

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased Members of the Wulkiewicz Family

Sunday, October 7th - 10:30 a.m.— Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #4198

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.

FLEA MARKET & FOOD SALE - SS Cyril & Methodius, 6th & Laurel Sts., Reading: Saturday, Oct. 6 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 7 at 10:30 a.m. -2 p.m. American/Slovak foods.



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. **THE HOMILIST WILL BE FATHER JOHN HUTTA.**

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.

As Bishop Alfred Schlert has been visiting parishes around the Diocese in the weeks following the release of the Grand Jury Report, many people have stayed to ask him questions. Now we're giving you the same opportunity, anyone with questions about the clergy sexual abuse issue is invited to e-mail them to abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org. The Diocese will edit questions for clarity, length and appropriateness. Please include your name and hometown. On the website, we will identify questioners by their first name and hometown, unless you want that information withheld. We will not reveal your e-mail address or last name.



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-SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nm 11:25-29: The Lord empowered seventy elders with the gift of prophecy. Eldad and Medad were absent but they also received the gift. Some elders complained but Moses replied that it would be even more wonderful if all the people were prophets.

Jas 5:1-6: James deplores the injustice committed by the rich. He speaks of their pending miseries, their wanton luxury, wages withheld from workers. All these will stand as witness for greed.

Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48: Jesus reminds His followers that nothing done in His name will go unrewarded. But anyone who deceives a simple believer will be severely punished.

TODAY'S MESSAGE - Moses and Jesus both attest to the fact that the work of the Spirit cannot be confined by an institution, and that no one can claim a monopoly of the Spirit's charism, or wisdom. Beware of growing rich while neglecting the rights and needs of others.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS will be held at St. Peter's Chapel, located in the rear lower level of the Rectory. The Devotions will be from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on First Friday, October 5th. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION- after 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
GUITAR CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MTG. - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center
PREP - LEVEL 8 ONLY - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - School
BIBLE STUDY GROUP - 8:00- 9:30 P.M. - Parish Center
YOUTH GROUP - ADORE & MORE - 7:00- 9:00 P.M. - Upper Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

50 PLUS BOARD MEETING - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

50 PLUS GENRAL MEETING - 1:00 p.m. - Social Hall
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, OCTOBER 4

SIENA STITCHERS 10:00 a.m. - Church Gathering Area
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG. - 7:30 p.m. - Former convent

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

AMERICAN HERTIAGE GIRLS - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

YOUTH GROUP CORN MAZE - at Mast Farms
BLESSING OF THE PETS - After the 4:30 p.m. Mass - Pavilion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

BAPTISMS - After the noon Mass - Church
YOUTH GROUP 6:30 - 8:30 - Upper Room
CUB DEN MEETING - 6:00 p.m.- Social Hall

ALL INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN OF THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21ST MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:30 Kathy Jablonski
8:00 Peg Donahue (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:30 Cora Nacar
8:00 Kathleen Bryan

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:30 Mary I Mathews (1st Anniversary)
8:00 Joseph Duggan, Jr. (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:00 Gerry Sockel

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:30 Marilyn Ann Clifford
8:30 Catherine Hegarty (**Mass held at the Gym**)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 Douglas Reid (1st Anniversary)
4:30 Theresa Sockel (7th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30 Curtin, Kroener, Gantert & Wagner Families
9:00 Clara Wertz (4th Anniversary)
10:30 William Simcik
12:00 Roger Lamp

Readings for the Week of September 30, 2018

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

Monday **Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday **The Holy Guardian Angels**
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday **Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62**

Thursday **Saint Francis of Assisi**
Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday **Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday **Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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, 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 10/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Tuesday 10/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Wednesday 10/3	Bishop Alfred Schlert
Thursday 10/4	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Friday 10/5	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Saturday 10/6	Father Joseph Braudis
Sunday 10/7	Father Edmund Brennan

Parish Nurse News - As you prepare for Fall, take a brisk walk and feel refreshed! For a great "pick-me-up," take note of the change in the air, the breezes, the sky, the colors starting to change, and the beauty around you!

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.**

6th ANNUAL HOLY ROSARY SPAGHETTI DINNER
October 10th @ Victor Emmanuel II from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Don't miss out on a delicious meal while helping Holy Rosary Church. Everyone invited to attend. Take Outs will be available.
Dinner includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Butter. Cash Bar, Homemade Baked Goods Sale. Tickets prices are \$10.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for Children call. Charlie Polinko at 610-678-4793, Linette Razzano at 610-202 9846 or Christine Lichman at 610-334-1208.



