

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy LaSota

Sunday, September 23rd - 9:00 a.m. - **Polish Mass** - Intentions of Marzena & Janusz Kalinowski, 30th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 23rd - 10:30 a.m. - David Soja

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

Polish Language Classes have started and will continue on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon at the Saint Catharine's Parish Center, located at 2427 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading. New students welcome. For more information, please call Maryanne at 610-223-1987.

There will a Polish Mass next Sunday, September 23rd , at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.



Congratulations to Marzena & Janusz Kalinowski who will celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary! Many more years of happiness!



ONCE AGAIN, THIS FALL, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DAILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL (PERKIOMEN AVENUE). VISITATION WITH OUR LORD IN HIS MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL CONTINUE FROM 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st THRU FRIDAY, UNTIL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, CONCLUDING WITH THE SOLEMN CLOSING OF THE FORTY HOUR DEVOTION. JESUS WILL BE WAITING FOR YOUR VISIT.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION? EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IS THE ACT OF WORSHIPPING GOD AS HE IS PRESENT IN THE CONSECRATED EUCHARIST. "OF ALL DEVOTIONS, THAT OF ADORING JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS THE GREATEST AFTER THE SACRAMENTS, THE ONE DEAREST TO GOD AND THE ONE MOST HELPFUL TO US." St. Alphonsus Liguori. For more information, please call Kathy Green at (610) 698-4089.



Blessing of Animals/ Pets

We will have the Blessing of the Animals on **Saturday, October 6th**

after the 4:30 Mass at the Pavilion. There will be a short service and a blessing. We encourage you to bring your animals/pets for this special blessing. All pets should be contained with a leash for their own safety as well as the safety of the other people who will be present. **All pets are welcome!**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:5-9a: Isaiah speaks of his sufferings, but God is his help and He upholds him in misery.

Jas 2:14-18: Faith in words is dead; it must carry out into action. Words alone will not cover the naked nor bring food to the hungry.

Mk 8:27-35: In answer to Jesus' question about Himself, Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus then tells of His future sufferings, death and resurrection. To follow Him we must take up our cross.

Today's Message - Discipleship entails denying our very selves and following the way of the Lord, a way of suffering and service. In professing our faith in Him we can rely on the Lord for strength and salvation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY- 9 a.m. Mass

CUB SCOUTS DEN MEETING - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

PREP LEVELS 1-5 - 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. - School

PREP LEVELS 6-8 - 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Gathering Area Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG. - 7:30 P.M. - Former

Convent

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

AHG MEETING - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

CROSS COUNTRY MEET - Church Grounds

PARISH RETREAT - 9:30a.m. - 3:30 p.m. McGlenn

Conference Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

BOY SCOUTS - 3-7:00 p.m. - Pavilion

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS OF REFLECTION - BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR- Topic - "Loss of

Spouse" 10-28-18 from 2- 4:30 PM - Registration is required before Oct. 5th & the book is \$5. For details email: judyacameron@comcast.net or call 610 370-1174

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:30 Frederick Didyoung

8:00 Thomas Rathman

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:30 Paul Arnold

8:00 George B. Spanier

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:30 Margaret Carter

8:00 Thomas Rathman

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:30 Servant of God Frank Duff

8:00 William Schott

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30 Marilyn Ann Clifford

8:30 Dennis Bastian **(Mass held at the Gym)**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 Edmund Dolinski

4:30 Charlotte Stamm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:30 Alois & Rosa Sager

9:00 Michael Fura

10:30 Sandra Weber (2nd Anniversary)

12:00 John Dolan

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;

Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Monday

**Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10-17;

Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 & 22;

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

**Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and
Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions,
Martyrs**

1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;

Lk 7:36-50

Friday

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14;

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8;

Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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 9/17	Monsignor Algimantas Bartkus
Tuesday 9/18	Father Achilles Ayaton
Wednesday 9/19	Father Achilles Ayaton
Thursday 9/20	Monsignor Thomas Baddick
Friday 9/21	Monsignor Andrew Baker
Saturday 9/22	Monsignor William Baker
Sunday 9/23	Father Francis Baransky

Join Us for an Armchair Pilgrimage to the Holy

Land - **Pick up your passport** and join us on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the McGlinn Conference and Spirituality Center from 9 am to 4 pm for an **Armchair Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** presented by S. Jean Jacobchik on Saturday, September 29, 2018! The day includes prayerful reflection, a virtual tour, and a typical Middle Eastern meal. The cost is \$35-40 as you are able. Pre-registration is a must! For more information contact: S. Shaun Kathleen, OSF: 484-334-6807 or mcglinncc@bfranciscan.org

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

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.

