



A Church Nestled Among the People

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S

~ Founded in 1741 ~

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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www.stmaryslancaster.org
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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.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Great news! On Tuesday, we received final approval from Bishop Gainer and the College of Consultors to move ahead with the next phase of our Legacy Project. Additionally, through God's grace and your overwhelming goodness, we were able to raise, in additional pledges, the \$500,000 vital for this \$2,120,800 project! Thank you so very much!

This weekend, I invite you to generously welcome our Missionary Cooperative speaker, Fr. Juan Sierra, from the Institute of the Incarnate Word. Also, please, please, please sign up to have your photo taken for our new directory! Without you, it's not really "Our Parish Directory."

The Greek word for parable is *parabolē* which is a translation of the Hebrew word *mashal*, which in turn literally means a riddle or a proverb. Therefore, when we hear Jesus' parables, we should be looking for a twist or something unexpected. In an agricultural community, it would be obvious that the first twist in this weekend's Gospel is that the sower of the seeds isn't so bright or much of a farmer. Who in this world would waste expensive seed on a path, rocky ground or among thorns? Well, we learn that this seemingly careless sower is in fact Jesus, Who, like His heavenly Father, is blatantly lavish in proclaiming the Good News to all people, not just those who are already "good soil."

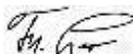
The second unexpected detail is the fruitfulness of this seed in good soil. An average harvest in the first century A.D. would have been seven-and-a-half-fold; tenfold would have been an exceptional harvest. Thirty, sixty or a hundredfold would be miraculous. And of course, this is the point. It's not even an exaggeration when looking at souls that have come to God as a result of the fruitfulness of holy lives, like St. Benedict, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis, St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II. Saints are truly good soil!

So what kind of soil am I? In our Catechism, paragraph 2705 mentions the soil of this parable when speaking about meditation. "Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly, lest they come to resemble the first three kinds of soil in the parable of the sower." In other words, we too can be fruitful soil by pondering His Word and the mysteries! (Please read CCC 2708 on meditation.)

Catechism Question of the Week: True or false? All members of the Church, including her ministers, must acknowledge that they are sinners. That until the end of time in everyone, the weeds of sin will still be mixed with the good wheat of the Gospel. Hence the Church gathers sinners already caught up in Christ's salvation but still on the way to holiness. (see CCC 827)

With family, friends and those you meet, please discuss the following **Question of the Week: How can I recognize the weeds from the wheat in me and in the world around me?**

In Christ's Peace,



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15:

5:30 pm Amy Sescilla (*Paul & Fran Sescilla*)

Sunday, July 16 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time):

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

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

Monday, July 17:

12:05 pm Bishop Ronald W. Gainer - Living (*Quinn Family*)

Tuesday, July 18:

12:05 pm Rebecca Conroy (*John & Ann Humer*)

Wednesday, July 19:

12:05 pm Rosalia Gambino & Calogero Carollo (*Filippa Carollo Zito*)

Thursday, July 20:

12:05 pm Dr. Robert Kemp (*Bonnie Kirchner & Family*)

Friday, July 21:

9:30 am **Willow Valley Lakes:** Jack Stubblebine (*Joe & Amy Clupp*)

Saturday, July 22:

5:30 pm David Hennigan (*Molly Hennigan*)

Sunday, July 23 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time):

8:30 am Jay Kreider (*Bob & Sandi Thompson*)

11:00 am Parishioners and Friends (*Fr. Leo*)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

July—

- 16 Family Campout (Gifford Pinchot State Park)
- 17 Parish Staff Meeting (L) - 9:00 am
- 18 Juggling Club (G) - 7:00 pm
- 20 Men's Gospel Reflection Group (K) - 6:00 am
- 20 YM Pre-WOM Adult/Teen Meeting (YM/CC) - 10:00 am
- 21 Wedding Rehearsal (CH) - 5:00 pm
- 21 Community Meal (CAF) - 5:30 pm
- 22 St. Paul Street Evangelization (Lanc. Sq.) - 10:00 am
- 22 Wedding (CH) - 2:00 pm
- 22 Confessions (CH) - 4:00 pm
- 23 Baptisms (CH) - 12:15 pm

A Moment with Mary



"In dangers of sinning, when assailed by temptations, when doubtful as to how you should act, remember that Mary can help you, and if you call upon her, she will instantly help you."

