

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH—208 BALTIMORE AVE.

7AM SUNDAY & 8:30AM WEDNESDAY

HOLY SAVIOR CHURCH—1705 PHILADELPHIA AVE.

MASSES

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 8:30AM

SATURDAY: 5:15PM

SUNDAY, 9AM, & 11AM

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Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and anytime by appointment.

Baptism / Confirmation

Baptisms are held on Saturdays by appointment or the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Confirmation is conferred in the Tenth Grade. Please contact Rita Danhardt for additional information.

R.C.I.A.

If you feel you are being called to join the Catholic Church, please contact Rita Danhardt.

Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to making any arrangements for the wedding reception.

Anointing of the Sick

Please inform the Parish Office about parishioners who need this sacrament as soon as their illness becomes serious or before surgery.

Holy Orders

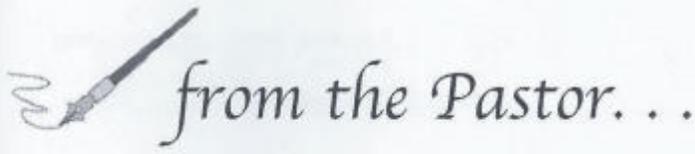
If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Solomon.

Regional School:

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School
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Religious Articles Store

Our Religious Articles Store is located in Room #112 in the parish center and open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and after all weekend Masses. Stop on in and see what we have to offer.



This weekend the Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual Tootise Roll Drive to help those with intellectual and physical disabilities. Let us continue to pray for all of those with disabilities and that our culture may value their worth, not for what they can do or make, but simply for who they are, beloved children of God.

Congratulations to Bobby Hammond III and Katie Priestley who were married at Holy Savior this Saturday. Katie also came into the Church this year, so it's been a banner year for her. Let us keep them and all newly married couples in our prayers.

As we remember the 20th anniversary of 9/11, we not only pray for those who lost their lives that day and their families, but for all those who have died subsequently in the War on Terror. As we continue to see suffering in the world, let us recommit to working for peace and justice and caring for all, especially the most vulnerable.



Prayer on the 20th anniversary of 9/11

All-Mighty and Everliving God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you today as we recall the tragic events that occurred on 9/11. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, or people aboard United 93.

We lift to You in prayer all those who died, and we entrust them to Your loving care. Console their families, friends, and all who mourn in the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.

Give healing to the survivors of the attacks who are living with continued physical or psychological pain. May those who survived feel gratitude, not guilt. Assure each person whose life changed forever of your protection and strength.

We pray for peace in our world, especially in places suffering from terrorism. Guide the choices of our world leaders and give them wisdom and discernment not only to fight against terrorism, but all injustices throughout the world. May their actions bring your peace to all peoples.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance. Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love; that in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.

And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001 by resolving, with Your help Almighty God, to continue to work for peace and justice, so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 11

Holy Savior Saturday
5:15 p.m. Parishioners

September 12

St. Mary Sunday
7:00 a.m. The Chansky & Vale Families
Holy Savior Sunday
9:00 a.m. Caitlan Gross
11:00 a.m. Julius Pantalone

September 13 Monday

8:30 a.m. Rosario Morada

September 14 Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Robert Kirsch & Rose Terry

September 15 St. Mary's Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Mary Schiela

September 16 Thursday

8:30 a.m. Ray Sarlitto

September 17 Friday

No Mass

September 18

Holy Savior Saturday
5:15 p.m. Joanne Williams

September 19

St. Mary Sunday
7:00 a.m. Virginia Neubauer

Holy Savior Sunday
9:00 a.m. Antonio Esposito
11:00 a.m. Parishioners

If you would like a Sanctuary Candle lit for the week for a special intention or in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office. A donation of \$10.00 is appreciated. The Candle this week at Holy Savior will be in memory of Steven Malicki from Joe & Jeanette Reynolds. The Candle at St. Mary's is for special intentions of the Paul Trainor Family from Paul & Audrey Fohner.



from Tricia & Peter Hughes.

