



Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church
40 Spring Mount Road † Schuенksville, PA 19473
610-287-8156 † www.churchofsaintmary.org † 610-287-4226 (fax)

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday - Saturday
9:00 a.m.

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Anticipated Sunday Mass
Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday Morning
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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Saturday Afternoon
2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

To schedule a confession contact
solzinski@churchofsaintmary.org

Reverend James M. Cox
Pastor

Saint Mary Parish is a community of Catholics, striving to be an open and caring people, living our faith, spreading God's word, and serving as Jesus' disciples to our families, our parish and our surrounding communities.

OFFICE CENTER STAFF & HOURS

Reverend James M. Cox frcox@churchofsaintmary.org	<i>Pastor</i>
Monsignor Gerard C. Mesure	<i>Weekend Assistant</i>
Deacon Donald O. Nichols dnichols@churchofsaintmary.org	<i>Permanent Deacon</i>
Mrs. Kathleen Wasniewski kwaz@churchofsaintmary.org	<i>Business Manager</i>
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Mrs. Karen Bakey kbakey@churchofsaintmary.org	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
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Ms. Nadine Keller	<i>Campus Custodian</i>

Parish Office Center
Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PREP STAFF & HOURS

Mrs. Mary Goudsward mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education; Principal of PREP</i>
Mr. John Coen	<i>Campus Security</i>

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
610-287-8156 (Day) † 484-522-0330 (Evening)

PREP Classes: 1st thru 7th Level (Sept. - May)
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Monday or Tuesday

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday 10:30am Mass from October - April

SAINT MARY SCHOOL STAFF & HOURS

Mrs. Heather Sickinger hsickinger@smsk-8.org	<i>Principal, Saint Mary School</i>
Mrs. Geneviève Giampa ggiampa@smsk-8.org	<i>Enrollment</i>
Mrs. Marion Hoover frontdesk@smsk-8.org	<i>Morning Secretary</i>
Mrs. Betty Moyer frontdesk@smsk-8.org	<i>Afternoon Secretary</i>

Saint Mary Catholic School
610-287-7757 † Website: smsk-8.org
Office Hours
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PARISH SERVICES



New Parishioners:

If you have recently moved into our community, welcome! Please call the Parish Office Center to register.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of each month immediately following the Noon Mass. First time parents must attend Pre-Jordan Class held on the 3rd Sundays of the month at 6pm. Contact the Parish Office Center to schedule baptism or to pre-register for the class.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners must contact the Parish Office Center at least six months prior to the wedding date. Pre-Cana session is required.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you know of anyone who is sick, elderly or homebound, please notify the Parish Office Center for arrangements.

Sponsor Certificates

Certificates are needed in order to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor. To be eligible you:

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Must have received the sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation
- If married, must have been married in a Catholic Church or a Convalidation Ceremony
- Must be a registered and active member of Saint Mary Parish.

Please call the Parish Office Center at least 1 month in advance of date needed.

SCRIP Gift Card Program

Call the Parish Office Center for information on this program.



Corner

Seek Forgiveness from Christ in Confession -- [Matthew Sewell](#)

We humans can be a bit fickle sometimes. What we choose to do with our time often depends directly on how the people and places with which we associate ourselves make us feel. If we don't feel welcome in a place, we probably don't stay long.

If we try a place or organization out on the suggestion of other people, but never really learn or understand what it's all about, we're also likely out the door before long. Likewise, if we devote ourselves fully to a place or organization, only to experience betrayal at the hands of that organization, surely it won't take long for us to find a new home.

As a result, many who see the place that was left behind from a distance, and perhaps hear horror stories from others who've been there, will look with hostility upon it and never go near it if they can help it.

This phenomenon occurs in a lot of places, but none as much as the Catholic Church. For tens (maybe hundreds) of thousands of people today, the instances above are, sadly, more often than not very real and very legitimate beefs.

We could talk for days about who did what to whom, ranging from petty to incredibly serious, but I'm writing this post instead as a plea to those who no longer come to Mass as a result of those experiences, to those who no longer identify as Catholic, and even those who aren't Catholic and are skeptical about the Church, to *come back*, to *come and see* one more time.

We all have people in our lives who have left the Church - who aren't attending Mass for one reason or another, and there's one thing we all should encourage those people in our lives to come back and do more than anything: *Come to confession*.