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 or 484-332-8695.

Weekend Mass Schedule

September 22nd - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Sue Hissick

Cantor - Jay Yohn

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - K. Swavely - B. Davis - J. Davis

September 23rd - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Russ Jirik

Altar Servers - K. Kintzer - C. Wright - S. Wright

September 23rd - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Al Worrall

Cantor - Carol McDevitt

Pianist - Bryan Scollick

Altar Servers - J. Howard S. Robinson - E. Schodowski

September 23rd - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Ed Dougherty

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - E. Nguyen - C. Nguyen - M. Partsch

September 23rd - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Colleen Kelly

Cantor - Tracy Scheirer

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - A. Gillner S. Wasielevski - C. Wasielevski

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.



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.



Sunday November 4th blood drive in the social hall from 8:15 to 1:15 pm.

Contact Miller Keystone 800 223

6667 or email David.Sheehan@med.ge.com to donate.



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:**

Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Aucter, Beverly Bansner, Bob Bechtel, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Sandy Bradley, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Jane Fordyce, Maureen Gibson, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Goyal, David J. Gulati II, Barry Hafer, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Ken Higo, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Margaret Kreuzberger, Darryl Larish, Albert Lellig, Timothy Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Kelly MacDonald, Charles E. Matthews, Jacob McCue, Nicholas Milanek, Patrick Nelis, Helen Nowotarski, 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, 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...** *Rev. Father Michael Ahrensfield; Geraldine Rakowiecki; Gene Stuber, (father of Michael Stuber) & Margaret Raith, (mother of Mark Raith & grandmother of Maxmilian Raith)*

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**.



Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all those who provided delicious meals during my recent recuperation from surgery. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Cindy McConnell*



Monsignor Domin and Father Rother will be participating in St. Catharine of Siena School's Annual Walk-A-Thon for Catholic Education on October 5th. If you would like

to sponsor them, both Monsignor and Father Rother will be in the back of Church after all the Masses this weekend (and next!) to collect your donations of any amount. Thank you in advance for your generosity and prayers in supporting St. Catharine of Siena School.



MUM SALE: The St. Catharine of Siena Home & School Association will be taking pre-orders for fall mums. The mums are \$10 a piece and will be available for pickup after all Masses the weekend of 9/29 & 9/30.

Financial Stewardship

August 5, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 22,606	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 120,384	\$ 140,526
Year to date deficit	\$ 20,142	
Last Year	\$ 20,567	

August 12, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,706	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 139,090	\$ 163,947
Year to date deficit	\$ 24,857	
Last Year	\$ 21,615	

August 19, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,238	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 158,328	\$ 187,368
Year to date deficit	\$ 29,040	
Last Year	\$ 20,665	

August 26, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,319	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 176,647	\$ 210,789
Year to date deficit	\$ 34,142	
Last Year	\$ 21,848	

A sincere "THANK YOU" to our parishioners and visitors who choose to contribute to St. Catharine's. Your contributions are deeply appreciated

Join "Rosary Coast to Coast" in Douglassville - As part of "Rosary Coast to Coast," an international prayer rally, you're invited to pray the Rosary on Sunday, October 7 at 4 p.m., along with the parish of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. in Douglassville at their former church building at 640 East Main Street in Birdsboro, Pa. Please arrive at 3:45 p.m., and gather on the front lawn of the church building. For more information and a listing of all worldwide locations, see the "Rosary Coast to Coast" website at www.rosarycoasttocoast.com.

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.

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 – Lasagna & Salad will be served along with 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
Also, election of new officers will be held this month.

DECEMBER 5, 2018: CHRISTMAS PARTY, Crowne Plaza, **11:30-3:00**, lunch served at noon, Entertainment provided by Tony Farina, Cost: \$25.00

2018 TRAVEL PLANS

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.

Our new meeting and trip schedules will be coming soon.

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**



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 or on Facebook - (**seanwertmanbb**). **Forms and details can be found on Facebook.** Please help this important cause.

Team sponsors and donations are appreciated!