

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF

Immaculate Conception of the BVM "St. Mary's"

Saint Rita's Parish

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Mass Schedule • Saturday • 5:00pm | Sunday • 8:00 & 10:30am

Weekdays • 8:00am • Saturday • 8:00am

Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30pm (except for 12/31 5:00pm)

Holy Day 8:00am & 6:30pm

Confessions • Thursday after the morning Mass

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30pm

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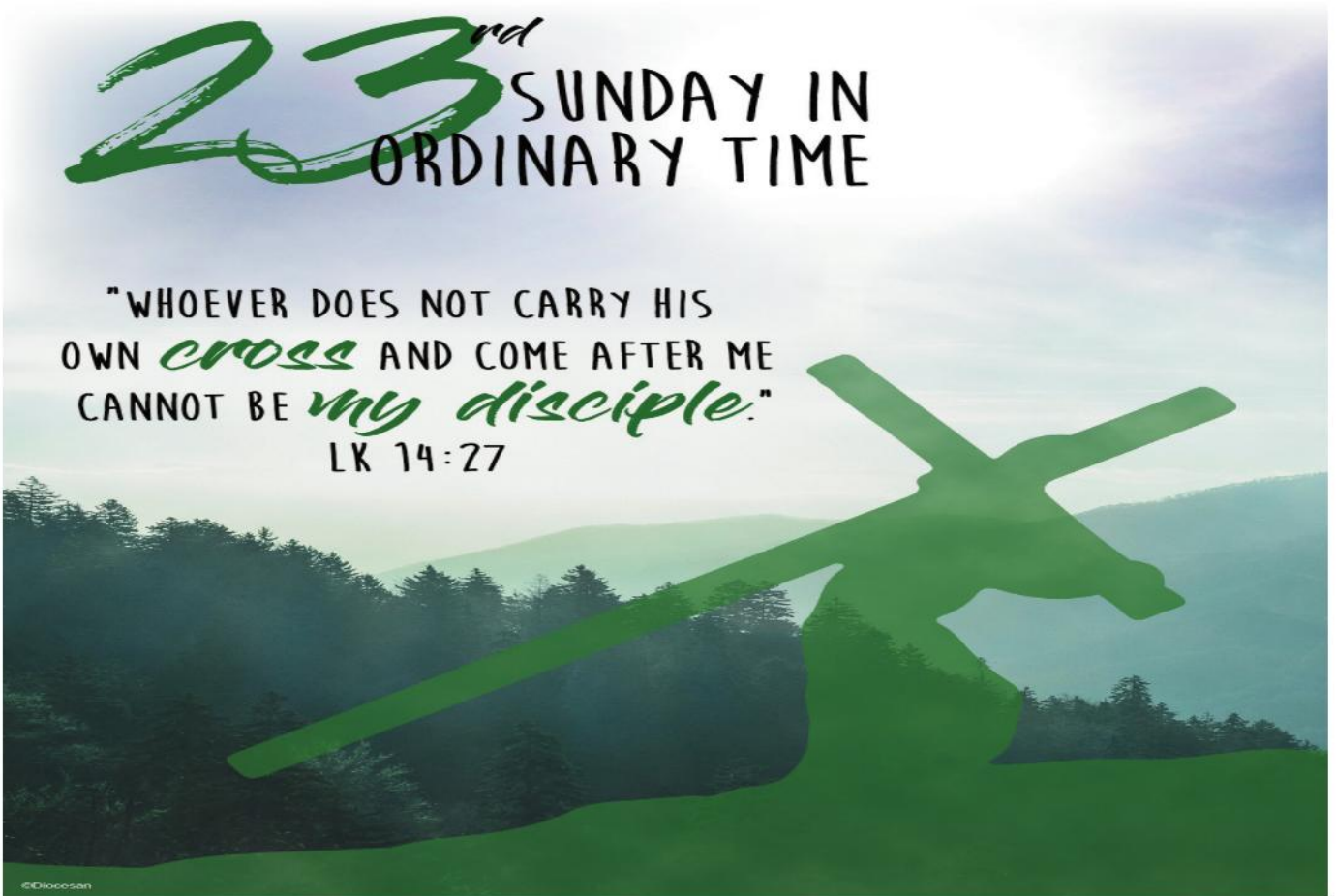
Confessions: Saturday 3:00 to 4:00pm

& Tuesday Morning After Mass

The Sacrament of Baptism Please call the parish office to schedule. **The Sacrament of Marriage** is celebrated throughout the year. Diocesan policy requires that engaged couples begin sacramental preparations with a priest at least nine to twelve months before the desired wedding date. Please call the parish office for details at 717-642-8815.

23rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS
OWN *cross* AND COME AFTER ME
CANNOT BE *my disciple*."
LK 14:27



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025



Our Stewardship

August 31, 2025

St. Mary

Weekly Budget\$4,300⁰⁰
 Sunday Collection \$2,653⁰⁰
 Gaza Collection" \$2,395⁰⁰
 Average\$4,734⁰⁰

St. Rita

Sunday Collection \$2,968⁰⁰
 Gaza Collection \$ 785⁰⁰



*In every age,
 O Lord,
 you have been
 our refuge.*

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Monday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

St. Mary	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
9/13 5:00pm	B. Liska/D. Sanders/R. Maturo	C. Macuirles	Volunteers	Volunteers
9/14 8:00am	H & C. Stehmer/S. Krueger	S. Ranney	Volunteers	T. & J. Tippet
9/14 10:30am	A. Bohn/B. Carr/P. Leister	J. Gaskin	Volunteers	Volunteers
St. Rita	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Money Counters
9/13 4:30pm	A. Sanders	A. Shepard	Volunteers	9/14 J. Kenney
9/14 8:30am	E. Luttrell/J. Lowrie	M. Luttrell	Volunteers	9/21 A. Hauryski
9/14 11:00am	P. Crawford/C. Purnama	J. Orlando	Volunteers	9/28 A. Serpi

St. Mary Mass Intentions		
Saturday 9/6	8:00am	† Elizabeth LaPlante
	5:00pm	† Paul Macuirles
Sunday 9/7	8:00am	† Terry Sites
	10:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 9/8	8:00am	† Melvan Welsh
Tuesday 9/9	8:00am	Intentions of Lou Ann Lavin
Wednesday 9/10	8:00am	† Anita Bell
Thursday 9/11	8:00am	Intentions of Bud Creighton & Bill McCleaf
Friday 9/12	8:00am	† Clareanne Lanktree
Saturday 9/13	8:00am	† Fr. John Quinn
	5:00pm	† Donald Weikert
Sunday 9/14	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	† Daniel Moritz

St. Rita Mass Intentions		
Saturday 9/6	9:00am	† Grace & Frank Leibold & Catherine & Arthur Lowrie Sr.
	4:30pm	† Mary & Frank Prochazka
Sunday 9/7	8:00am	Intentions of Kate Leibold
	11:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 9/8	9:00am	† Matthew Shultz
Tuesday 9/9	9:00am	Intentions of Tom Miller
Wednesday 9/10	9:00am	† Richard Main Jr.
Thursday 9/11	9:00am	Intentions of Barb Lowrie
Friday 9/12	9:00am	Intention of Tom & Maureen Welshko
Saturday 9/13	9:00am	† Paul Burlett
	4:30pm	† Michael Paul Jascur
Sunday 9/14	8:30am	† Arthur J. Leibold
	11:00am	People of the Parish

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Second Collections Today Repair

Prayer Shawl Meeting Monday, September 8th, at 1:00PM at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome.

The K of C will have a wreath laying program on 9/11 after the morning mass.

Knights of Columbus Council 12250 Meeting will be held at 7:30PM on Monday September 8th, at the St. Mary's Church.

St. Rita's Ladies Society Meeting will be Wednesday, September 10th, at 9:45AM in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Woman's Faith Study will begin Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend the 5-week study of "A Biblical Walk Through The Mass". Questions? Contact Kelli 642-5100 or mapkmp17@msn.com

St. Rita's Pastoral Council Meeting there will be a meeting on Thursday, September 11th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. All members please attend.

Second Collection at both Churches on September 13th & 14th for the Peter's Pence Collection. This is to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Francis. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Rita's Women's Society will be having an APPLE DUMPLING SALE again; Pre-orders only!!! \$6.50 each. Order sheets are in the back of the church, and will be inserted in the next bulletin. The dumplings will be distributed, AT ST. RITA'S, after the masses, on September 27th and 28th. Any questions, please call Peggy VanDerCruyssen 301-241-3469.

