

## Saint Mary's News

### Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Elaine Adamski

Sunday, September 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Amelia Filipek

**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

McGlinn 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

### **On September 9th the St. Catharine's Guitar Group is beginning their 45th year in celebrating liturgy in our parish,**

and we always are looking for new people to join us with voices and/or instruments. You don't need to read music to be a part of the group, only a willingness to attend practices on Mondays and sing or play at the 9:00 Mass every Sunday except the 4th one of the month. Anyone is welcome, but we are especially in need of more people to sing bass or play the flute. Won't you consider joining our family? We'd love to have you! Feel free to contact Annie delCollo at 610 777-5234, or just come up to us after Mass and meet us.

## 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 .

**PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Center will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd . There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on that day. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE DAILY MASS AT 9:00 A.M. ON LABOR DAY IN THE CHAPEL.**

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17,18b:** Joshua admonished the Israelites to decide their allegiance to God. They answered that they would serve the God of their fathers who delivered them from slavery and protected them.

**Eph 5:21-32:** Paul gives specific directives to wives and husbands. Wives are to be submissive to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ. Husbands must love their wives as their own bodies. They are to be ever faithful to each other.

**Jn 6:60-69:** Jesus emphasizes that to believe in Him demands faith—a gift from His Father. Many left Jesus, but his Twelve turned and said, “Master, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life.”

**Today’s Message -** Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? The desertion of disciples is a prelude to the paschal mystery. With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord, who gave Himself up for us all.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 27

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - after 8:00 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

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

**Nurse News -** Take proper precautions against food poisoning and foodborne illness! A quick picnic or afternoon at the lake can end up in the ER if food is left in the hot summer sun instead of refrigerated as needed. Watch children carefully, and be aware of boating safety to avoid water-related accidents (ENA Connection, 42(5), May, 2018, 22-23).

### PLEASE NOTE ALL PARENTS OF TEENS & COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Your Envelopes Box sets are now available for September 2018 through August 2019. They are on the table in the Gathering Area next to the **Scrip Table** this weekend. **PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME AND INDICATE WHAT NUMBER BOXED SET YOU TAKE SO WE CAN KEEP RECORDS.** If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005.

### 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.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 27

6:30 Michelle Giustozzi (1st Anniversary)

8:00 Rose Haas (1st Anniversary)

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

6:30 Marge Lonergan

8:00 Jack Liselli (1st Anniversary)

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

6:30 Marilyn Clifford

8:00 Msgr. Richard Loeper (1st Anniversary)

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Thomas Mazza

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

6:30 Joyce Kleckner

8:30 Lana Worrall (2nd Anniversary) **(Mass held at the Gym)**

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 Mary I Mathews

4:30 Deceased Members of the Flay Family

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 Loretta & James Owens

9:00 Joseph Lintz

10:30 Salvatore Scarpaci (29th Anniversary)

12:00 Steve Bibbo (4th Anniversary)

### Readings for the Week of August 26, 2018

#### 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

#### Monday **Saint Monica**

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22

#### Tuesday **Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

#### Wednesday **The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29

#### Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51

#### Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

#### Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

#### Sunday **Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**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 Perotto, 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 8/27	Monsignor Daniel Yenushosky
Tuesday 8/28	Monsignor Vincent York
Wednesday 8/29	Father Jared Zambelli
Thursday 8/30	Father Christopher Zelonis
Friday 8/31	Monsignor Edward Zemanik
Saturday 9/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Sunday 9/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict

**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.

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.

**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.

**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.

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**September 1st - 4:30 p.m. (Church )**

Lector - Todd Tomczyk  
Cantor - Bryan Scollick  
Organist - Joe Schwartz  
Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - E. Nguyen - D. O'Hara

**September 2nd - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector- Kathy Lavanga  
Altar Servers - S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt - M. McDevitt

**September 2nd - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Rosemary Caffrey  
Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz  
Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - A. Gillner  
**September 2nd - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Edrie Watson

Cantor - Jay Yohn

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Davis B. Davis N. Babera

**September 2nd - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Rose Anne Uhrig

Cantor - Joe Schwartz

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - D. McAdams - O. Chiarelli - M. Feeney

**FIVE REASONS TO PRAY**

***If God knows what is in our hearts, why do we need to pray?***

1. Prayer makes us aware that God wants what's best for us. *"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)*
2. Prayer helps us to put our worries into words. Speaking our worries help helps us see that things aren't as bad as we thought. *"When cares increase within me, your comfort gives me joy." (Psalm 94:19)*
3. Prayer gives us something to do. Instead of being helpless, it's the first step we can take forward solving a problem. *"I was helpless, but God saved me." (Psalm 116:6)*
4. Prayer gives us courage. When we turn to God, we are strengthened. *"God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid." (Isaiah 12:2)*
5. Prayer reminds us that we are not alone. Instead of feeling isolated, prayer reminds us that we are never alone. *"But I am not alone, because the Father is with me." (John 16:32)*

*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 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...*  
*Ronald Calabrese, (husband of Fern Calabrese)*

*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.*

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>

#### *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!

#### 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.

## 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.**

### 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.** To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

**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.

**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.