



Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord *April 5, 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

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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>
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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

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Mrs. Heather Sickinger hsickinger@smsk-8.org	<i>Principal, Saint Mary School</i>
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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.

PASTOR'S

Corner

Why It Matters How We Are Buried -- Fr. James V. Schall

The Jesuit retirement home where I have lived almost four years now usually has some seventy or eighty residents, all over seventy, all having already been blessed with many days on this green earth. We have one man over a hundred, a couple of others nearing it. During the time of my residence here, some forty men, most of whom I have known, have died. The good superior of the house has officiated in over eighty funerals of men who have died here, to most of whom he has administered the last rites of the Church. So we have, as it were, a shifting population between here in Los Gatos and the cemeteries in Santa Clara and Spokane where west coast Jesuits are buried. About half the men request cremation. Even though the same rites and words are observed, the mood of a funeral is different when the dead are cremated, with the photo of the deceased beside the small box of ashes and when the body is present in a casket.

One of my uncles on my step-mother's side was cremated. At his request, his ashes were spread on a golf course in Florida. This probably is not legal. I think one of my cousins had his ashes scattered at sea from an airplane. Another cousin of mine, a retired naval chief, went to work as a "greeter" in a funeral home in Florida. On a visit one time, he asked me if I would like a tour of the very busy funeral home (it's Florida, after all) for which he worked. I had never really had an inside view of a funeral home, even though our neighbor in Knoxville, Iowa, when I was a boy, was an undertaker. I said fine to my cousin. He showed me the caskets and the small boxes for cremated ashes.

We went in to watch a cremation furnace at work. He told me that they could not make enough cremation mechanisms as the demand from China was so great. The whole cremation was done reverently, quickly, and carefully. He asked me if I wanted to see a body prepared for a casket. I decided against it. He laughed. Old salts often know more than old clergymen.

Why bring all this up? In *L'Osservatore Romano*, English (October 28, 2016), we find a document entitled "To Rise with Christ," from Gerhard Cardinal Müller, the Prefect of the Congregation on the Doctrine for the Faith. It is a review of the Christian idea of funerals. The essential thesis is that the traditional Catholic practice of burying the dead is still the preferred way for Christians to deal with their dead. This tradition does not mean that the increasingly common cremation is not to be permitted. The explanation for this permission lies mostly in the history of the opposition to burials based on some dogmatic issue.

At the Ash Wednesday service, we receive the ashes on our foreheads while the priest repeats the famous phrase: "*Remember man that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return.*" The fact is that we return to "dust" in various convoluted ways. If we are buried at sea, we probably end up as fish food. The Parsees in India place the bodies of the dead in large cages in which vultures devour them. India also had funeral pyres on which bodies were burned. The Egyptians mummified bodies. In that condition, it took them much longer to return to dust. The Romans buried their dead.

Once I saw a photo of the old Masonic Cemetery in San Francisco. After the earthquake, the city expanded in that direction. The photo showed coffins being opened and bones exposed. Most cemeteries are legal entities that last for a certain number of years. If the ground ceases to be a cemetery, the remains are usually put in a common grave. All ashes and bones are mingled together. Thus, the difference between cremation and burial in terms of returning to dust is just a question of sooner or later.

Too, I recall the lovely English Cemetery in Rome, so different in mood from the Roman Campo Verano where more recent Italians buried their dead. Indeed, I have always recommended travelers to visit the cemeteries of the places they frequent to see what the local people think of death. Many old churches were surrounded by graveyards. When we compare cremation to burial, as I have suggested, we return to dust in both cases, only it takes longer if we are buried. Some skeletons can last a long time. Very few of the billions and billions of human beings who have ever died on this planet are even identifiable dust today. Our remains return to elements and soil. The world carries on.

The concern of the Congregation with funerals is, at bottom, doctrinal. Opposition to cremation was usually a reaction to some theological point. Cremation was early on said by Masons and others to be an effort to eradicate the notion of the resurrection of the body. If you returned the body to ashes, how was there anything left to resurrect? When cremation has this connotation, we still should not choose that means of dealing with the dead. Since most people no longer associate cremation with an effort to deny the resurrection's truth, the Church has granted that no real problem with cremation exists if cremation is chosen. But still, much is to be said for burial.

