

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 3rd - 3:30 p.m. - Joseph C. Lubas

Sunday, August 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Gertrude Sadowski

ASSUMPTION OF MARY IS ON AUGUST 15TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION- 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church



ASSUMPTION OF MARY IS ON AUGUST 15TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be as follows:

Wednesday , August 14th -

Vigil of Assumption

6:00 p.m. - Church (Route 562)

Thursday, August 15th -

Feast of the Assumption (Route 562)

6:30 a.m. - Church (Route 562)

8:00 a.m. - Church (Route 562)

8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church

7:00 p.m. - Church (Route 562)

Please note all Masses for Assumption will be held at the Church on Route 562 because of the construction on Perkiomen Avenue, except for the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Mary's.

Attention: St. Mary's and St. Catharine's

**PUT THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR!**

PARISH RETREAT DAY

**Location: McGlinn Conference
Center**

(Adjacent to Alvernia University)

**Presenter: Sister Patrice Klausing,
OSF**

Cost: \$20.00

(Includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Date: October 5, 2019

Is Cursillo for You? -Cursillo (pronounced Cur- SEE-O) is a three day learning experience – a short course in Christianity for Catholic adults in the Diocese of Allentown – part of a national and worldwide lay movement. Weekends are separate for men and women – as it has been for over 50 years. Most people who participate in the weekends find it to be a great source of personal inspiration, new admiration for our Catholic Church, ideas to bring Christ into the lives of their families and friends, new friends and form lifelong relationships. They are happy they took time out of their busy lives to go. All of our parishes in Berks County have had hundreds of participants and each one would heartily recommend it to their best friends. The next weekends are October 10-13 for men and October 17-20 for women. Want to know more? We are planning to have two information nights at the St Catharine of Siena parish center in Mt Penn – Thursday July 18th and Thursday August 22 starting at 7 PM. Refreshments will be available. Questions? – call Bill McMahon at 610-779-8654. Be not afraid. Ships are safe in the harbor – but that is not what they are built for.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gn 18:20-32 The Lord is just and merciful.

Col 2:12-14 The merciful Lord cancels our debt, pardons all our sins.

Lk 11:1-13 In the Lord's Prayer Jesus urges us to persevere in prayer and trust in the goodness of our loving Father.

Today's Message – In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to “ask...seek...knock.” May our prayer open us to God's will, and so build up His strength within us. In baptism we have died with Christ, and have been raised to life with Him.

WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 29

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

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

KOC MTG. - 7:30 p.m. - Upper Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

BAPTISMS - After the noon Mass - Church

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on Friday, October 4th during the Extravaganza 2019 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695 or e-mail at Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org

Nurse News - Tensions can heat up during summer months. Try to remain calm, cool and collected. Kindly consider others' perspectives and Act, rather than React when faced with conflict or dealing with difficult personalities.

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? RETROUVAILLE (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all married couples. The next program is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA, August 9 – 11. For more information, or to register, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 29

7:15 John Byers

TUESDAY, JULY 30

7:15 Kevin M. Heck

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

7:15 Thomas Stuck

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

7:15 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

7:15 Diane Cerra

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 Carl & Marie Heine

4:30 Angelina Talarico (17th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

7:30 Robert Hofmann

9:00 Gerald Impink

10:30 Daniel DiFulvio

12:00 Dr. Clete Cinelli (30th Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of July 28, 2019

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| Sunday | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13 |
| Monday | Memorial of Saint Martha Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 |
| Tuesday | Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43 |
| Wednesday | Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46 |
| Thursday | Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53 |
| Friday | Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58 |
| Saturday | Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12 |
| Sunday | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21 |

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.

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.

50 Plus News

The annual picnic for the 50+ Club will be held on **August 7, 2019 at 12:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **August 6, 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

AUGUST 7, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT – Our Summer Picnic—will be held in the Social Hall, starting at **12:00 noon**, we have a GRET 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.

OCTOBER 2, 2019: John Vogel, Medicare, celebrate Octoberfest with Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut along with cake and coffee

NOVEMBER 6, 2019: Robin Gillmore, a representative of the Veteran Coalition of PA, will present information about the nation's largest nonprofit organization assisting veterans. Cake & Coffee. ***Free will donations for the Veterans would be appreciated.***

2019 TRAVEL PLANS

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**

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

August 3rd - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Todd Tomczyk

Cantor – Carol McDevitt

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Miller - M. Pawlik - B. McAdams

Eucharistic Ministers - Lorraine Simon - Bryan Scollick

August 4th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector– Kathy Lavanga

Altar Servers - C. Wright - S. Wright - J. Howard

Eucharistic Ministers - Mike Jurasinski & Linda Fetterman

August 4th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - John Vogel

Cantor - Jeff Tomczyk

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - Lauren Gilbert

Eucharistic Ministers – Cheryl Willman - Pat McNeil - Cassie

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August 4th - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Edrie Watson

Cantor - Kate Bobb

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - S. Cortes - C. Griffith - A. Nguyen

Eucharistic Ministers - Peter Will - Jennifer & Tom Devlin

August 4th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Rose Ann Uhrig

Cantor - Tracy Scheirer

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - N. Wentling - J. Wentling - E. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers - Joan Davis - Milton Vincente Michele Boucher

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. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

II Mary King & Richard O'Leary

Confirmation will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019 with Bishop Alfred Schlert.

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: Thomas MacDougal V, Harrison Lloyd & Fernando & Isabella Peralta

Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Debbie Bennett, Daniel Berg, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Mary Christ, Lisa Cole, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Louis Fiorini, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., David J. Gulati II, William Hedl, Jr. Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Christine Jenkins, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, Daniel Lonergan, Rosemary Ludwig, Donald Ludwig, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Dolores Miravich, Rodney Moyer, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtel, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Dean Soltzfus, Andy Strangarity, Marie Sullivan, Sandy Sullivan, Kim Trois, Danielle Trout, Alan Wachowicz, Merritt Weidner, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **time to die: Rosemary McNish, (sister of William McNish) 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.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments

of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005.



When- September 22nd

Time - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where - Exeter Township High School Stadium

A new nonprofit organization has been formed in Berks County! It is dedicated to helping children with disabilities overcome daily challenges and creating a community for them and their families.

Maddie's Miracles 1st Annual Walk-a-Thon will be held to raise money in order to help these children and their families. Please come and join us for a day of walking and fun for your whole family.

To register, or for more information, go to:
www.maddiesmiracles.org



Congratulations to Carl & Patricia Andrzejewski who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 27th. Many more years of happiness!

Interested in volunteering this upcoming school year?

Anyone who volunteers with children must complete all clearances, including the Protecting God's Children Course. This includes school volunteers (cafeteria, playground, classroom parties, field trips, etc.), CYO coaches, and Church youth groups and Scouts.

Get a head start on the clearance process! We are offering a course this summer in the social hall at the Church!

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
SUNDAY, August 18th
11:00 AM**

Please call 610-779-4005 to reserve your spot!

Please email safeenvscs@gmail.com with any questions.



Congratulations to Michael & Margaret Sydor who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 2nd. Many more years of happiness!

Nocturnal Adoration will be held on Friday, August 2nd from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM at St. John De La Salle, 420 Holland Street, Shillington, PA

Happening Now... PREP Registration - Children in grades 1-8 who attend public school are invited to attend our Religious Education Program (PREP). Registration forms for the 2019-2020 school year are available in the back of the church as well as on the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Forms should be returned by August 1. A mailing with PREP information will go out mid-August. Please contact Marci Zambito with any questions. mzambito@scsreading.org or 610-779-8535.

Saint Catharine of Siena School office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9-1 pm.