

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

PA Charitable Trust Partnered With St. Mary's Church  
337 Center Street – St. Marys, PA 15857

Sacred Heart Parish Office: 814-834-7861 Fax: 814-834-1376 • Sacred Heart Parish Center: 814- 834-4017  
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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## Mission Statement

Through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures, we serve our parish as we journey together to the Kingdom of God.

**Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – In Writing**  
Parish Office will be closed on Holy Days & Holidays

**Confessions:**  
Saturday: St. Mary's Church 3:30-4:15 p.m.

**First Friday Week:**  
Sacred Heart Church Thursday 4:00 p.m.  
Till all are heard  
Anytime by Appointment

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### Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart Church Sunday - 7:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
St. Mary's Church Saturday - 4:30 p.m.  
St. Mary's Church Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT:

Thurs., December 14th 6:30 PM Queen of the World  
Wed., December 20th 6:30 PM Sacred Heart

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th**  
4:00 PM. Sacred Heart Church  
4:30 PM St. Mary's Church  
5:00 PM Queen of the World Church  
9:00 PM Queen of the World Church  
12:00 AM Sacred Heart Church ~  
Christmas Music 11:30 PM

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th**  
7:00 AM Sacred Heart Church  
8:30 AM St. Mary's Church  
9:00 AM Queen of the World Church  
10:30 AM St. Mary's Church  
11:00 AM Sacred Heart Church

### No New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

**Mary Mother of God, Monday, January 1, 2024**  
**NO 6:15 AM** Sacred Heart Church  
8:30 AM St. Mary's Church  
9:00 AM Queen of the World Church  
10:30 AM Sacred Heart Church

Jan., 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

## WELCOME, WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!



### PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Dear Lord,  
In this season of bustle,  
help us to stay watchful and alert  
to the spaces and places  
You are calling us to bring  
Your love and light.

Amen. ©LPi



### REFLECT

#### First Reading:

In prayer, the prophet Isaiah grieves over our sins that separates us from God. What sorrow or distress have you experienced over the past week?

#### Second Reading:

Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many gifts the believers have received because of their faith in Jesus. As we begin the season of Advent, for what are you thankful?

#### Gospel:

Each Advent, the Gospel reading begins with Jesus instructing his disciples to watch carefully for the end times. How often do you think about the Second Coming of Jesus and judgment day? ©LPi

**Dec., 2(S): Vigil of First Sunday Of Advent**

**St. Mary's Church**

4:30 p.m. † Thomas G. Schreiber

**Dec., 3: 1st Sunday Of Advent**

**Sacred Heart Church**

7:00 a.m. Mass For The Parishioners

**St. Mary's Church**

9:00 a.m. †† Lavern & Mary Kreckel, Sr.

**Sacred Heart Church**

10:30 a.m. †† Rodney (An.) & Doris (An.) Pistner

†† Edward (An.) & Dorothy Mulcahy

**Dec., 4(M): 1st Week of Advent**

6:15 a.m. †† Chester & Frances Hammer

**Dec., 5(T): 1st Week of Advent**

6:15 a.m. †† Edna M. & John (An.) Uhl

**Dec., 6(W): 1st Week of Advent**

6:15 a.m. L/D of Clonan Family

**Dec., 7(Th): St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

6:15 a.m. † Anthony Celin (An.)

**St. Mary's Church**

**6:30 p.m.** Parish Staffs of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart

**Dec., 8(F): Immaculate Conception of The Virgin Mary**

6:15 a.m. Mass For The Parishioners

**Sacred Heart Church**

12:05 p.m. † Jon Burdick (An.)

**Dec., 9(S): Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**St. Mary's Church**

4:30 p.m. †† L/D Hank & Marge Forster, & Nicola & Michelina D'Amore Families

**Dec., 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Sacred Heart Church**

7:00 a.m. Mass For The Parishioners

**St. Mary's Church**

9:00 a.m. †† Martha & Ambrose Krieg, Sr.

**Sacred Heart Church**

10:30 a.m. †† Jeanne (An.) & Jim Klaiber



The week of December 3, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

**L/D of Nicholas & Mathilda Young Family**  
**†† Anna Mae & Margaret Mulcahy**

To schedule a particular intention or week, please call the Parish Office at 834-7861. The donation is \$10.

**WORD OF LIFE!!**

Today Christians start the Advent season of "Waiting" for the birth of Jesus. Help each other exercise the self-discipline of waiting to celebrate. Sure, you have to prepare, probably buy a Christmas tree and presents. Perhaps try waiting to decorate the tree till Christmas Eve.