Father John will be holding altar server training sessions open to all students in 6th grade and up. Sessions are scheduled for Saturday, October 20th and Saturday, October 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Church. All students are welcome! Please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 to sign up.

Weekend Mass Schedule

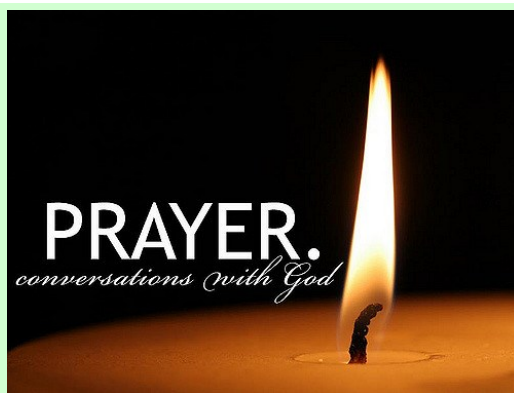
October 6th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Mary King
Cantor - Kim Kostival
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - M. Schneider
October 7th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Jim Keane
Altar Servers - M. Woodard & M. Griffin
October 7th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Barry Hannahoe
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - K. Vagnoni - M. Vagnoni - D. Schmehl
October 7th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Amanda Dooley
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - C. Griffith - N. Griffith - E. Schodowski
October 7th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Jim Snyder
Cantor - Leah Rile
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - M. Stratton - M. Stratton - K. Amey

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.

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.

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 are included. General Admission is \$40 and the High School/ College rate is \$15. For more information or to register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. Questions can be directed to mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2028.



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: Eloise Fura

Please pray for our sick : & our soldiers in harm’s way:

Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Aughter, Beverly Bansner, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Sandy Bradley, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Raymond Cooper, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Jane Fordyce, Maureen Gibson, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Goyal, David J. Gulati II, 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, Anne Schaeffer, Ann Schweitzer, Margaret Scott, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Betty Stasek, George Stenavage, Andy Strangarity, Paul Teske, Alan Wachowicz, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Ann Marie Zawislak **and a time for peace ...a time to die: *Mary Koren; Mary Ryan***, (wife of Bernard Ryan, mother of Kim Wiley, Pam Pufnock & Melissa Wittig) & ***Diane Rudolph***, (mother of Tracy Scheirer)



**SCS Fall Designer
Purse Bingo**

**Saturday, October 20,
2018 at 7pm (doors
open at 5:30)**

THIS IS AN UPDATED TIME!!!

Tickets \$25 ahead of time, \$30 at the door
Price includes 16 games. Specials, Chinese
Auction, 50/50 and a great menu available to
all. This is a BYOB event for adults. All
proceeds to support St. Catharine of Siena
School! Contact Marisa Gilbert at
scsbingosquad@gmail.com



On behalf of the Marist Missions and the Marist Fathers and Brothers, I would like to thank you for the hospitality shown in welcoming us into the St. Catharine of Siena parish community the weekend of August 25-26, 2018. The Marists are grateful to you

and your staff for having made this mission appeal possible. This is especially true knowing how busy parishes are today and of the many demands placed on clergy, religious, and laity involved in keeping these Church communities alive and growing. So, for all your efforts in setting the dates for the appeal and making whatever arrangements were needed for the appeal, we thank you. With grateful hearts, we wish you and your community every blessing as you continue to build a stronger Church in our world. God bless you all.

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Walter Gaudreau, S.M.,
Director, Marist World Missions

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

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**

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.

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

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

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.



Upcoming Youth Events

October 7 - Upper Room from 6:30 - 8:30

October 14 - Family Holy Hour 7:00pm in the Chapel.

October 20 - Special Needs Soccer game

October 21 - Upper Room from 6:30 - 8:30

October 27 - Corn Maze at Mast Farms

For more information and permission slips for the events please visit the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com

The youth group is looking for donations to help furnish the upper room. We are hoping for bean bag chairs, folding tables, end tables, book shelves, board games, art and craft supplies, and inspirational posters/artwork. Please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org to donate. Thank you!

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.