

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 10th - 3:30 p.m. - Mary Dziedzic

Sunday, August 11th - 10:30 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. John Laskiewicz & family

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



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**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: McGlenn Conference
Center**

(Adjacent to Alvernia University)

**Presenter: Sister Patrice Klausung,
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 McMahan at 610-779-8654. Be not afraid. Ships are safe in the harbor – but that is not what they are built for.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Without our faith all our strivings lead to nothing.

Col 3:1-5, 9-11 A life worthy of the Lord consists of selflessness, gentleness, patience, and bearing love for one another.

Lk 12:13-21 How foolish and vain are those who put all their trust in their own devices.

Today's Message – Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord: set your heart on what will last forever. We only fool ourselves if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, “grow rich in the sight of the Lord”.

WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

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

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

50 PLUS GENERAL MTG - 1:00 p.m. - Social Hall

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

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

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

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

CCHS CLASS OF '62 – 75TH BIRTHDAY PARTY: Saturday, September 14th – at Anthony's – 900 Byram Street – Pennside, PA. Time – 12 to 3 p.m. For more info and reservations, call George Dietrich at 610-743-4668.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

7:15 Walter Jurasinski (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:15 Irene Arnold

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

7:15 Caterina Cirulli

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

7:15 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

7:15 George C. Krick

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 Charles D. McDonald

4:30 Joseph & Rose Andrejewski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30 Joe DiCerchio

9:00 Eugene Murphy

10:30 Clarence Solecki

12:00 Diane Rudolph

Readings for the Week of August 4, 2019

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

Monday

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday

Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

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.



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

St. Joseph's Church, 1018 N. 8th Street, Reading, PA., is having their Annual Flea Market on Friday, August 23rd & Saturday, August 24th, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM both days. Delicious ethnic foods, homemade baked goods, great finds and 10 great raffle prizes. All are welcome. Bring your family and friends and help support our efforts. For more detailed information, please call St. Joseph's Parish Office at 610-376-2976



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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.

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

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

Lector - Dottie Bixler

Cantor - Mollie Ziemba

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - B. Davis - J. Davis - K. Nguyen

Eucharistic Ministers - Marica Wert - Mark Abramowicz

August 11th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector- Paul Essig

Altar Servers - S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt - M. McDevitt

Eucharistic Ministers - Joanne Loeper & Mike Balla

August 11th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Cassie Sedlack

Cantor - Hailey Zambito

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - D. Schmehl & M. Partsch

Eucharistic Ministers - Mary Murphy - Mary Anne & Mike McCarthy

August 11th - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Mike Lenhart

Cantor - Leah Rile

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - E. Nguyen - C. Nguyen - N. Lamp

Eucharistic Ministers - Judy McMahon - Myra & Bill Headen

August 11th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Mike McElderry

Cantor - Bryan Scollick

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - A. Renninger - K. Amey - M. Griffin

Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente & David Drezek

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, Sgt. 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:

III 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:

Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, James Barra, 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, Donald Ludwig, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Dolores Miravich, Yoke Moy, Rodney Moyer, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patti, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon PrechtI, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Dean Soltz fus, 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: Robert Heizmann**, (husband of Cindy Heizmann) ; **Bill Sockel; Helen Faherty**, (grandmother of Mat & Pat Davis & Mari-Lynn Miller) **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.

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**

*******10:00 AM*******

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

Please email safeenvscs@gmail.com with any questions.

*******Please note time change*******

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.

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 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**

Financial Stewardship

June 23, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,168	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 1,022,440	\$ 1,217,892
Year to date deficit	\$ 195,452	
Last Year	\$ 21,286	

June 30, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,091	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 1,039,531	\$ 1,241,313
Year to date deficit	\$ 201,782	
Last Year	\$ 21,848	

July 7, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 22,413	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 22,413	\$ 23,421
Year to date deficit	\$ 1,008	
Last Year	\$ 19,035	

July 14, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,980	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 40,393	\$ 46,842
Year to date deficit	\$ 6,449	
Last Year	\$ 17,242	

July 21, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,138	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 58,531	\$ 70,263
Year to date deficit	\$ 11,732	
Last Year	\$ 20,476	

A sincere "THANK YOU" to our parishioners and visitors who choose to contribute to St. Catharine's. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.



Next blood drive Sunday September 15th 8:15 am to 1:15 pm. Please call 800-223-6667 or email

David.Sheehan@med.ge.com for an appointment