**PARENTING POINTERS**

The Christian season of Advent begins today. Advent is a time of waiting. Of course we're waiting (again) for the rebirth of Christ into our world. But waiting is hard, especially for children. Help your children enter into the positive spirit of waiting. Perhaps make an Advent calendar and open a new door each day.

**FATIMA PRAYER GROUP**

Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Rosary at Sacred Heart Church will be held at **4:00 p.m.** "Pray the Rosary everyday for Peace in the World".

**"Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross."**

**-Ordination Rite of Priests-**

Gabriel Kraus and	Deacon Luke Daghir
Deacon Brian Meyers	St. Mary's Seminary
Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary	5400 Roland Avenue
7880 W. Denton Road	Baltimore MD 21210
Denton, NE 68339	

**"31 DAY" VOCATION CALENDAR - Please**

consider joining the Parish "31 Club" for Vocations to the Religious Life. Try to attend a Mass, Holy Hour, Pray a Rosary **OR** pray on your chosen date and offer it for:

- Priests/religious who have served our parish in the **past**.
- For those priests, religious and deacons serving **now**.
- To ask the Lord of the harvest for **future** vocations.

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| 4th  | Tom Nellis, Sr., Sue Kneidel Werner, Steve & Rose Ann Silveri                         |
| 5th  | Leona Fritz, Sarah Erich, Phylis Ryden  |
| 6th  | Cathy Dornisch, Amy Gorman, Dick Wolfe  |
| 7th  | Fuzzy Cappiello, Martin Hammer  |
| 8th  | Dorothy Mallette, Alice Lynch, Marsha Meyer, Jim McAllister, Lisa Werneth, Dick Wolfe |
| 9th  | Gretchen Meyer, Julie Lecker, Mary Benigni  |
| 10th | Don Weis, Bonnie Pearson  |

If you would like to be a part of the "31 Day" Vocation Calendar, please call the Parish Office at 834-7861 #1.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Friday from 7:00 a.m. until closing with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

**Fridays at 3:00 p.m. the Divine Mercy Chaplet .**

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Leonard Chalot and Thomas J. Schloder. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

**PRAYER LIST** - Let us remember all the sick especially Chrissy Aikens, Sharon Boylan, Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Don Geci, Irene George, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Dave Nellis, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Emily Saline, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth "Pug" Sloff, Mary Jo Wheeler, Sara Geitner and Dominick Herbstritt, Brooks Murphy and Lucy Weis.

**SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN** - If you want to be placed on the prayer chain for any need, just call Rose at 814-781-6430, or Ann at 814-834-6534.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) Update**

Parish Assessment..... \$45,305  
 Amount Pledged..... \$42,724  
 Received as of 11/24/2023 ..... \$35,920

**CSA UPDATE**

As we are approaching the end of the year and soon will be starting our 2024 CSA Campaign in February, 2024 we would like to give you an update on the present campaign. We are still short \$9,385 to meet our goal of \$45,305. Our assessment amount is what we have to pay to the Diocese. Regardless of what is paid by the parishioners, the remaining balance has to come out of

Offertory or savings. **PLEASE** consider giving to the CSA. There is a Gold Envelope in your monthly packet designated for this assessment. MANY THANKS & God bless all of you who have already made a pledge or have made or continue to give donations monthly to the CSA.

Patsy McAllister/Finance

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help decorate Sacred Heart Church for the Christmas season. We will begin on Sat., Dec., 16, 2023 at 8:00 am. The more volunteers, the less time it will take. We may do some preliminary work beginning at 6:00 pm on Fri., Dec., 15 evening. Interested parties may call (814) 512-8049 (Mike), (814) 512-8040 (Krys) or (814) 834-4675 (home). If no answer, messages can be left. Thank you in advance. Mike and Krys Straub.

**GIVING TREE AT SACRED HEART AND ST. MARY'S** The Maternity Closet could use help with baby items. We are doing the Giving Tree on December 2nd & 3rd. There will be tags for babies from birth to 3 years old. We appreciate your help in the past and are thanking you in advance for your generous support this year. Our cabinet outside is being used so diapers and wipes are always welcome. Large packages of diapers do not need to be wrapped. Please return all gifts by December 18th.

**Altar Society**  
**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 December 10th. Dinner is \$20.00. Dinner choices are Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Pork Chop. Please RSVP soon to:  
**Shirley Hoffman 1024 Earth Rd. St. Marys Pa 15857**  
 with your request and payment.

**SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF**  
 Dec., 03 Christmas Flower  
 Dec., 08 Immaculate Conception  
 Dec., 10 Retired Religious  
 Dec., 17 In Support of Our Parish School Children  
 Dec., 25 Christmas Offering  
 Jan., 01, 2024 Solemnity of Mary

**DATES TO REMEMBER**  
**Mondays** Praying the Rosary in Church 4:00 p.m.  
**Fridays** Rosary in Church 1:00 p.m.  
**Fridays** Divine Mercy Chaplet in Church 3:00 p.m.  
**Dec., 09 Bah Humbug Doors open at 9:00 a.m.**

**AREA NEWS**

**ADORATION AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH**  
 every **Tuesday** following the **8:30 a.m. Mass.**  
**Closing: Benediction: 4:00 PM.**



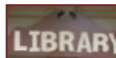
**ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD**  
 every **Thursday** following the **7:00 a.m. Mass.**  
**Closing: Benediction: 5:00 PM.**



**BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP** at 139 Church St, is fully stocked for the Christmas Season. Open House with 20% off sale is Sat., Dec., 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Each purchase receives a Nun" frosted cookie. Refreshments will be served. Stop by and see what the store has to offer.



**RELIGIOUS AND PRO LIFE LENDING LIBRARY**  
 Located on the main floor, of the Sacred Heart Parish Center is opened Mon., thru Fri., 9 am to 4 pm. It's a nice quiet place to sit and read a book or take out a book or DVD to view in your own home. Sorry, the library isn't open on weekends, Holidays or Holy Days.



**KERSEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET~ TODAY**  
 The breakfast will be on **Sunday Dec. 3rd** from 8:00 am till 11:30/or sold out. Price is \$10 for adults \$5 for kids. All are welcome. The breakfast is at the St. Boniface Social Hall.



**PHE PEPPERMINT STICK GIFT SHOP**  
**Hours:** Mon., thru Thurs., 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**CHRISTMAS SALE now until - Dec., 7th**  
 20% off all Christmas Items.  
 Exclusions: candy, clearance, personal, & magazines

**ST. TOBIAS** will be offering an evening Mass at 6:00 p.m. on **Dec., 3.**



**LESSONS IN CAROLS**  
**Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m.** at Queen of the World Church. Enjoy an afternoon of Carols and Scripture Readings Presented by Choirs from Queen of the World, Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. Boniface, & St. Catherine.

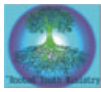


**MERRY WIDOWS~ Luncheon** for Christmas **Monday, December 11, 2023**  
 Noon at Hoss's Cost to be determined.



**ST. LEO CHURCH YEAR LONG 50/50** is almost over. We draw **ONE** winner on **Dec., 17, 2023.** The winner will receive at least **\$9,025!** Get your ticket by calling St. Leo parish rectory @ 814-772-3135.





**St. Marys Inter-Parish**



**Faith Formation Calendar**

**All classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center (Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street, unless otherwise noted.**

**Schedule changes as the school calendar changes because of CDC guidelines. You can also refer to the sminterparishff.com website for updated schedules**

**Sun., Dec. 3** St. Boniface Whole Family Catechesis 9:00 a.m.– 10:15 a.m.  
 Middle School Faith Formation 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
 Confirmation 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.  
 (Confirmation name is due)

**Wed., Dec. 6** Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
 First Communion make up meeting for parents from Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church 6:15 p.m. in the St. Mary's Church  
 Grade 1 CGS at Sacred Heart Atrium (5:50 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.)

**Sun., Dec. 10** Middle School Faith Formation 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

**Wed., Dec. 13** Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Confessions for grades 3-5)  
 Grade 1 CGS at Sacred Heart Atrium (5:50 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.)



**When:** Dec. 6, 2023  
**Time:** 6:45pm—8:15pm  
**Who:** Students in grades 6-12 drinks are on us!!

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**FIND OUT MORE:**  
 MONDAY DEC. 4th @ 7:00 pm  
 Saint Mary's Church Parish Center Youth Room  
 (Top Floor of Parish Center, 325 Church St., St. Marys)

"In loving one another through our works, we bring an increase of grace and growth in divine love."  
 Saint Theresa of Calcutta

MAKE YOUR MISSION THIS SUMMER TO LOVE, SERVE, AND CONNECT.

Sponsored by Rooted Youth Ministry of Saint Marys Inter-parish Faith Formation. If you are unable to attend call Hannah Cheate 814-781-1542 for more information.

