

**Saint Mary's News**

**Next Weekends Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, June 8th - 3:30 p.m. - Lawrence & Catharine Dziedzic**

**Sunday, June 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**

**There will be a Latin Mass next Sunday, June 9th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church. Reconciliation at noon; social after Mass.**

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



*Thank You Father John!*

*Please join us for light refreshments after all Masses on June 15-16 in the Social Hall to honor and thank Father John Rother for his two years of ministry at St. Catharine's and St. Mary's. May God bless him in a special way as he begins his new assignment at St. Jane Frances de Chantal in Easton, PA.*

**Please note: The Parish Center will be closing early the week of June 10th at 2:00p.m. each day. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.**

**Attention: All information for the bulletins of the **June 16th & 23rd** must be in the office by Wednesday, June 5th.**

**JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**FRIDAY, June 28th** is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Promises made by the Lord to St. Margaret Mary are the reason for the Feast and First Friday devotions.

I will give them all the graces necessary to their state of life.

I will establish peace in their homes.

I will comfort them in their afflictions.

I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.

I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.

Sinners shall find in My heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.

Tepid souls shall grow fervent.

Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honored.

I will give priests the gifts of touching the most hardened hearts.

Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart never to be blotted out.

I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in the last moments.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 7:55-60:** Deacon Stephen, the first martyr, proclaims the glory of Jesus.

**Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20:** He will come soon to judge each one of us. Now is the time to repent.

**Jn 17:20-26:** Jesus prays for us – who believe in Him – that our faith will unite us to each other, to Him, and in Him to the Father.

**Today's Message:** Stephen, the first martyr of the infant Church, washes his robe in the blood of the Lamb, the Alpha and Omega. He proclaims Jesus Lord and King, Most High over all the earth. In Him may all become one.

**Nocturnal Adoration** will be held at Sacred Heart Chapel, 701 Franklin Street, West Reading, PA, on Friday, June 7th from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

### WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights Room

#### MONDAY, JUNE 3

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY - 8:00 p.m. - Parish Center

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

50 PLUS GENERAL MEETING - 1:00 p.m. - Social Hall  
LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 6

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Gathering Area  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG. - 7:30 - Knights Meeting Room

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 8

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights Room

GUITAR GROUP - 2:00 p.m. - Pavilion

YOUTH GROUP - 6:30 - Upper Room

We are in the process of adding additional family service counselors to Gethsemane and St. Mary's (in Reading) Cemeteries. The increase in the number of families we are privileged to serve, has encouraged us to seek outgoing, energetic people to meet with families at their time of need. In addition, in order to help eliminate emotional and financial burdens, we help to educate families regarding the value of pre-planning. If you enjoy interacting with people, providing assistance during a difficult time, and are looking for a meaningful opportunity in sales and customer service, please contact us for more information. Full-time and part-time opportunities may be available for the right individual; bilingual would be a plus, but is not required. Call Anne at 610-929-2613.

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 3

7:15 Grace Kane Drumheller

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

7:15 Jackie Cramer

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

7:15 Theresa & Leonard Gontkovsky

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

7:15 Shannon Bucci

8:30 St. Catharine School Students (At School)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

7:15 Paul Polifka

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

8:00 Kevin M. Heck

4:30 Michael Talarico (39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

7:30 Esther Ponzio

9:00 Casey Zielinski

10:30 Dominico Nhon

12:00 Theresia Makosch

### Readings for the Week of June 2, 2019

Sunday

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or  
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 or

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14,  
16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Monday

**Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs**

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

**Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and  
Martyr**

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;  
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

**Saint Norbert, Bishop**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,  
11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Day: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7;  
Jn 21:20-25

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28,  
29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13,  
14-15; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3,  
4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35,  
27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Sunday

**Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23  
or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:**

**II Lauren Sitler & Michael Hester**

**Part-time secretarial position available for local Catholic Church** providing support to the Director of Religious Education. Must be bilingual, working knowledge of Microsoft Office suite, be courteous and maintain confidentiality. Send resume to St. Peter Church, 322 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading, PA 19602 ATTN: Sec Position DRE or email to [stpeterbusmgr@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterbusmgr@comcast.net). No phone calls, please.

