

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 29th - 3:30 p.m. - David Soja

Sunday, September 30th - 10:30 a.m. - Andrew & Henrietta Lucas

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.

Harvest Fest - St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg, PA, Friday, October 5th from 4-9 p.m., Saturday, October 6th from 12:00 till 9:00 p.m. - Homemade ethnic food, fun, activities. See flyer in back of Church.



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 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.



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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 2:12,17-20: The wicked detest the just one because the person of God disturbs their conscience. They are anxious to do away with the good, saying that God will care for them if they are really His.

Jas 3:16-4:3: Wisdom begets innocence. It is peace-loving, kind, docile, impartial, and sincere. The inner cravings of human beings lead to murder, envy and squandering.

Mk 9:30-37: Jesus tells His trusted disciples of His forthcoming suffering, death and resurrection. Then He tells the Twelve about humility. To rank first, one must remain the last and be the servant of all.

Today's Message- Jesus speaks of His own rejection, torture, and shameful death. True discipleship, He says, is concerned not with status but with service to the poor, with justice and peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

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

GUITAR CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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 27

PARISH COUNCIL MTG - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

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.

Grand Market & Christmas Bazaar- at St. Peter the Apostle Church-526 S. 5th. Street- Reading PA. Please invite your families and friends to help support Kennedy House and St. Peter's church. Everyone can buy a variety of items as home décor- kitchen ware- jewelry- furniture- antiques- lamps- toys - brand new clothes and much more ... Delicious ethnic foods both days. Mark your calendar: **Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 8:00AM- 1:00PM and Sunday October 7 from 9:00AM- 2:00PM.**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30 Cecelia Glembocki

8:00 Roy Monde, Jr.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:30 Theresa Schlaffer

8:00 Robert Kogut (8th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:30 Michael LaScala

8:00 Worrall - Glass Families

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Joan Schuhwerk

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 Eileen & John Anderson

8:30 Doris Werth (1st Anniversary) **(Mass held at the Gym)**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 Joy Griffith

4:30 Herb Wetzel (8th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:30 Robert Matthews, Sr.

9:00 Suchomelly & Bukowski Families

10:30 Catherine Kostival (14th Anniversary)

12:00 John W. Yetzer

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018

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

Monday

Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Saint Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Saints Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ecll 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc;

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr / Saint Lawrence

Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Ecll 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b & 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,

Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab,

2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Sunday

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14;

Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 9/24	Father Frans Berkhout
Tuesday 9/25	Father Clifton Bishop
Wednesday 9/26	Monsignor Robert Biszek
Thursday 9/27	Father Kevin Bobbin
Friday 9/28	Monsignor Ronald Bocian
Saturday 9/29	Father Thomas Bortz
Sunday 9/30	Father Ronald Bowman

Parish Nurse News - Car danger: Sometimes children fall asleep and are unintentionally left in the car. Use a reminder system so that as you leave your car, you always have to check the back seat. Keep your purse or wallet in the back seat if necessary or write yourself a note attached to the car's console

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.

Encounter Christ at the Malvern Retreat House. Join us at the Malvern Retreat House, where the Divine Physician, who knows us better than we know ourselves, awaits to heal and lead us on the path of fullness and life. On September 29th & 30th, the Malvern Retreat House will be present at our parish Masses to invite men, women and families to their venerable retreat house. For more information call the Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or see their website: www.malvernretreat.com. For traditional Weekend Retreat information call Armando Moral at 484-321-2521.

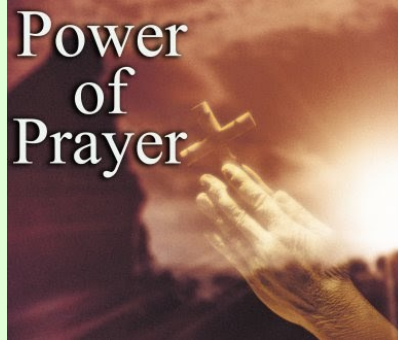
Weekend Mass Schedule

September 29th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Dorothy Bixler
Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt - M. McDevitt
September 30th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Paul Essig
Altar Servers - E. Fries - I. Fries - K. Amey
September 30th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John Vogel
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - D. McAdams - C. Kominick - B. Troung
September 30th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Mike McCarthy
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Albert - H. Zambito - K. Zambito
September 30th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John George
Cantor - Michele Feeney
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - B. McNish - M. McNish - L. Gilbert

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 "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.



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 : & our soldiers in harm's way: Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, 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 Gowal, 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, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Nicholas Milanek, Anna Mae Murphy, 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 Zawisla . . .and a time for peace ...a time to die: **Mary Borrell**, (mother of Maria DeTurck) & **Margaret Gombar**, (wife of Albert Gombar, mother of Thomas Gombar & grandmother of Matthew, Daniel & Andrew Gombar)

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**.

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.**

Please consider this important ministry within the Church.

For more information contact David at dkostival@comcast.net or 484-332-8695.

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.

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

Divorce Survival Group will begin October 8 at St. Benedict's Parish from 7:00-8:30. Contact Deb Kelly at 610-763-6528 or dakelly831@gmail.com, or Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415 or joeboylan@berksfoods.com



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



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

Dates for 2019: January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, Everybody's Birthday, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, Picnic, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th, Christmas Party
The program schedule for 2019 will be coming soon.

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.

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

Are you interested in orphan care? Do you feel called to *adopt* or *foster* but don't know where to begin? Mark your calendars for **November 11, Orphan Sunday**. Covenant Church, 1201 Yerger Blvd, Reading, PA 19608, will be hosting an **Adoption & Foster Care 101 event** at 6:30 PM. Check out our Facebook page at: [facebook.com/adoptionfoster101](https://www.facebook.com/adoptionfoster101) or email Betsy@miriamsheart.org



Do you like to knit, crochet, or embroider or would you like to learn? Siena Stitches meets 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Church. You are very welcome to join us!

Spiritual Combat: Armed with the Spirit – This year's Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at DeSales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a Vigil Mass with the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. General Admission is \$40 and the High School/College rate is \$15. For more information or to register, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/men's-conference. Questions can be directed to menconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610)289-8900, Ext. 2028.

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/seanwertmanbb)). **Forms and details can be found on Facebook.** Please help this important cause. **Team sponsors and donations are appreciated!**