

SAINT MARY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Anticipated Sunday Mass

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday Mass

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday - Saturday

9:00 a.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday Morning

9:30 am to 10:00 am

Saturday Afternoon

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm

To schedule a confession, contact
solzinski@churchofsaintmary.org

Reverend James M. Cox
Pastor

CONTACT US!

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OUR MISSION

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' disciple to our families, our parish and our surrounding communities.

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PARISH WEBSITE

ONLINE GIVING



OFFICE CENTER STAFF & HOURS

Reverend James M. Cox frcox@churchofsaintmary.org	<i>Pastor</i>
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Parish Office Center

610-287-8156 † Website: churchofsaintmary.org

Office Hours

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) † 610-287-7757 (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 - May

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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.

A Word from our Pastor

The Pope, the Press, and the Present-- Robert Royal on Monday, April 27, 2026

Pope Leo travelled to four African countries this month, which included not only the usual calls for peace, justice, and brotherhood, but several touching and poignant moments with local communities. Let's hope that the presence of this Successor to Peter, who possesses a natural gentleness and piety, bears much fruit. Unfortunately, on the way back to Rome on Thursday, we were treated to yet another muddled in-flight papal press conference, which grabbed headlines and has left many Catholics confused – and dismayed. A pope has multiple good channels to express himself. A press conference is not one of them.

By its very nature, these informal Q&A sessions make it seem that the Church's teachings and the words of the pope himself, are like a politician commenting on political issues. One could already see the usual rhetorical and moral tangle coming, for instance, in this exchange with a German journalist:

I would like to know how you assess the decision of Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, that he gave permission to the blessing of same-sex couples in his diocese, and in light of different cultural and theological perspectives, especially in Africa, how do you intend to preserve the unity of the global Church on that particular matter?

[Pope Leo XIV, in English:] First of all, I think it's very important to understand that the unity or division of the Church should not revolve around sexual matters. We tend to think that when the Church is talking about morality, that the only issue of morality is sexual. And in reality, I believe there are much greater, more important issues, such as justice, equality, freedom of men and women, freedom of religion, that would all take priority before that particular issue. The Holy See has already spoken to the German bishops. The Holy See has made it clear that we do not agree with the formalized blessing of couples.

We “do not agree” is a weak response to a strong challenge. It's not a matter of agreement or disagreement, but of the teachings of Jesus and His Church since time immemorial. And like it or not, sexual ethics – which go deep into the Christian conception of the human person (“male and female he created them”) – is a central matter. Not the only one to be sure. But trying to finesse what amounts to rebellion within the Church and surrender to the spirit of the world is a poor tactic for holding the Church together. And it won't work against the global LGBT juggernaut.

The only thing that might be a firm theological and doctrinal stance.

Further, while it is true that the Church teaches that there are more and less serious sins (as we often say here, see Dante's *Inferno* for a graphic image) – and it is in fact an Augustinian theme that has been stated more clearly by other recent popes – is this a good way to speak to our culture today?

What would be better? The pope has his own attractive style, and he could decide about that. But the substance would have to go something like this to remain a good Augustinian, which is to stay faithful to the fullness of Catholic reality:

All mortal sins are serious. Indeed, all sins, however venial, take us away from God, our fellow human beings, and our own true selves. The human person has been so created by God that – ever since Cain and Abel – the most obvious way we turn away from God's order and being is through physically harming, even to the point of killing one another.

This would be the barest of openings and at least Biblically grounded. But it couldn't stop there. It would have to make some distinctions that have always existed in the Church. Something like this:

Sexual sins are the easiest to understand, because they so closely resemble the love God has placed in us to love other persons, especially God Himself. They are also among the most common sins, as we see all around us, which is why the Church has consistently warned about them. Very few of us will commit physical assault or murder, let alone be in a position to start wars or perpetrate social injustices. So even as we recognize the gravity of such matters, for most of us those are distant (almost wholly theoretical) temptations, hardly the stuff of most human lives.

When the Church presents itself as primarily concerned with large public *issues*, already present enough in secular culture, is it any wonder people aren't in the pews on Sunday?

And as long as we're trying to gauge the relative gravity of sins, let's not ignore a massive, undeniable fact of our time. Every year, *60 million children are killed via elective abortion*. “Sexual sins” too have murderous consequences, far larger than the allegedly “much greater, more important issues” of Pope Leo's remarks.