**The Office for Vocations Promotion is conducting its Seventh Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Fifth Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp**, from Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18, 2019 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org). **Early registration is \$60 before June 14. After June 14, the registration fee is \$85. Registration deadline is June 28. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.**

**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.

**Newly Ordained Priest Reception and Dinner-** The Serra Clubs of the Diocese of Allentown are sponsoring this event for our three newly ordained priests : Giuseppe Esposito, John Maria, and Zachary Weir. The dinner will be held on Monday, June 17 (reception 5:30PM and dinner 6:30PM) at St Mary's Church Social Hall in Hamburg, PA. Tickets are \$42 and can be purchased by calling John Magee (610-779-9714).

AnB Education, a non-profit travel exchange agency for international high school students, is in need of loving host families with an empty bedroom, who are looking to give back and experience another culture inside their very own home. A generous monthly stipend is provided. Call AnB Education 267-263-2481 or email [hosting@anbeducation.com](mailto:hosting@anbeducation.com). The application is online at [www.anbeducation.us](http://www.anbeducation.us).

**Parish Nurse News** - Experts agree that just 30 minutes of modest activity on most days of the week may give you the benefit of lessening heart disease. Read more: <http://bit.ly/1C8TgVb>. Check with your healthcare provider before starting any new routines.

**Please note there will be no Ultreya on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>. This will allow those who wish to do so, attend the Serra Dinner to support Our Newest Priests.**

**Next Weekend's Mass Schedule**

**June 8th - 4:30 p.m. Mass**

Lector - Todd Tomczyk  
Cantor - Kate Bobb  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - E. Fries - I. Fries - A. Kline  
Eucharistic Ministers - Mark Abramowicz & Ann Claire McNish

**June 9th - 7:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector- Kathy Lavanga  
Altar Servers - J. Howard - C. Wright - S. Wright  
Eucharistic Ministers - Steve Gribb & Mike Balla

**June 9th - 9:00 a.m. Mass**

Lector - John Vogel  
Guitar Group  
Altar Servers - P. McCullough - R. Stoudt - M. Ream  
Eucharistic Ministers - Mary Murphy - Mary Anne & Mike McCarthy

**June 9th - 10:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector - Edrie Watson  
Voices In Praise Choir & Carol McDevitt & Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Partsch - N. Lamp - S. Cortes  
Eucharistic Ministers - Judy McMahon - Myra & Bill Headen

**June 9th - 12:00 p.m. Mass**

Lector - Rose Ann Uhrig  
Cantor - Haley Zambito  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - A. Nguyen - C. Kominick - K. Amey  
Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - Trish & Tom McNelis

**We pray for the Gift of Peace** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: SPC Specialist Mackenzie Adame, Private First Class 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

**MILITARY RECOGNITION:** In an effort to continue to recognize our military troops, changes are underway. The present military board will be removed, and a new display is being created. If you would like any of the pictures on the present board, please let us know. Also, please review the list of names in this announcement and let us know of any updates. If you would like a picture displayed, please drop it off at the parish center. For any questions or concerns please call Beth Pawlik 610-781-2935, David Pawlik 610-781-3093 or Terri Mueller 484-269-7282.

**June brings weddings!** Remember how you felt about each other on your wedding day? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help re-kindle those romantic feelings. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).



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, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Patricia Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Lisa Cole, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty, Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Margaret Ehret, Charles Elchlepp, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., David J. Gulati II,, Wayne Hedrick, Catharine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Christine Jenkins, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Louise Knoeller, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mary Leddy, Greg Leinweber, Albert Lellig, Leo Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Helen Long, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jeff McCoy, Jacob McCue, Rodney Moyer, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Precht, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Barry Allen Reitnour, 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, Merritt Weidner, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, **a time to die:** 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.

**DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP** to Franciscan Univ. Jul 26–28: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope- 1 Peter 3: 15”. This is a **WONDERFUL** opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith & spiritual growth with over 1,200 other attendees. The conference includes theologians and apologists who are bestselling authors and renowned speakers. Scott Hahn is the co-chair of the event which includes: Daily Mass, confession and a joyful, prayerful, and musical bus ride. More info on the conference can be found at: <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>. Previous attendees found this conference to be very informative and a significant impact on their spiritual lives. Call Deacon Bruce for information at (610) 468-9506 or [b@swist.us](mailto:b@swist.us).

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

**Per Diem Substitutes**

**Part time 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 [Mkraycik@scsreading.org](mailto:Mkraycik@scsreading.org)**

***The Lost Art of Listening*** - In a world of constant noise and distractions, it can be challenging to stop and listen, even if we are listening for the voice of God. Join us Monday, June 24 as Fr. Arthur Purcaro discusses the lost art of listening and how we as young adults can slow down and listen for God's gentle inspiration as we discern our path in life. The event will take place at Hops at the Paddock (1945 W. Columbia St., Allentown). This event is for **young adults ages 21-35**, and is free of charge. Food and beverage can be ordered from the menu. For more information contact Alexa Smith, [asmith@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:asmith@allentowndiocese.org).

**Learn more about Natural Family Planning!** Over and over, couples practicing NFP reveal dramatic improvements to their marriage including communication, spiritual growth, and deeper intimacy. Furthermore, NFP maintains and supports the natural dignity of women's reproductive health and fertility without dangerous drugs or devices. See a new video on NFP and get more information by visiting [www.allentowndiocese.org/NFP](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/NFP)



## 50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **June 5, 2019** at **1:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **June 4, 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

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

**JULY 3, 2019:** The Happy Boombadears will entertain us with their musical instrument, it originated in Bavaria-the BoomBa is the instrument played by the group. Ice Cream Treats

**AUGUST 7, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT – Our Summer Picnic**–will be held in the Social Hall, starting at 12:00 noon, we have a great menu. Entertainment: Act I Productions, Debbie Wahl with Mystery Bingo. Contact Carol Searfoss for further information at 484-236-1016.  
Cost: \$18.00

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2019:** Mathew Dobb dresses like an engineer in period clothes, tell stories about the fascinating period of railroads in American history.  
Lasagna roll-ups along with cake and coffee.

### 2019 TRAVEL PLANS

**July 10, 2019** - Wednesday, York -- Kreider Farms, Red Brick Bakery, Haines Shoe House & Turkey Hill Experience Cost: \$95.00

**October 23, 2019** – Wednesday, Mystery Trip- Hint both Men & Women will enjoy this Cost: \$95.00

**November 20, 2019** - Wednesday, Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn "Christmas Show" Cost: \$85.00  
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**

**50 Plus Club** will be selling "Friends helping Friends" coupons. They will now be available at the Parish Center. It is a fundraiser for non profit organizations through Boscov's. The cost is \$5.00.



It's time for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** Our theme this year is **Miraculous Mission**. Vacation Bible School will be held June 24 - June 28 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am at St. Catharine's School. Students ages 5 and up will learn all about the Miraculous Mission of Jesus. Registration forms can be found on the tables in the back of the Church.

We are looking for volunteers to help make our Miraculous Mission a success. If you feel called to volunteer, please contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org). All materials and plans are provided. College students home for the summer are welcome too!

### Youth Group Reunion

We invite all former members of the St. Catharine's Youth Group to a reunion on Sunday, June 30. Home from college? Graduated from college? Come join us for fun and food! We will meet in the Upper Room (formerly the convent for the IHM sisters) on the St. Catharine's School grounds from 6:30 - 8:30. Come reconnect with your friends from your time in our youth group. Please RSVP to Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org)

**Wheelchairs are available for those who need them during Masses. They are located in the closets near each entrance of the Church for your convenience. We only request that they be returned to the same location after each use.**

**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.

### Saint Catharine's School News

Now accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Please note that at the time of this printing, 3 spots left in the PreK class. Transfer grants available for students transferring in from public school (Grades 1-7 only). Call today to schedule a tour or to receive more information: 610-779-5810.