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Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday 12:05 pm Saturday 5:30 pm (Vigil) Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 am Confessions—Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Religious Education Office

392.2578 x1005 — Classes held on Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass

Resurrection Catholic School

392.3083

Lancaster Catholic High School

509.0315

Prayer Line

459.3360

Parish Advocate for People with Disabilities

Yvonne Devosa, 560.0674

Library

Open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily and between Masses on Sunday.

Nursery

Available during 11:00 am Mass on Sunday.

Marriage Preparation

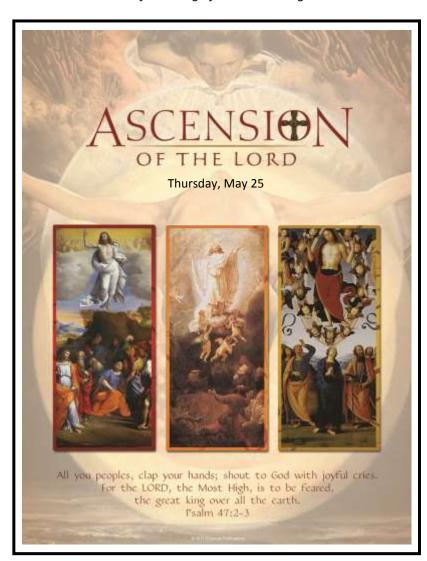
A minimum of nine months is required for marriage preparation. Go to www.stmaryslancaster.org/weddings or call the parish office.

Baptism

Second and fourth Sundays; parish membership and baptism class mandatory. Contact the parish office.

Parish Mission

We, the family of St. Mary's, are a community nourished and sustained by the Body and Blood of Christ and impelled by the Word of God to go forth and evangelize.



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017 Dear parishioners and friends,

It may seem strange now, but it wasn't too many years ago that we may have heard that the pastor was called out in the middle of the night to administer Last Rites. You may have seen a dramatic scene on TV of a priest racing to the scene of a dying person before it was too late. The sacrament at the time was called Extreme Unction. Most people had a wooden crucifix that contained candles and oil, called a sick call kit, for when the priest arrived.

There are some folks yet who are still afraid to see a priest in their hospital room or their bedside for fear they are dying and going to receive Last Rites. Fear not! That has all changed. You may receive the Anointing of the Sick, it's present terminology, if you are going to undergo surgery or if you are seriously ill. This afternoon you will have the opportunity to be anointed by either Father Leo or Father Pistone at a Mass to be held at 2:00 pm, designated especially for those in need of physical or mental healing.

The Scriptural basis for the anointing of the sick is found in James 5:14-15: "Is any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." Only a priest can administer this anointing.

In today's Gospel Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commandments." How wrong I was to think His love is unconditional, no strings attached. Jesus loves us way too much to let us to our own volition, so He set up the love=obey equation. As two little girls were reading our church sign with that very verse, they smiled with understanding when they were told that Jesus loves them, even more than their parents do, and that Jesus wants them to obey their parents. What an uplifting moment!

Jesus also promised His disciples that He would send the Paraclete, One who would advise and encourage them when He was gone. Throughout the years the Church has been inspired by this Advocate. How is He inspiring you?

Catechism Question of the Week: In what books of the Bible are we reminded that lordship over the world and history belongs, not to man, but to the Father and the Son? (see CCC 450)

With family, friends and those you meet, please discuss the following Question of the Week: How do you live your life to show that you are in the world, but not of the world?

Blessings,

Fran Sescilla Pastoral Assistant

Draw Servilla

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 20:

5:30 pm Parishioners and Friends (Fr. Leo)

Sunday, May 21 (Sixth Sunday of Easter):

8:30 am Michael J. DiPerna (Sue & Joe McDonald)

11:00 am Deceased Members of the Lynch Family (Mike & Marianne Lynch)

Monday, May 22:

12:05 pm Dominic Esposito (Amelia)

Tuesday, May 23:

12:05 pm Douglas Fulton (Robert Donovan Family)

Wednesday, May 24:

12:05 pm Souls in Purgatory (Bridge Family)

5:30 pm David & Carolyn Troelsch - Living (*Joe & Amy Clupp*)

Thursday, May 25 (The Ascension of the Lord):

12:05 pm Parishioners and Friends (Fr. Leo)

7:00 pm Margaret P. Talbot (M/M Brian Talbot)

Friday, May 26:

9:30 am **WV Lakes:** Earl & Elizabeth Yarnall (Jack & Betty Anne O'Brien)

