

## Saint Mary's News

### Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Diane Cibroski

Sunday, August 26th - 9:00 a.m. - (Polish Mass)  
Andrzej & Helena Kochmanscy

Sunday, August 26th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon Zerkowski

**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.



*Congratulations to Rita & Carl Gethmann who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 23rd! Many more years of happiness!*

## 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)

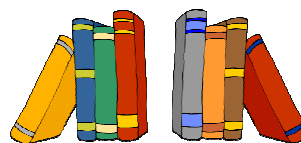
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Mission Sunday

Since its official recognition by the Church in 1836, the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) has committed itself to the missions in the southwester Pacific. Since that time, the Marists have expanded into areas in Africa, Asia and South America. Today there are nearly 230 priests and brothers working in "bush stations", teaching in schools and seminaries, ministering in training institutions, providing direct service to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, and contributing to the development of people for a better society and a strong local Church. Contributions to the Marist's will help them in their mission of witness to the Gospel, service to the needy and helping local Church to build a strong base for its promising future. Thank you for whatever you can do to help them in their life-long commitment and work .



### Volunteer Needed -

We need someone to take over managing the Church Library. If you are interested, please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Prv 9:1-6:** Proverbs directing attention to young men who were to take their places in the royal court speak of food and drink. A diet of wisdom, however, will lead to prudent living, religious wisdom, long vision and moderation.

**Eph 5:15-20:** Christians should be careful to live according to the will of the Lord. They should avoid carefree living and give praise and worship to God in the name of Jesus.

**Jn 6: 51-58:** Jesus proclaims that He is the living bread from heaven. Whoever eats of it shall live forever. When the Jews quarreled about this teaching, Jesus repeated it without any qualification.

**TODAY'S MESSAGE** - Wisdom has prepared a banquet of food and wine, an image expressive of God's communion with us. For those who desire life, Jesus gives His own flesh and blood. Thus we shall be filled with the Spirit.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

YOUTH GROUP - 4:00 p.m. - Social Hall

### MONDAY, AUGUST 20

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

ULTREYA - 7:30 - p.m. - Social Hall

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MTG. - 6:30 p.m. - Pavilion

**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 20

7:15 Joan Schuhwerk

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:15 Daniel Di Fulvio (46th Anniversary)

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:15 Cianciosi & Orlando Families

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

7:15 Deceased Members of the Rush Family

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

7:15 Anne Jurasinski (1st Anniversary)

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 Rita Franco

4:30 James Szczepanek

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 D. Regina Skrincosky

9:00 J. Kenton Rand (5th Anniversary)

10:30 John Turner (6th Anniversary)

12:00 Frank Todaro ( 5th Anniversary)

### Readings for the Week of August 19, 2018

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
Monday	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Saint Pius X, Pope
	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday	Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
	Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

**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, Lt. Col. 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 8/20	Permanent deacons
Tuesday 8/21	Monsignor Robert Wargo
Wednesday 8/22	Father Joseph Whalen
Thursday 8/23	Father Robert Wiesenbaugh
Friday 8/24	Father George Williams
Saturday 8/25	Father George Winne
Sunday 8/26	Father Robert Yankevitch

**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](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.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.

**Nurse News** - Protect yourself from the sun's powerful and harmful rays. Use sunscreen as directed and when you are wet, re-apply. Make sure young children and our elderly friends and relatives are avoiding out door activities on these really hot days!

Please check out our new **YOUTH** website! [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) Here you will find information pertaining to PREP classes, Junior and Senior High Youth Groups, and Safe Environment clearances.

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3–September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray/](http://www.usccb.org/pray/)

**East Reading Reunion - Do you? Did you ever? -Live or work in East Reading?** How long since you saw your East Reading friends & neighbors? Join us at Liederkrantz, Spook Lane, Reading, **Sunday, September 16th** from noon till 6 p.m. Follow us on Facebook at East Reading Reunion 2018 or call Tom Gajewski at 610-698-8731 or Sandy Lubas Hummel at 610-207-7065 for reservations. Limited tickets.

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**August 25th - 4:30 p.m. (Church )**

Lector - Elizabeth Edmunds

Cantor - Kim Kostival

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers – Unavailable at press time

**August 26th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector– Mike Lee

Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

**August 26th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Sandi Lloyd

Cantor - Haley Zambito

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

**August 26th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Ed Smith

Cantor - Tracy Scheirer

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

**August 26th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Joe Samolewicz

Cantor - Carol McDevitt

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

**SW Junior H.S. Alumni Reunion/All Years** will be held on Sunday, September 9th at noon at the Abraham Lincoln Ballroom, 100 N. 5th Street, Reading. Join your classmates for good food, good music and a great time. Cost is \$30 per person and the deadline for reservations is August 25th. Send your reservations top Helen Woytovich, 8 Cherrywood Road, Wyomissing , PA 19610. Please include a self – addressed, stamped envelope.

**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.**

*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: Bryce Del Stephan*

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 Goyal, 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 Milaneck, Ramy Milaneck, 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, (father of Mark Jurasinski & brother of Michael Jurasinski); Diane Pawlewicz, (mother of Kathleen Haas & grandmother of Axel Haas); James Pawlik, (son of Warren Pawlik & brother of Dave Pawlik) & Shirley Lubas (mother of Catherine Showallter)*

*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.*

Our Diocesan Family Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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](http://www.americanheritagegirls.org) to find our troop and request more information or contact Julie Wright at [prtyof10@ptd.net](mailto: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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER (800) 791-9209.

### *An Invitation to Women!*

Are you interested in finding out how to start or enhance a women's faith sharing group? Do you want to enhance your relationship with Jesus Christ and foster relationships with other women on the journey? The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women invites all women to a "Come & See" event being held at **St. Thomas More Family Center**, 1040 Flexer Ave., Allentown, from 9AM until NOON on **Saturday, 9/15/2018**. Representatives from *Women of Grace* and *Walking With Purpose* will provide an overview of their program and resource materials. This is a "free" event. For planning purposes, please register at [www.allentowndiocese.org/comeandsee](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/comeandsee). Questions may be directed to 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail [cfw@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cfw@allentowndiocese.org). Hope to see you there! Bring a friend!