Now, I'm not saying this because those people are heathens in need of repentance before you can re-enter or anything - heck, we're all unworthy all the time. We're all sinners, and we all could stand to attend confession more often.

I'm suggesting confession, because *the Catholic Church is about Jesus, and confession lets us meet Him face to face*.

We believe that priests, when acting in their capacity as priests (saying Mass, anointing the sick and dying, hearing confessions), are acting *in persona Christi* - literally "In the person of Christ." In his priestly capacity, that's no longer Fr. Bill on the altar or in the confessional. That's Jesus.

To boot, the *seal of confession* is what makes this such a powerful sacrament. That means the priest will never, ever (ever!) tell anyone. Seriously, never. Because if he did, he'd be removed from priesthood immediately and would excommunicate himself from the Church. For real.

No one else is offering that. Especially in a culture that insists on broadcasting every little detail of one's life.

Even so, the thought of going to confession usually brings the response, "I don't want/need to go," especially among people who haven't gone in years.

But dig deeper and I'd bet it's more one of two things:

- "I don't want the priest to judge me for things I've done wrong." OR
- "I experienced hurt at the hands of a priest, and I'll never trust one again."

Not going to Confession is typically rooted, on some level, either in *fear of being exposed*, or a *fear of being hurt again*.

The Fear of Being Exposed

Fr. Connor Danstrom of the *Three Dogs North* podcast said, "The reason we're afraid of saying sorry is, we have to admit we're wrong and then we'll feel bad about ourselves, and that it feels like it costs us something, or we think that the one we've wronged, if they find out, will be mad at us."

However, the reality of it couldn't be further from the truth. Fr. Danstrom went on:

Why live like this?! God is merciful, and He's not mad. God already knows [your sin], and He's not mad. Plus, apologizing and admitting your responsibility for your actions won't make you feel worse than you already feel, it'll make you feel better!

The first step to coming closer to the fullest possible happiness in our lives is to admit we make mistakes and to *do something about them*. The second step is to *believe we're worthy of forgiveness*.

The latter part may just be one of the greatest (and quietest) epidemics facing our culture today. I say this because I hear people say, "I'm not perfect" all the time, but I almost never hear of people saying, "Will you forgive me?" I really don't think many of us think we're worth forgiving, and yet it's exactly what we have to believe in order to come closer to the Lord, closer to living life "to the full" (John 10:10).

Saying, "will you forgive me?" requires us to have 1) humility to honestly acknowledge our imperfection, and 2) a radical awareness of our worth that involves *letting ourselves be forgiven* for things we've done wrong.

The Fear of Being Hurt Again

We all know people who have trouble with the Church on some level. Maybe they're angry at God for a loved one's sudden death. It could be that they were embarrassed by a priest at the parish while serving Mass or serving in some other capacity. Or perhaps they were abused by someone in the Church, and maybe even (God forbid) by a priest.

None of those should ever be taken lightly, at all. In fact, that's precisely why they should go and *bring that to Jesus himself* through the person of the priest in confession.

But why would anyone do that? And especially after experiencing what could be a crippling, life-altering hurt?

The reason, and I don't at all mean to trivialize the problem, is because *though all elephants are gray, not all gray things are elephants*.

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MASS Intentions

Saturday February 28
 4:00 p.m. Marianne Hospador - Bill & MK
Sunday March 1 Second Sunday of Lent
 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish
 9:00 a.m. Phyllis Cartwright - sister, Catherine Gordon & Family
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Ken Seddon & Kim, Kelsea & Seamus Pinkerton - Kristen Seddon
 12:00 p.m. Intentions of Vincent Tolomeo - Mary Dusza
Monday March 2 Lenten Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Florence & Harry Fields - Anne & Harry Boeshore
Tuesday March 3 Saint Katherine Drexel
 9:00 a.m. James Goodfellow - Cahill Family
Wednesday March 4 Saint Casimir
 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Ron Hopp - Annamarie & John Coen
Thursday March 5 Lenten Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Peggy O'Neill - Anne & Harry Boeshore
Friday March 6 Lenten Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Souder - Deb Ford
Saturday March 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
 9:00 a.m. Priest who ministered my sacraments - Kathleen Bintner
 4:00 p.m. Dr. Brian L. Hayes - DeSantis Family
Sunday March 8 Third Sunday of Lent
 7:30 a.m. Joseph & Anne Urban - Joe & Rosie Urban
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Giagnacova Family - Kathy & Ed Wasniewski
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests, Religious & Seminarians - Kristen Seddon
 12:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish

