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Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.

Thursday: 12:10 p.m.

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Monday-Thursday 9-4

St. Mary's Church

is open for daily prayer

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Wednesdays 1-6

Reconciliation

Wednesdays after 12:10 Mass or by appointment

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St. Mary's Church

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Dear Parish Family,

In our fast-moving world filled with noise, screens, and constant activity, solitude can seem like a luxury—or even a strange concept. But it is, in fact, a gift from God and a necessary part of a healthy spiritual and emotional life.

I will be taking my annual retreat in July this year. As I sometimes have in the past, I will be spending a week in silence at a Camaldolese Monastery. Many people who know me comment that a person as outgoing and social as I am must have a terrible time entering silence. But as much as I love people, I find that solitude nourishes me in a way that few other things can.

Author Raymond Kethledge defines solitude as “freedom from inputs from other minds.” That means true solitude isn’t simply being alone. It’s about being present in quiet, without distractions, even the ones we invite—like a podcast playing during a walk in the Woods.

Modern research confirms what the Christian tradition has always taught: solitude is good for the soul. Consider the many ways it can bless us:

- **Solitude deepens empathy.** When we withdraw from constant interaction, we often return with greater compassion for others—especially those outside our usual circles.
- **Solitude increases productivity.** Quiet space allows us to concentrate more fully and work more effectively.
- **Solitude sparks creativity.** When we’re alone with our thoughts, our minds are free to explore, imagine, and create.
- **Solitude builds resilience.** Studies show that those who spend time alone experience greater happiness, improved stress management, and stronger emotional health.
- **Solitude helps us reflect.** In quiet moments, we can examine our lives, our direction, and our spiritual path.
- **Solitude fosters self-knowledge.** Free from the noise of others’ opinions, we can listen for what truly matters in our own hearts.

Whether it’s turning off the car radio, sitting quietly in your home, or taking a walk without your phone, I encourage you to make time for moments of true solitude.

The poet Rainer Maria Rilke once wrote, “Our task is to listen to the news that is always arriving out of silence.” May we each find space to listen well.

Faithfully, Fr. Scott ☺



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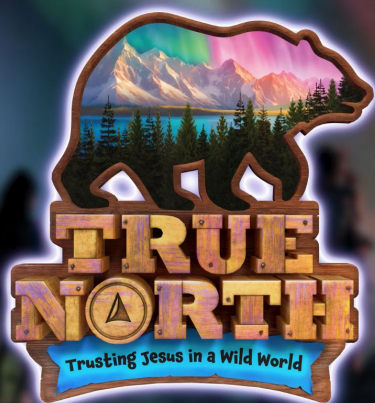
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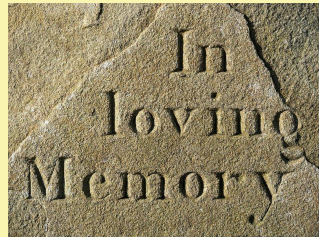
Has your phone, email or address changed since you registered with St. Mary's? Have your children grown and are no longer living at home you since you last updated?

Registration/update forms can be found at the Welcome Desk or filled out online at:

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St. Mary's Bereavement Committee

There is an opportunity to join the St. Mary's Bereavement Committee! If you would like more information about the opportunity please visit the Welcome Desk!



Diocesan Appeal

Amount Needed Due June 30th

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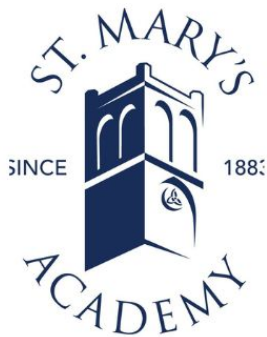
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SMA Spotlight

Prayerful Hearts

Ms. Casola's second-graders made us all proud on Monday as they took on important roles in this month's theme Mass, including lectoring and performing as a chorus. Great job, second-graders!



Calming the Jitters

How to keep students busy while they wait to perform in the Spring Concert? Mrs. Trzaskos's first-graders enjoyed some Wikki Stix, essentially yarn covered in food-grade wax. (See featured photo at top, too.) While Mrs. Viger's Kindergartners enjoyed playing with some dress-up items and classroom manipulatives.



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Mass Intentions

May 31st - June 8th

Saturday, May 31st - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Magda and Frank Donovan (Anniversary) by Family
- ❖ Thomas John Mears by Jimmy and Marisa Brady
- ❖ Patricia Meagher by her sister.
- ❖ John Prevost by Food Pantry Volunteers

Sunday, June 1st - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Dennis Phillips by Donna and John VanSchaick
- ❖ Lea O'Connor by Donna and John VanSchaick
- ❖ Adeline McCarthy by Pat and Jerry Henel
- ❖ James A. Whitaker by Carole, Shari, Sue, and Lisa
- ❖ Ginny Patton by Gary and Lisa Patton

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Robert Seale by Seale Family
- ❖ Susanne Kenny Burke by The Titterington Family
- ❖ John Ross by Family
- ❖ John LaPoint by Leo Coleman and Family

Wednesday, June 4th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Tara Cioni Frances by Conte and Cocurullo Families

Thursday, June 5th - 12:10 PM Mass

- ❖ Bernard Healy (36th Anniversary) by Family
- ❖ Rob Slack by Patti Carte
- ❖ Gail Pekar by Estela Crandall

Saturday, June 7th - 4:00 PM Mass

- ❖ Emidio, Henrietta, and Anthony Papa by Mary Ann and Stan Wood
- ❖ Helen Fontaine by Beth Krug
- ❖ Daniel Johnson (26th Anniversary) by Maureen and Family
- ❖ Charles V. and Charles F. Duell by Family

Sunday, June 8th - Pentecost Sunday

8:30 am Mass

- ❖ Vincent George by Bonnie and Paul
- ❖ Christine Flanders Rowley by Family
- ❖ John Howard Corbett by Family
- ❖ Patricia Sullivan by Dennis and Michele O'Connor

11:15 am Mass

- ❖ Peter John Daly by Gregorio Family
- ❖ Elizabeth Lortie by Family
- ❖ John LaPoint by Mike and Kim Gray
- ❖ Toni Marie Coleman by Leo Coleman and Family

Weekly Report

GIVING at ST. MARY'S

May 24th & 25th

Cash	\$3,672.65
Envelopes	\$3,564.00
E-giving	\$2,561.00
Total Offertory	\$9,797.65

Candle - \$152.75

Food Pantry - \$152.75

Cemetery - \$728

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	4:00 pm	246
Sunday	8:30 am	303
Sunday	11:15 am	339
Total In-person:		888

St Mary's Food Pantry



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FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

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