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

**Stewardship
Tithing: God's Plan for Giving**

Tithing weekend of July 2, 2017:
\$18,427.00

Online Giving: June 26—July 2, 2017:
\$4,530.00

Tithing weekend of July 9, 2017:
\$10,359.66

Online Giving: July 3—July 9, 2017:
\$2,926.76

From Fr. Leo. Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It affects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.



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

July 16—Institute of the Incarnate Word (www.iveamerica.org)

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

Catholic Communication Campaign (June 11) - \$926.50

From the Rectory Office



2017 Parish Directory.

It has been five years since our last directory. Let's make this the best one ever with 100% participation. There are two ways to sign up for your photo:

1. Go to our parish website, www.stmaryslancaster.org, and click on PORTRAIT SIGN-UP on the right, or . . .
2. If you don't have internet access, call the rectory office, 392.2578, and we'll do it for you.

Portraits will be done at St. Philip's Church (easy access and air conditioned).

Dates are available in late July and early August.

We're also looking for volunteers as greeters during the portrait sessions. Please call Kate at 682.6052 to sign up.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord:

Mary Jean Massaro—mother of Fran Dennis

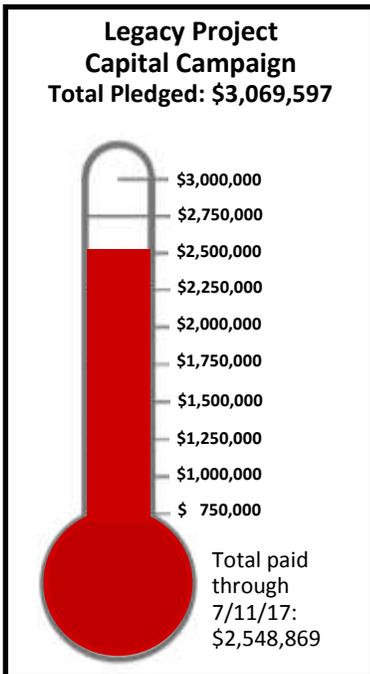


Are You Planning a Vacation?

- ◆ Check out Catholic churches and Mass times for your destination at www.MassTimes.org.
- ◆ Incorporate daily prayer in your family's vacation schedule.

Please continue to support St. Mary's Church...our bills don't go away!

- ◆ Bring your Sunday offering envelope to Mass or mail it to the rectory either before or after your trip or...
- ◆ Try using online giving to contribute your offertory. Go to www.stmaryslancaster.org and click on the "online giving" link. It's quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.



Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 24
Strasburg Jaycee Park

Advertiser of the Week.
—Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home & Crematory—
Our thanks to Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home and all our sponsors for advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize them and thank them for advertising. It is because of them that our bulletin is possible.

Catholic Kayaking!

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

- **Friday, July 21**, at 3:00 pm (Lock 15-Susquehanna)
- **Thursday, July 27**, at 7:00 am (Pequea-Susquehanna)
- **Wednesday, August 2**, at 3:00 pm (Octorara)

Liturgy
 Contact Don Peris
 333.1947 or DPeris@verizon.net

SCRIPTURE READINGS
July 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
 Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
 Romans 8:26-27
 Matthew 13:24-43

Thank You!

Many thanks to Charles F. Snyder Funeral Homes for underwriting the cost of streaming our Mass live each week!

Remember . . .

"Perfect love casts out fear" John 4:18. So spend time with God, who is that perfect love.

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

"Let everyone heed what they hear."

Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leo in the rectory or Fr. Brian Wayne at 657.4804 or frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.



Pray the Rosary for vocations!