Weekly Memorial Intentions

CHURCH

Rose For Life
 In memory of _____
 Requested by _____

Rose for Resurrection
 In memory of _____
 Requested by _____

Sanctuary Lamp
 In memory of **Rick Uhrich**
 Requested by **Cathy Watters**

Altar Candles
 In memory of **Norma Kaufman**
 Requested by **Suzette**

Altar Bread and Wine
 In memory of _____
 Requested by _____

Altar Flowers
 In memory of _____
 Requested by _____

CHAPEL

Vigil Light
 In memory of **Rev. Msgr. Phillip Ricci**
 Requested by **Carmella Gimber**

Sanctuary Lamp
 In memory of **Joseph F. Monaghan**
 Requested by **Monaghan Family**

Altar Candles
 In honor of _____
 Requested by _____

If you are interested in Mass Intentions or Memorials in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office Center. Memorials are for one week and begin on Sunday.

Donations: Announced Mass: \$10, Unannounced Mass: \$5
 Rose for Life, Rose for Resurrection, & Vigil Light: \$5, Sanctuary Lamp: \$10
 Altar Candles: \$20, Bread and Wine: \$50, Altar Flowers: \$200

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Cox	Falconero Rowland	Grossbauer Godshall (if needed)	A. & H. Kupfer, Bluhm	Organ/Cantor	Hinson
7:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Paolucci	McCloskey Moore (if needed)	Mato, Ford	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Fr. Cox	Ardizzi	Bickel Bakey (if needed)	J. & J. Klenieski, Lees	Organ/Cantor	Hinson
10:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Martino	Klisch Longua (if needed)	E. & M. Rhuberg, Yaglenski	Children & Youth Choir	Hinson
12:00 PM	Msgr. Mesure	Mazzio	R. Gallus James (if needed)	Marquez, Larson, Saboe	Organ/Cantor	Hinson

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 7 – MARCH 8

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Cox	McCurdy	Hinson Bushey (if needed)	Keifrider, Lees, Wolfinger	Organ/Cantor	Hinson
7:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Busedu	Whitehead M. McGeeney (if needed)	Picard, Schadler	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Poatsy	Forsyth B. Gurgick (if needed)	A. & M. Hamilton, Cornely	Organ/Cantor	Hinson
10:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Conte	O'Donnell Pirrall (if needed)	M. & H. Corbin, Marquez	Youth Choir	Hinson
12:00 PM	Fr. Cox	Shaw LaGuardia	Rowland Cushman (if needed)	J. & R. Dougherty, O'Connor	Organ/Cantor	Hinson

Pray For The Sick



Rowen Aldridge, Debbie Atkinson, John Bauer, Noelle Black, Adam Bockius, Teresa Bockius, Sue Bones, Rebecca Brown, Greta Buchart, Peggy Budney, Wallace Budney, Diane Burke, Bill Bushey, Anthony Caraminico, Paul Casazza, Sharlyn Cline, Marty Conte, Caroline Conway, Angela Cramer, Susan Storti Debro, Tom & Suzanne DeSantis, Frank DeSimone, Angela Desmond, Becky Dice, Don Diesinger, Lou DiTanna, Wayne Dowd, Kate Elliot, Donna Marie Esche, Andrew Ferrara, Betty Fetter, Mike Fink, Tom Finnegan, Ron Fry, Mary Catherine Gallagher, Andy Gdonski, Tony Gdonski, Karen Giannini, John Glackin, Alan Gonzalez, Frank Gormley, Everleigh Grace, Joseph Grudzinski, Robyn Gulick, Rob Guzon, Marissa Harding, Alan Harper, Katelyn Hessler, Michael Holland, Frank Hood, Danielle Hunter, Esther Hunter, Joseph Ilacqua, Joey's Journey, Isabella Jones, Michael Jones, Mary Ann Kelch, Kim & Dan, David Kindermann, Saunie Kirby, Jennifer Klauder, James Koniewicz, Evelyn Kovacs, Maureen Lee, Jeff Lesitsky, Sue Lolli, Loughrey Family, Zack Lynn, Shirley March, Patricia Matthews, Karen McCaslin, Mary Katherine McHugh, Amanda McMullen, Phyllis Miller, Dana Moore, Rachel Moore, Robert Moy, Helen Narke, Nita Newsom, Samuel Nice, Mary Jo Nosek, Bill & Karen Nostadt, Jack Palm, Ryan Palm, Kathy Pedriani, Chris & Erin Pettit, Sandra Pierzchela, Mary Ann Grace-Pinchcock, Ginger Prendergast, Antoinette Pultorak, Geri Reynolds, Rick Romero, Edgar Rosa, Dana Rosencrance, Micaeli Rourke, Evelyn Ryle, Donna Samluk, Jacinta Saporito, Abra Schmidt, Elliot Schmidt, Joey Schmitt, Tom Schnaubelt, Maria Severoni, Patricia Shoemaker, Mary Shofran, Maureen Steinmetz, Carole Sweeney, Chris Szumiloski, Michelle Valentine, Connie Gimber Venonsky, Pamela Vollum, Richard Wagher, Patricia Waltz, Ron Wasson, Kay Welsh, Mary Ann Welsh, Steve Wilkins, Mary Wills.