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for the Altar, please contact the parish office. The flowers this week will be in loving memory of Joey Bruce



GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE

September 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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Readings of the Week ELP

Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE August 28/29, 2021

Saturday 5:15pm—120
Sunday 7:00am—116
Sunday 9:00am— 117
Sunday 11:00am—146
Sunday 6:00pm—26



The Bazaar Committee is having a planning meeting on Tuesday, September 14th following 8:30am Mass. Anyone who is interested in helping with the bazaar is welcome to attend. We will be discussing plans for November and also how to recruit some new volunteers, so if you were thinking about getting involved,

this is a wonderful opportunity to see what it is all about and meet some very nice people. Hope to see you then!



Hello Friends,
 It is that wonderful time of the year where my elves and I go out and about visiting business asking for donations for our parish Bazaar Auction. We are asking for goods or gift cards and are hopeful that we will fill lots of baskets. We try to get to everyone possible, however, if you do not hear from us, please feel free to send something over and if you would like to make a donation from your favorite store or restaurant to show them your support, that would be wonderful. Thanks much. -d-



Avoid The Flu!



Thursday, October 7
10:00am –2:00pm
Holy Savior Parish Center
1705 Philadelphia Avenue
Ocean City, MD 21842
 For more info call: 410-289-0652



Thank you to everyone who donated this year to the school supply drive. We took the supplies over to local Berlin Schools and they were most appreciative.



We know it's a early but we have been doing a little pre-planning! Last year a few people wanted to adopt a family. If you are interested in that please let us know we will need to know the number of children in family so we can be prepared. Thanks so much for all you do.

pfingles@aol.com or ppi.lisa@comcast.net



A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of December 3-5, 2021. This retreat

is for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or associated with someone who is (parent, spouse, friend), there is nothing to fear and so much to gain. For more info about this beautiful and liberating opportunity, contact Nan Freeman at 302-648-2228 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com, or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.



So, we are now into the next season, well kind of...school has started, visitors are fading...we just have to wait for the weather and the calendar to catch up. We are starting into the season for all of our programs to start! In a few weeks, the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd we will hear from former RCIA members and think about the path that their journey has taken for just a minute. I love the RCIA...although I have to admit when I started this ministry many, MANY moons ago, it was the one group that I found most daunting. I however, have since learned. It is so wonderful. It is adults learning, questioning and searching together. In this group my faith grows every single year. Debates and discussions bring out the best... questions, beliefs, and misunderstandings. We talk until it is clear. There are so many reasons people try RCIA sometimes it is curiosity, sometimes it is because they remember someone from their childhood who was Catholic, sometimes a grandparent or a spouse has made an impact on them...but it always starts with someone. Just an invitation. We as Catholics are the people that need to do the inviting! So, feel free! Invite, inquire with them, let them know they are welcome. So, as you listen next week to our candidates if someone comes to mind, that may be God's prompting. Call, text or invite them.

We will have an Inquiry meeting on October 3 in the hall. Just for questions and fellowship.

Next week, September 19th, we will also take the time to commission our Catechists. All those parishioners that volunteer to share and to pass on their faith to others. So, if you are at the 11 AM Mass be sure to thank them. Whether they will be working with our little disciples, working in the Religious Ed program with all of our youth or sharing with the Adults in RCIA they are spreading the Gospel on class at a time. If you would like to join this impressive group give me a call.

All Catechist are asked to attend the 11 AM Liturgy next week

Parent Meeting will be held following the 11 AM Mass on October 3 for all children in Grades Prek to 6 while the children are in class.

6 PM on October 3 for Children in grades 7 to 10 ~ children need not attend (although they are welcome).

Classes will start on the 10th for teens.