12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Sralik Family (Paul & Fran Sescilla)

Saturday, May 27:

5:30 pm Br. Lawrence Machia, O.S.B. - Living (Eltz Family)

Sunday, May 28 (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time):

8:30 am Parishioners and Friends (Fr. Leo)

11:00 am Frank Sequenzia - First anniversary of his death (Bereavement)

IMPORTANT DATES

CAF (cafeteria) • CC (convent chapel) • CH (church) • CON (convent)
DR (rectory dining room) • G (gym) • K (Kolbe Room) • L (library)
MR (music room) • S (school) • SAC (sacristy) • SY (school yard)
YM (youth ministry rooms)

MAY-

- 21 YM Pancake Breakfast (CAF) after both Masses
- 21 Religious Education (S) 9:40 am
- 21 Choir Rehearsal (MR) 10:00 am
- 21 Mass of Anointing (CH) 2:00 pm
- 21 Mass of Anointing Reception (DR) 3:00 pm
- 23 Stewardship Meeting (DR) 7:00 pm
- 25 Men's Gospel Reflection Group (K) 6:00 am
- 25 Calendar Planning Meeting (L) 9:00 am
- 25 Staff Meeting (L) 10:00 am
- 25 Choir Rehearsal (MR) 7:00 pm
- 26 Community Meal (CAF) 5:30 pm
- 27 Wedding (CH) 2:00 pm
- 27 Confessions (CH) 4:00 pm
- 28 Ensemble Practice (MR) 9:45 am
- 28 Baptisms (CH) 12:15 pm

[&]quot;...as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight."

STEWARDSHIP TITHING: GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING



Tithing weekend of May 14, 2017: \$8,110.87

Online Giving: May 8-14, 2017: \$9,402.00

From Fr. Leo. Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

From the Pews. It's so easy to tithe in the good times, but it seems to be more fruitful to tithe in the rough times. It transforms me.

Opportunity for non-St. Mary's portion of tithe.

Pentecost Collection to fund education of future priests and care of sick priests (the envelope will be sent from the diocese) — June 4

Updates for non-St. Mary's portion of tithe.

Holy Land (April 14) — \$1,190 Catholic Home Missions (April 30) — \$1,226

Notes from organizations who received money from St. Mary's Tithe the Tithe.

- Your generous support enables us to bring the gift of hope and healing to the uninsured and underinsured, those who cannot afford their co-pays and deductibles. . . . In the words of our patient, "as a struggling patient who nearly lost hope several times in the past year, Mission of Mercy has been there for me. My medications cost me upwards of \$1,290 per month plus doctor office visits that I couldn't afford. We can actually walk into the grocery store now, knowing we can eat and still receive medical care." —Linda Ryan, Executive Director, Mission of Mercy
- Thank you for your gift of \$1,000. We are committed to leading the way to a healthier community for children and families in the Lancaster community.
 —Philip K. Goropoulos, President, CHI St. Joseph Children's Health, Lancaster

To read the complete letters from individuals and organizations who have been helped by Tithe the Tithe, please see the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

We joyfully announce the 2017 Priesthood Ordinations of

Joshua Robert Cavender Kevin Joseph Coyle Michael George Metzger

Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 am at Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg, PA.

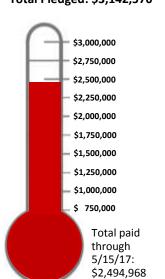






FROM THE RECTORY OFFICE

Legacy Project Capital Campaign Total Pledged: \$3,142,570



WEDDING BANNS.

Daniel Brown & Amelia Harvey, *June 17, 2017*

CATHOLIC KAYAKING!

There are six kayaking dates on the calendar for May and June. All skill levels invited. Please contact Tina Skubon to sign up, tina@stmaryslancaster.org or 392.2578.

- May 28 at 2:00 pm Octorara
- June 4 at 2:00 pm Codorus
- June 15 at 2:00 pm Pequea
- June 21 at 2:00 pm Susquehanna River at Lock 15
- June 26 at 3:00 pm Susquehanna River at Pequea
- June 29 at 7:00 am Octorara

MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED.

Two years ago we had more Mass intentions than we could schedule here at St. Mary's. This year we are in need of Mass intentions! Masses are scheduled up to 51 weeks from the current date on a first-come, first-served basis. Intentions may be requested to recommend the soul of a deceased person but may also be for the personal intentions of the living. Please call or stop by the rectory office if you would like to schedule a Mass to be offered.

