

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 8th - 3:30 p.m. - Christine Kozlowski

Sunday, September 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Jess Cwiklinski

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



The Choir is beginning rehearsals. New members are strongly requested. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel starting September 13th. Open enrollment begins today! Call Evelyn Kuter at 484-942-7364.

There will be a Latin Mass, next Sunday, September 9th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church. Reconciliation at noon; Social after Mass.

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

IT IS NOT EASY TO EXPLAIN CURSILLO, NOT BECAUSE IT IS A SECRET ORGANIZATION, BUT BECAUSE BEHIND THE MYSTERY IS GOD. COME AND EXPERIENCE THE MYSTERY FOR YOURSELF. MEN'S WEEKEND OCTOBER 11-14, WOMEN'S WEEKEND OCTOBER 18-21. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL KATHY GREEN AT (610) 698-4089 OR LISA IANNI AT (610) 223-2123.

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 4:1-2,6-8: Moses warns the people that they are not to add or subtract from the statutes and decrees of the Lord . God is looking after them directly.

Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27: Everything worthwhile comes from God. Christians should welcome God's word, listen and act upon it.

Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23: Jesus condemned lip service. It is wicked thoughts from the heart that really make a person impure.

Today's Message: Through observance of the Lord's commands, we shall experience the fullness of life. Living in conformity with God's will frees us from all casuistry about good and evil. We are called to welcome God's word and to let it take root in our hearts.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3-LABOR DAY

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

50+BOARD MTG. – 10 a.m. – Parish Center

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – 6:30 p.m.– Gym

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

50+GEN. MTG. – 1 p.m. – Social Hall

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

“SIENA STITCHERS” – 10 a.m. – Church Gathering Area

K of C MTG. – 7:30 p.m. – Former Convent

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

AHG MTG. – 6 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

BAPTISM WORKSHOP- 10 a.m.- Parish Center

The Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth is looking for a reliable and well organized individual to work 25-30 hours per week in our Housekeeping/Laundry department. This individual will be responsible for maintaining a clean environment throughout the Center for visitors, residents, and staff. Housekeeping duties include dusting, vacuuming, cleaning restrooms, washing bed linens, emptying trash receptacles, and other miscellaneous duties as assigned by the individual's supervisor. Interested applicants should mail, fax, or email resume to: The Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth, 501 North Church Road, Wernersville, PA 19565 - , Attn: Pam Kubacki- Fax: (610) 670-3650 - Email: pkubacki@jesuitcenter.org

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING . . . memory writes on every page of the calendar. A support group offering caring presence, strength, and wisdom meets two Mondays a month at St. Catharine's of Siena Church, Mt. Penn 19606, at 7 PM. To register call 610 370-1174.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS will be held in our Chapel. The Devotions will be from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on First Friday, September 7th. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 Geraldine Russo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:30 Deceased members of the Buday Family

8:00 Al & Madeline Sowizdral

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:30 Michael W. Bollendorf. Sr.

8:00 Theresa A. Mellinger (6th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:30 Kevin M. Heck

8:00 Domenica Miller

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 Steve King (1st Anniversary)

8:30 Gerry Sullivan **(Mass held at the Gym)**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 Michael McAnally (1st Anniversary)

4:30 Fred & Pat Lenich (60th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 John V. Nowotarski, Sr.

9:00 Michael Fura

10:30 Charles Harhi

12:00 Deceased members of the Lisinski & Myslinski Families

Readings for the Week of September 2, 2018

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

Monday

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Sunday

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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, 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. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/3	Bishop Alfred Schlert
Tuesday 9/4	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Wednesday 9/5	Father Michael Ahrensfield
Thursday 9/6	Father Vincent de Alagia
Friday 9/7	Father Luke Anderson
Saturday 9/8	Father David Anthony
Sunday 9/9	Father Eric Arnout

Kennedy House. Want to volunteer and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the Kennedy House in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either Saturday, October 20th and or Sunday, October 21st or both days! Times are from 9-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270. Hope to see you there. Also if you are unable to help but would be willing to donate food or other supplies we would need, please contact me as well.

Join us for a Mass in support of those suffering from addiction. All are invited. St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, 40 Spring Mount Rd. Schwenksville, PA 19473, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, 9:30 Confessions 11:00 Mass, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Celebrant Rev. Louis P. Bellopede, Pastor. Healing blessing offered after Mass. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

Please advise the office if you no longer use a landline so we can change our data base. Please call the office at 610-779-4005.

