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SAINT MARY MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Alumni, Parents and Friends of
Saint Mary Interparochial School

CELEBRATING THE CONTINUAL GROWTH OF OUR SAINT MARY COMMUNITY



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Saint Mary Interparochial School Community,

This 2025-2026 school year, we have celebrated some fantastic school events that speak to our mission. On October 30, we had the

joy of celebrating Mass at Old Saint Joseph's Church with Archbishop Nelson Pérez. At this Mass, we formally welcomed our Grade 5 students into the Upper School with the gift of a Black Sweater. Archbishop Pérez was treated to beautiful student songs during Mass and a small reception with our Campus Ministry Club back in the school building. The Mass was a celebration of the beauty of our community united around our common goals of faith, education, and service. We celebrated similarly joyful Masses with our pastor delegate, Fr. Paul Galetto, during our Thanksgiving Mass in November and later with Fr. Stephen DeLacy, the Vicar of Faith Formation for Young Adults in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, during our Virgin of Guadalupe Mass in December.

As a school community, we have stepped up to live our faith through acts of service. From clothing essentials to food and stuffed animals, we have continued to foster a spirit of giving in our school. The Saint Mary Interparochial students and families should be commended for their continued support of the greater community through their donations. In the fall, we collected over 4,250 items to donate to the Boot Up Philly event hosted by Saint John's Hospice. Currently, with one week to go, Souper Bowl collection has already collected over 1,500 soups and one pot meals to distribute to the hungry throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia through the Nutritional Development Services.

In addition to their rigorous educational program and living their faith in action, our students have also enjoyed some fun and culture this January. As a school community, we were all able to attend the Arden Theater to see *A Wrinkle in Time*. This trip was subsidized by the Connelly Foundation and their Access Grant. Many students expressed great excitement during the show and were

happy to learn that this stage adaptation is the first book in a series of books that can be checked out of the library! Fun during Catholic schools week for students meant participation in the beloved Maroon and White games. To cheers of "Go White!" and "Go Maroon!," all students encouraged their teammates as they completed the various games. This fun-filled day is the best and most anticipated student tradition every year, and 2026 did not disappoint.

As we look toward the spring, we have more opportunities for service, fun, academic achievements, and community partnerships to flourish. What a great time to be a part of this dynamic community of Christ-Centered leaders. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

Denise Pimpinella
Acting Principal

WINTER UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Saint Mary Interparochial School Community,

It is my pleasure to share this winter update summarizing Saint Mary Interparochial School's successful operations over the past several months. Our 2025-2030

Strategic Plan is now in full motion, and our dedicated committees have been meeting regularly to work diligently on their specific pillars: Advancement, Buildings & Grounds, Mission & Education, Finance, and Governance. This momentum ensures that the foundation for our sustainable future is being actively translated into action.

On a day-to-day level, our general physical operations continue to run smoothly. The restructured cleaning and repair services are proving highly effective, and we have already begun scoping out routine summer maintenance to ensure our facilities remain in peak condition.

Our advancement and development efforts have also seen remarkable success this year. Following a record-breaking Saint Mary Gala, we are already looking ahead to next year's event on November 19, 2026, and we are particularly excited to launch our Ultimate Soccer Experience giveaway! Additionally, we have officially kicked off our Annual Giving Campaign, which highlights the Saint Mary Journey in preparing Christ-centered leaders. These vital contributions directly support essential priorities, including tuition assistance, building upgrades, and professional development.

Additionally, we continue to build on the \$400,000 in Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) awards received this year, which currently provides critical tuition assistance for many of our students. Thank you to all of our supporters who are helping ensure the "Saint Mary Difference" remains accessible for many years to come. I invite you to visit www.saintmarys.us/support/ways_to_give to learn more about the many ways you can support our school.

Looking ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, we are humbled by the continued demand for a Saint Mary education. Kindergarten decisions have been released, and we look forward to welcoming a strong incoming class that includes many new families. Re-enrollment commitment letters were recently provided to our current families as we solidify our community for the year ahead. To ensure a successful transition, I have also been meeting with school department heads, committee chairs, and our Finance Committee to confidently build the 2026-2027 budget and keep our financial priorities aligned with our strategic goals.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to our Saint Mary community. Together, we continue our vital mission of preparing Christ-centered leaders who will shape a bright and faithful future.