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ASCENSION THURSDAY (MAY 25) IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!

Masses will be offered:

- Wednesday, May 24, at 5:30 pm (Vigil)
- Thursday, May 25, at 12:05 pm and 7:00 pm.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 28: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14 | Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8 1 Peter 4:13-16 | John 17:1-11a

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!

ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Contact Yvonne Devosa 560.0674 or ymrd@yahoo.com

CAMP KIRCHENWALD.

- Volunteers Needed. The Diocesan Summer Camp for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities is seeking volunteers willing to assist at its residential camp, August 13-18. The camp takes place at Camp Kirchenwald in Lebanon County and serves the needs of approximately 40 adults each year. Anyone 16+ is welcome to volunteer for F/T or P/T duties; there is a particular need for male volunteers, 18 or older, who are able to spend the night. All volunteers are required to complete the diocesan clearance process and attend a brief training session prior to helping at camp. A deadline of June 30 for expressing volunteer interest is requested in order to facilitate planning efforts.
- Sponsor a Camper. The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking donations to defray the cost for campers. A full week of camp costs \$575, but donations in any amount will be welcomed. They can be sent to the Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Harrisburg. For more information on volunteering or sponsoring a camper, please contact Larry Kiley at 657.4804 x322 or lkiley@hbg diocese.org.

VOCATIONS

Contact Fr. Brian Wayne 657.4804 x 282 or FrBWayne@hbgdiocese.org

"Those who love Me will keep my word."



Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leo in the rectory or Fr. Brian Wayne at the number or email listed above or visit www.hbgdiocese.org.

Attention all Catholic young men and women ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you!

QUO VADIS DAYS.

Young Men: You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg's 13th Annual Quo Vadis Days vocation discernment retreat to spend time with other young men your age as you listen to the Lord's call in your life while having fun. Quo Vadis Days will be held from *June 25-28* at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.



FIAT DAYS.

Young Women: You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg's 10th Annual *Fiat Days* vocation discernment retreat to spend time with other young women your age as you listen to the Lord's call in your life while having fun. Fiat Days will be held *July 5-7* at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary.



Activities for both Quo Vadis Days and Fiat Days include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, sports, games, great food, talks and more.

There is a \$50 registration fee for both retreats; all other expenses funded by the Diocese of Harrisburg. Registration forms for both can be found at www.hbgdiocese.org. You may also contact the Office of Vocations at 657.4804 x282 or wocations@hbgdiocese.org with questions or for a registration packet.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #867 Contact Chuck Yost 394.5064 or visit www.knightsofcolumbus867.com

- Friday Night Specials are back.
- May 26: Picnic on the deck...Burgers, hot dogs, chicken, potato and macaroni salad, specialty drinks, \$9.95; June 2: Chicken pot pie with vegetables, \$8.95. The deck is now open for dinner service or drinks under the stars. Soup and salad bar are included with dinner specials. With the increase of popularity in our Friday night specials, we recommend parties of six or more people make reservations.
- Banquet Room Rental. Our newly renovated banquet room has one of the lowest rental rates in the area. Call Paul Kephart, 490.4085, for more information.
- Bingo every Monday and Thursday at 6:30 pm. Multiple jackpots!
- Interested in becoming a new member? Call Chuck Yost at 394.5064 or Brian Smith at 669.3913.

"The Virgin Mary

teaches us what it means to live in the Holy Spirit and what it means to accept the news of God in our life. She conceived Jesus by the work of the Holy Spirit, and every Christian, each one of us, is called to accept the Word of God, to accept Jesus inside of us, and then to bring him to everyone."

—Pope Francis

Sixth Sunday of Easter

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Contact Alan Schwartz 392.2578 x1005 or alan@stmaryslancaster.org

Today, *May 21*, is the last class for our Religious Education students. A special thanks to all catechists and families for a great 2016-2017 year! May God bless you with a wonderful summer. We also wish to thank the generous donor for paying for breakfast treats and drinks for this last class.