If you are in need of urgent or emergency prayers for situations that arise unexpectedly, please contact Saint Mary Prayer Warriors at

SMCprayerwarriors@gmail.com

If you would like to add a loved one or friend to the Prayer List, please contact the Parish Office Center at [610-287-8156](tel:610-287-8156) or kbakey@churchofsaintmary.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER (from page 3)



When a person is recovering from a trauma, especially at the hands of a trusted individual, trust of any kind becomes difficult. But trust of a similarly-situated person can be impossible to fathom. For example, some years ago a close family member was a victim of rape at the hands of a man. In the aftermath she began to see and treat every man she encountered as a potential attacker. Over time, however, as she began to see and experience the falsehood of that implicit belief, she realized that the only way she could experience healing was to stop seeing "all gray things as elephants." Her attacker stopped having power over her as soon as she realized that he was one man, and not all men. Similarly, those we know who have been abused or otherwise hurt at the hands of a priest can find comfort and healing in knowing that not every priest is a threat. In fact, the vast majority of priests are good and prayerful men, seeking to live out each day for the good of God's Kingdom. The priests who abused and the priests who otherwise hurt people were, in those moments, *not acting in persona Christi*, but were sadly acting out of their fallen and sinful human nature.

This is not to explain away the problem, but rather to make an important distinction: though we can hurt each other, *Christ would never hurt us*.

I'd encourage anyone to not let a bad priest keep them from meeting Jesus in confession. It isn't worth it to let a bad priest continue to have power over us, our friends, or our family members, because Jesus meant us to have a "peace beyond all understanding." Not a fear that keeps us away from him.

So bring your hurt to the Lord - your deepest hurt - the one you think you can share with no one. There's literally nothing off limits to what you can say.

Acknowledgement: Crisis Magazine, July 21, 2015.

LIFE MINISTRIES



Saint Mary is committed to the promotion and sanctity of all Human Life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

Rachels Vineyard: 1-800-395-HELP(4357)

Helpline for Abortion Recovery: 1-866-482-LIFE(5433)

Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Domestic Abuse: 1-866-Safe-014

Pregnancy Hotline: 1 (800) 712-HELP

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Olivia Budney
Noah Colapreto
Caine Dusza
Brock Grosso
Ryan Kline
Caleb Lyles
Alyssa Pennycuick
Elizabeth Schnaubelt
Noah Wasniewski
Michael Zavrotny

Matthew P. Burns
Aiden Cooper
Ayden Fry
Justin Juarez
Erick Lucero
Jared Nolan
Caitlin Pennycuick-Grieve
Ryan Simms
Jacob Zavrotny

Derek Capinski
Brenden Dunyan
Jason Gieger
Nicolas Juarez
Aiden Lyles
Andrew Palovitz
Nicholas Rosekrans
Owen Stanton
Kevin Zavrotny

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Parish News...

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"God isn't impressed by how busy we are for Him. He's moved when we choose to be with Him. Slow down. Get on your knees. Before doing more, learn to rest in His Eucharistic Presence." Fr. Rob Galea.

Please help us fill these hours or become a substitute. **OPEN HOURS:** Sunday @ 12AM & 1AM, Thursday @ 4PM & Friday @ 1PM. Please email MK @ adorationsaintmarys@gmail.com or call [610-476-4490](tel:610-476-4490) for more information.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8TH



Daylight savings time begins next Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour.