These meetings are essential. Each Family should be represented by at least one adult

Looking Ahead

September

19th Catechetical Sunday - Blessing of the Catechists 11 AM

26th Catechist Meeting After the 11AM Mass

October

2nd and 3rd RCIA WEEKEND at all Masses

3rd Opening Religious Education Classes immediately following the Last Mass

6:00PM Teen Classes (7th to 10th)

4th Inquiry Meeting ~ RCIA Meeting 6:30

10th Classes Immediately following 11 AM Mass until 1:00

Grades K to 2 Rooms 117, 118 & 119

Grades 3 to 6

Rooms 111, 112, 120, 122

TOP MEETING 4:30 PM 6:00 PM Teen

Classes (7th to 10th)

Pope Francis said that Faith "takes the form of a journey, a path to be followed, which begins with an encounter with the living God" (Lumen Fidei, 46).

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) and the Family Catechumenate are one journey—a **journey of Faith**. Those who have wondered what the Catholic Church teaches and professes, those who are not baptized and wonder what being baptized means, and those who were baptized in other faith traditions and would like to explore what it means to be Catholic are all welcome to join us on this journey of Faith.

Do you have **questions**?

Do you have **doubts and struggles**?

Do you want to **encounter** the living God who loves you enough to die for you?

Do you already have a relationship with God and feel that He may be leading you on a **journey** that may include worship in the Catholic Church?

R.C.I.A. (adults) will start with an Inquiry session for anyone that would like to understand or just get a feel for what RCIA is all about on Monday October 4th evening 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Classes will Start October 11, 2021

The Family Catechumenate (which is a family journey of faith for children and teens over the age of seven) takes place within the Religious Education program on Sunday Mornings!

Call or Email Rita Danhardt at 410 289 7038/ Religioused@stmaryholysavior.com for more information.



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Parish Bulletin Announcement
Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School News

From the desk of Trinette Stillman, Principal...

As we are moving closer to the new school year, are you looking for something more for your children's education? MBS has a major scholarship opportunity for new families joining our school community that can pay a large portion of tuition costs through graduation. The Cornerstone Educational Scholarship has been created by the owners of Mountaire Farms to encourage families in our area and their employees to consider a Christian education. Please call or email Mrs. Evans, our admissions director, for more information at 410-208-1600 or aevans@mbscs.org. There are limited spaces in most classes, so reach out as soon as possible.

Many blessings,

Trinette Stillman

Weekly Collections (Including Electronic)

<u>First Collection</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2021</u>
Aug: 5th Sunday	\$ 6,973	\$ 7,209
Aug: 4th Sunday	\$ 8,679	\$ 7,848
Aug: 3rd Sunday	\$ 8,984	\$ 7,911
Aug: 2nd Sunday	\$13,013	\$11,277
Aug: 1st Sunday	\$ 8,952	\$ 9,657

Second Collection

Aug: 5th Sunday	\$ 1,569	\$ 305
Aug: 4th Sunday	\$ 1,772	\$ 691
Aug: 3rd Sunday	\$ 1,734	\$ 526
Aug: 2nd Sunday	\$ 3,031	\$ 988
Aug: 1st Sunday	\$ 2,172	\$ 669

Total Collections

Aug: 5th Sunday	\$ 8,542	\$ 7,514
Aug: 4th Sunday	\$10,451	\$ 8,539
Aug: 3rd Sunday	\$10,718	\$ 8,437
Aug: 2nd Sunday	\$16,044	\$12,265
Aug: 1st Sunday	\$11,124	\$10,326
Total	\$56,879	\$47,081
	21% Increase	

Monthly Budget Update
7/1/20 – 5/31/21

Total Actual Revenue	\$740,250
Total Budgeted Revenue	<u>\$543,304</u>
Positive Variance	\$196,946

Total Actual Expenses	\$524,305
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$498,495</u>
Negative Variance	\$ -25,810

Actual Net Income	\$215,945
Budgeted Net Income	<u>\$ 44,809</u>
Positive Variance	\$171,136

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