Respectfully,

Christina Ruskey Haciski
Executive Director

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND CHAIR



As we reflect on a wonderful fall and holiday season, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported and attended the Saint Mary Gala at

The Lucy on November 20, 2025. Generously sponsored by City Plumbing, the evening was a tremendous success. We were proud to honor Michael L. Detweiler, Esq., Past President and Chair Emeritus, as our 2025 Legacy Leader, and Philadelphia Electrical and Technology Charter School as our 2025 Partner in Academic Excellence.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of our community, the Gala raised an extraordinary \$90,000 to support much-needed physical improvements to our school building. This successful evening was a true testament to the strength and commitment of the Saint Mary Interparochial School community.

We are also delighted to welcome five new members to our Board of Limited Jurisdiction, each bringing impressive expertise, leadership, and dedication to advancing our mission of challenging our diverse student body to grow morally, academically and socially, into passionate, confident and Christ-centered leaders. *Please join me in welcoming:*

Howie Brown, President of Mercy Career & Technical High School; Chair, Mission & Education Committee

Kevin Bradford '88, P'22, Senior Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Member, Principal Search Committee



Isabella DiCampli '16, Emerging Leader Development Program at Vanguard; Member, Advancement Committee

Caroline Gorman P'29, '31, '34, Partner and Chair of the Business Department at Stradley Ronon; Chair, Principal Search Committee

Julie Wiley P'30, '33, Associate Director of Capital Projects at Temple University; Co-Chair, Building and Grounds Committee

We are grateful for their willingness to serve and confident that their collective experience will strengthen both our Board and our school.

Our Board committees remain actively engaged in work aligned with the goals of our most recent strategic planning process, and we look ahead to a busy spring. In March, the Board will meet to approve the 2026–2027 budget and to finalize the search for our next Principal—two important milestones as we continue to plan thoughtfully for the future of Saint Mary Interparochial School.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Susan C. Koger, P'25
Board Chair

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THE SAINT MARY GRADE 8 ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE: EMPOWERING FUTURE INNOVATORS

The Saint Mary Grade 8 Entrepreneurship Challenge, in collaboration with 901 Education, is an innovative, year-long program designed to immerse students in entrepreneurship, design thinking, technology, and service leadership. This unique initiative not only fosters essential business skills but also encourages a spirit of empathy and community service.

At the heart of this program, students are tasked with creating Welcome Kits to benefit families served by the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Philadelphia. These kits are not just products; they represent a thoughtful gesture of support and care for families during challenging times.

Throughout the academic year, students delve into every aspect of building a business. They gain insights into various fields by interacting with marketing, design, manufacturing, sales, and healthcare professionals. This exposure enhances their understanding of entrepreneurial processes and broadens their perspectives on how different sectors contribute to a successful business.

In December, students could present their progress during a mid-project plan review. This event allowed them to receive real-time feedback from mentors and industry professionals. The insights gained from this review are invaluable, enabling students to refine their Welcome Kits in preparation for the Final Showcase.



Scheduled for May 20, 2026, the Final Showcase will culminate the students' hard work and learning throughout the year. This event will highlight the students' journeys, showcasing their processes, outcomes, and the lessons they have learned. It promises to celebrate creativity, collaboration, and community impact.

After the showcase, all Welcome Kits will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House, ensuring that families can enjoy these personalized packages crafted with empathy and care by the students. Through this initiative, the Saint Mary 8th graders not only develop entrepreneurial skills, but also learn the importance of giving back to their community and making a meaningful difference in the lives of others as Christ-centered leaders.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK RECAP

While our Catholic Schools Week celebrations were postponed due to weather, our students enjoyed the snow and even colored their own Catholic Schools Week logo to celebrate in between their flexible learning schedules.

Our students kicked off our in-school events with a Religion Bee for Grades 5-8, where their Religion knowledge was tested. Congratulations to our winners!

1st place - Minnie L.

2nd place - Charlotte J.

3rd Place - Michael J. and Adam L.

5th place - Rose T.