SAINT MARY CHURCH FEASIBILITY STUDY



Our parish leadership is currently seeking the input of our entire parish community regarding proposed projects that we would like to undertake to continue His good works happening at St. Mary Church. To gauge the level of support that exists within our community, we are partnering with Our Sunday Visitor to collect the responses of our faithful parishioners through a brief survey. We will allow time during Mass next week to reflect and discern your answers about our proposed projects, and your family's willingness to participate. All registered households will be receiving a newsletter with more information about our Feasibility Study and a paper copy of the survey. You can return these at Mass next week or mail them to the parish office using the provided mail-back envelope. Thank you for your prayerful and honest answers!

SAINT MARY LENTEN DINNERS!



Join us for great food and fellowship this Friday, March 6th and every Friday through March 27th at Saint Mary Lenten Dinners. "Take out" or "sit down" is available in Hedge Hall from 4 to 7PM. Menu items include, Fried Fish platter, Meatless Spaghetti and Grilled Cheese. Each week there will be a special entree of Crab Cakes on 3/20 and 3/27 and Baked Salmon on 3/13. Adult meals and children's meals (4 to 12 years old) are available and come with side, drink and dessert. Children age 3 and under are FREE! In addition to his famous Mac & Cheese, Father Cox will also be making New England Clam Chowder! Donations as well as volunteers are needed. Visit the Sign Up Genius on our [parish website](#) to pre-order your dinner, donate or volunteer.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent
1:30 PM and 7:00 PM.

Join us for this special Lenten devotion.
Stations will be approximately thirty minutes.

SAINT MARY MONTHLY BINGO NIGHT



Come out for a fun night of Bingo and support Saint Mary Catholic School on Saturday, March 7th! Doors open at 5:00PM and games start at 6:00PM in Hedge Hall. The cost is \$25 per person which includes one 10 round pack of Bingo cards with three cards per round. Extra card packs are \$10 each. There are cash prizes for every round from \$100 - \$500 and a 50/50 Raffle for more chances to win! You must be age 21 or older to attend and it is a cash only event. There is no advance registration. For more information contact the school office.

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Unlock Purgatory



"God has given the keys of Purgatory to us, but not to them" Bl. James Alberione, Italian priest, founder of the Daughters of St. Paul and the Society of St. Paul.

"The souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves. Their time of merit is up. They are helpless. They cry out, "God, God, I must be with God.!" We alone are their only resource. We are given the duty, power and privilege to deliver them. We have an obligation to pray for our deceased loved ones. Our responsibility is great. God's justice demands expiation (penance) of their sins. He places in our hands the means to assist them. Unlock the doors to heaven for the souls with Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Way of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, Eucharist Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet. These are the "pillars" of prayer to relieve and release the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember in a special way those souls who died a violent death. *Day by Day for the Holy Souls in Purgatory* - Susan Tassone.

Bible Verse: Revelation 20: 12-13, Diary of St. Faustina, entry #20.

Suggested Work of Mercy: Note on your calendar the dates of loved ones who have died so you can especially pray for them on those days each year.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE RETURN WEEKEND



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting baby bottles, filled with coins, cash, or checks (made payable to "Knights of Columbus") after all Masses this weekend. If you forgot to bring your bottle back, please bring it with you next weekend and place it in the collection box which will be in the main vestibule.



GO WALK WITH ONE

It Only Takes One Encounter

Someone in your life is waiting for a moment that will change everything, and God is ready to deliver. He desires to bring them into a life-changing encounter with his love, pouring abundant grace into their life and giving them the joy and hope they long for. You can help make that moment happen! Ask God whom he wants you to invite to Sunday Mass, to adoration, or to a prayer event. Your willingness to accompany them may be the spark that leads them back to the sacraments and rekindles their relationship with Christ and his Church. It only takes one personal encounter with Jesus to change their life forever. Scan the code to get started or contact Patrick Moore at [610-322-5006](tel:610-322-5006) or patmoorepa@icloud.com.