Family Life
 Contact Joe Clupp
 332.7728 or joe@stmaryslancaster.org

Mothers Group.

All mothers and expecting mothers are invited to join us for play groups throughout the summer. We will meet on various days and various locations to join in fellowship, support, and prayer while our children enjoy making new friends. Please contact Nikki Hollister at MooMoo12010@yahoo.com or 575.1008 and Laura Carney at laura.c.dusablon@gmail.com or 342.1163 if you would like to be added to our email list.





Volunteer Opportunity . . .
Quick, Easy and Fun!

Greeters or hosts are needed to register families for parish directory photos. Two-hour timeslots.
 Please call Kate at 682.6052 to sign up.

Knights of Columbus #867
 Contact Brian Smith
 669.3913 or visit <http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=867>

- Please note our new website address. Follow the Columbus Association on Facebook for specials and updates.
- **Friday Night Specials are Back. July 21:** Stuffed peppers and buttered noodles, \$8.95. 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 Brian Smith at 669.3913.



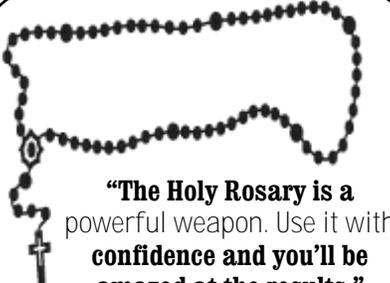
St. Paul Street Evangelization
 Contact Coleen Hamilton
 570.406.6153 or SPSELancasterPA@gmail.com

St. Paul Street Evangelization seeks to bring the love of Jesus to the streets of Lancaster!

All are welcome to join us in visibly witnessing Christian love through conversation, prayer, and fellowship on the third Saturday of every month in Penn Square. Our July day of street evangelization is **Saturday, July 22**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Experienced evangelists and first-timers are encouraged to join in to bring Jesus to those who do not yet know Him! For more information, contact Coleen Hamilton at coleen.kibler@gmail.com or 570.406.6153. Praised be Jesus Christ!



Cannot spell Ch_rch without U.
 Cannot spell Yo_th without U.
 Cannot spell M_sic without U.
 Cannot spell S_nday without U.
 Cannot spell S_ccess without U.
 Clearly, our church needs U!



"The Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."

St. Josemaría Escrivá

Religious Education

Contact Alan Schwartz
392.2578 x1005 or
alan@stmaryslancaster.org

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, September 10, is 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
"Our Parish School"

- Introducing the Resurrection theme for the next school year . . . *Family of Faith, Let Our Light Shine*. What a great time to think about light and The Light of the World, our Savior Jesus Christ. How do you let your light shine for your friends and families?
- Happy July! High school students who need service hours may help in the school with light cleaning and organizing. Call 392.3083.
- Resurrection has several job vacancies, a junior high math/science teacher and kindergarten aide, open for the next school year. Please see the "In & Around the Diocese" section of the bulletin for details on these employment opportunities or call 392.3083.
- We invite your family to become part of the Resurrection family! *Family of Faith – Let Our Light Shine*.



RCIA

Contact Brian Eltz
215.805.5335 or
RCIA@stmaryslancaster.org

Thinking About RCIA?

If you've ever thought about RCIA, now's the time to think about it a little more. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist), becoming full members of the Church. One more information session will be held over the summer for anyone interested in learning more about the process. The brief meeting will be held in the church between the Sunday Masses (that's about 10:00 am to 10:30 am), on **August 20**. Bring your family, bring a friend, or just bring your questions. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Brian Eltz at 215.805.5335 or RCIA@stmaryslancaster.org.

Adult Education

Men's Gospel Reflection Group.

All men are invited to join this group on **Thursday mornings** at 6:00 am in the Kolbe Room. Contact Joe Clupp at joe@stmaryslancaster.org or 332.7728 for more information.



Souled Out Catholic Youth Ministry

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/hThOnH> or scan the QR code to the right. Teen registrations will not be completed until payments are submitted in full.



