Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule Saturday, April 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Intentions of Frank & Ann Mazurkiewicz Sunday, April 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Living Members of Knights of Columbus Council #4198

The Lenten Pierogi Society will continue its labors from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will meet each Monday & Tuesday through Lent. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use parking lot Chapel entrance. <u>New members are always welcome</u>.

Pierogi Sale: Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including April 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pierogis will be sold in the Church Basement. Please use the side entrance from the Parking Lot. Potato, Sauerkraut & Cheese Pierogis will sell for \$8.00 per dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 per cup. (Weather permitting) Volunteers are needed to help sell Pierogis on Fridays.

SECOND COLLECTION – "ALMSGIVING" – "...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret." (Ash Wednesday's Reading) - <u>During the Season of Lent, there will</u> <u>be a second collection each weekend for special needs</u> : April 7th - St. Francis Home; April 14th - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

Easter Plants for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$10 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. Please print name clearly.

SAINT MARY' EASTER SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAYS- 2:45- 3:15 P.M. - CHURCH PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

◆ 5:30-6:30 P.M. - CHURCH

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALM AT ALL MASSES APRIL 13TH - 3:30 P.M. - CHURCH APRIL 14TH –10:30 A.M. - CHURCH HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – 11:00 a.m. – CHURCH <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> 10:30 A.M. - CHURCH

See St. Catharine's Mass Schedule for additional Masses for the Easter.



Saint Catharine's Easter Schedule

SATURDAYS- 3:30-4:15 P.M. - CHURCH <u>PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO CONFESSIONS</u> ON HOLY SATURDAY

- MONDAY, APRIL 15TH 4-5 P.M. &
 6:30-7:30 P.M. CHAPEL
- TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH 4-5P.M. &
 6:30 7:30 P. M. CHAPEL

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALM AT ALL MASSES SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH - 4:30 P.M. CHURCH; SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH - 7:30, 9, 10:30* AND 12 NOON - CHURCH HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER- 7:00 P.M.*- CHURCH NIGHT PRAYERS & GUITAR CHOIR SINGS -10:30 P.M. - CHURCH GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH -CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION -3 P.M. - CHURCH LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS -7:00 P.M. - CHAPEL

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH ***BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – 11:00 A.M. – AT SAINT MARY'S CHURCH*** EASTER VIGIL – 8 P.M.* – CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY 7:30, 9:00, 10:30* & 12 NOON – CHURCH *INCENSE USED

<u>MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS</u> Please join us every Wednesday during Lent after the 8 a.m. Mass. Jos 5:9a, 10-12: The people of God celebrate the Passover in the promised land, and as a sign that they are "home," the manna from heaven is no longer provided.

2 Cor 5:17-21 : Christ, the ambassador, reconciles all to God. Our transgressions find forgiveness in Him so that we might become the very holiness of God.

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32: Our loving Father is always ready to forgive the truly repentant.

Today's Message - Having arrived in the promised land, The Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Knights Room CONFIRMATION INSCRIPTION SERVICE - Following the Noon Mass - Church **MONDAY, APRIL 1** EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m. GUITAR CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - 8:00 p.m. - Church

SVDP MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

50 PLUS BOARD MTG. - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center HEALING OUR CHURCH SMALL GROUP MTG - 7:00 p.m. -Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

50 PLUS MEETING - 1:00 p.m. - Party off site LEGION OF MARY - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:30 p.m. -School PREP (LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 p.m. - School **THURSDAY, APRIL 4** SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. -Gathering Area Church KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 7:30 p.m. - Knights Room FRIDAY, APRIL 5 FISH FRY- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00 p.m. - Church **SUNDAY, APRIL 7** BAPTISMS - After the noon Mass VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Knights Room SVDP FOOD DRIVE - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Parish Center CUB SCOUT DEN MTG. - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL ON

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Noon PENTECOST SUNDAY: Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 to register.

