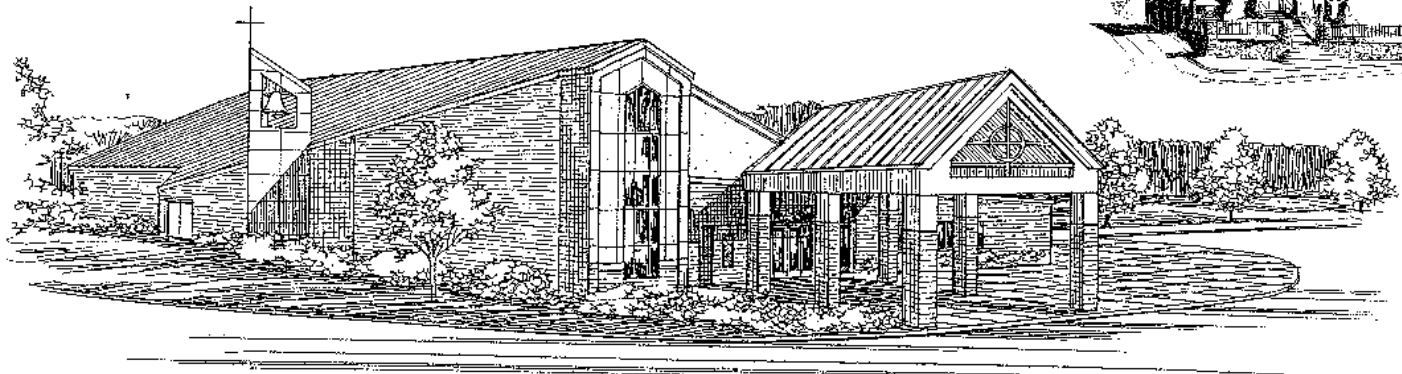


# Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

94 Walnut Rd, PO Box 189, Hamburg, PA 19526-0189

*A Parish Blessed by St. John Neumann  
Founded 1854*



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610-562-4251

#### Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM  
Daily: Tuesday: 7:00 PM  
Wednesday - Friday: 9:00 AM  
Eucharistic Devotions - Monday 7:00 PM  
Holydays of Obligation: 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM  
Confessions: Saturday 3:45 - 4:15 PM and 15 mins. before  
daily Mass or anytime by appointment.

#### OUR MISSION

To invoke the prayers and intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patroness, as we seek to be drawn ever more deeply into the Paschal Mystery and the life of her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

To provide the sacraments, liturgical services, pastoral guidance, and religious education for Catholic Christians in Northern Berks County.

To provide opportunities to parishioners of all ages and abilities to share their time, talents and treasure through religious and social programs.

To support those in need through prayer, outreach and good works.

To manage the tangible assets of the parish with prudent administration through the cooperation of the pastor and the laity.

To encourage participation in the inter-faith services and unite with all persons of good will in matters of faith and moral living.

To be an asset to the Hamburg and Northern Berks Area and the Diocese of Allentown.

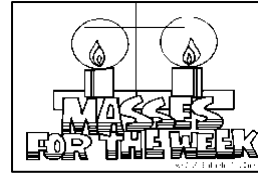
#### DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

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## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15, 2009



The end is coming! The end is near!! This is not a doomsday prediction - it is a fact. We are approaching the end of the liturgical year and we are given the images of the fulfillment of God's kingdom. We hear the warning to be ready for the glorious coming of the Lord Jesus.

These images of the end of time are not intended to instill a pall of fear, but rather instill a sense of hope in the hearts of the faithful.

Each year at this time, the theme of the readings takes on the finality of time and the fulfillment of God's kingdom. Our annual recollection of this mystery of faith reminds us of the task that lies before us as faithful disciples of the Risen Christ.

As we ponder these words, let us always be vigilant in welcoming Jesus into our hearts at every moment of every day. Strengthen your commitment to Christ now and for the rest of your days. We know neither the day nor the hour when life as we know it will be transformed. We are told of an eternal banquet that we all hope to share one day. Our moments of grace in the sacraments are but a foretaste of the eternal banquet of heaven.

