

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, August 15th - 8:00 a.m. - Eleanor Majka

Saturday, August 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Sophie Brossman

Sunday, August 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Michael Mieczkowski

ASSUMPTION OF MARY IS ON AUGUST 15TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. The Mass for Saint Mary's is at 8:00 a.m., August 15th in the Church. See St. Catharine's for other Mass times.

Attention: Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion please call the office at 610-779-4005.

The Polish American Heritage Association will be holding their annual picnic on Sunday, September 9th, starting at 1PM, at the Lower Alsace Fire Co. picnic grove. Music by "DJ Victor". Food and drinks. Members \$15. Non-Member \$20. Reservation deadline is August 29th. For more information call Nadine at 610-736-3035.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER

St. Catharine & St. Mary's

Parish Retreat Day

McGlenn Conference Center

(adjacent to Alvernia University)
460 St. Bernardine Street
Reading, PA 19607

September 22, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Theme: When Faith and Life Seem to Collide

Presenter: Sister Patrice Klausing, OSF

Cost: \$20.00

(includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Name (please print)

Phone _____

Deadline for registration and \$20.00 fee is Sept. 14, 2018
Make checks payable to St. Catharine of Siena Church
Place in collection basket or return to the Parish Center

ASSUMPTION OF MARY IS ON AUGUST 15TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be as follows:

Tuesday , August 14th -

Vigil of Assumption

7:00 p.m. - Church (Route 562)

Wednesday, August 15th-

Feast of the Assumption (Route 562)

6:30 a.m. - Church (Route 562)

8:00 a.m. - Church (Route 562)

8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church

7:00 p.m. - Church (Route 562)

Please note all Masses for Assumption will be held at the Church on Route 562 because of the construction on Perkiomen Avenue, except for the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Mary's.

Our Diocesan Family Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 30th at SteelStacks, Bethlehem, PA. This is a great day of faith and fun beginning with an outdoor Mass at 11:00 AM (bring a chair or blanket) celebrated by Bishop Schlert and with sacred music provided by our Diocesan Choir. The day follows with fun games, live music, and tons of great homemade food. Students from all of our Diocesan Elementary Schools, High School, and Schools of Special Learning will be present to join in the festivities as well. Don't miss this once a year event as we celebrate our family of faith and Catholic Education. There's something for all ages and for all people across the five counties of our Diocese. We would love to see you there. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:4-8: Elijah, being discouraged, prayed for death. Twice an angel came to him and supplied him with food. Strengthened by food and the word of God, Elijah got up and continued his journey to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Eph 4:30 – 5:2 Paul directs the Ephesians to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving. They are to imitate God as His children and follow the way of love as Christ loved.

Jn 6:41-51: The Jews question Jesus' origin, and Jesus tells them that no one can come to Him unless drawn by the Father. Those who believe will have eternal life.

Today's Message - To strengthen Him for the journey, God provides Elijah with cake and water, reminiscent of His ancestors' Pasch. Thus He experiences the goodness of the Lord. Jesus, the bread of life, strengthens us for our journey, following His way of love.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - after 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

GRIEF SHARE - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

MYSTAGOGY - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

KNIGHTS MEETING - 7:30 p.m. - Knights Room

REGULAR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE - We will resume our regular daily Mass Schedule starting **Monday, August 27th**. 6:30 a.m. & 8 a.m. - Monday-Thursday; **Friday: 8:30 a.m.** Please note during the construction the 8:30 a.m. Mass will be held in the Gym at school. Parking will be available at the Play yard.**

Registration - Parish Religious Ed Prep (CCD)- Children who will attend first grade in a public school in September 2018 should be registered in the Parish Religious Education Program. Registration forms can be picked up at the Parish Center Office or forms can be found on the bulletin board located in the Gathering Space of the Church. Please return the form, fee, and a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate to the Religious Ed Office. Information will be sent out in August informing you on dates, etc. For more information, contact Marcie Zambito at 610-779-8535.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

7:15 Thomas Nein

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:15 Charles Cappel, Jr. (6th Anniversary)

7:00 p.m. Frank Jagielski (1st Anniversary) ****Church****

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

6:30 Mary & Granville Rundle ****Church****

8:00 Charles D. McDonald ****Church****

7:00 p.m. David Sharpley ****Church****

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

7:15 For the Intentions of Tammy Thompson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

7:15 Joseph Drogo (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 Andrew & Helen Kohut

4:30 The Katrinak & Stofko Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

7:30 Richard & Virginia Seisler

9:00 George Krick

10:30 Anthony Screpesi (28th Anniversary)

