

ST. MARY'S PARISH

A Living Faith - in a Historic Place

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WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Haynes or to one of our usher/greeters, and sign our guest register so that we have a record of your visit. We hope you will come again. If you have questions, need more information, or have other concerns, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@stmarysburlington.org or call at us (609) 386-0902. The Parish Office is located in the Guild House, Broad & Talbot Streets. The Rector is available at any time by appointment. You can contact him at the phone number above or by email at therector@stmarysburlington.org.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR *this weekend are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Edgar & Hannah Watts, John L. Taggart, Emma Gallagher, Elizabeth Taggart Turp, and Ned Taggart; those at the Pulpit are given in loving memory of The Rev. Canon Samuel Steinmetz, Jr. & Stephen Russell Steinmetz; those at the Lectern are given in loving memory of James & Mary Watson, Walter & Lydia Wilson, Helen Shedaker & Alvin & Ruth Wilson; those at the Shrine are given in loving memory for the Loved ones of Bob & Phyllis Maier.*

THE SANCTUARY LAMP *burns this week to honor the Sacramental Presence of our Lord, in memory of Gaetano & Catherine DeVicaris.*

“PLEDGE SUNDAY”: As we approach the end of the year, it's time for your parish Vestry to begin formulating a budget for 2025 – and time to ask parishioners and friends for pledges of financial support for the coming year. Giving to the Church is a practical matter of supporting the faith community to which we belong, in which we participate, and which supports us in our journey through life, and it's also an act of devotion as we offer a portion of what we've been given back to God, the giver, for the work of his Church in the world. Making a pledge, of course, helps your Vestry in planning ahead! **This Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17**, we'll take time during the weekend Masses for those present to fill out pledge cards and present them at the Altar, asking for God's blessing on our intentions and our gifts. How will your giving reflect your life of faith?

Your pledge matters – to your parish church, and to you!



ST. MARY'S LADLE OF LOVE operates as a **Food Pantry** for the community on the **2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday** of each month at St. Mary's Guild House. **The Food Pantry** is open from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on November 20th and November 27th.**

Statistics from November 13th:

Children (0 - 17) in Assisted Households: 107

Adults (18 - 59) in Assisted Households: 148

Seniors (60+) in Assisted Households: 24

Total Households Assisted: 76 households with a total of 255 members

Thank you, parishioners of St. Mary's, for your support of this ministry... for your prayers, contributions, and service. Thank you, volunteers, who make this ministry possible.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE NOVEMBER 2024:

"Dearest lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost." St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

When I first joined St. Mary's almost 41 years ago, I was never before exposed to a Stewardship Campaign. It almost seemed like a shake-down. For three consecutive Sundays in November, we would hear from our vestry leaders and our rector about the need for pledges. While it was obvious that St. Mary's needed donations to exist, I did not think that my pledge was all that important. I also believed that a pledge was a check in an envelope. As the decades passed, and especially, after serving in numerous leadership positions at St. Mary's, I have come to appreciate that there are three legs on the Stewardship stool: Treasure, Time and Talent. All three of these are equally important in the life of our parish. Obviously, financial pledges are very important in keeping the lights on, salaries paid, and programs funded. When considering your pledge for 2025, hopefully you will prayerfully reflect on what gifts God has given you and return those gifts back to God. But your Time and Talents are equally important in terms of Stewardship. There are so many parish positions that are begging for volunteers. Is it possible for you to spend time as a Greeter, a chorister, a Lay Reader, a Ladle of Love volunteer, or even host a Coffee Hour? Would you be willing to serve on the vestry? Some members do projects on their own, such as keeping the grounds looking nice or cleaning gravestones. Not everything has to be organized. Also, you can support our various ministries. There is such a need in our community for personal care products that we are having trouble keeping our Blessing Box stocked regularly. St. Mary's generously supports the Seaman's Church Institute with Christmas Ditty Bags. Our vestry takes a lead in coordinating outreach for a large number of projects, charities and calamities including two recent catastrophic hurricanes.

Over the years and especially since the Covid-19 pandemic, the number of parishioners sitting in our pews has dwindled. So, it is even more important for the members of St. Mary's to reflect on the ways that we can be generous as we consider our 2025 pledges. I especially encourage you to increase the Time and Talent portions of your pledge. In doing so, you are not only serving St. Mary's but our community, our country and our world. St. Francis of Assisi stated that "The good deed you do today may be the only sermon some receive."