Our psalm response today adds a nice thought for us to consider. Most people wonder about their inheritance when a loved one dies. It is quite the opposite when a faithful Christian dies. We don't leave behind an inheritance for others. Rather, we receive an inheritance, as expressed in today's Psalm 16: "You are my inheritance. O Lord." That happens only when the end comes. And that is reason to live in hope!

### Ministers of the Altar

Next Week — November 21 & 22, 2009

#### Altar Servers

4:30PM: C & D Fink, A Kurtz  
8:00AM: K Thomas, C Lash, B Walsh  
10:45AM: K Atkins, D Tetreault, P Barter

#### Lector

4:30PM: F Nave  
8:00AM: P Beatty  
10:45AM: J Wohlrab

#### Eucharistic Ministers

C Himmelberger, D Fisher, V Wink  
R & R Furnanage, D LaMastra  
F Herman, R Shappell, S Santilli

### STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

November 8, 2009—\$5,882  
240 envelopes returned out of 405 mailed

### HALL/EDUCATION CENTER BUILDING FUND

Received November 8, 2009—\$1,924  
Children's Coins to date - \$3,968.54  
Saved through Parish efforts - \$1,063,122  
SOFF pledge received to date - \$692,180  
Total Hall/ED Center - \$1,755,302

<b>Monday, November 16</b>	<i>St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude</i>
<b>Tuesday, November 17</b>	<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>
7:00PM	† All Souls' Intentions
<b>Wednesday, November 18</b>	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne</i>
9:00AM	Sp. Int., Christopher Kirst
<b>Thursday, November 19</b>	<i>Weekday</i>
9:00AM	† Helen Correll
<b>Friday, November 20</b>	<i>Weekday</i>
9:00AM	† Mary Zornes
<b>Saturday, November 21</b>	<i>Weekday</i>
<b>Sunday, November 22</b>	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</i>
4:30PM(Vigil)	† Anne & Chester Jablonski
8:00AM	† Edward Rumbold
10:45AM	† James Griffiths

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Mc 4:36-37; 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday:</b>	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

### PARISH CALENDAR

*Sunday, November 15, 2009—Sunday, November 22, 2009*

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>PREP, gr. K-7, 9-10:30AM</b> <b>PREP, pre-k, 10:45AM</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	HSIM Exercise, 9:30AM Devotions, 7PM Bible Study, 8PM
<b>Tuesday:</b>	RCIA, 7PM
<b>Wednesday:</b>	HSIM Exercise, 9:30AM
<b>Thursday:</b>	PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS DUE
<b>Friday:</b>	<i>Christmas Bazaar, 8AM-2PM</i>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>PREP, gr. K-7, 9-10:30AM</b> <b>PREP, pre-k, 10:45AM</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>First Reconciliation, 12Noon</b>



### FLOWERS BEFORE THE TABERNACLE

are given in Celebration of  
*Our Grandchildren's Birthdays*  
By Joe & Maryalice Wertz.

**FLOWERS BEFORE THE BLESSED MOTHER**  
are given in Memory of **KENNETH SCHADLER**  
by his wife, Ann, and family.



**LIFE THOUGHT** - We have arrived at a time of the Church year when the readings speak of the Second Coming of Christ. This is a theme, of course, that is echoed in every Mass: "Christ will come again... We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ... And ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice." Christ's kingdom is among us, thanks to His death and resurrection, made present again to us in every Mass. That kingdom, as the liturgy tells us, is "A kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace" (Preface of Christ the King).

We live now in the "in between" time, when the kingdom of Christ has been inaugurated on earth, but not yet brought to its full manifestation. The power of sin and death - revealed in evils such as abortion - has been destroyed at its roots. Yet we still struggle, in and through Christ, to bring about a Culture of Life. We must bear witness to the truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace that characterize the kingdom.

