

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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Mass Schedule Saturday · 4:30pm Sunday · 8:30 & 11:00am

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& 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. **St. Rita's & St. Mary's Parish Office Hours** are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30AM to 4:00PM and Thursday 6:30AM to 3:00PM. Friday's the office will be closed.



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

Our Stewardship

August 16, 2026

St. Mary		St. Rita	
Sunday	\$2,885.	Sunday	\$2,847.

“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 23, 2026

Sunday	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Monday	Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rev 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

<i>St. Mary</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
8/29 5:00pm	D. Sanders/B. Liska/D. Ritchie	M. Grist	Volunteers	J. Kincius/R. Maturo
8/30 8:00am	K. & L. Farabaugh/D. Lehmer	S. Krueger	Volunteers	B. McCleaf/T. Lehmer
8/30 10:30am	A. Poslosky/B. Carr/P. Leister	A. Bohn	Volunteers	Volunteers
<i>St. Rita</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Money Counters</i>
8/29 4:30pm	M. Brennan/G. Shuman	D. Hanik	Volunteers	8/30 J. Kenney
8/30 8:30am	D. Fawks/E. Luttrell	J. Hays	Volunteers	9/6 A. Hauryski
8/30 11:00am	G. Crawford/S. Sappington	P. Crawford	Volunteers	9/13 A. Serpi

St. Mary Mass Intentions

Saturday 8/22	8:00am	† Melvin L. Losovsky
	5:00pm	† Roger & Gertrude Topper
Sunday 8/23	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Intentions of Bruce Carr
Monday 8/24	8:00am	† Dorothy Drechsler
Tuesday 8/25	8:00am	† Thomas Grenchik
Wednesday 8/26	8:00am	† Stu Ranney
Thursday 8/27	8:00am	† Lucy Testas
Friday 8/28	8:00am	† Sister Rita Marie
Saturday 8/29	8:00am	Intentions of Lottie Pecher & Denice Sprankle
	5:00pm	† Christopher Zorc
Sunday 8/30	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	† Norman Schriver

St. Rita Mass Intentions

Saturday 8/22	9:00am	Intentions of LeAnne Robertson
	4:30pm	† Wells Ridenour
Sunday 8/23	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	† Marilyn Crawford
Monday 8/24	9:00am	† Patricia Helmstetter
Tuesday 8/25	9:00am	† Patti Pheobus
Wednesday 8/26	9:00am	† Rebecca Rathvon
Thursday 8/27	9:00am	† Marlene Ulrich
Friday 8/28	9:00am	Intentions of Diane Robertson
Saturday 8/29	9:00AM	Intentions of Justin Robertson
	4:30pm	† Bill Gillard
Sunday 8/30	8:30am	† Marilyn Crawford
	11:00am	People of the Parish

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Rita

St. Mary's Flowers in the Sanctuary are

in memory Tina Elicker donated by Denice Sprankle.

St. Rita's Flowers in the Sanctuary are

in memory of Lois Stewart donated by Brian & Cindy Stewart.

Silver Rose Visitation

The Silver Rose is an annual pilgrimage & prayer service honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. It's promoting the sanctity of human life, and uniting communities in North America. We will have a prayer service on August 27th at St. Mary's at 8:00AM during the Mass. You may invite friends to the service from neighboring parishes and communities.

St. Mary's & St. Rita's Religious Education:

Registration forms are now available for the 26-27 school year for students Preschool (4 years old) through 8th grade. Please email stmaryschurch.religioused@gmail.com or call/text Allie Harris at (717) 977-8516 for more information. If your child is part of a sacramental class (grades 2nd and 8th), please reach out to receive additional information. Forms need to be returned by **August 30th** for materials and books to be ordered. The first day of class will be Sunday, September 13th from 9am-10:15am at St. Mary's Church.