12:00 Alberto & Beatrice Acuna

Readings for the Week of August 12, 2018

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Monday Saint Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13-14;
Mt 17: 22-27

Tuesday Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,
9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Wednesday The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday Saint Stephen of Hungary

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62;
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15;
Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6: 51-58

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: SPC Mackenzie Adame, Kadan C. Soja, Seaman First Class Julian Arroyo, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, Second Lt. Morgan Hissick, Lt. Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Spc. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Senior Airman Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Tech. Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, Peter Hinsey, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Major Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Major Jeffrey Van Horn, Lt. Cdr. Allison Rosati Martin, and Master Chief Marie Rosati France, Lt. , David L. Busch, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig & Lt. Cdr. Brian Blair. Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to dsitler@comcast.net. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/13	Father James Thomas
Tuesday 8/14	Father Joseph Tobias
Wednesday 8/15	Deceased priests
Thursday 8/16	Father Eric Tolentino
Friday 8/17	Father James Torpey
Saturday 8/18	Monsignor James Treston
Sunday 8/19	Father James Ward

Parish Nurse News - Stay cool and hydrated. Flavor water with lemons, limes, cucumbers, raspberries or strawberries for a delightful summer drink! Pedialyte and Gatorade help to hydrate when working seasonal jobs or playing summer games outside.



St. Catharine of Siena will be holding its first annual Back to School 5k and Fun Run on August 25 at 8:30 am. A limited number of spots are still open for both adult runners and kids. For more information and to register, go to bit.ly/SCS5K2018

SCS5K2018

A local convent is looking for a someone to cook three times a week. If you are interested, please call 610-207-8612.

Are you looking for an opportunity to share your faith? Do you want to be a part of strengthening our parish and building the church? Our parish PREP program is looking for a 2nd-grade catechist and classroom aides for various levels. You do not need to be a professional teacher in order to volunteer. All materials are provided. What a great way to live out our mission and spread the love of Jesus! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to share your faith with the children of our parish. For more information contact Marci Zambito at 610-779-8535 or mzambito@scsreading.org

HELP SUPPORT EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY by donating hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc.) This collection will be on an ongoing basis. A collection bin will be located in the back of the Church. INFO: Phil or Bonnie 610-779-6045.

Ministry to Traveling Catholics- For nationwide Mass time and locations: Call 1-858-207-6277 (not toll-free) or internet www.masstimes.org

If you or your family member is at St. Joseph's Hospital please call the Parish Center if you would like a Priest to visit at 610-779-4005. St. Joseph's has a new computer system and are unable to run reports for us.

Weekend Mass Schedule

August 18th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Helen Veet
Cantor - Kate Bobb
Organist - Joe Schwartz
Altar Servers – Unavailable at press time

August 19th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector– Melissa Woodard
Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

August 19th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Vince McDevitt
Cantor - Bryan Scollick
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

August 19th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Cristine Marabella
Cantor - Mollie Ziemba
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

August 19th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Gretchen Wentling
Cantor - Carol McDevitt
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

Wheelchairs are available for those who need them during Masses. They are located in the closets near each entrance of the Church for your convenience. We only request that they be returned to the same location after each use.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday following the 7:15 a.m. Mass concluding at 8 p.m. in the Chapel on Perkiomen Avenue. Everyone welcome!

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith, invites you to join Fr. Michael Gaitley, Jason Evert, Christopher West, Damon Owens, Msgr. John Esseff, Marty Rotella, Devin Schadt, Mark Forrest, Megan Murphy, Bishop Alfred Schlert and many more, for an adult conference this fall. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 19th and Thursday, September 20th. One and two-day tickets are available. The conference will be held in Elizabethtown, PA, at the beautiful Stone Gables Estates which features the historic Star Barn Village and Ironstone Ranch (www.stonegablesestate.com). In between the 6 keynote talks, 24 workshops, daily Mass and evening adoration, you can enjoy 275 acres of God's creation including horseback riding, wagon rides, campfires, an outdoor stations of the cross, Marian grotto, vineyard and more!

For complete information, visit us at www.stewardshipmission.org and click on the Fall Conference link. We'll see YOU in September!

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

“a time to be born...”

Recently Baptized:

Please pray for our sick : Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Beverly Bansner, Bob Bechtel, Melody Bechtel, Judy Bilski, Sandy Bradley, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Marwin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Jane Fordyce, Maureen Gibson, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Goual, Barry Hafer, Theresa Hayward, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Ken Higo, Winnie Kerns, Dorothy Kosikowski, Margaret Kreuzberger, Darryl Larish, Albert Lellig, Fred Lenich, Timothy Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Jacob McCue, Nicholas Milanek, Patrick Nelis, Mike Panik, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Sharon Prechtel, Pat Prutzman, Lorraine Ransom, Mary Ryan, Anne Schaeffer, Ann Schweitzer, Margaret Scott, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Alan Wachowicz, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Ann Marie Zawislak & *our soldiers in harm's way: and a time for peace ...a time to die... Walter Jurasinski, (brother of Michael Jurasinski)*

To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. Parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, in a rehabilitation facility or at home wishing to receive the Holy Eucharist may call the Parish at 610-779-4005.