Parish Nurse News - Keep those Lenten promises: Fasting, extra daily prayers, a special sacrifice, charitable works, acts of kindness. Call or visit someone whom you know would really enjoy that call or visit! It's not easy to take the extra time out of our busy lives, but the benefits are ongoing and far reaching!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 1

- 6:30 **Richard Kostival**
- 8:00 Margaret Albert
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 2**
- Deceased Members of the Messer & Schultz Families 6:30 8:00 Helen Impink
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
- 6:30 Raymond & Elizabeth Korczykowski
- Rosalie Correnti 8:00
- **THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

6:30 Deceased Members of the McGovern & Purcell Families

8:00 Sandra Sill

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 6:30

8:30 Frank Mazurkiewicz

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- Adelina Gonzalezlaguna 8:00
- George & Mary Edmunds 4:30

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 7:30
- Adelaide Parks (2nd Anniversary) Joseph Rouse (36th Anniversary) 9:00
- 10:30 Raymond & Anna Berg
- 12:00 Nicolas Oliver

Readings for the Week of March 31, 2019

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday	-
	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
	2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;
-	Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit
	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	ls 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
	Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the
	Church
	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest
	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;
	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
-	ls 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14;
	Jn 8:1-11

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, Pvt. Connor A. Soja, Lance Corporal Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, Lt. Morgan Hissick, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Spc. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Tech. Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, Senior Airman Timothy 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, 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 4/1 Tuesday 4/2 Wednesday 4/3 Thursday 4/4 Friday 4/5 Saturday 4/6 Sunday 4/7

His Holiness Pope Francis Pope Emeritus Benedict Bishop Alfred Schlert Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen Monsignor Joseph Smith Monsignor Joseph Sobiesiak Father Leo Stajkowski

Vacation Bible School needs you! -Our theme this year is Miraculous Mission! Vacation Bible School will be held June 24 - June 28. The students will learn all about the Miraculous Mission of Jesus. We are currently looking for leaders for our Miraculous Mission. If you feel called to volunteer, please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org. All materials and plans are provided. College students home for the summer are welcome too! Registration for students coming soon!

Please join us for the 14th ANNUAL MASS, BENEDICTION AND HEALING SERVICE preceded by Praise & Worship Music. The Mass

will be celebrated by Reverend Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. on Sunday, May 5th at St. Catharine of Siena Church, Boyertown Pike. Join us for this special evening as we give thanks to the Lord with Praise & Worship Music beginning at 6:30 P.M. and Mass at 7:00 P.M. Please spread the word. We hope you can join us for this uplifting and solemn service. This Mass does count as your Sunday obligation.

Berks Executive CYO Board Openings- The Berks Executive CYO Board is seeking 3 candidates for the following positions whose current term has expired- President, Secretary, and Athletic Director. Brief position descriptions are as follows. President: 1) Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and Board of Advisors. 2) Lead the activities of the Board with respect to the academic and athletic program in Berk County. 3). Recommend and appoint advisors to special committees as needed. 4) Be an authorized signature on checks. Secretary: 1) Record the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Executive Board and Board of Advisors. 2). Conduct the correspondence of the Executive Board, upon request. 3) Fulfill such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board and Board of Advisors. Athletic Director: 1) Sponsor of a variety of athletic activities. 2) Be responsibility of coach certification. 3) Be Chairman of Berks Sports Commissioners Committee. 4) Be responsible for submission of District Athletic Rosters to the Diocese. If interested or if there are questions, please contact Rich Vukmanovich. Phone 224-532-6704.



Help us Help them -April 6th & April 7th -Next weekend is our Annual Food Collection

for our needy. There are many families who are so proud and yet need just a little help. You may not know who they are, but they could be sitting right in front of you at Mass today. They never expected to be in these situations. So next weekend April 6th & 7th we will be out in front of Church accepting non perishable groceries to give to these families. Please help us so we can help them. If you would choose to give a monetary donation instead of food, our 3 St Vincent De Paul poor boxes are in the back of church. God Bless you for your unselfish giving during this Lenten season . For more information, please call Linda Vogel at 610-779-6287.