Minnie L. went on to place again the next round of the Religion Bee, and is now a finalist in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Religion Bee! She will compete in the last round of THE competition on March 6. The top 12 students, six from each semi-final, move on to this competition. Good luck, Minnie! We are so very proud of you and all your efforts.



This Catholic Schools Week, we also held our first ever school-wide BINGO game! Each class tuned in virtually to compete for prizes. Our Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes had extra help from their big brothers and sisters in the Grades 7 and 8!

We ended the first round of Catholic Schools Week with our annual Maroon and White games, led by Ms. Lucia and Mr. Michael. Our students had a blast!

The following Monday, we celebrated our Catholic Schools Week Mass and inducted our newest National Junior Honor Society members. Congratulations to our newest inductees - we are so proud of your hard work and dedication!

Thank you to our faculty, staff, and volunteers for organizing a wonderful Catholic Schools Week for our students!



STEAM FUTURE CITY COMPETITION



Congratulations to our STEAM Program Future City Team for placing third in the 2026 Future City Competition!

Our students, Manuel P., Kieran A., Luigi C., Remy C., Kellen O., Connor M., Alex J., Gavin R., Ben Z., Minnie L., and Gianna L., worked tirelessly to design a city 100 years in the Future with the theme of Farm to Table (eliminating waste in the food production, packaging and distribution pathway).

Student research let them include innovation and technology such as green ammonia (a zero-emission maritime and aviation fuel); bioenergy, sustainable aquaculture and agriculture; and "Gierdu," a blockchain AI system they came up with that protects and manages the whole system, including orbital data centers and communication systems.

Their Future City is Polhavn (meaning Polar Harbor in Norwegian), located in Svalbard, an archipelago north of Norway within the Arctic Circle; chosen because a warming climate is opening up shipping routes and leading to increased urbanization around the Arctic Circle.



Thank you to our coaches, teachers, and parents for your support and guidance as our students collaborated, researched, and built their Future City. We are so proud of their hard work!



The STEAM after-school program is offered to students in Grades 5-8 at no cost to our families, thanks to our educational partner PE&T Charter High School and the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant.



SINGING SAINTS CHOIR LED BY JENNIFER RIZZIO

Composed of students from Grades 2-8, our Singing Saints sing at different school and community events. This fall, they were featured in Saint Paul's Church's Advent Stories and Carols Concert for the fourth year in a row!



ALUMNI CIRCLE NEWS

Are you a Saint Mary Alum?

We'd love to hear from you and add you to our ever-growing Alumni Circle! We are planning exciting new Alumni Events and Alumni Volunteer opportunities this coming year! This will give you the opportunity to connect with your own classmates as well as give you the opportunity to meet and learn about individuals from other classes. Becoming part of our alumni group is a great way to connect to alumni, old and new. To be added to our email list and distribution list, please email alumni@saintmarys.us.

Alumni News

Do you have alumni news to share? Email alumni@saintmarys.us with your news along with a photo for your chance to be featured on our social media platforms!

Saint Mary Ask an Alum Event - October 21, 2025

Saint Mary Interparochial School had its annual Ask an Alum Q&A session on Tuesday, October 21, 2025! Our 7th and 8th graders were able to ask the student representatives about their high school experience and answer questions they had about their high school. We hosted eleven Philadelphia area high schools and over twenty high school representatives, many of whom were Saint Mary Alumni! We thank our Saint Mary alumni and high school representatives for joining us for this annual event and sharing your high school experience with our Grade 7 and Grade 8 students!



Join the Alumni Circle!

The Alumni Circle is an informal alumni community connecting former classmates and school in a fun and easy way.

Email alumni@saintmarys.us and provide your name and graduation year to join



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Throughout the school year, our students participate in a variety of community service fundraisers and projects.

“Boot Up Philly” Drive with Saint John’s Hospice

We are proud to partner with Saint John’s Hospice for their “Boot Up Philly” drive! Thanks to our community’s generous donations, our school collected 292 packs of items and donated nearly 4,300 items total to the 2025 Saint John’s Hospice Boot Up Philly event! This number includes a very generous alumni donation from Sweet Feet of 200 pairs of socks.