**PRO-LIFE BERKS** gathers each Tuesday from 8AM until 12noon at Planned Parenthood in Reading to pray and offer sidewalk counseling about pro-life alternatives to abortion. For more information call 610-375-3395.



**HEALTH TEAM HIGHLIGHTS:** In addition to washing your hands frequently as a way to stay healthy, don't be afraid to remind visitors to your home to also wash their hands. -- *Realage.com*

**HARVEST FEST Finances:** Congratulations on a terrific year with a great HF '09 profit of over \$40,000! Here is the profit history: 2005 (Swamp Fest)- 3,046; 2006 - 18,933; 2007 - 24,124; 2008 - 30,509; 2009 - 40,143. \$40,000 has been put into our building fund from this year's event. Blessings to all for you hard work in sharing your time, talent, and resources.



**LIVE NATIVITY:** Practice for our annual Live Nativity will be held on the following dates: *Sunday, November 22, from 6-9PM, and Friday, December 11, from 6-9PM.*

The Live Nativity will be held on Saturday, December 12 at St. Mary at 6PM and 7PM. Any questions, please call Mary Alice Kuhns at 610-562-7663.

**UPCOMING DEADLINES:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the December - January - February edition was this past Friday, November 13. Additional information should be forwarded to the office for first thing Monday morning.

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS** for the December 2 meeting are due this Friday November 20.

**ALL SOULS DAY** intentions are remembered within a novena of Masses throughout the month. May our departed loved ones rest in peace.



**ADVENT** is only two weeks away. This upcoming season is a wonderful opportunity for increased family prayer. Consider constructing an Advent wreath in your home. It is a wonderful opportunity to involve children in Advent activities.

Children can also have an integral part in the lighting of the wreath at family meals each week leading up to the celebration of Jesus' birth. Materials such as candles, wreaths, and ribbon are easily accessible. Check out the following website from Catholic Culture: <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=954> *Prepare now to prepare the way of the Lord in a spiritual manner in your home.*

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR** will begin practice on Sunday, November 29 at 12Noon (after 10:45 Mass). All children & youth (who are able to read) are invited to participate. The Christmas Choir performs at the 4:30PM Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. Pizza lunch will be provided.



**Christmas Bazaar:** Mark your calendar for our annual Women's Guild Christmas Bazaar to be held this **Saturday, November 21** in the Ave Maria Hall! We're introducing a new service this year: **Kids Christmas Craft Corner.** While moms & dads

shop the Bazaar, children from tots to ten years will be entertained in a PREP classroom with adult supervision. The Bazaar benefits the church building fund. **THEME GIFT BASKETS ARE BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR:** Help make our Bazaar a huge success by contributing or sponsoring a basket in your family's name! The baskets will be on display for raffle with values ranging from \$25 to \$35. Contact Stephanie Menapace at 610-488-6278 to reserve your gift basket "theme" now. Also, theme suggestions & additional info. are available by calling Stephanie. **CHRISTMAS COOKIE TABLE:** Ladies, dust off your favorite cookie recipes! Donations of homemade Christmas cookies & other baked goods are needed for the Bazaar. Our "Cookie Table" is always a highlight of the Bazaar, popular with all our customers! If you attended the Bazaar last year, you know that we **ran out of cookies**, which was a huge disappointment to everyone! Marianne Blausner, Chairperson. **BAZAAR KITCHEN IS OPEN:** We'll be serving our delicious homemade fare of soups & sandwiches, desserts, & beverages. Donations to our menu are needed and will be greatly appreciated! Contact Lois & Ralph Tubiello at 610-756-4133 for more information.



**PREP CALENDAR:**

**Sunday, Nov. 22:** 1st Reconciliation for Grade 3, after the 10:45AM Mass  
**Sunday, Nov. 29:** No Class, Thanksgiving

*Break*

**Tuesday, Dec. 8:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Confirmation Class Mass, 7PM

**Saturday, Dec. 12:** Live Nativity, 6 & 7PM

**CEREAL COLLECTION:** Don't forget, there is a CEREAL CONTEST going on in PREP! The grade that brings in the most cereal boxes each week gets to win a "candy prize"! All cereal is donated to the Northern Berks Food Bank to help our neighbors in need.