St. Mary's Donut Social

Sunday, September 6th, sponsored by the Religious Ed Teachers, after the Sunday, morning Masses. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Altar Flowers

in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion. Cost for the 2 altar vases is \$50 - Donation may be placed in an envelope marked flowers with your intention and preferred date. Please call the parish office or email-maryrita256@comcast.net to confirm date. **St. Mary's dates Nov 1, 15**

Blue Mass

We will celebrate the 911 Memorial at the 8AM Mass on Friday, Sept. 11th. At this Mass we will also honor our First Responders from the Police, Fire & EMS, Nurses and Caregivers who serve our community. Please come out to give these men & woman your thanks. A small reception will follow after the wreath laying at St. Mary's. All are welcome.

Catoctin Pregnancy Center's 2026 Run for Life Father Darin Didier Memorial Run

At Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland on Saturday, September 12. Time 700AM Registration, 9AM 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, 930AM 5K Run/Walk. Entry fee \$25.00. Flyer on the bulletin boards and registration forms are on the tables at the entrance to the Church building.

Pro Life Corner

Lord, love rejoices with the truth. Implant deep within our hearts a sense of the joy of the Gospel of Life, and make us joy-filled evangelists of your great gift of life.

COME HOME! We've Missed You!

If you have been thinking about returning to the Church again after a time away, St. Mary's and St. Rita's welcomes you. We invite you to attend LANDINGS. Landings is a ten-week program that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. **We begin our next session for both St. Rita's and St. Mary's at St. Mary's on Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m.** If you are interested, please email Mary Grist megrist12@gmail.com or fill out the form on the yellow cards on the table in the foyer of the church and deposit it in the box marked Yellow Cards or put it in the collection basket. Parishioners, if you know of anyone who might be interested in returning to their faith, please pass this information along to them.

St. Mary's Forty Hours:

Forty Hours will begin on Sunday, September 13th, after the 10:30AM Mass and continue through Tuesday September 15th. It will be around the clock Adoration so please sign up to take an hour. The sign up sheet will be in the foyer of the Church. This year our homilist will be Fr. Andrew Heidelbaugh, from St. Joseph's in Mechanicsburg. The service begins each evening at 7PM. The closing service will be Tuesday at 7PM.

Have you tried to read and understand the Bible, only to give up after a few weeks?

Starting September 22 and 24, St. Rita's and St. Mary's will be offering **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation**, a Bible study that helps you understand the big picture of the Bible – from Genesis to Revelation. Please see the flyer located in the foyer for more information and register before September 4th by contacting Jan Dilulio at stri-ta.sfteam@gmail.com or Mary Grist at megrist12@gmail.com or submit the form found on the flyer.

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a meeting Thursday, September 3rd, at 7PM in the parish hall. All members please attend.

Legion of Mary Prayer Group and Rosary

Next Rosary outside Sept. 5th at Ventura's, Fairfield, at 12PM. Please contact Bryce Miller 717-640-1971 for info.

PRAY for those who are Sick

Sharon Aanensen, Tom Miller, Avery, Craig Cruttenden, Carol Schorn, Joy Brown, Irene & Bernard Zaborowski, Gordon & Mary Ann Shuman, Mike Bunch, Rick & Paulette Nidel, Richard Storm, Larry & Donna Weikert, Jackie Weikert, Mary Jo Losovsky, Ok Cha Jones, Mary Little, Lottie Pecher, Nancy Berry, Pete Crawford, Joyce Speelman, Dolores Martin, James Campbell, Mary Catherine Nagengast, Katharina Brewer, Ann O'Toole, Noah Trimmer, Benjamin Sites, Natalee McClain, John Wheeler, Lauren Becker, Barbara Williams, Steve Hoke, Joe Sass, Alexis Shuman, Johnny Parkolay, Duke Bovey, Gene & Mary McGlaughlin, Roger & Donna Butt, Gene Pecher, Lilah Zepp, Stephen Pauley, Greg Farkas, Jodi Trio, Alicia Poslosky, Dorothy Faulkner, Paisley Topper, Ann Kauffman, Fr. Chris Haydinger, Tim Pickett, Barbara MacPherson, Dennis Topper, Eric Tichy, Elmer Knott, Shaun Welborn, Stefan Rundqvist, Margaret & Allie Freesland, Bud Creighton, Jeff Devlin, Cynthia Gillard, Mary Ann Yanus, Miriam Barefoot, Bill Devlin and Ronnie McClain. Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Rebert & Wilbur Martin.



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