Besides the broken families and marriages, the fatherless children, social chaos wrought by the sexual revolution, the Church claims to believe that abortion is the taking of innocent human life – violence masked by talk of “reproductive rights” and “reproductive health.” Numbers alone are never the whole story. But if that many human beings (almost 1 million a year in America alone) were being killed annually by wars, poverty, climate change, political oppression (as even combined, they manifestly are not), the world would be in total uproar.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Weekly Memorial Intentions

Saturday May 2
 4:00 p.m. Becki Lucas - Her Grandparents
Sunday May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Seddon & DeStefano Families - Kristen Seddon
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Wasniewski Family - Kathy & Ed Wasniewski
 10:30 a.m. Philip Kelley - daughter, Catherine Gordon
 12:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish
Monday May 4 Easter Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Robert Smith, Jr. - Robert Smith, III & Ann Johann
Tuesday May 5 Easter Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Robert Capaldi - mother, Louise
Wednesday May 6 Easter Weekday
 9:00 a.m. John Farrell - Mary Farrell
Thursday May 7 Easter Weekday
 9:00a.m. Intentions of Matthew Carney's Birthday - Mom & Dad
Friday May 8 Easter Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Jerry Ossowski & Joe Schreiber - Gdnoski Family
Saturday May 9 Easter Weekday
 9:00 a.m. Bill Yanan - Mary
 4:00 p.m. Francis Hood - Joan Bauer
Sunday May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 a.m. Christine Moyer - Mom
 9:00 a.m. Suzanne Schweiger - daughter, Karen
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Paul & Eileen Lucas's Wedding Anniversary
 12:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members Saint Mary Parish

CHURCH

Rose for Life
 In memory of _____
 Requested by _____

Rose for Resurrection
 In memory of _____
 Requested by _____

Sanctuary Lamp
 In memory of **Suzanne Stepanek**
 Requested by **Kevin & Jeanne O'Donnell**

Altar Candles
 In honor of **Dcn. Don & Linda Nichols**
 Requested by **Suzette**

Altar Bread and Wine
 In memory of _____
 Requested by _____

Altar Flowers
 In memory of _____
 Requested by _____

CHAPEL

Vigil Light
 In honor of **Politz Family**
 Requested by **Anne & Harry Boeshore**

Sanctuary Lamp
 In memory of **Michael Dixon**
 Requested by **Kathleen Shaw**

Altar Candles
 In memory of _____
 Requested by _____

*If you are interested in Mass Intentions or Memorial in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish office Center. Memorials are for one week and begin at the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass.
 Donations: Announced Mass: \$10, Unannounced Mass: \$5
 Rose for Life, Rose for Resurrection & Vigil Light : \$5, Sanctuary Lamp: \$10
 Altar Candles: \$20, Altar Bread & Wine: \$50, Altar Flowers: \$200*

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 2 - MAY 3

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC
4:00 PM	Msgr. Mesure	A. DeSantis A. DeSantis	Bushey Hinson (if needed)	H., A., & D. Kupfer	Rembisz
7:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Watters	Brown Whitehead (if needed)	A., M., & G. Hamilton	Quiet
9:00 AM	Fr. Cox	L. Gurgick B. Gurgick	Bickel Bakey (if needed)	Reo, Mato, Larson	Organ/Cantor
10:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Conte	Pirrall Longua (if needed)	J. & R. Dougherty, Yarrison	Children & Youth Choir
12:00 PM	Fr. Cox	Roth	R. Gallus Martinko (if needed)	Zamrin, Kowalski, Schadler	Organ/ Cantor

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 9 - MAY 10

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC
4:00 PM	Fr. Cox	Falconero	Beverly Grossbauer (if needed)	Keifrider, Larson, Bluhm	Organ/Cantor
7:30 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Paolucci	M. McGeeney Szumiloski (if needed)	C. & G. Greenley	Quiet
9:00 AM	Msgr. Mesure	Ardizzi Poatsy	Gurgick Forsyth (if needed)	Saboe, Ford, Mato	Organ/Cantor
10:30 AM	Fr. Cox	Martino	O'Donnell Donaghy (if needed)	A. & M. Hamilton, O'Connor	Youth Choir
12:00 PM	Fr. Cox	Martinko	Longua M. Gallus (if needed)	J., E., & M. Rhuberg	Organ/ Cantor



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, Mary Goudsward, Everleigh Grace, Michael Grosso, Joseph Grudzinski, Robyn Gulick, Joe Gunning, 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, Mary Jo Nosek, Bill & Karen Nostadt, Jack Palm, Ryan Palm, Kathy Pedriani, Chris & Erin Pettit, Sandra Pierzchela, Mary Ann Grace-Pinchock, Ginger Prendergast, Antoinette Pultrak, 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 Wagner, Patricia Waltz, Ron Wasson, Mary Ann Welsh, Steve Wilkins, Mary Wills, Geoff Zimpher.