**ADULT EDUCATION ~ RCIA ~ CATECHIST COURSES:** All are welcome. This week: NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW, week 3 of 5, Monday, Nov 16, 8 - 9:15PM; and JESUS CHRIST- SACRAMENTAL

PRESENCE Mini-Course: Resurrection & Everlasting Life, Week 1 of 6, Wed, Nov 18, 7 - 8:30PM

Next week: NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW, week 4 of 5, Monday, Nov 23, 8 - 9:15PM

**FOR FUN:** The teacher asked, "John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?" Johnny promptly replied, "Well, you told me to do it without using tables."

**BVM PILGRIM STATUE:** Nov 14-21: P Hume; Nov 21-28: M Dinich; Nov 28-Dec 5: open. Please call the next host family on the schedule as a courtesy reminder.



**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE,** Sponsored by the Northern Berks Ministerium, will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 7PM at the Bridge Church on Old 22. Special guests

will include the Teen Challenge Choir. Refreshments will be served following the service. All are invited to join in this community effort to express thanks to God for all His blessings.

**DO YOU GOOGLE?** Do you regularly search the internet using a search engine such as Google? If you do, just by switching your search engine to Goodsearch.com you can easily earn money for St. Mary! Go to goodsearch.com & in the prompt, type in ST MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (Hamburg, PA) & continue on with your search. Goodsearch is powered by Yahoo. The church will earn \$0.01 for each search.

**PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST NEEDED:** Sacred Heart Villa is seeking a part-time receptionist with secretarial & computer skills. Work evenings, weekends & alternate holidays. Send resume to: Sr. Virginia Marie, MSC, Sacred Heart Villa, 51 Seminary Ave., Reading, 19605.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** will take place for our third grade PREP students next Sunday following the 10:45 Mass. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for their first grace of sacramental forgiveness in this beautiful sacrament of the Lord's mercy.

**ADVENT VESPERS:** Holy Guardian Angels Church will conduct its 16<sup>th</sup> annual Advent Vespers on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 4PM in the church. The music selections that will grace the service will be sung by the HGA Choir, & instrumental music will be provided by Light Wind. Any questions, please call Holy Guardian Angels Church at 610-921-2729.

**PRAY FOR DECEASED PRIESTS:** Nov 16: Rev. James Campbell (1983); Nov 17: Rev. James Sullivan (1961), Rev. Joseph Carroll (2001 - Fr. Carroll was pastor here in 1969-1970), Rev. Theodore Macunas (2006), Rev. Richard Campo (2008); Nov 19: Rev. John Fries (1977); Nov 21: Rev. John Engler (1994)

**HUNGRY?** We carry \$crip for the following local restaurants: Cracker Barrel, Blue Mountain Restaurant, The Westy Bar & Grill, Arby's, Burger King, Dunkin' Donuts, Pizza Hut, Subway, Taco Bell/Long John Silver's, & Wendy's and our newest participant, **FIORE'S RISTORANTE in Shoemakersville.** Satisfy your hunger AND help our Building Fund!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** needs sponsors to provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for needy Berks families. Food may be delivered to the Catholic Charities office at 400 Washington St., Reading by noon on Mon., Nov. 23. Call their office at 610-376-7144. Cash donations & grocery gift cards are also welcomed and can be mailed.

**HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS SCHOOL:** On Sun., Nov. 22 will hold their annual Christmas Breakfast with Santa from 8AM until Noon. The cost is \$6/adult and \$4/child. Breakfast includes: eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, french toast, assorted pastries & beverages.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The offering envelope for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is included in your envelope packets for next week. *The diocese recently notified pastors that they are no longer participating in this collection.* Any offerings received with this envelope will be used for local purposes. There will only be one collection next weekend (Nov 21/22).

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:**  
**SHAW FLOOR STUDIO by Randy's Carpets**  
Vinyl—Hardwood—Tile  
Next to KUZAN'S—610-562-8838