Cindy Robertson

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR presented by the City of Burlington Garden Club will be on **Sunday, December 8, from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.** This year’s tour will feature homes in the west area of Burlington, and Old St. Mary’s Church will open for visitors as well. We will need volunteer hosts/docents for that occasion, so please consider taking some time to participate in offering our parish hospitality. A signup sheet will be found at the back of the church, and you’re welcome to stay as long as you like. Thanks!

THE WEEK AHEAD

<i>Friday 11/22</i>	12:00 p.m. Low Mass – <i>New St. Mary’s Church</i>
<i>Saturday 11/23</i>	5:30 p.m. Low Mass – <i>New St. Mary’s Church</i>
<i>Sunday 11/24</i>	7:30 a.m. Low Mass – <i>New St. Mary’s Church</i> 9:00 a.m. Sung Mass – <i>New St. Mary’s Church</i>

COFFEE HOUR - 2024: Join us for Coffee Hour in the Guild House at 10:30 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. service).

- **November 17th** - Coffee Hour will be hosted by St. Mary’s Daughters of the King
- **December 8th** - Coffee Hour will be hosted by Joanne Stoer and David Seward



If you have questions, please contact **Barbara Frake at bfrake@gmail.com**.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 11/19 Benjamin Mendenhall

OPENING FOR A FLOWER OFFERING IN NOVEMBER: Week by week, flowers decorate St. Mary’s for our worship services. These are offered by parishioners and friends as memorials, thankofferings, or other dedications. We have an “opening” for a flower offering on the following weekend:



Nov. 11/23 - 11/24: at the Pulpit

Please call the parish office: (609) 386-0902; parishoffice@stmarysburlington.org. Thanks!

FORWARD DAY BY DAY: The November/December 2024/January 2025 edition is available at the back of the church, or in the Parish Office. Many have found this devotional booklet a good way to deepen their familiarity with Scripture, and a valuable tool in their spiritual journey. You could find it helpful as well! A \$1.00 donation is requested.



OUTREACH: For the 2024 Holidays, with your support, St. Mary's Outreach will be participating in:

**The Burlington County Sheriff's Office Holiday Toy Drive AND
The City of Burlington/Columbus Park Kids Coat Drive**



There is a collection bin in the back of the church for new and unwrapped presents to help children and families in need. There you will also find a designated area to hang new kids coats, alongside a “Mitten Tree” for hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to help children stay warm this winter. There is a Sign-up Sheet in the back of the church with the specific coat sizes needed for children ages 5 through 13. All contributions are needed no later than **Sunday, 12/1st**. If you have any questions, please see **Amy Ancharski or Barbara Frake**. Thank you in advance for your generosity during this season of giving.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



We encourage you to take our prayer list with you and pray for them at home. Those on the list are remembered during worship services. Request forms can be found at the back of the church, if you would like to ask that a name be added to the prayer list. Give the completed form to an usher or to the rector. Please pray for

THE ILL AND THOSE IN NEED: Mr. Andino, Belinda Connolly, Dan Dufner, Jay Gasbaro, Evelyn Gbato, Craig Geier, Ned Harnischfeger, Heather Hudson, Rich Janulis, Bill Lardin, Karen Leisner, Shannon Matthews, Gary McCormick, Kimberly Parzyck, James Shedaker, John Stenson, Jr.

THE DEPARTED: Joseph Texeira, Joyce Stevenson, Edna Anyzek

THE CHRONICALLY ILL/SHUT-IN: Bill Baird, Rita Barber, Judy Battista, Kitty Birkett, Linda Bowker, Christopher Browne, Renee Calderone, Barbara Candelaria, Luise Cherubini, Linda de la Rosa, Jackie Fine, Harry Fisher, Esther Franklin, Christine Gakeler, William Gares, Bronwyn Haynes, Diane Koger, Dwight Koger, Brett McCaw, Courtney Page, Davis Parker, Barry Petty, Mandy Picone, Marian Pierpont, Harry Rebeck, Barbara Reynolds, Dae Rebeck Sanchez, Michael Stoer, Rick Thomas, William Ward, Joe Whitehouse, Camille Zagaroli.