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Saint Mary Prayer Groups

Adoration

Our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel is open to the general public from 6am to 9pm. Scheduled adorers only from 9pm to 6am.

Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed daily before the 9:00 a.m. Mass and on Sundays before the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Daily after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

The Thursday before the first Friday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel.

Fatima Rosary Group

First Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m.

Flame of Love Rosary

Every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel.

In the Spirit Prayer Group

Every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Annex Room 1.

Oasis Women's Prayer Group

3rd Friday at 1:00 p.m. in Annex Room 1.

HONESTY, HEALING & HOPE IN CHRIST

Confronting Sexual Violence in Our Archdiocese

Don't let sexual violence silence you. Healing can start with a call. Visit www.pacrimevictims.com/healing or call 1-888-800-8780.

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
Matthew P. Burns
Derek Capinski
Noah Colapreto
Aiden Cooper
Jacob Cornely
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



“Elizabeth Scalia reflects: “Night adoration is a profound act of love, entering the loneliness of Christ.” “Crime rates often decrease in neighborhoods with adoration chapels, as Christ’s light dispels darkness.” Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration.

OPEN HOURS: Tuesday @ 2AM, Friday @ 1AM & Saturday @ 2AM & 3AM. Please call MK @ 610-476-4490 or email adorationsaintmarys@gmail.com for more information.

MAY PROCESSION & CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER



**Tuesday May 5th
Rosary 6:30 p.m.
May Procession 7:00 p.m.**

Please meet inside the church by 6:15 p.m.
Parking Lot B will be open to traffic until 6:45 p.m.
Please use the Auxiliary Lot across Spring Mount Road after 6:45 p.m.

CALLING ALL VETERANS!



All Veterans and their families are invited to attend our Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Service on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. The day includes recognition of all branches of service, a guest speaker, music and poems by our

Saint Mary School children and a flag ceremony. Join us for Coffee & Donuts at 8:15 am, Mass at 9 am, Remembrance Service at 10:15 am in the Church and lunch immediately following. For more information, and to join us for the luncheon, please RSVP to Saint Mary School at [610-287-7757](tel:610-287-7757).

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE CARDS



Mother’s Day Remembrance Cards for both living and deceased mothers will be available from Peggy in the sacristy after all Masses this weekend and next week in the Parish Office Center, Monday thru Friday, from 9am to 5pm. All names will be placed on our Main Altar on Mother’s Day Weekend. Suggested offering for a Mother’s Day Remembrance Card is \$5.

MOTHER’S DAY CARNATIONS

Our parish Respect Life community will be offering red, white and pink carnations at all Masses on Mother’s Day. All donations will benefit Generation Life, a dynamic movement of young people committed to building a pro-life culture, by educating others on the dignity of human life and the virtue of chastity. We believe that by spreading the message of chastity, we can end abortion at its root cause. Thank you for your generosity!

FORTY ROSARIES FOR WORLD PEACE!



Please join the Legion of Mary on the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima in offering 40 Rosaries to our Blessed Mother for world peace! We will begin after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet on Wednesday, May 13th and continue until we have prayed all 40 Rosaries. We will pause at 6:45 PM, prior to the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Ascension, and resume immediately following Mass. Please join us at any time as we seek to fulfill Our Lady’s request to the three shepherd children of Fatima: Pray the Rosary for World Peace!

LENTEN DINNERS THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the entire team that assisted with our Lenten Dinners for all of their dedication and hard work. Our totals are in and we raised **\$32,738.91** and served a total of **2,810** dinners! What an incredible achievement! A huge thank you to Father Cox and all of our Lenten Dinner coordinators, food and wish list donors, bakers, volunteers, sponsors and patrons. A special thank you to our business sponsors including Bova Foods (Carol Munz), Dairy Queen (Chris Samsel and Ted Caiola), Indian Ridge Provisions (Ed Wasniewski), and Landis Supermarket of Vernfield (John Smith). We are so grateful to have friends like you in our community who give generously of your resources. May God bless everyone involved for their love and continued support of our shared home, Saint Mary Parish.