Mark your calendars for *Sunday*, *September 10*—the first day of class for the 2017-2018 year! Registration is still going on for any families who have not done so. You can go to our parish website and follow the prompts under the Religious Education tab.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- The Resurrection Catholic School 25th
 Anniversary Benefit Dance has been
 canceled. The event had been scheduled for
 June 24 featuring the band Syrplus.
 However, the band is not able to perform
 due to a health concern. The St. Anthony
 class of 1964 apologizes for the
 inconvenience and will provide ticket
 refunds. Contact Ron Meikrantz at 330.1565
 with questions.
- Our school Mass on *Thursday, May 25* (Ascension Thursday), at 9:30 am at St.
 Anthony of Padua Church will be led by the eighth grade and celebrated by Fr. O'Brien.
- A meeting of the golf committee is scheduled for *June 20*. Please contact 392.3083 or <u>dwalker@resurrection</u> <u>catholicschool.net</u> if you can help on the day of the event—*September 12* at Four Seasons. Golfers, save that date!

LANCASTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

- Lancaster Catholic High School is seeking a full-time, certified math teacher for the 2017-2018 academic year. Interested applicants should submit all materials by June 2. Visit www.lchs yes.org/apps/jobs/ for qualifications, required materials, and more information!
- All boys and girls who will be in grades 7-12 in the fall and their parents are invited to attend a no-obligation informational meeting for the Fall 2017 LCHS junior high and high school cross country teams. The meeting will be held on *Sunday, May 21*, at 5:00 pm in the LCHS cafeteria. Please contact Coach Simpson at tsimpson@lchsyes.org with questions.

We can't

wait to see you at VBS!

St. Mary's Vacation Bible School will be held *June 26-30* from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon at St. Leo's Church.



Register online at: vbspro.events/p/saintmaryslancaster



Donations needed for VBS.

The VBS staff are looking for donations of snack items and gift cards to feed our hungry campers. Check out the VBS donation board at the front of the church to support this program. Please return all donations with the tag attached to the box at the display by *June 11*. Thank you!

SOULED OUT CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY Contact Cathy Eisenbeil 209.1626 or cathy@stmaryslancaster.org

- Steubenville Youth Conference Pre-trip Meeting and Social will be held on *June 2* from 6:00-9:00 pm in the convent chapel/gym. Ice breakers, review pre-trip packet, discussion topic, prayer, food, and much more!! This is for those that will be attending the conference only.
- Mandated Diocesan Safe Environment Lesson. All high schoolers from the parish that are active in youth-related ministries are required to take the Diocesan Safe Environment Lesson. This lesson will be offered to teens in grades 9-12 on *June 4* after the 8:30 am Mass in the convent chapel. Please contact Cathy for more information, to receive the parent letter or to sign up your son/daughter.
- Catholic Heart Workcamp Going Forth Blessing will take place during the 11:00 am Mass on *June 4*. Please plan to attend the CHWC pre-trip meeting immediately after Mass in the convent chapel. This should not take longer than an hour and is only for youth that will be attending the workcamp.
- Maker Fun Factory VBS. Teens in grades 7-12 are needed to help out during VBS which will be held at St. Leo's Church from 8:15 am-12:00 pm *June 26-30*. Clean-up will take place from 8:15 am-2:00 pm on the last day. Please plan in advance to attend the teen training that will be held on *June 24* from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. There is no cost for teen volunteers. To complete the youth online volunteer form, please visit the following link: https://vbspro.events/p/saintmaryslancaster.
- **Quo Vadis Days & Fiat Days.** Please see the information in the Vocations section of this bulletin. If you would like to attend, please contact Cathy.
- Works of Mercy (WOM) Week—July 23-28. We are in great need of volunteer drivers, meal prep helpers, and chaperones 21+ with YPP clearances to supervise our youth at each project. Please contact Louie at rsoper001@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or for more information. To find the online registration form, go to https://goo.gl/hTh0nH or scan the QR code to the right. Teen registrations will not be completed until payments are submitted in full.



Medjugorje 2018 Pilgrimage with Fr. Dan Powell as Spiritual Advisor April 23 – May 2, 2018

\$895 land only (includes seven nights in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Hercegovina with B&B and dinner, and one night in Dubrovnik, Croatia with breakfast; bus transfer to/from Medjugorje and personal guide).

Airfare not included (TBD).

For brochure, email mhmccafferty@gmail.com.

Questions? Call Mary McCafferty at 291.3221 or Julie Rasp, OFS, at 394.7715.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

BREAKING BREAD.

Join other young adults for Sunday Mass followed by brunch at a nearby restaurant. Meet in the narthex of St. Leo the Great Church, Lancaster

on *Sunday, May 28,* for the 11:00 am Mass so all can sit together. Brunch will follow at a location



to be announced at that time. For more information, contact Louie Soper at rsoper001@ gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION

MEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP.
Thursday mornings at 6:00 am in the Kolbe Room. All men are invited.
Contact Joe Clupp at joe@stmarys
lancaster.org or 332.7728
for more information.