The history of theology, in one sense, can be seen in theories about the dead, especially the dead body. At the center of the Christian faith is the Incarnation, life, death, burial, resurrection, and bodily ascension of Christ, the man-God. Even the Creed affirms that Christ "died and was buried." Obviously, if we deny that the body exists (some do) or that it really dies, or that we return as birds or other characters after death, we cannot cope with the exact meaning of Christ's resurrection. And in Christ, we find the full understanding of ourselves, of the very being we are when we look at ourselves, beings whose reality most clearly includes a body, such as it is in its particularity.

It is also clear that if we do not have a body, we are not full or complete human beings. This insight is why those who maintain that death is the end of us have a point. It is also why we have the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, why we are not complete without our bodies. The immortality of the soul is what makes the doctrine of the resurrection of the body credible and necessary. If when we died, we simply disappeared into nothingness, it would mean that there could be no real "resurrection" of this particular person who has become a "nothing."

If the person died and became nothing, then God "recreated" the same person later on, it would mean that there was no continuity between the one who was born and lived and the one who was resurrected. The immortality of the soul, which requires its own proof, provides a reason why the person who dies and the person who is resurrected is the same person whose life is one continuous whole from death to resurrection. Otherwise, heaven and probably hell would be populated by strangers, not us.

"In burying the bodies of the dead," the Congregation affirms, "the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity." Two things are to be noticed in this passage. First, the body is an essential part of what it means to be human. Some theory of everlasting immortality with no resurrection (the Platonic view) thus is not the teaching on this topic. Second, what finally matters is the whole being in its integrity of body and soul. The truth of Christian revelation we take on the authority of the witnesses. Whatever we think of this testimony, the fact remains that the "logic" of the argument is valid. The soul is not the whole human being. It is incomplete by itself, even though it is immortal. This view implies that the soul in its very reality looks to, needs the restoration of the body. This truth is what Christian revelation is about.

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MASS Intentions

Saturday April 4
7:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish

Sunday April 5 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
7:30 a.m. A Special Intention
9:00 a.m. A Special Intention
10:30 a.m. A Special Intention
12:00 p.m. A Special Intention

Monday April 6 Monday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Katharine Carney's Birthday - Mom & Dad

Tuesday April 7 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Turner Children - Doris Turner

Wednesday April 8 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Capaldi Family - Louise Capaldi

Thursday April 9 Thursday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Anna & John Cassidy - Mary Farrell

Friday April 10 Friday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Morris Amato - Bob & Donna Forsyth

Saturday April 11 Saturday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Kaitlyn McGeeney - Bill & Maddie McGeeney
4:00 p.m. Albert J. Miralles, Sr. - DeSantis Family

Sunday April 12 Sunday of Divine Mercy
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish
9:00 a.m. Chet & Rose Wasniewski - Kathy & Ed Wasniewski
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Krawchuk & Blum Families - Kathy Blum
12:00 p.m. Intentions of Daniel R. Pirrall - Mom & Dad

Weekly Memorial Intentions

CHURCH

Rose For Life

In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Rose for Resurrection

In memory of **Debbie Cassel**
Requested by **Steve Cassel**

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of **Anna Monaghan**
Requested by **Monaghan Family**

Altar Candles

In memory of **Dorothy Wizimirski**
Requested by **Saint Mary School Faculty & Staff**

Altar Bread and Wine

In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Altar Flowers

In memory of _____
Requested by _____

CHAPEL

Vigil Light

In memory of _____
Requested by _____

Sanctuary Lamp

In honor of **Cassie Whitehead**
Requested by **Flossie & John**

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 APRIL 4 - APRIL 5

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
7:30 PM	Fr. Cox	A. DeSantis A. DeSantis, Bluhm	Rowland (if needed)	Keifrider, Bluhm, O'Connor, Klenieski	Organ/Cantor	Hinson
7:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	TBD	Zandier, Kirby, McCloskey (if needed)	Reo	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Poatsy Keane	Storti, Whitehead, Rodzewich (if needed)	D. & A. Kupfer, Larson	Organ/Cantor	Hinson
10:30 AM	Fr. Cox	TBD	Klisch, Longua, Watt (if needed)	M. & H. Corbin, Zamrin	Children & Youth Choir	Hinson
12:00 PM	Fr. Cox	TBD	R. Gallus, Martinko, M. Gallus (if needed)	TBD	Organ/Cantor	Hinson