PASTOR’S CORNER (from page 3)



Over four years, World War I, which many people believe began the destruction of our Western civilization, resulted in the death of perhaps 20 million. World War II, in six years, added maybe another 75-80 million. So, again just running numbers, two of the greatest cataclysms of modern times produced over the course of a decade a lower body-count than two years of our global abortion regimes.

And we’re just starting to see how the disrespect for life at the start is impacting life at its end. Medically Assisted Aid in Dying (MAID as Canadians cleverly call it) is just getting started but already accounts for 1 in every 20 deaths north of the border.

To be clear: Pope Leo has spoken out about abortion, euthanasia, the persecution of Christians, and other Catholic “issues,” as did Pope Francis. But is there any of the sense of urgency about them in the Church that we see on other matters?

The pope and the Church are right – *pace* American politicians of right and left – to comment on immigration, fraternity, war, care of creation, and much else. But we also need courage and candor about naming the greatest threats to humanity and the most widespread offense against God in our present moment.

Acknowledgement: The Catholic Thing, 27 April 2026. Robert Royal is editor-in-chief of The Catholic Thing and president of the Faith & Reason Institute in Washington, D.C.

SAVE THE DATE!!



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
Rocky Railway Vacation Bible Camp!**

**Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th
COMING THIS SUMMER 2026**

**SAINT MARY PRESENTS
BINGO NIGHT
MAY 9TH
SAINT MARY HEDGE HALL**



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CASH PRIZES EVERY ROUND!
PRIZES START AT \$100 • \$500 GRAND PRIZE!**

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COLOR
RUN**

**REGISTRATION
\$35/ADULT
\$20/CHILD**

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FUN RUN**

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SATURDAY, MAY 30TH**

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ADULT REGISTRATION of \$35 or YOUTH
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for THE FINISH LINE DANCE PARTY!

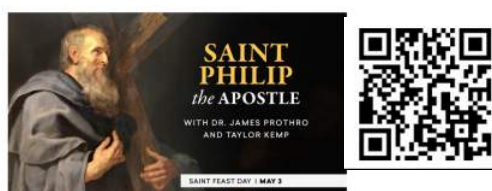
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PICK OF THE WEEK




St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints

Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. St. Philip often brought others to Jesus Christ. His feast day is May 3rd. Jesus shows Philip that by following Himself, he will see God the Father, and that we can be bold in our evangelization and intercession in praying for others. 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 Sandi at solzinski@churchofsaintmary.org. or 610-287-8156.


JUNIOR 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.



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.



THE JUNIOR
LEGION OF MARY PRESENTS

HEAVENLY HEROES

Saturday, May 9, 2026 at
10:30am in Annex Room 3

Ages 5 and Up
Teens and Parents are
welcome to join us!

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX, THE LITTLE FLOWER

Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.

The Junior Legion of Mary is excited to announce a new quarterly series called Heavenly Heroes. We invite all children aged 5 and up, as well as teens and parents, to join us as we feature a different Saint in each session.

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 & a craft.

St. Thérèse had a simple yet powerful message that still resonates in the hearts of millions today. Her letters, autobiography, and other recollections of her life help us understand her "Little Way" and use it in our daily lives.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Cassie at
cassiemail@comcast.net
or call (267) 614-8214
40 Spring Mount Road
Schwenksville, PA 19473

We hope you will join us!



LEGACY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

LEGACY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN AS OF APRIL 19, 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?



Would you like to develop a personal relationship with the Holy Trinity and Our Lady, and find a way to put your Catholic faith into action? Following Jesus' command at the Ascension to continue His teaching of the Gospel message, we place ourselves in partnership with Mary. Join The Legion of Mary any Tuesday at 6:30pm in Annex Room 2. For more information contact Lou Ann Pirrall at [267-615-9485](tel:267-615-9485).



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Serving Saint Mary & Saint Eleanor
Catholic men over 18 - Join Us!

