

## Saint Mary's News

### Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Chester,  
Jean & Michael Dziedzic

Sunday, September 16th - 10:30 a.m. - Bronislawa  
& Franciszek Banas

**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.



**This Sunday 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.

## 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)

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Phone

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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.**

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Is 35:4-7a:** Isaiah speaks of the Messiah's coming. At that time God will come to save His people and bring many blessings to them.

**Jas 2:1-5:** James warns the Christians about showing favoritism to the rich, No one is in a position to judge. God chose those who were poor according to worldly standards to become rich in faith.

**Mk 7:31-37:** The people brought to Jesus a deaf and dumb man to be cured. Taking him aside, Jesus cured him, asking him to keep this a secret. But the man proclaimed the cure all the more. The people were amazed at this power.

**Today's Message** The advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- after 8 a.m.

Mass until 8 p.m.

GRIEFSHARE MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

BAPTISMS - After the Noon Mass

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY- 9 a.m. Mass

**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](mailto: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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:30 Antonio Comista

8:00 Donald & Jane Byerly

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:30 Barbara Lauderback (1st Anniversary)

8:00 Deborah Krafczek

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:30 Anna Corso (3rd Anniversary)

8:00 Arcangela Scarpaci

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:30 Gerald & Helen Impink

8:00 Gene Wernicki (7th Anniversary)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:30 Alan Warwick (20th Anniversary)

8:30 Virginia Pawlik (**Mass held at the Gym**)

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 Terry McGlinn (1st Anniversary)

4:30 James Szczepanek

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 Deceased members of the Buday Family

9:00 Rickert, Plato & Verbosh Families

10:30 Joseph Pack (5th Anniversary)

12:00 Stanley Ustaszewski

### Readings for the Week of September 9, 2018

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Monday</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 50:5-9a; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 9/10	Father Achilles Ayaton
Tuesday 9/11	Monsignor Thomas Baddick
Wednesday 9/12	Monsignor Andrew Baker
Thursday 9/13	Monsignor William Baker
Friday 9/14	Father Francis Baransky
Saturday 9/15	Deceased priests
Sunday 9/16	Father John Barron

**Today in Mark's gospel, Jesus heals the deaf man and the crowds were astonished!** Let Jesus heal any disappointments in your marriage. Attend a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend and experience peace and joy in your marriage. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)

**The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women is hosting a "Come and See" event** Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at the St. Thomas More Parish Center, Allentown. They are looking to help parishes form women's faith sharing groups. This event will host representatives from Walking with Purpose, Women of Grace, and WINE (Women in the New Evangelization). These organizations provide resources for women's faith sharing. There will be a display of their materials and an opportunity to ask questions about forming a group. All women who may have interest in either joining or starting a parish women's faith sharing group are invited. Continental breakfast will be provided. To register, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/comeandsee](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/comeandsee). For questions, call 610-289-8900, ext. 2021.



**Choir Members Needed**

In March 2017, Pope Francis stressed a need for the renewal of sacred music in modern times. *"At times, a certain mediocrity and banality have prevailed, to the detriment of the beauty of liturgical celebrations," the pope said. "Musicians, composers, conductors and singers can make a precious contribution to the renewal of sacred music."*

One of the purposes of a choir is to preserve the rich tradition of sacred music the church has given to us over the centuries.

The parish choir of St. Catharine's needs new members in order to be capable of fulfilling this role.

The traditional choir sings at 10:30 Mass and rehearses at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday in the former pre-school room. **There is no need for an evening commitment.**

As we start a new season on September 23, please consider this important ministry within the church.

For more information contact David at [dkostival@comcast.net](mailto:dkostival@comcast.net) or 484-332-8695.

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**September 15th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)**

Lector - Melissa Scollick

Cantor - Kate Bobb

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - L. Formando - D. Formando - S. Cortes

**September 16th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector- Doug McAdams

Altar Servers - M. Ream - N. Barbera - M. Feeney

**September 16th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Roxanne Richardson

Guitar Choir

Altar Servers - R. Stoudt - P. McCullough - J. Beaver

**September 16th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Amanda Luckenbill

Cantor - Michele Feeney

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - R. Bernas - O. Chiarelli - M. Pawlik

**September 16th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Emma Wright

Cantor - Mollie Ziemba

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Dempster - A. Renninger - N. Lamp

**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.**

**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.

*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, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, 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., Cathy Duggan, 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... Edward Thomas*

*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.*



**Valerie (Farrell) Wertman is a long time parishioner. Fourth Annual “Sean Wertman Memorial 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament” on Saturday, November 10th, 2018.** Please help to end addiction “One Basket” at a time...while having fun and displaying good sportsmanship! Where: Exeter Senior High School gyms for boys and girls in **5th and**

**6th grades & 7th & 8th.** The purpose is to increase awareness of over the counter medicine abuse and a fundraiser for Adult\Teen Challenge Rehab. \$60 per team entrance fee. For sign ups and more info call or text Roger or Valerie Wertman at 610-779-8943. You can also leave a voicemail, or [rogerwertman@yahoo.com](mailto:rogerwertman@yahoo.com) or on Facebook - ([seanwertmanbb](https://www.facebook.com/seanwertmanbb)). *Forms and details can be found on Facebook.* Please help this important cause. **Team sponsors and donations are appreciated!**

### 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 **October 3, 2018** at 1:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on **October 2, 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

**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**

**PRIEST, PROPHET, KING: The Archangels and the Masculine Spirit** – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on Saturday, **September 29, 2018**, at **Queenship of Mary** in Northampton. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 AM followed by refreshments. Presentations by **Msgr. John Martin, Rev. Patrick Lamb**, and **Rev. Eugene Ritz** will begin at 9:15 AM. To register for this free offering visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality)

Sat. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.

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 [fjnir19@gmail.com](mailto:fjnir19@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.