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 11 - APRIL 12

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Msgr. Mesure	Falconero	Grossbauer Hinson (if needed)	Bluhm, Keifrider, Larson	Rembisz	Hinson
7:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Watters	M. McGeeney Cushman (if needed)	Reo, Imms	Quiet	Hinson
9:00 AM	Fr. Cox	Ford	Bakey Forsyth (if needed)	J. & J. Klenieski, Lees	Organ/Cantor	Hinson
10:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Martino	O'Donnell Brady (if needed)	M. & J. Corbin, Yarrison	Youth Choir	Hinson
12:00 PM	Fr. Cox	Martinko	Longua Cushman (if needed)	Wolfinger, Marquez, 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, Michael Grosso, 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-Pinchock, Ginger Prendergast, Antoinette Pultorak, Geri Reynolds, Rick Romero, Edgar Rosa, Dana Rosencrance, Micaeli Rourke, Sue Rowland, 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, 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)



The Church has seen many theories in its day on these issues. If a rite or explanation of what is going on at a burial imply or teach something that denies these truths, then the Church cannot condone them. We can have "erroneous" ideas about the dead. One error leads to another, so thought is required of our faith. If we hold that "death is the definitive annihilation of the person," we obviously implicitly deny the truth of the teaching about the resurrection of the body. If we think that at death we witness the body as "a fusion with Mother Earth or the universe," we get rid of any separate being of what we are. Reincarnation theories would have it that death is a moment wherein some other being not ourselves comes to take our place. Others hold that matter and the body are the cause of evil, so that death "liberates" us from the body as the source of this evil. This view would make the human being a soul only instead of a single being made of soul and matter that is considered good.

Christ, as we recall, died and "was buried." He rose again. What is at stake is the notion of a continuity between the dead and risen bodies. If there were no soul, for example, it would be pretty difficult to explain how someone who died a thousand years ago, on resurrection, could be the same person. If there were no continuity, it would mean that if Segundo died in 241 A.D. and rose again on the last day, there would have to be a new creation if there was nothing continuous between his death and resurrection. In other words, he would not really be the same person. That position would negate the whole point of the resurrection as we understand it. It would mean our actual lives had no meaning.

The death of Christ only required a few brief days of death, during which Christ is said to be visiting the souls waiting resurrection. His rising again meant that the same body was restored, however we want to deal with the decaying issue of any dead body. So the practice of burying the dead is conceived to make clear that it is the same person who dies and who rises again, whenever that is.

Men have been perplexed by death from the beginning. The Congregation mentions the various understandings of death that are incompatible with a Christian understanding of death. What it affirms, however, is that the central truth of Christianity involves the resurrection of the body. Our funeral rites are meant to teach us what this means. That is why we are solemn at death and we continue to pray for them. God did not intend death in the beginning. When it came, he sent his Son among us. Death, ultimately, as St. Paul said, has "no dominion." In our funerals, this truth is what we are to see.

Acknowledgement: Crisis Magazine, November 15, 2016. Besides being a regular Crisis columnist since 1983, Fr. Schall wrote nearly 50 books and countless articles for magazines and newspapers.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Olivia Budney	Matthew P. Burns	Derek Capinski
Noah Colapreto	Aiden Cooper	Brenden Dunyan
Caine Dusza	Ayden Fry	Jason Gieger
Brock Grosso	Justin Juarez	Nicolas Juarez
Ryan Kline	Erick Lucero	Aiden Lyles
Caleb Lyles	Jared Nolan	Andrew Palovitz
Alyssa Pennycuick	Caitlin Pennycuick-Grieve	Damian Riccitelli
Nicholas Rosekrans	Elizabeth Schnaubelt	Ryan Simms
Owen Stanton	Noah Wasniewski	Jacob Zavrotny
Kevin Zavrotny	Michael Zavrotny	

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Parish News...

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"The graces come from Jesus. They come from Jesus Christ Himself. When we are in HIS Presence, we are changed. We are transformed. He is Jesus, the risen Lord. ... Let us approach Him in Eucharistic Adoration. Let's love Him. Let's spend time with Him. Let's become one with Him." Fr. Rob Galea.