Visit: www.kofc3633.org
or call:

Bob Donaghy 215-783-4106 | Joe Klobusicky 610-653-0829

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



HEART TO HEART An Archdiocesan Gathering of Young Adult Women

Join young adult women in their twenties and thirties for a powerful day of fellowship and spiritual growth on Saturday May 9, 2026 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. The theme for the 2026 gathering is Sisterhood! The speakers and panelists will unpack the topic of biblical sisterhood and how holy friendships serve as a means of sanctification. The event will include two keynote speakers and a panel of women from various vocations. There will also be lunch, adoration, Mass, vendors, and opportunities to get to know other young adult women. This gathering is for women from all backgrounds and vocations. Whether you are single, married, religious or discerning, your heart can find a home in this community of young adult women. The cost is \$40 per person but scholarships are available. Register at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=YnWAny>. Email Andrea Hall at ahall@archphila.org for scholarship information.

HOPE BLOOMS BENEFIT DINNER

Join Father Steve DeLacy and De Yarrison for a special evening dedicated to supporting Catholic families who have suffered from domestic abuse. By attending this benefit dinner, you are helping to restore the domestic church by providing essential support, education, and life-saving resources to Catholic families affected by domestic abuse, betrayal, and emotional wounding. Join us on June 6th at Camino Farms in Bally, PA for cocktails, dinner, a silent auction, and Father Steve DeLacy as our keynote speaker, while also supporting the work of You Are Made New Ministry and Hope's Garden. Visit <https://youaremadenew.com/hope-blooms-benefit-dinner/> to learn more and purchase your tickets!

MARTIN SAINTS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL EVENING OF THE ARTS

Martin Saints Classical High School is hosting an Evening of the Arts, a night showcasing student musical performances, artwork, and craftsmanship projects for the community to enjoy. All are invited to this free event on Thursday, May 7, at 7:00pm, being held at Martin Saints Classical High School, East Norriton. For more information, visit at whymsc.org or contact Maria Pisano at mpisano@martinsaintsclassical.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 25TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration for the Knights of Columbus 25th Anniversary Golf Tournament is open. It is being held on Friday, June 12th at Hickory Valley Golf Course, Gilbertsville. It is an 18-hole Scramble format. The cost is \$145 per golfer which includes lunch and dinner banquet. For more information contact John Conboy at [484-645-5203](tel:484-645-5203) or Shelly Straub at [804-317-9219](tel:804-317-9219). Scan the QR code to register.



FINANCIAL FACTS

Collection for April 19, 2026

Week 42

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 April 19.....	\$8,976.00
Parish Giving & Pay Pal.....	\$6,989.90
Over (Under) Target.....	(\$4,207.64)

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 April 19.....	\$62.00
Over (Under) Target.....	(\$2,131.00)
Catholic Education Center Mortgage:	
Balance as of February 22, 2026.....	\$634,765.14
March Principal Payment.....	\$11,379.19
Balance as of March 31, 2026.....	\$623,385.95
Next Monthly Principal Due April 30, 2026	
Total Collected To Date.....	\$815,708.29

Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt.....	\$640,736.82
Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope).....	\$619.70
New Debt Total.....	\$640,117.12

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 to 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.

SAINT MARY EITC PROGRAM

Did you know that you can redirect your tax dollars to Saint Mary Catholic School through the EITC program? Now more than ever your tax dollars are needed for tuition assistance to help families afford a Catholic education. Your commitment can make a difference.

WHAT IS THE EITC PROGRAM?

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program offers individuals & businesses the opportunity to contribute tuition assistance for families who wish to provide their children a Catholic Education.

The EITC program offers donors a PA tax credit of 75% for a one-year commitment and a 90% tax credit for a two-year commitment.

For more information on how you can redirect your tax dollars to help Saint Mary Catholic School, contact Kathy Wasniewski at [610-287-8156](tel:610-287-8156).



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| Tissues | Stewed Tomatoes |
| Paper Towels | *Hamburger Helper |
| *Neutral Body Wash | *Pasta side dishes |
| *Cleaning Products | Spaghetti Noodles |
| Toilet Paper | Beef Ravioli |
| *Condiments | *Peanut Butter & Jelly |
| *Soup | *Snacks (Pretzels, Chips & Cookies) |
| Pancake Mix | *Juice |
| Box Mashed Potatoes | *Canned Tuna & Chicken |
| Desserts | |

***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 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Due to storage constraints, we are not able to accept donations of food, clothing, toys, medical equipment or other supplies. Please do not drop off donations of this kind.

The monies collected in the poor boxes throughout Saint Mary Church go directly to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to assist their clients who are in need.



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