STORM REPORT:

STORM UPDATE 2025-2026

This year Saint Mary Interparochial School was able to field two boys JV teams, one girls JV team, one V boys team and one V girls team. All of our teams are working hard in practice and in games. Our athletes are learning the fundamentals of the game, teamwork, and crafting their skills. Being an athlete takes a lot of time, hard work, commitment and the drive to learn. Our students are studying, working hard in class and then leaving the rest on the court. Our volunteer coaches also deserve a well-earned thank you. Volunteering is a big commitment to our student athletes, the families participating and our school. Your hard work and dedication is truly appreciated. Our seasons have concluded and all teams put in a valiant effort in every game throughout the season. Stay tuned for the All-Star game information!



ARCHBISHOP VISIT TO SAINT MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL

On Thursday, October 30, we welcomed Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez to join us for our Black Sweater Presentation and Mass, followed by a school visit with members of the Saint Mary Campus Ministry Club and a tour of our school.

Prior to Mass, we welcomed Archbishop Pérez when members of the Grade 5 class received their black sweaters, which marked their transition from the Lower school to the Upper school. The sweater signifies that students are ready to be challenged and grow as Christ-centered leaders.

"These school visits fill me with such great hope, for the Church and the world, as I witness these students joyfully living out their faith and their teachers and administrators accompanying them on that journey!"

-Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez

We thank Archbishop Pérez for joining us!



GRADE 5 BALLROOM DANCING

Our Grade 5 ballroom dancers competed against 7 schools in the Musicopia Dance Colors of the Rainbow ballroom dance competition. After an incredibly fierce competition, they were one of three schools that earned a gold medal and move on to the Grand Finale in May!

Thank you Ms. Goldie for HER hard work helping them prepare. This marks the fourth class to earn a gold medal, and our second set of back-to-back wins. We wish our Grade 5 students luck as they prepare for their spring competition!



BUILD-A-BEAR OUTREACH PROGRAM

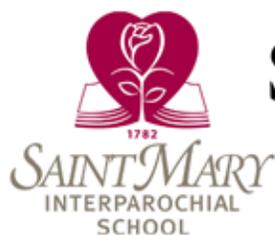
Our Grade 7 and Grade 8 students visit Build-A-Bear in the Cherry Hill Mall each year to create a stuffed animal to donate to bring comfort to children in need and in crisis. After building their bears, our students delivered these bears to the 25th Police District's outreach program! Officer Ryan Barksdale reported that the police district is very happy that we continue to partner with them each year.



ANNUAL SOUP-ER BOWL

Our annual "Soup-er-Bowl" canned goods drive takes place each January through February. At our halfway point of collecting, we have collected over 1,000 individual items! We are looking forward to seeing our total number of canned goods collected and donated this year.





Saint Mary Interparochial School Class of 2026 Scholarships

Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients!

The Class of 2026 has earned over \$853,000 in scholarship money (over four years)



ACADEMY of
NOTRE DAME
de NAMUR

Academy of
Notre Dame

\$8,000 over four years



Archbishop
John Carroll

\$24,000 over four years



Bishop Eustace
Preparatory

\$60,000 over four years



Camden Catholic
High School

\$16,000 over four years



Live Mercy. Seek Justice.

Merion Mercy
Academy

\$144,000 over four years



Monsignor Bonner
& Archbishop
Prendergast

\$12,000 over four years



Nazareth
Academy

\$6,000 over four years



Paul VI
High School

\$42,000 over four years



Saints John
Neumann & Maria
Goretti

\$19,000 over four years



Roman Catholic
High School

\$202,000 over four years



St. Joseph's
Preparatory

\$216,000 over four years



Villa Maria
Academy

\$108,000 over four years

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OUR MISSION

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OUR IDENTITY

As Saint Mary has grown and developed, we have looked both inward and outward to define new directions for our future. Our identity as an integral part of the community is a key element of who we are. Saint Mary is a close-knit, caring family that grows together in spiritual and academic pursuits.