**Rooted Youth Ministry**  
 Middle School Youth Group  
 Meeting Dates for December

**SAINT NICK NIGHT**  
 TUES. Dec. 5th 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 TUES. Dec. 19th 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

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**E.C.C.S.S. HAPPENINGS!!**

• **Elementary Music Teacher**  
 St. Marys Catholic Elementary and St. Leo campuses Part and Full-Time applications will be considered  
 Contact: Debbie Slay, Principal  
 St. Marys Catholic Elementary School  
 114 Queens Road St. Marys, PA 15857  
 email: slayd@eccss.org 814-834-4169

• **Long Term Substitute**  
 Elk County Catholic High School  
 Part-Time High School Mathematics  
 February-April 2024  
 Contact: John Schneider, Principal  
 Elk County Catholic High School  
 600 Maurus Street St. Marys, PA 15857  
 email: schneiderj@eccss.org 814-834-7800

• **St. Leo School Holiday Soup & Bake Sale**  
**Saturday, November 25th**

St. Leo Church Social Hall 11 am-3 pm  
 Children's holiday craft activities  
 Holiday Photography by Nancy Osgood

• **ECC PTO Java Joe & Fun Pasta Holiday Online Fundraiser**

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 Fun Pasta online store visit:  
<https://funpastafundraising.com/shop/eccss>

• **ECCSS Holiday Music Concert**  
 Wednesday, December 13th | 7 p.m.  
 Elk County Catholic High School Auditorium  
 Students 4-12 High School Chorus

• **Lullabies for the Baby Jesus**  
 St. Marys Catholic Elementary School  
 Students K-5 Choir concert  
 Open to the public and free admission  
 Queen of the World Church  
**Wednesday, December 20 at 6 p.m.**

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for your generous support last weekend for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources."  
 OR drop it off at the Parish Office.  
 Thank You!



**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS~** You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Fr. Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

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**SACRED HEART'S 31ST ANNUAL  
"BAH-HUMBUG" FESTIVAL  
DECEMBER 9, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish Center  
337 Center Street - St. Marys, PA.**

**THERE WILL BE**  
Craft Tables  
Basket Raffle  
50/50

Walnut Rolls  
Cinnamon Rolls  
Raisin Bread  
White & Rye  
Bread

Lady Locks Cookies  
Raisin Cookies  
Fruit Cake  
Large and Small  
Cookie Trays  
Melt Away Fudge  
Assorted Chocolates  
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**~Kitchen Items~**

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baked goods, gifts  
and fellowship!

**CHRISTMAS STORE DONATIONS**

St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School is currently looking for donations for our Christmas Store that will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

**Items Needed Are as Follows:**

- ❖ GIFT BAGS (small-medium)
- ❖ SCOTCH TAPE
- ❖ TISSUE PAPER (any color)

**\*\*\*\* NO WRAPPING PAPER IS NEEDED THIS YEAR! \*\*\*\***

A Craft table is always present at the store and kids love when they see something **HOMEMADE** on it. Homemade crafts are needed for children who like to buy that gift for their loved one. Those items can range anywhere from:

- ❖ Pillows
- ❖ Jars or Containers filled with treats
- ❖ Candles
- ❖ Paintings

ALL items can be dropped off at the Elementary School office.  
Thank you all SO much for your continued support and donations for the children.

Any questions contact:  
Jessica Bolden  
814-594-6516




**CHRISTMAS CHEER!!**

For children ages 11 and Under with their families. Since the weather is cold outside and children are excited for the Christmas Season, we are having some time for free play at

**Fun Fitness**  
237 Bruxelles St. St. Marys  
Monday, December 4, 2023  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Bring a Water Bottle

Questions??  
Contact:  
Mary Lynn Carnovale  
At [sminterparishff@gmail.com](mailto:sminterparishff@gmail.com)  
Or text at 814-335-6197



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**ADOPT A GRANDPARENT OR A PERSON IN NEED FOR THE HOLIDAY!!!**



Consider sponsoring a person in need by donating a month or two of meals instead of the regular gifts you extend this holiday season! This is an opportunity for who would like to help the people who are not able at some point in their lives to cook their own meals. How nice would it be to sponsor one of our clients for a month and pay for their delivered meals?? If you would like to participate this holiday in giving the gift or a delivered meal, please send a **donation to: St. Marys Meals on Wheels**  
**PO Box 302 St. Marys, PA 15857**

You can earmark your donation for a specific client or let us select someone who lacks the funds to receive a delivered hot meal to their home.

**For questions contact: Wanda at 814-594-5930.**

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