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

April 6th - 4:30 p.m. Lector - Elizabeth Edmunds Cantor - Jay Yohn & Organist - Dave Kostival Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - E. Nguyen - D. O'Hara Eucharistic Ministers - Trish & Tom McNelis April 7th - 7:30 a.m. Mass Lector- Mike Lee Altar Servers - S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt - M. McDevitt Eucharistic Ministers - Mike Jurasinski - Linda Fetterman April 7th - 9:00 a.m. Mass Lector - Sandi Lloyd Guitar Group Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - A. Gillner Eucharistic Ministers - Cheryl Willman - Cassie Sedlack - Pat McNeil April 7th - 10:30 Mass Lector - Ed Smith Voices In Praise Choir Organist- Dave Kostival Altar Servers - J. Davis - B. Davis - N. Barbera Eucharistic Ministers - Dr. Peter Will - David Drezek - Helen Veet April 7th - 12:00 p.m. Mass Lector - Joe Samolewicz Cantor - Carol McDevitt & Organist - Dave Kostival D. McAdams - B. McAdams - M. Feeney Altar Servers -Eucharistic Ministers - Michele Boucher & Joan Davis & Milton Vicente



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS St. Catharine of Siena Council 14880 The Annual Fish Fry dates are: April 5, 2019 April 12, 2019 Tickets for adults is \$13.00. and children is \$5.00. Tickets will be available before and after all Masses. Time is from 5pm to 7pm at the Church Social Hall. All are invited to join the Knights in support of our charitable mission. As always, we thank everyone

for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus Community Service Awards - Our St. Catharine of Siena Council#14880 will be awarding two \$500 cash awards via its Community Service Award Program, intended to award student's dedication to and performance of charitable service. The program is open to St. Catharine of Siena School, Prep Program, and homeschooled students currently in the eighth grade and planning to attend Berks Catholic High School this fall. Applications are being sent to parents/guardians of eighth grade students at St Catharine's School. In addition, applications can be found on the Knight's table by the Scrip area or by contacting Bill Wertz at pakettle629@aol.com. Please see the application form for additional details.



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: William Rutt & Amelia Scaccia

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

Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Patricia Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Lisa Cole, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Margaret Ehret, Peter Fantacone, Al Franckowiak, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Gowel, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Catharine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Jean Kline, Louise Knoeller, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mary Leddy, Greg Leinweber, Albert Lellig, Daniel Lonergan, Helen Long, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jeff McCoy, Jacob McCue, Betty Mesisca, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtl, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Mary Scheirer, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Chris Starr, Dean Soltzfus, Andy Strangarity, Kent Styer, Marie Sullivan, Sandy Sullivan, Paul Teske, Alan Wachowicz, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ruth Yoder, Donna Yohn, Ann Marie Zawislak...a time to die: Michael Leddy , (husband of Nanci Leddy) & Margaret Scott, (daughter & stepdaughter of Charles Itle & Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds) & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11

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.

Saint Catharine School News

Registration now open for the 2019-2020 school year. Several classes have waitlists. Don't miss out! Call the office to schedule a tour or request a registration packet at 610–779-5810.

Last call for Pay It Forward envelopes containing tickets to the catered event at the GoggleWorks on April 6 (5-8 pm). Contact Amy Impellizzeri at <u>aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org</u> for more information.