OPEN HOURS: Sunday @ 12AM & 1AM @ & Friday @ 1AM. Please call MK @ [610-476-4490](tel:610-476-4490) or email adorationsaintmarys@gmail.com for more information.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR



Saint Mary will hold a Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, April 12th at 3pm. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet, and benediction. There will also be relics of Saint Faustina and Pope Saint John Paul II for veneration.

SAINT MARY MONTHLY BINGO NIGHT



Come out for a fun night of Bingo and support Saint Mary Catholic School next Saturday, April 11th! Our monthly Bingo is held the second Saturday of the month in Hedge Hall. Doors open at 5:00PM and games start at 6:00PM. 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.

JOSHUA SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP



Join us as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary, for an inspiring bus trip to the world-renowned Sight & Sound Theatre on Wednesday, April 29th. Experience "JOSHUA", the epic story of faith and adventure, perfect for the whole family, brought to life with stunning sets and live animals. The cost is \$180 per person and includes round-trip motorcoach charter, lunch at Hershey Farm Resort, and shopping. To reserve your seat, please contact Susan at [610-287-8156](tel:610-287-8156) or srodz@churchofsaintmary.org. Payments can be made by cash or check, made payable to "Saint Mary Church". Please mail or drop off payments marked "JOSHUA" to the Saint Mary Parish Office Center. Get your seats early!

PARISH OFFICE CENTER CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY



Please note that the Parish Office Center will be closed on Monday, April 6th in observance of Easter Monday. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 7th.

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

The Blood of The Lamb! Revelation 7:14



"In scripture and tradition, going back to the time of the Fathers of the Church, we find repeated depictions of the saving power of the Precious Blood of Jesus. It is through the Body and Blood of Jesus that we receive our salvation. And it is deeply appropriate we would join our prayers together with the Holy Sacrifice of The Mass, much as we do when we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, in order to offer the Father in Heaven The Blood of His Son in atonement for the sins of the whole world and also those in Purgatory. Let us relive their suffering. They are awaiting our intercession!"

Prayers and Practices for the Souls in Purgatory, Chapter 15 - Fr. Dan Cambra, MIC.

Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1: 17-19, Revelation 12: 10-11

Suggested Work of Mercy: Ask your Guardian Angel to place on your heart someone who is need of a visit and prayers .

"HEAVENLY HEROES" FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN



The Junior Legion of Mary invites children age 5 and up, teens and parents to join us for *Heavenly Heroes*, a new quarterly series featuring the Saints! Join us on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 10:30 AM in Annex Room 3 for the exciting true story of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower. The event will include a video, brief discussion and craft. Please contact Cassie Whitehead at cassiemail@comcast.net for more information.

HELP US HONOR OUR VETERANS



We need your help in planning our 20th annual Memorial Day Remembrance Service to honor our fallen heroes and veterans. Most meetings are virtual and require just a few hours a month from March to May. The event is Wednesday morning, May 20, 2026. Contact Coleen for more information or to help at [610-716-8434](tel:610-716-8434) or crhuberg@yahoo.com.

SAINT MARY CHURCH FEASIBILITY STUDY



Thank you to all parishioners who filled out our survey. Our team is busy thoughtfully evaluating the results and will be working to develop our next steps. We are excited to move forward together as a parish community!

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS!



The shelves in our Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry are bare and in need of your donations. Please see our list of desperately needed items on page 10 of the bulletin. 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. Thank you for your generosity!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Christian Initiation of Adults: Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00pm from September thru June.

Lay Missionaries of Charity: First Saturday of every month from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

Legion of Mary: Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Living Water Bible Study: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 9:45am to 12:15pm September thru May.

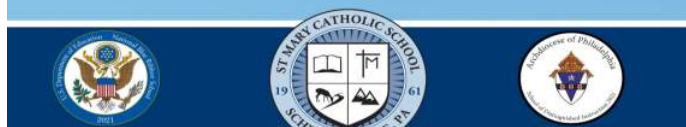
Men's Gospel Reflection: Every Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30am.

Patricians: 3rd Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00pm from September thru May.

Women's Bible Study: Two sessions on Thursdays: 10:00 to 11:30am and 7:00 to 8:30pm. Sessions are offered at various times of the year.

Young Adult Lectio Divina: Every Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:00pm.

Please contact the Parish Office Center for more information.



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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40 Spring Mount Rd, Schwenksville, PA 19473

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.



