

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 17th - 3:30 p.m. - Stanley & Wanda Gerczyk

Sunday, August 18th - 10:30 a.m. - Dorothy & Daniel Piccone

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 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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 18:6-9: The first Passover is recalled, when the faithful people of God prayed behind closed doors, and the angel of death struck at the firstborn of Egypt.

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19: Abraham, our father in faith, relies on the confident assurance of what he hopes for. May we take courage from his example.

Lk 12:32-48 : As the faithful people of God, we must act in accordance with our faith. We must be constant.

Today's Message – The author of Wisdom speaks of “that night” of exodus from bondage in Egypt when the Lord delivered His chosen people from death. The Lord will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. Let us be prepared for His return. As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illumined by faith.

WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

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

GRIEF SHARE- 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

PROTECTING GODS'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP -

10:00 a.m. - Social Hall

BAPTISMS - After the noon Mass - Church

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

CHS 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 12

7:15 Harold Rowan (10th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:15 Dick Crowell

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:15 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

6 PM Margaret McDevitt (Church)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

6:30 Betty Stasek (Church)

8:00 Mary & Granville Rundle (Church)

7 PM Alois & Rosa Sager (Church)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

7:15 Teresa Foscone (25th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 James Gaffney

4:30 Providenza & Arcangela Scarpaci

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

7:30 Richard & Virginia Seisler

9:00 Daniel DiFulvio (47th Anniversary)

10:30 John Ludzia

12:00 Mary Uhrig

Readings for the Week of August 11, 2019

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

Monday

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest and Martyrs

Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17;

Mt 18:15-20

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,

9-10, 13-14; 1Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Thursday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16;

1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday

Saint Stephen of Hungary

Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24;

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;

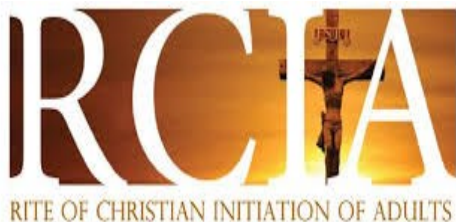
Lk 12:49-53

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

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.

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.

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.



INTERESTED IN
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

- 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 17th - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Melissa Scollick

Cantor - Jay Yohn

Organist - Not available at press time

Altar Servers - H. Keperling - T. Keperling - G. Donato

Eucharistic Ministers - Helen Veet & Lorraine Simon

August 18th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Doug McAdams

Altar Servers - B. Troung - M. Woodward - M. Schneider

Eucharistic Ministers - Donna Weidner & Beth Pawlik

August 18th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Roxanne Richardson

Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz

Organist - Not available at press time

Altar Servers - P. McCullough - R. Stoudt - C. Kominick

Eucharistic Ministers - Marica Wert - Vince McDevitt - Lisa Ianni

August 18th - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Amanda Luckenbill

Cantor - Mollie Ziembra

Organist - Not available at press time

Altar Servers - E. Oscar - A. Devlin - E. Fries

Eucharistic Ministers - Diane Luchetta - Ed Smith - David Drezek

August 18th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Mary King

Cantor - Jeff Tomczyk

Organist - Not available at press time

Altar Servers - A. McElderry - G. McElderry - M.

McElderry

Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - Edrie Watson

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 BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

I Mary Ann Kruse & Norman Schuhwerk

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: Leo & Carson Sawyer

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, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patti, 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. A time to die: Margaret Allen, (mother of Debbie Bilinski); Anna Sajdak, (mother of Theresa Bates & sister of Mike Jurasinski) 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.

SCS School News:

Breaking news! Two new spots have just opened up in our previously closed PreK class. Contact our Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at 610-779-5810 or aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org for more information.

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.



Please continue to clip and save your Box Tops for Education. We earned more than \$900.00 for our school and want to earn even more in the coming school year.

Place Box Tops in the marked box behind the SCRIP table. Look for the new Box Tops App, too!

Can Tabs - We collected over 60,000 tabs and were able to make a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia with your help. Please continue collecting tabs from beverage cans and other canned goods. The tabs (only) can be put in the container behind the SCRIP table. Thank you for your continued support.

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **September 4, 2019 at 1:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **September 3, 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

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.

DECEMBER 4, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT -
CHRISTMAS PARTY, Crowne Plaza.

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**

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

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator CONFIDENTIAL
TELEPHONE NUMBER (800) 791-9209.

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.
Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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