Interested in learning or doing some needlecraft? Come join Siena Stitchers as we begin our twice monthly meetings on Thursday, September 6th in the Church gathering area. For more information, please call Judy at 610-779-8654 or Anita at 610-779-1571.

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.

Weekend Mass Schedule

September 8th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - John Vogel
Cantor - Unavailable at press time
Organist - Unavailable at press time
Altar Servers - M. Woodard - E. Simms - J. Iswalt

September 9th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Paul Essig
Altar Servers - R. Bernas J. Miller - E. Miller

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

Lector - Cassie Sedlack
Cantor - Unavailable at press time
Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - D. Schmehl - K. Zambito - H. Zambito

September 9th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike Lenhart
Cantor - Unavailable at press time
Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - H. Keperling - T. Keperling - G. Donato

September 9th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike McElderry
Cantor - Unavailable at press time
Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - A. McElderry - G. McElderry - M. McElderry

Sat. Sept. 22nd 8am – 1pm - Berkshire Commons Annual Yard & Food Sale for Alzheimer's. Reserve your space for \$10, bring your own tables. Homemade Soups & Baked Goods available for takeout. Call 610-779-3993

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.

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.

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.

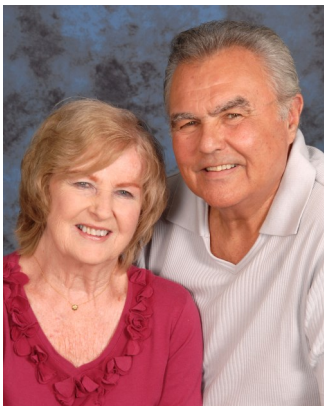
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

“a time to be born...”

Recently Baptized: Sawyer Sneeringer

*Please pray for our sick : Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansen, Bob Bechtel, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, 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, David J. Gulati II, Barry Hafer, Theresa Hayward, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Ken Higo, Winnie Kerns, Dorothy Kosikowski, Margaret Kreuzberger, Darryl Larish, Albert Lellig, Timothy Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Kelly MacDonald, 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, Betty Stasek, George Stenavage, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Paul Teske, Alan Wachowicz, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Ann Marie Zawislak & **our soldiers in harm's way: and a time for peace ...a time to die...** **Lewis Janni** , (father of Lisa & Denise Janni); **Charles Youse**; **Archie DiArchangelo**, (husband of Vicky DiArchangelo); **Fernando Cuesta**, (husband of Mercedes Cuesta, father of Fernando, Mauricio, Daniel & Liliana Cuesta); **John Ludzia**, (father of Mary Baro)*

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.



Congratulations to Fred & Pat Lenich who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 6th! May they be blessed with many more years together!

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.

RCIA will start on Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center .

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

PREP News - Levels 6, 7, and 8 begin this week! We will meet Wednesday, September 5 from 6:30pm -7:45pm. If you have not yet registered please do so ASAP. Forms can be found at the back of the church, or they can be downloaded from the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.com Please be sure to check out the traffic pattern for drop off and dismissal! Levels 1 through 5 begin on Wednesday, September 19 from 6:45pm – 8:00pm.



Youth Group News- Planning has begun for a fantastic year with the Junior and Senior High youth groups. We now have a place to call our own! All youth group meetings will take place on the second floor of the SCS convent which will be known to us as...THE UPPER ROOM!

Our first meeting in The Upper Room will be for Senior High on Sunday, September 9 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Christian recording artists Matthew West and Jeremy Camp are coming to Reading on November 3rd. Any Senior High student wishing to attend the concert, please bring \$20 for your ticket to the first meeting on September 9. We are looking for donations to help us furnish our space. If you have any furniture, bean bag chairs, lamps, etc. to donate please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org.

For a schedule of upcoming youth group events, check out the youth group tab on the youth website.

www.scsyouth.weebly.org

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite current members to re-engage with us, as well as any men who may be interested in joining our Council. We will have pizza after the 12 p.m. Mass on Sunday, September 16, 2018 in the Social Hall. Please RSVP to Fred Nowatarski at fjnjr19@gmail.com or 516-509-0190.

This September, the Knights of Columbus will be praying for life in front of Reading Planned Parenthood. A Knight will be there during the four Fridays from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. Please stop by to pray with him for an end to legal abortion.