SAINT MARY SCHOOL
Presents

Seussical™ JR.

Friday, April 24 at 7pm
Saturday, April 25 at 7pm
Sunday, April 26 at 2pm

Tickets available at the door - no reserved seating.
Advanced Tickets available at Saint Mary School Office and online
\$10.00 per adult - \$5.00 per student

Doors open 30 minutes prior to show

Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty
Music by Stephen Flaherty Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle

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PROGRAMS MOVIES AUDIO BOOKS
PICK OF THE WEEK

Was Jesus just a
GHOST
when he appeared
to the apostles?

what catholics
believe

**What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection:
Was Jesus a Ghost?**

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny? 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 Goudsward at mgoud@churchofsaintmary.org or 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.



GOLF REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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LEGACY OF FAITH

LEGACY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN AS OF MARCH 22, 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.



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EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP



Join us for a grace-filled Holy Hour. We will have Adoration, Confession, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. After Benediction, join us in the hall for light refreshments. All meetings are held from 2:00–3:00 PM at Annunciation BVM Church, Havertown. Future dates are Sunday, April 12th, Sunday, May 10th and Sunday, June 14th. All are welcome. For questions contact Jeanmarie Lorello at admin@stvparish.org.

FAITH & FREEDOM AMERICA PILGRIMAGE



The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation is hosting the "Faith and Freedom America" Pilgrimage in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary, taking place October 6–15, 2026. This pilgrimage will journey through the northeastern corridor of the United States, visiting both religious and historic sites in Washington, DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. An Information Night is being held on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:15 PM via Microsoft Teams. Scan the QR code to learn more and register or contact Kayla at [817-386-8306](tel:817-386-8306).



WOMEN'S MINISTRY AT SAINT ELEANOR



Saint Eleanor Parish, Collegeville, is offering a ministry for women called "Prayer Wine Chocolate". Pray the rosary, share snacks and enjoy the company of others. The group meets the 2nd Friday of each month from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in Kateri Hall and is open to women age 21 and older. For questions call or text Jess at [610-247-8698](tel:610-247-8698).

THEOLOGY ON THE TRAIL



F.L.A.M.E. presents *Theology on the Trail* on Saturday, April 11th (Rain Date Saturday, April 18th) from 9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. The event includes Mass at Saint Andrew's Parish, Newtown, trail hike at Core Creek Park, Langhorne (including catechesis & Q&A) and lunch at a local restaurant (pay your own way). Father Alex Pancoast, Parochial Vicar at Saint Andrew's, will lead the events as Mass celebrant and hike leader. A \$10 freewill donation is greatly appreciated. Catholics in their 40s and 50s are welcome. Scan the QR code to register.



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All information and announcements to be published in the bulletin are due to the Parish Office Center by Friday the week prior to publication. All bulletin submissions should be emailed to kbakey@churchofsaintmary.org.

FINANCIAL FACTS

Collection for March 22, 2026

Week 38

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 March 22.....	\$11,342.00
Parish Giving & PayPal.....	\$7,240.67
Over (Under) Target.....	(\$1,590.87)

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 March 22.....	\$234.00
Over (Under) Target.....	(\$1,959.00)

Catholic Education Center Mortgage:

Balance as of January 31, 2026.....	\$646,175.24
February Principal Payment.....	\$11,410.10
Balance as of February 22, 2026.....	\$634,765.14
Next Monthly Principal Due March 31, 2026	

Total Collected To Date.....	\$729,478.43
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Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt.....	\$641,938.57
Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope).....	\$408.70
New Debt Total.....	\$641,529.87

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.

LIFE MINISTRIES



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

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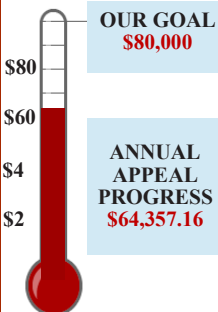
Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Domestic Abuse: 1-866-Safe-014

Pregnancy Hotline: 1 (800) 712-HELP

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.

Due to storage constraints, we are not able to accept donations of clothing, toys, medical equipment or other supplies.

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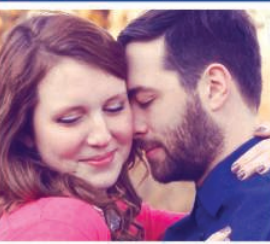
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