



Halloween party

St. Mary's Senior Youth Group will be hosting the annual Halloween bash on Saturday, October 28 2017, from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Nolin Murray Center at St. Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be games to play and lots of prizes to give away. Kids are allowed to wear their costumes to Mass at St. Joseph's, but please remove your masks during the Mass. The Knights of Columbus will be serving food, so no need to worry about dinner.

Cemetery Clean Up

On November 10th the senior youth group kids will be doing their annual clean up at St. Mary's cemetery. They will be throwing EVERYTHING away to get ready for winter. If you do not want your stuff thrown away, please remove it by this date. Thank you.

The Pastor's Corner

It has been 3 months now since I have been pastor of St. Mary's and St Joseph's. Next weekend will be the last Mass in Londonderry, and I know those parishioners are sorry to see their chapel close. I welcome them to join us for Mass either in Chester or Springfield. Some may decide to go to other parishes nearby and I hope they find a true home there. But for those of us in St Mary's and St. Joseph's, we still have work ahead of us.

This week we will be having joint meetings of our two parishes of both the Finance and the Pastoral Councils. The goal is for each of our parishes to think of the other and make include both parishes in any of our future plans. We are no longer individual parishes, but rather we are each striving to include the other and eventually to be one parish. I am happy to report that I am already seeing signs of this happening.

I see many parishioners from St. Mary's attending Mass at St Joseph's and many people from St Joseph's attending Mass at St. Mary's. Our coffee hours on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday are a wonderful place and opportunity for people from both parishes to get to know one another, and this is happening on a regular basis. The number of children attending religious education from St. Joseph's at St. Mary's is as good as, if not better than, years past. I would like to see more parishioners from St. Joseph's attend our Generations of Faith the second Sunday of each month.

The real work of unity happens in our minds and hearts. If you think of your parish as a separate entity from the other, it will remain so. If you feel that you want to belong to one and not the other, you will not really belong to either. We are being asked to change how we think and feel about our parish. Please, keep up the good work of joining these two wonderful parishes in your heart and mind.

If you have any questions or concerns about future events or how things are going feel free to attend our Pastoral Council meeting this Thursday night, October 19th in the café at St. Mary's.

Mass Times and Intentions

Tues., Oct. 17 - 7:00pm - Caroline Aiken & deceased members Altar Society
By the Altar Society
Wed., Oct. 18 - 9:00am - Deceased Members of Foss & All souls in Purgatory
By Kathleen Blair
Thurs., Oct. 19 - 9:00am - Adrienne & Floyd Coutermarsh
By the family
Fri., Oct. 20 - 9:00am - Kenny & Bunny Parker
By Myrna Parker
(Chester) Sat., Oct. 21 - 4:00pm - Barbara Dubanevich
By the family
(Londonderry) Sat., Oct. 21 - 6:00pm - Russell A. Page
By the family
Sun., Oct. 22 - 9:00am - Steven Peltier
By his father
Sun., Oct. 22 - 6:00pm - Leonarda Laskevich
By John & Pat Graves

Birthdays This Week:

Sunday 15: Howard Currie
Monday 16: Jennifer Anderson & Andrew Nickerson
Tuesday 17: Adam Bobar
Thursday 19: Maureen McAweeney & Steve Young
Friday 20: Paul Grochowick & Margaret Grochowik

Altar Servers: Springfield

Please contact Alissa Bascom for your schedule. The schedule is hanging in the sacristy of the church.

Adoration Chapel Candle: Springfield

Katelyn Relihan

If you would like to dedicate the Sanctuary Candle to a loved one for one week, we have MANY weeks available. Please call Beth at 802-885-3400.

Last Week's Offertory : SPRINGFIELD

Sunday Collection: \$3,311.00

Weekly Goal: \$3,700.00

Accumulative Weekly Goal: \$55,500.00

Accumulative Weekly Collection: \$49,610.00

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Last Week's Offertory : CHESTER

Saturday Collection: \$1,297.00

Weekly Goal: \$1,350.00

Accumulative Weekly Goal: \$20,250.00

Accumulative Weekly Collection: \$15,005.00

Londonderry Sunday Collection \$374.00

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Books Are In: Baltimore Catechism

They are \$5 each and you can pick yours up either from Eileen in her office, or Beth at the rectory.