SAINT MARY AT A GLANCE | 2025-2026

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Current enrollment** 258 Students
- Curriculum** Kindergarten – 8th Grade: Co-ed
- Gender** 126 Girls, 132 Boys
- Tuition** \$7,675 Grades 1-8
\$9,825 Kindergarten (includes iPad for each student)
- Governance** Principal, Executive Director, Pastor Delegate, & Board of Limited Jurisdiction
- Faculty/Student Ratio** 15:1

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

- Religion:** 88% Catholic (children enter from 26 parishes in Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Dioceses of Camden)
- Ethnicity:** 78% White; 14% Two or more races; 5% Asian; 3% Black
- Economics:** Title One School
- After School Enrichment Programs:** 60% of the student body participate in our afterschool programs
- STORM Athletics Program:** 67% of the student body participates in one or more athletic program offerings
- Financial Aid:** Over \$400,000 (2025-2026) in ETC/OSTC funding through BLOCS, Foundation for Catholic Education, and the Children’s Scholarship Fund Philadelphia, and the SMIS Tuition Assistance Program and family-based scholarship programs
- Achievements:** Class of 2026 received over \$853,000 in scholarships to 12 Catholic high schools, including the Connelly Achievement Award and academic scholarships

LOCATION

Situated in Independence National Historical Park, Saint Mary is within walking distance to several key sites pivotal to our nation’s founding, including Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Carpenter’s Hall, the First Bank and Washington Square, the location of the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier.

STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2025-2030

GOVERNANCE

GOAL: To ensure strong, mission-aligned governance by supporting staff leadership and cultivating an effective, diverse, and strategically focused Board and committee structure

MISSION & EDUCATION

GOAL: To form students who achieve scholastically, spiritually, and socially by fostering academic excellence and lifelong learning within a Christ-centered community.

ADVANCEMENT

GOAL: To strategically propel the school toward enduring growth by unifying advancement efforts, cultivating community engagement, and securing necessary resources.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

GOAL: To maintain and enhance the physical campus as a safe, welcoming, and mission-aligned environment that supports excellence in Catholic education.

FINANCE

GOAL: To ensure long-term financial health and sustainability, enabling consistent delivery of mission-aligned academic excellence.



SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2016 and 2023 National Blue Ribbon School - Exemplary High Performing School
 - 2025, 2024, and 2023 Archdiocesan School of Distinguished Instruction
 - Top standardized test scores among Philadelphia schools
 - Fiscally independent elementary school of the Archdiocese
 - Accredited by Middle States Association
 - Excellent record of achievement
 - Saint Mary School Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program offered to qualified families
 - Board of Limited Jurisdiction
 - Comprehensive strategic planning for sustainability
 - STREAM Innovation Hub within the State of Pennsylvania
- Programming Highlights**
- K-8 STREAM Learning Program expanding problem-solving, critical-thinking, and collaborative learning skills among students through project-based design thinking and empathetic learning approaches while maintaining a strong Catholic identity steeped in Christ-centered values
 - Three Grade Level STREAM carts affording students hands-on opportunities to work with robotics, electronics, programming
 - Next generation smart board in every classroom and a 1 to 1 student device ratio
 - Comprehensive blended learning initiative with the use of iPads and Chromebooks
 - Google G Suite for Education School
- Students use 3D printers, laser engravers, silhouette/cricut in classrooms
 - Art Awareness Program: Tying our historical location and surrounding cultural landmarks fluidly within our academic program
 - Spanish, Art, Music, STREAM, and Physical Education instruction in all grades
 - Honors Math in Grades 4-8
 - National Junior Honor Society for eligible students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 who have excelled in academics and service
 - 1st - Boots Up Philly
 - 2nd and 7th BioEYES Science Education Program in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania
 - 3rd Grade Mock Trial partnered with the Rendell Civics Center
 - 4th Grade Cultural Dancing Residence
 - 5th Grade Ballroom Dancing Classes and Competition in partnership with Musicopia Dance
 - 6th Grade Junior Model UN through the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
 - 7th Grade Artist-In-Residence Program;
 - Grade 8 Servant Leadership Entrepreneurship Program in partnership with 901 Education
 - Students consistently place in local and state academic competitions
 - Field Trips within our historical neighborhood and beyond
- Catholic Formation**
- Prepare students to receive the sacraments of Initiation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation receiving these sacraments at their home parishes in the loving environment of their worshipping community.
 - Participate in monthly masses, prayer services, and student retreats
 - School-wide service projects planned for each trimester
 - Campus Ministry Club
 - Cantoring & altar serving opportunities for Grades 5-8
- Student Activities Highlights**
- STORM Athletic Program: CYO cross-country, volleyball, basketball, softball, and track and field. Additional offerings include baseball for Grades K-6 and soccer for Grades K-4 through SEYAA
 - "Singing Saints": The choral program is composed from Grades 2-7 grade students.
 - Musical Theater: full school play, Christmas Extravaganza, and Spring performance
- After School Programming**
- Grades K-4: CARES after school enrichment program is offered to students providing students with a safe environment in which they can participate in both academic and recreational activities after school hours
 - Grades 5-8: STEAM-related activities offered to students at no cost to our families thanks to educational partner PE&T Charter High School and 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant.