**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

American Heritage Girls exists to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. Troop 1111, St. Catharine of Siena chapter in Exeter, invites parents and girls entering K-12 to our Ice Cream Social recruitment event on Friday August 24th at 6pm at 4975 Boyertown Pike Reading, PA in the Pavilion. Go to www.americanheritagegirls.org to find our troop and request more information or contact Julie Wright at prtyof10@ptd.net.

**Stewardship: A Mission of Faith Fall
Conference**

September 19 & 20, 2018

Join Bishop Schlert, and some great speakers like Jason Evert and Fr. Michael Gaitley, for a wonderful spiritual experience this fall. Enjoy the beautiful Star Barn Village. Mass, reconciliation, adoration to be celebrated each day. Men and women welcome. Visit www.stewardshipmission.org to register. You don't want to miss it!

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **September 5, 2018** at 1:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on **September 4, 2018** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ Club at 610-401-0600 with any questions or concerns. You can see us on **Facebook** for additional information.

MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2018: Bring your favorite salad for **all to share**, general, Caesar, broccoli, pasta or your special salad. Cake and Coffee. Country Meadows – Your health and exercise for seniors

OCTOBER 3, 2018: Susan Staub – will give us ideas for decorating for the holidays, Thanksgiving & Christmas - Cake and Coffee

NOVEMBER 7, 2018: Chinese Auction, all members to bring a NEW \$5.00 or more, gifts should be **unwrapped** to be auctioned off, only NEW gifts will be accepted. Cake & Coffee

DECEMBER 5, 2018: CHRISTMAS PARTY, Crowne Plaza, **Special Event**

2018 TRAVEL PLANS

Sept 19, 2018, Wednesday- Baltimore Harbor National Aquarium...Lunch at Bubba Gumps, then shopping. Cost: \$125

Oct 15th to 19th, 2018, Kentucky Ark Experience + Creation Museum + Cathedral of the Assumption + more & Pittsburgh tour the Duquesne incline + Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Waters.
\$955 Double, \$870 Triple, \$1220 Single.

Nov 28, 2018, Wednesday-Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theatre, Christmas Musical, includes lunch and a show. Cost: \$100.00

Call **Pat White 610-582-1437** for trip information.

We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. Our meetings are held at 1:00 P.M. on the first Wednesday of every month at St. Catharine's Social Hall on Route 562, 4975 Boyertown Pike in Exeter Township, dues are \$5.00 per year. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

NOTE: All Special Events start at 12:00 NOON not 1:00.

610-434-3200

Do you know your Tribunal? The Tribunal is a group of specially qualified priests, deacons and lay persons. Their responsibility is to come to the help of persons who are the victims of unfortunate marriage situations.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church is always caught between two tensions. One is the unbreakableness of the bond of marriage. Jesus Himself said: "What God has joined, man must not divide." This is God's law. It cannot be broken by human intervention.

On the other hand, the Church must be concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Can they be helped? Was this a true marriage? Even though the parties went through a Catholic marriage ceremony, was there some weakness in the consent of one or both of the persons involved?

The annulment procedure is designed to study the history of the marriage and why it failed. It does not affix the blame. If the marriage is found to be invalid both parties are free.

If you could be helped, or have a friend or acquaintance who might be helped, please suggest that they call your parish priest or the Tribunal Office. The Tribunal will be happy to forward an application. Have no fear. All interviews are private. There are no confrontations.

Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for the following school positions:

Long Term Substitute Teacher, fifth grade: Teaching certificate, preferred. Please send cover letter, resume, all certifications and clearances, Pastor recommendation, and both personal and professional references to Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, principal, 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606 Mkraycik@scsreading.org <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/about/employment>

Substitute Teacher: Teaching certificate, preferred. Please send cover letter, resume, all certifications and clearances, and both personal and professional references to Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, principal, 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606 Mkraycik@scsreading.org <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/about/employment>

Part Time Pre-K aide/Elementary Aide: Please send letter of interest, clearances, and both personal and professional references to Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, principal, 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606 Mkraycik@scsreading.org

Saint Catharine School News

Summer Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please call school at 610-779-5810.

St. Catharine of Siena School Summer Packets will be available in the Social Hall at Church this weekend.