- Check out the Stewardship bookshelf at the back of church for new books and CDs that will help you grow in your Catholic faith!
- Check out the pamphlet racks and bulletin boards in the vestibule of the church. There you will find information about events, educational opportunities, prayer aids, and many Catholic informational brochures. Find out what is happening throughout the diocese!
- Visit our Marian Library to borrow books, tapes or videos. Just fill out a library card with your name and follow the directions posted. The library is open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays and between the Masses on Sunday.

In & AROUND THE DIOCESE

- St. Joseph's Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Open hours *Monday* 6:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday 12:00-1:00 pm, and *Thursday* 7:00-8:00 pm. If interested, call 397.6921.
- EM Volunteers Needed. The Pastoral Care Department of St. Anne's Retirement Community in Columbia, PA, is seeking volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist in ministering to their Catholic residents on weekday mornings. Daily Mass is at 10:15 am. Volunteers are scheduled for approximately two hours (9:00-11:00 am), once or twice a week. Additional help in transporting residents in wheelchairs to and from Mass would be appreciated. If interested, please contact Ken Giovanelli, Director of Pastoral Care, at 285.6121 or kgiovanelli@stannesrc.org.
- Organ Concert. St. James Catholic Church, 505 Woodcrest Ave., Lititz will host Doug Wimer, Organist on *Sunday, June 4*, at 3:00 pm. Free will offering.
- **Retrouvaille.** Stress in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the next program on **September 15-17** in Mechanicsburg, call 800.470.2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



MASS AT CEMETERY.

St. Joseph's Church will hold a Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph's New Catholic Cemetery on Charles Rd., Lancaster on *Monday, May 29*, at 9:00 am. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be held in the church. (There will be no 6:30 am Mass on May 29.)

MEMORIAL DAY FLOWERS TRIBUTE TO VETERANS.

The Sixth Annual Memorial Day Flowers Tribute to veterans will take place on *Monday, May 29*. This program is sponsored locally by American Legion Post #34, the Lancaster Chapter of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war, and Flowers by Paulette. Beginning at 11:30 am, the program will be presented at Lancaster Cemetery located at 205 E. Lemon Street. All those attending will help to decorate the graves in Lancaster Cemetery, St. Mary's Cemetery and Steven Greenland Cemetery. Bagpipers will be playing before the ceremony as people gather and after while the graves are being decorated. Flags will be placed on every veteran's grave prior to the ceremony by Amvets Post #19.

"Beloved:

Sanctify
Christ as
Lord in your
hearts.
Always be
ready to give
an
explanation
to anyone who
asks you for a
reason for
your hope."

1 Peter 3:15

FROM ST. MARY'S ARCHIVES

From "St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, Pa 1785-1877" by Edgar A. Musser:

Very Rev. Bernard Keenan, V.G. [St. Mary's 24th pastor from 1823-1877] - Bernard Keenan was born in Forma, near Omagh, Parish of Bardano, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, on August 7, 1779. ...On January 1, 1821, Bernard Keenan was ordained a priest in St. Mary's Cathedral, Philadelphia, by Bishop Conwell. He was forty-one years of age and was the first priest to be ordained in the Diocese of Philadelphia, which at that time included all of Pennsylvania, Delaware and the lower half of New Jersey. Father Keenan as a young man was not in the best of health, and at the time of his ordination was believed to be approaching the last stages of tuberculosis. His physician once told him that one lobe of his left lung had been entirely destroyed by the disease. He had been ordained to the priesthood before completing his studies of philosophy and theology, and the bishop therefore sent him to Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., to complete the courses required for the practice of his vocation. At Mount St. Mary's, in addition to his enrollment as a student, he served in the capacity of professor of languages. The healthy climate of Catoctin Mountain, a spur of the Blue Ridge, benefitted Father Keenan and his health improved noticeably. ...In 1823, when the death of Father Holland created a vacancy in Lancaster, Father Keenan was appointed to St. Mary's by Bishop Conwell. This was the beginning of the longest, and probably the most eventful, pastorate in the history of St. Mary's Parish. ... To be continued.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK.

How do you live your life to show that you are in the world, but not of the world? John 17:1-11a

*DISCOVERMASS



CATECHISM QUESTION OF THE WEEK. (SEE CCC 450)

In what books of the Bible are we reminded that lordship over the world and history belongs, not to man, but to the Father and the Son?





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