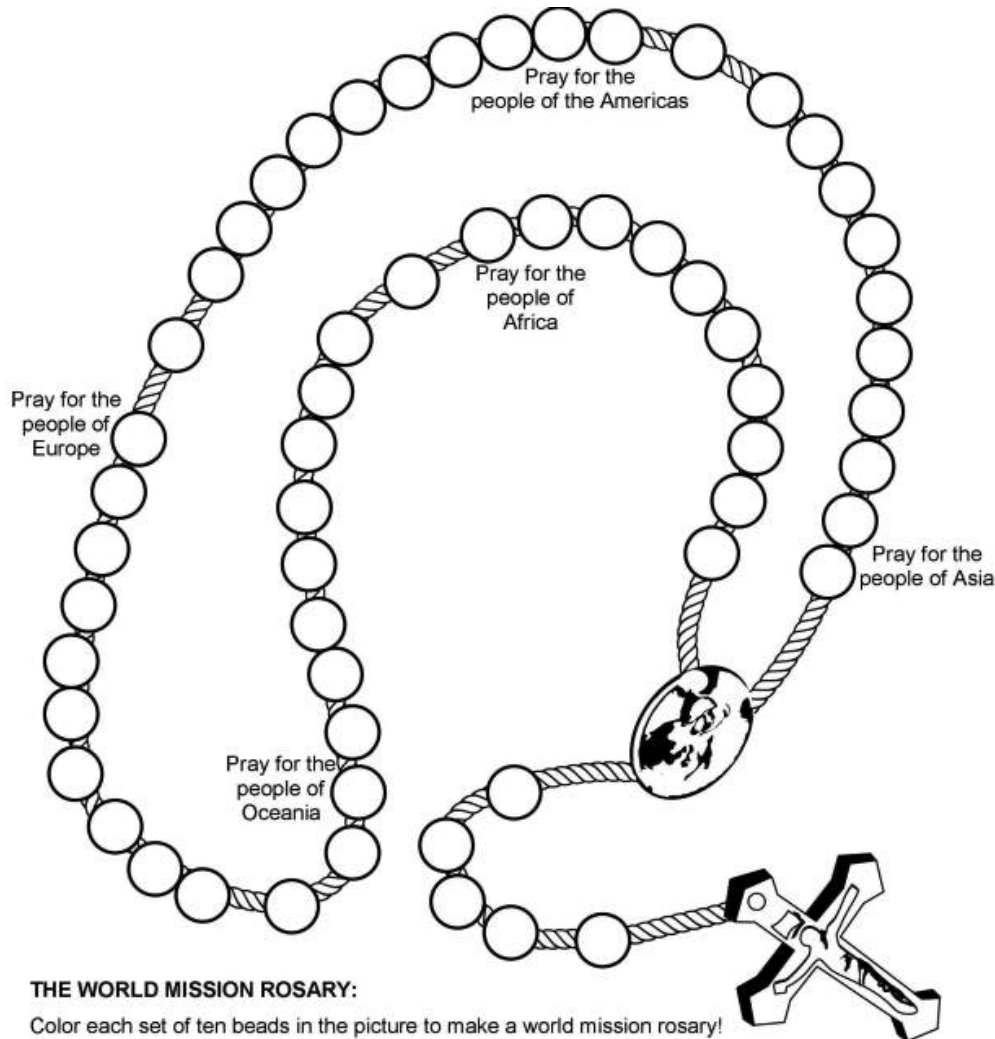
Color **Yellow** and think about Asia, representing the morning light of the East

Color **Red** for the Americas, symbolizing the fire of faith brought by missionaries

Leave **White** representing Europe, symbolizing the seat of the Holy Father

Color **Blue** for the Pacific Islands, surrounded by the ocean waters

Color **Green** for Africa, green with forests and grasslands



## To pray the World

**Mission Rosary**, think about each area of the world when you start a new set of beads.

Archbishop Sheen, who may one day be a saint of the Church, used to say that when you had finished praying the World Mission Rosary, you have given the world a “great big hug”! What a great gift to give your brothers and sisters in the missions!

**Remember** Daily Prayer is the best way to make a real difference in the lives of the children all over the world. The World Mission Rosary is an excellent way to pray for the missions.

**What is a Missionary?** The word mission means “to be sent out.” A missionary is someone who is sent out to bring the Good News of Jesus to others. Missionaries often go to far-off places, especially places where people struggle every day to survive. They help run hospitals, schools, orphanages, clinics. They provide food programs, and they help people learn how to care for and build better lives for themselves, their families, and their community. And, most importantly, they share their Catholic faith— all of their actions for others motivated by God’s great love for each one of us!

**Missionary spirit begins with prayer.** Every person is able to offer prayers. Prayers lead to sacrifices. Every person can offer up suffering, temporary or chronic, for those who suffer daily in mission lands. Every person can give up something with the intention of sacrificing for the missions.

# Neighborhood Ozgood's Grill & Bar

**2 Locations! Open Sunday!**

Locally owned and operated, Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill & Bar in Robesonia, PA and Kutztown, PA has been serving great food and beverages since 1997. Both locations offer our unique menu and friendly casual dining scene the whole family will enjoy!

Seafood, Steaks, Chicken, Burgers, Sandwiches, Wings and More!

**Banquet Facilities ♦ Weekly Specials  
Friday/Saturday Specials ♦ Holiday Menus**



## WORSHIP



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## INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY

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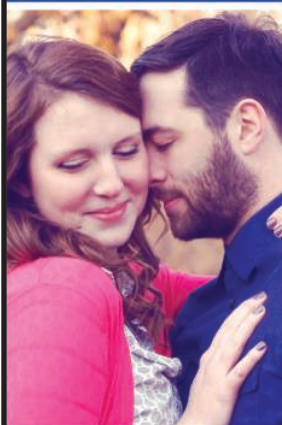
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