St. Rita's Flowers in the Sanctuary are honor the cherished memory of Bill & Pat Muir, with love from the Devlin Family.

St. Mary's Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Bernard Hrycenko donated by his wife Ann & Family.

Forty Hours at St. Mary's We are happy to have Fr. Michael Pray, Parochial Vicar, from St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg to be our preacher for Forty Hours beginning Sunday, September 14 after the 10:30AM Mass and ending Tuesday, September 16th with the closing ceremony at 7PM. He will preach each night with Sunday's time at 730PM and the other two nights will be 7PM. Please sign up for an hour of Adoration and invite a friends and family to the evening service.

Pro Life Corner . For all Catholics that we may steadfastly proclaim and uphold the dignity of all human life, in all stages and circumstances.

St Rita's Finance Report for fiscal year 2024-25 is included as an insert with this bulletin. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Faye Ganoe at 717-762-4662.

St. Mary's Finance Report The report on St. Mary's finances for fiscal year 2024-25 is included as an insert with this bulletin. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact John Butcher at 717-642-5186.

Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing at Both Parishes will be offered Saturday, September 13th, after the vigil Mass. You are welcome to come forward if you have any illness, debilitating chronic infirmities, advanced age, forthcoming surgery and recovery from surgery.

St Rita's will be sponsoring the September meal plus purchasing food items for the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen for delivery on Thurs, Sep 18th. Parish contributions go directly towards supplying bulk meats, frozen foods, fresh vegetables and fruits, and many other critical groceries needed to provide daily meals to more than 70 people/day. Cash or checks made out to "Chris Manning" to purchase groceries are being collected. Chris Manning will be at the weekend Masses @ Sep 13-14. There will also be a collection box marked "Gettysburg Soup Kitchen" located in the back of the church. Contact Chris with questions (703) 678-3055 or cm.manning@comcast.net.

Ruth's Harvest - students at the Fairfield schools eligible for the free lunch program are also eligible to receive food for weekends from Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield, a local non-profit entering it's 11th year. St. Mary's will have the first of five collections for this school year on Sep. 13-14. All food must be single servings and not require refrigeration. Some of the most needed items are plastic cups of pears, corn, mandarin oranges, and macaroni & cheese, peanut butter to go, and animal crackers or teddy grahams. Last year St. Mary's contributed 2435 servings of food donated by parishioners or purchased with parishioner donations. Each week 40 children received a bag with over 20 food items. If you would like to volunteer with Ruth's Harvest please contact Karen Graff at 717-408-5537 or piratefans@comcast.net. Thank you!

PA March for Life The Knights are planning to attend the March in Harrisburg on Monday Sept 22, 2025. All are invited to join the Knights to show support to protect innocent life in PA. For more information about times and transportation see flyers in the back of the churches. If you have questions call Jim 301-667-4535.

Join us at St. Rita's as we discover truths about our Catholic faith through an exciting study called *Symbolon: The Faith of the Church*. The Augustine Institute's faculty delve into Catholicism's core teachings and spiritual practices guided by the Creed, the Sacraments and examples of the Saints to empower you to understand, live and share your faith confidently. Sign-up flyers are in the vestibule for this 16-episode series that is offered in two 8-part mini-series (fall and spring). The first 8-week series will begin on Tuesday, September 30th with morning sessions at 10:00 and evening sessions at 6:30. Please sign up as soon as possible so that your workbook can be ordered in time. Workbooks are \$35. Funds are available for anyone who has a limited budget. See the flyer for more information or contact Jan DiIulio at (563) 940-4907 / jandiulio@icloud.com

"Back to the Future" That Man Is You (TMIY) will returning on September 13, 2025 This year's sessions will be a new version of the original **Year 1** that helped to launch TMIY into one of the largest men's programs in the country. ". They have kept the heart of the original: the biblical message on manhood and leadership, the wisdom of the saints, the 7 steps, the powerful Lenten Journey, and many of Steve Bollman's most impact full talks. But now you'll hear from multiple dynamic speakers each sharing personal stories and insights that speak directly to the challenges men face today. This program is for men, husbands, and fathers. Sat. 13th at 6:15 AM St. Mary's Hall. Any questions contact Dick Heibel at 717-338-2044.



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