O God, the Creator and Giver of all things, bless our parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice so that, with Your grace, we may provide for the needs of our parish, glorify You, and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Young Adult Ministry

World Youth Day UNITE is a national young adult (18 to 39) and young family festival where thousands will gather in Washington, D.C. for amazing worship, inspiring talks, engaging break out groups, incredible music with Audrey Assad and Tony Melendez, and more.

Young adults and young families will gather for inspiring TED-style talks by dynamic Catholic bishops, inspiring multicultural entertainment, and engaging break-out groups focused on our God-given identity . . . and purpose. At the heart of the event, there will be amazing worship and incredible opportunities for prayer and the sacraments. This event will be similar to the International World Youth Day experience, but at a national level during the off years of the International World Youth Day. As such, the festival this year will reflect upon the national World Youth Day theme chosen by Pope Francis himself, "The Mighty One Has Done Great Things for Me and Holy is His Name."

This will take place at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine Building & Grounds on **Saturday, July 22**. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.wydone.com/> For information about carpooling with other young adults from our area, contact oyyam@hbgdiocese.org.

In & Around the Diocese

• **Employment Opportunities.**

(1) **Full-time junior high level math and science** teacher for the 2017/2018 school year at Resurrection Catholic School. Candidates must hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree and PA Instructional I teaching certificate. Send cover letter, resume and references to Miss Brenda Weaver at bweaver@resurrectioncatholicsschool.net.

(2) **Kindergarten aide** for the 2017/2018 school year at Resurrection Catholic School. The best candidate will be a practicing Catholic, have some knowledge of early childhood skills and be able to work individually with small groups of children. Contact Miss Brenda Weaver at bweaver@resurrectioncatholicsschool.net or 392.3083.

• **Open Hours at St. Joseph's Perpetual Adoration Chapel.** Current open hours are **Tuesday** from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm and **Saturday** from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please call Mary Ellen or Becky at St. Joseph's office (397.6921) to sign up for any of these hours.

• **Catholic Grandparent's Association.** The next meeting of the Catholic Grandparents Association will on **Saturday, July 22**, at St. Leo's Church in Rms. 3 & 4 from 9:00-10:30 am. **Please note: The August 8 meeting has been changed to Tuesday, August 22, 7:00-8:30 pm.** Future dates are Saturday, September 23, 9:00-10:30 am, Tuesday, October 10, 7:00-8:30 pm. Please join us as we pray for God's graces to be poured out upon our grandchildren. For further information, please call Jean Polansky at 898.0389.

• **San Juan Bautista Hispanic Festival.** This 34th annual festival will be held **Wednesday, July 26**, 6:00-9:00 pm; **Thursday, July 27**, 6:00-10:00 pm; **Friday, July 28**, 6:00-11:00 pm; and **Saturday, July 29**, 4:00-11:00 pm, at San Juan Bautista Catholic Church, 425 S. Duke St., Lancaster. Enjoy a wide variety of Hispanic food, native costumes, Latin music, bingo, inflatable rides, raffle of a 2017 Honda Fit, and more.

• **Viola Recital.** St. James Church, 505 Woodcrest Ave., Lititz presents Emily Owsinski, Violist on **Sunday, July 30**, at 7:00 pm. Free will offering.

• **Crusaders Youth Activities Association soccer teams are now forming.** Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 5 and 15? Does your child like to be active, learn, make new friends and have fun in a Christian atmosphere? Then sign up for Crusaders Fall Soccer! We invite every level of recreational player to participate - U6 through U15. This program is open to any youth attending Catholic elementary school or registered in religious education at a Lancaster County parish. Register on-line at CYAAathletics.org through **August 6**. Cost is \$45/child for grades Pre-K - 2 and \$50 for grades 3-8. If you have any questions, please contact Scott McCuen (League Director, CYAA Soccer Program) at cyaasoccer@comcast.net or call 419.6985.

• **Liturgical Workshop.** All interested parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Diocesan Liturgical Workshop, "Unlocking the Power and Influence of the Sacred Liturgy," on **Saturday, August 12**, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. There is no registration fee. Register at www.hbgdiocese.org in the events calendar.