Come join our dedicated team of professionals! Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for the following positions:

• Per Diem Substitutes - Classroom aides

Please send resume, cover letter, and all clearances including Protecting God's Children to Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606 or <u>Mkraycik@scsreading.org</u>

Want to support the gift of Catholic education? Purchase Scrip! Scrip purchases help provide scholarships to our students. It does not cost you anything extra. You purchase your card for Redners or Giant for groceries, Speedway for gas, or dinner out and we receive a kickback from local vendors. You pay the face value of the card and our students receive scholarship money. Thank you for supporting this fundraising program. SECOND COLLECTION – "ALMSGIVING" – "... When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret." (Ash Wednesday's Reading) – <u>During</u> the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs : April 7th – St. Francis Home; April 14th – Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

<u>Mondav Night Faith and Bible Study group</u> is inviting you to participate in their next study "*No Greater Love! A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*"from <u>www.ascencionpress.com</u> starting 4/8. Participants will order their own materials and contact Deanna Stratton at <u>strattonmd@aol.com</u> for more information regarding schedule. This study is filmed on location in the Holy Land and is a **five-part video series and full-length book** that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri will guide us through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how **Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context** shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Authored and presented by Edward Sri, *No Greater Love* also features: **Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.**

ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH READING, PENNSYLVANIA

YOUTH NEWS

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE This Summer, the Senior High Youth Group will again attend a Steubenville Youth Conference on the Main Campus in Steubenville, Ohio. This event is open to students graduating grade 8 – students graduating grade 12. The dates for this energizing weekend are July 12 - 14, 2019. This weekend is filled with talks from nationally renowned speakers and music leaders as well as amazing experiences to be with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Cost is \$90 and includes housing and meals at the conference as well as coach bus transportation. These spots do fill up quickly and will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Forms are available at the back of the church near the scrip table, or on the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com Check out the website www.steubenvilleconferences.com to learn more about this amazing weekend. The deadline to register for the Steubenville Youth Conference is March 31, 2019.

Youth Group Mission Trip - The Senior High Youth Group has the opportunity to travel to Charlotte, NY with Group Mission Catholic Workcamp. This opportunity gives us a chance to live out Roman Catholic social teaching by serving low income, elderly, disabled, or veterans with much needed home repairs. Group Mission Catholic Workcamp is led by trained Catholic youth ministry professionals, Capuchin Franciscan brothers and priests. All programming is designed to connect teens' service activities to their relationship with Jesus. To learn more, check out www.groupmissiontrips.com. The trip will be July 21, 2019 – July 27, 2019. The cost of the trip is \$200 (fundraising opportunities will be available) and is open to 2019 graduated 8th graders – 2019 graduated seniors. **Only 4 spots remain. Registration closes March 31.** Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! Forms can be found on the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.com

50+ CLUB NEWS

The **Special Event** Everybody's Birthday for the 50+ Club will be held on **April 3, 2019** at **12:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **April 2, 2019** 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

<u>APRIL 3, 2019</u>: SPECIAL EVENT - Everybody's Birthday Celebration at Victor Emmanuel's, starting at **12:00** PM, Steve Barth to entertain us.

MAY 1, 2019 Let's play **Boom Box Bingo** with Rich Weilacher, will get hints from music to fill the board, so brush up on your tunes. Italian sandwiches and cupcakes & coffee

JUNE 5, 2019: Maria Damone, a wonderful singer, will be singing all types of music, some patriotic and others. Coffee & cake

2019 TRAVEL PLANS

April 10, 2019 – Wednesday, Mt Hope Murder Mystery with Family Style Meal. Cost: \$85.00—3 seats left

<u>May 8, 2019</u> – Wednesday, Adams Co Wine Around, Tour Historic Round Barn - Family Style lunch at Hickory Bridge Farm Wine Tastings & Apple Dumpling Demo. Cost: \$95.00 June 12, 2019 - Wednesday, Pines Dinner Theatre ROCK AROUND

THE CLOCK. Cost: \$85.00 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. <u>ALL ARE WELCOME</u>



Live Music · Raffle · Lots of Prizes · and more!

To register: Mail this entry form along with your check (payable to St. Catharine's CYO) to St. Catharine's at 2427 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, PA 19606

Name:	
Email:	
Phone:	
For Group Players · Player 1:	
Player 2:	
Player 3:	
Player 4:	
Group Name:	
Number of Golfers: x \$100 =	
Additional dinner guests: _ x \$60 =	
Total amount enclosed:	
I cannot play this year but would like donate:	to
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