Closing

St. Joseph's Chapel in Londonderry will be closing. The last Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 21st at 6pm.



Warming Shelter News

There will be a couple of courses for new volunteers. The first one is Thursday, October 26th at 6pm the second one is Sunday October 29th at 6pm. If you have never volunteered at the shelter before we ask that you attend one of these courses.

10th Annual Chester Area Coat & Blanket Drive

Please make donations of clean usable coats, blankets, boots, snow pants and other warm clothing. Collection of items will be at several locations throughout Chester and Andover, including in the vestibule of St. Joseph's Church. We request items by October 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help gather and sort the donations as well as set up and clean up. All items are available free to anyone who comes to the distribution events from 10am to 1pm on October 27th and 28th in the parish hall at Chester Congregational Church on the corner of Rte. 11 and Church Street. Contact Edie Brown at 875-3889 for more details or to volunteer.

Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus #753 will be selling Christmas cards before and after Mass at St. Joseph's Church and St. Mary's Church. They will be preselling them soon. Please just keep a look out for more information about this.

Catholic Daughters #1069 Tag Sale Alert

Again, the CDA will be holding their annual fundraiser. The Tag Sale will be on Saturday, November 18th from 9am-2pm As you begin your fall cleaning, we would appreciate you saving saleable articles for the Tag Sale. This year we will not accept, skis, electronics, shoes, purses, items that need repair and other un-useable items. You may drop off your items on Friday, November 17th from 9am-7pm. For further information, please contact: Margaret Nickerson 802-886-2461.

Free Pizza

Friday, October 20th 6pm at St. Mary's Nolin Murray Center we will debut our new wood fired pizza oven. Donations will be accepted to purchase books for our level 3 atrium. All are welcome.

Saturday Lunch Ministry

At present there are five churches including St. Mary's involved in providing ten brown bag lunches for Saturdays at the Family Center on a rotating basis. One woman who was our 6th member is moving so I am looking for another small group to take her place so we can continue with a six week rotation. It is a doable project for two or three people. The lunches are delivered to the Family Center on Friday morning before noon time. The brown bags may include a sandwich, veggie, fruit, chips, cheese stick, and brownies/cookies along with a napkin and spoon if fruit is in a cup. If you are interested in getting involved with this ministry, please contact Pat Graves 886-8435 or jjgraves37@comcast.net

Win Big Bucks: 30 Day Raffle

Once again we will be having a 30 day raffle here at St. Mary's Church. This is how it works: you purchase one or more tickets for \$25 each, you tickets stub will go into a big jar and starting on Thanksgiving day and ending on Christmas day one name will be drawn everyday. The Thanksgiving day winner will receive \$250, the Christmas winner will receive \$500 and every day in between the winner will receive \$25. You will have a chance to win everyday because your ticket will be put back in the jar every time. Please plan on buying one or more tickets. All the proceeds will go to help St. Mary's Fuel Fund. We also ask if you would like to help sell tickets please see Beth at the rectory. Tickets are now on sale. See someone after Mass or stop into the rectory.

Altar Society Meeting

The fall meeting of St. Mary's Altar Society will be on Tuesday, October 14th starting at 6pm in the Nolin Murray Center. Do not forget to bring your can goods for the family center in place of light refreshments. At 7pm there will be a Mass for all our deceased members. All ladies of the parish high school and older are welcome to attend. Yearly dues are \$5 and can be paid at the meeting or mailed to Jeannie Hughes.

Attention All

If you are sick, you are excused from coming to Mass. Also please refrain from drinking from the cup at Mass. We do not want any of you to get sick or pass it around to everyone. Thank you.

Finance Meeting: Springfield/Chester

There will be a finance meeting for St. Mary's & St. Joseph's on Wednesday, October 18th starting at 7pm in St. Mary's rectory. If you are from the Chester finance committee, please also join us at this meeting. If you have any questions, please call Beth at 885-3400.

Pastoral Council: Springfield/Chester

The next pastoral council meeting for Springfield & Chester will be Thursday, October 19th at 7pm in the Nolin Murray Center Café. If you were a part of St. Joseph's Stewardship or parish council please plan on joining us at this meeting.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21



Secretary Tip of the Week

Did you know most of us wake up between 2 and 3am even if we don't remember it. That doesn't sound to scary but dream experts have said there is a 99% chance it happens because something is starting at you while you sleep!