PARTNERSHIPS

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- 901 Education
- Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education
- Ann B. Zekauskas Family Foundation
- Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Arden Theatre
- Arthur Ross Gallery
- Athenaeum of Philadelphia
- Barnes Foundation
- Catapult Learning
- Cathedral Kitchen
- Connelly Foundation
- CORA Service
- Free Library of Philadelphia
- Global Philadelphia
- Greener Partners
- Milken Family Foundation
- Musicopia Dance
- National Junior Honor Society
- National Park Service and Independence National Historical Park
- Old Saint Joseph's Church
- Old Saint Mary's Church
- Opera Philadelphia
- Philadelphia Outward Bound School
- Pennsylvania Ballet
- Philadelphia Bar Association (Read Aloud Day)
- Philadelphia Electrical & Technical Charter High School
- Quiver Farms Projects
- Ronald McDonald House
- Roots2Rise
- Saint John's Hospice
- SEPTA
- Shin Karate
- South Philadelphia Music Academy
- Saint Paul's Church
- The National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia
- The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement
- Vetri Community Partnership
- WHYY
- World Affairs Council of Philadelphia (The Student Diplomat - Jr. Model United Nations Program)

COLLEGIATE PARTNERSHIPS

- Drexel University
- Holy Family University
- Thomas Jefferson University
- Penn State University
- Temple University
- University of Pennsylvania



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EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS



THE BARNES FOUNDATION



PRESENTED BY SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE
a Program of Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia



Greener Partners



A resource for food education, urban farming, and fresh food access



Ronald McDonald House Charities
Philadelphia Region

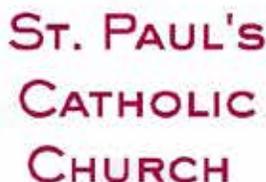


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EAT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.



HELP KICK OFF OUR ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Supporting the Saint Mary Difference



OUR MISSION
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The Annual Giving Campaign is a yearly fund-raising drive for the purpose of raising much-needed funds to benefit the students of Saint Mary Interparochial School.

These essential funds assist in providing:

- A top rated Academic Program
- Scholarship and Tuition Assistance for families in need
- Superior Art, Music and Cultural Enrichment Program
- STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) for the 21st Century
- Necessary building and physical plant maintenance

We are grateful for your generosity, and we hope you will contribute once again along with our entire Saint Mary School community. Your contribution will be used to benefit the students of Saint Mary Interparochial School. Thank you in advance for your donation!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donate online at www.saintmarys.us, use the enclosed envelope or call 215-923-7522.
- Check with your Human Resources Department or Matching Gift Coordinator to see if your company will match your annual giving donation.
- Spread the word about our Annual Giving Appeal to others who, like you, believe in an excellent Catholic education for children of all religious, economic, and ethnic backgrounds.



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Tuesday, May 5, 2026 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Open Houses 2026



HISTORY OF SAINT MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL

The rich academic and historic heritage of Saint Mary Interparochial School dates to the early days of Philadelphia, as Catholics and Protestants engaged in a spirited debate over educational practices. Founded in 1782 by the Jesuit fathers of Old St. Joseph's Church, Saint Mary is known as "The Mother School" of Catholic parochial education and is credited with influencing Catholic educational patterns in this country, situated near Independence Hall and other pivotal sites in Philadelphia, it served children for more than a century before closing in 1902 after a devastating fire. Saint Mary reopened in 1968, again with a distinction: With students drawn from six different parishes, it was the first interparochial school in the nation. Saint Mary Interparochial School serves over 260 children from all over the City of Philadelphia and its suburbs.

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