Retro REWIND
Adult Social
 DANCE. LAUGH. REPEAT
 March 21, 2026

Scan me to sponsor, buy tickets and raffles

7PM TO 10PM
\$35 PER PERSON - \$60 COUPLE
 BYOB
 APPETIZERS INCLUDED
 DJ + DANCING + 80'S HITS
 \$20 RAFFLE TICKETS
 OR 6 TICKETS FOR \$100
 \$2500 - \$1000 - \$500
 CASH PRIZES

(HEDGE HALL) 40 SPRING MOUNT RD
 SCHWENKSVILLE
KPUMMER@SM5K-8.ORG

JR. LEGION OF MARY

The Junior Legion of Mary is for the youth of the parish, ages 8 to 17. Our mission is to bring Jesus to the world, through the love of His Mother Mary by performing a variety of works, including learning/teaching the rosary, hosting rosary-making workshops, participating in community events, road trips to local shrines and churches, and visiting with nursing home residents. Our group meets every Sunday at 11:30 AM in Annex Room 2. Scan the QR code to learn more.



LENT 2026 AT SAINT MARY PARISH

Sunday Mass Schedule

4:00 PM (Saturday Evening)
 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Living Stations

Friday March 27th at 1:45 p.m.

Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily before the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Sundays before the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Confession

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. & 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Lenten Confessions Service

Monday, March 30th at 10:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All day in our chapel for scheduled adorers

Open to the public 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday through Saturday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life. Scan the QR code to see the "Pick of the Week," or for FREE access to all that Formed has to offer, register at saintmaryrcc.formed.org. Just type in 19473, click on St. Mary, click on the blue "Next" button and complete the registration information. Formed has something for everyone, including special content for kids, teens and parents. For questions on how to use this service, contact Mary Goudswaard at mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org or [610-287-8156](tel:610-287-8156).

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the way by which people become "citizens of the Kingdom" through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or are thinking about coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Don Nichols at dnichols@churchofsaintmary.org or [610-287-8156](tel:610-287-8156).



Retro Rewind 80's Night

March 21st 7 pm to 10 pm
Saint Mary Hedge Hall

SPONSORSHIPS

THE HEADLINER: \$5,000 - 8 Complimentary Event Tickets - Presenting sponsor recognition - Largest logo on print & digital marketing - Exclusive entrance signage - Verbal recognition during event - Linked logo on event web page - Opportunity to include branded items in swag bags.

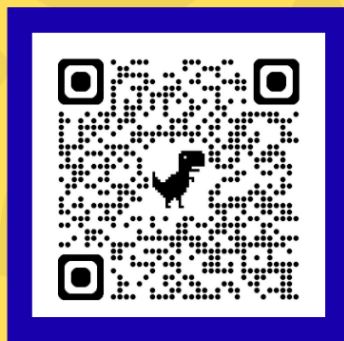
MIX TAPE SPONSOR: \$2,500 - 6 Complimentary Event Tickets - Prominent logo on promotions - Logo at high-traffic table - Event announcement recognition - Linked logo on event webpage - Opportunity to include branded items in swag bags.

ARCADE HERO SPONSOR: \$1,000 - 4 Complimentary Event Tickets - Logo on event signage - Listed on event webpage - Social media thank you - Opportunity to include branded items in swag bags.

BOOM BOX SPONSOR: \$500 - 2 Complimentary Event Tickets - Name on event signage - Name listed on event webpage - Group social media recognition.

FLASHBACK FRIEND SPONSOR: \$250 - Name listed as community supporter on event webpage - Group social media recognition.

FUEL THE FUN SPONSOR: Any donation amount - Signage near contributed item - Recognition on event page & social media.



Scan the QR Code for
Sponsorships, Raffles
& Event Tickets



LEGACY OF FAITH

LEGACY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Campaign Income.....	\$2,331,913.27
(Campaign Income is pledged income & additional donations for church renovations.)	
Expenses Paid.....	\$2,317,086.60
Bank Balance.....	\$14,826.67
Legacy of Faith Campaign Goal.....	\$2,000,000.00

Increases in expenses reflect payments made for construction of the Choir Loft and installation of HVAC equipment.

To donate to our Legacy of Faith Campaign visit Parish Giving or call the Parish Office Center.



Is Our Lady Calling You?

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

POPE JOHN PAUL II COLLEGE FAIR

Pope John Paul II High School is hosting a college fair on March 3, 2026 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The event is being held in the Main Gym at 181 Rittenhouse Road, Royersford. The college fair is free, open to the public and no registration is required. Contact Doreen Bell at dbell@pjphs.org with any questions. Scan the QR code to see a list of participating colleges.