• **More Daylight, More time for Catholic Radio.** With more hours of sunshine we get more hours for WHYF AM 720 Catholic Radio to be on the air. Take advantage of the increase in broadcast hours to give them a listen. The station is an independent effort of Holy Family Radio, a local lay apostolate. For more information on the station or to volunteer contact 525.8110 or contact@720whyf.com. Listen anytime with their app. Find out more at www.720whyf.com.

• **Help for the homeless.** Did you know that 3,892 men and women slept on NY's city streets on the night of February 6, 2017? These are men and women, just like us, lacking the opportunities and security, family and support that we have been blessed with. Mychal's Message is now accepting donations for two new projects: **(1)** their annual distribution of underwear and socks in their "Blessed Bloomers" project and **(2)** solar foam ridge sleeping mats in "The Steven McDonald Project." A donation of \$9.11 will provide new underwear and socks for a homeless man or woman. A donation of \$25 will provide a sleeping mat (solar, lightweight, foam ridged) for a man or woman who lives on the streets. Donations can be mailed to: Mychal's Message, P.O. Box 6404, Lancaster, PA 17607 or online at www.mychalsmessage.org. Donations can also be made on the Mychal's Message Facebook page.

• **Medjugorje Pilgrimage.** Join spiritual advisor Fr. Dan Powell on a 7 night pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina **April 23—May 2, 2018**. Cost is \$895 (land only). For brochure, email mhmccafferty@gmail.com or call Mary McCafferty at 291.3221 or Julie Rasp at 394.7715.

Question of the Week.

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Matthew 13:24-43

Catechism Question of the Week. (see CCC 827)

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From St. Mary's Archives



From "St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, Pa. 1742-1951" by Edgar A. Musser:

"Since the parish had no debt when the new church was completed, Father Keenan turned his thoughts to plans for a new rectory. . . . In 1854 ground was broken and construction of a six-room brick building was begun. . . . It was a two-story building with a basement and contained six rooms – three on the first floor and three on the second. In it lived Father Keenan, his assistant and two nieces of Father Keenan. It extended toward Prince Street about as far as does the present rectory. The first and second floor rooms nearest Prince Street were the larger rooms, and when the new rectory was built these two rooms were torn down. The remaining four rooms were left standing, and are today serving the same purposes they served more than a hundred years ago – kitchen, dining room and bedrooms. The first floor front room was Father Keenan's office, and the outside entrance to it was on the north side of the building, just as the present entrance is on the north side. Instead of a concrete walk, there was in the same place either a brick or stone walk leading in from Vine Street. Incidentally, Miss Mary Lant (deceased since this statement was made in 1942) had in her possession the brass knocker from the front door of this rectory. Since the rectory was built on higher ground than the one-and-one-half story house which stood next to the church

grounds to the south, it was possible for Father Keenan to enjoy the very pleasant view of the neighborhood to the south during his declining years. His favorite spot was at the south window of the front room where he reclined in an easy chair. . . . On the south side of the building there was a long porch at the first floor level. This porch was open at both ends, and from it a door led into the middle room of the first floor. At the west end of the porch there were steps that led down the steep bank to Prince Street, and at the east end steps led to the rear of the church and the cemetery. It was possible to go to the cemetery from Prince Street by going up the stone steps at the bank, and following a rough stony walk which led along the front of the porch and past the rear of the church. Above the porch, but not quite as large, was a balcony on which the members of Father Keenan's household would sit and rest on summer evenings, and enjoy the unobstructed view to the south. The basement of the rectory originally was just an ordinary cellar, but after the church fire in 1867 it was renovated and made very nice. After that it was used for household purposes, such as washing and cooking. . . . Miss Daily also remembered the 'old pump in Father Keenan's yard,' and said it was about in the center of the terraced lawn west of the church." *[We discovered this well when excavating for the underground retaining field to catch our water runoff in Phase I last year.]*