BROTHERS OF BORROMEIO VOCATION CAMP



Junior high young men (grades 6-8) are invited to join the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for Brothers of Borromeio Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)! Guided by this year's theme, "Everything I Have is Yours," participants will explore their relationship with God the Father through games, fun activities, prayer experiences, and engaging talks. Throughout the day, young men will build fellowship and grow more deeply in their Catholic faith. The camp is being held on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM at the new campus of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Ambler. The cost of the program is \$25, which includes a t-shirt and lunch. Registration is due by Friday, March 6, 2026. For questions and more information please contact Lauren Pickell at [610-667-5778](tel:610-667-5778) or lpickell@archphila.org or visit heedthecall.org.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION

If you or someone you know is suffering from the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion, no matter how much time has passed, please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving and confidential weekend to experience the healing of God's infinite mercy. The next Weekend Retreat is being held at the IHM Spirituality Center in Malvern, PA on March 6 - 8, 2026. Contact Georgeann McGarry at geemcgarry@gmail.com or [484-955-4278](tel:484-955-4278). *All inquiries are strictly confidential.*



40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN



Join us for the 40 Days for Life Campaign in Norristown on February 18 - March 29, 2026. Forty Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40 day campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer and fasting, community outreach and a peaceful vigil in front of abortion businesses. For more information, contact Pat or Mary Cahill at [215-234-0124](tel:215-234-0124).

PARISH WEBSITE

For up to date information, schedules, and access to all live streaming, go to our parish website at:

www.churchofsaintmary.org



FINANCIAL FACTS

Collection for February 15, 2026 Week 33

Weekend Collection (Weekly Offering Envelopes)

Target Needed for the 25-26 Fiscal Year.....	\$1,049,024.00
Weekly Target Needed	\$20,173.54
Collection for Weekend of February 15.....	\$11,141.00
Parish Giving & PayPal.....	\$5,747.42
Over (Under) Target.....	(\$3,285.12)

School Mortgage (Blue Envelope)

Target Needed for the 25-26 Fiscal Year.....	\$114,036.00
Weekly Target Needed	\$2,193.00
Collection for Weekend of February 15.....	\$219.27
Over (Under) Target.....	(\$1,973.73)

Catholic Education Center Mortgage:

Balance as of December 28, 2025.....	\$657,382.51
January Principal Payment.....	\$11,207.27
Balance as of January 31, 2026.....	\$646,175.24
Next Monthly Principal Due February 28, 2026	

Total Collected To Date..... \$635,836.04

Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt.....	\$643,594.01
Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope).....	\$736.29
New Debt Total.....	\$642,857.72

The Parish Debt represents invoices that we owe to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These invoices are for assessments, insurance, property and liability, etc. incurred between the years of 2005 – 2012. The Archdiocese has been very gracious to cover these invoices during a time when we could not afford to do so. By using your Parish Debt (Gold) Envelope, you are helping our parish pay the obligation we owe to the Archdiocese. From 2013 to today we are current on all our Archdiocesan invoices. Thank you for your kind generosity.

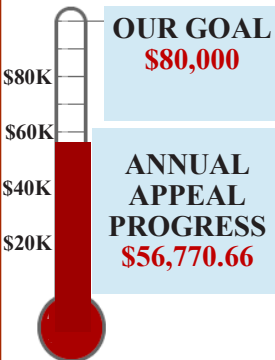
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2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Saint Mary Annual Appeal is used for Parish needs that are not covered in our operating budget. This year's appeal goal is \$80,000 and will be directed toward making significant and necessary repairs to our school's HVAC system. Our school is an important part of our parish life and continues to provide a sound Catholic education for approximately 225 children. Providing facilities that are safe, clean and comfortable is essential. Please help us reach our goal by returning your census form and appeal donation to the Parish Office Center. Thank you for your kind generosity!



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* Greatly Needed Items

Gift cards to local grocery stores are always needed & greatly appreciated.

Pantry Donations can be dropped off during the week in the church vestibule or in Hedge Hall on the first Sunday of the month from 8:30am-12:00pm.

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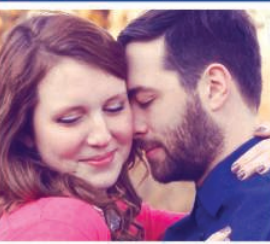
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