

**Saint Mary's News**

**Next Weekends Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, September 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Joseph Lubas (5th Anniversary)**

**Sunday, September 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Richard Zaorski**

**The Polish American Heritage Association is running a bus trip to the Polish American Cultural Museum**, the Kosciuszko House, etc. in Philadelphia on Saturday, September 28. Will leave Reading at 9:30AM; leave Philly at 6PM. Members: \$35. Non-members: \$45. Bus seating based on receipt of reservation. Deadline: Friday, Sept. 20. For more information contact Marilyn Wlazewski at 610-779-5523.



**Consider lending your voice to**

**St. Mary's Choir**, to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Choir Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel. Call Evelyn Kuter with questions

or interest at 484-942-7364.

**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. 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.

**REGULAR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE - We will resume our regular daily Mass Schedule starting Tuesday, September 3rd . 6:30 a.m. & 8 a.m. - Monday-Thursday & 6:30 a.m. & 8:30 on Fridays. **\*\* Please note.\*\*** **Mass will be held in the Gym at school.****

**St. Catharine and St. Mary  
IT'S TIME TO REGISTER**

**Parish Retreat Day  
McGlinn Conference Center**

(adjacent to Alvernia University)  
460 St. Bernardine Street  
Reading, PA 19607

**October 5, 2019**

**9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Theme: Love Others AS You Love Yourself

The retreat day will focus on the 2nd Commandment as named by Jesus.

Many of us are so busy with families and work that we neglect ourselves to the detriment of our own physical and spiritual health.

Presenter: Sister Patrice Klausing, OSF, LPC

Cost: \$20.00

(includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Optional Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

**Celebrant: Fr. Ron Bowman**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for registration and \$20.00 fee is Sept. 25, 2019.

Please make checks payable to St. Catharine of Siena Church. Place in collection basket or return to Parish Center.

## TWENTY- SECOND IN ORDINARY SUNDAY

**Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29:** Know your own limitations. Live within your own capabilities.

**Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a:** We are drawn to God because of His love and His gift of faith. We are not driven to Him out of fear.

**Lk 14:1, 7-14:** Act in true humility. Do not be frustrated by trying to just create an "image" for yourself.

**Today's Message:** Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem.

### WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

RCIA - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

50 PLUS MEETING - 1:00 p.m. - Social Hall

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG - 7:30 p.m. - Convent

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

AHG - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

**The Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2019,** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104 at 3:00 PM. We cordially invite couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at [www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass) or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form by email at [MFLF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:MFLF@allentowndiocese.org). The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The registration deadline is September 9, 2019. Questions, call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

**Next blood drive Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am to 1:15 pm. Please call 800-223-6667 or email [David.Sheehan@med.ge.com](mailto:David.Sheehan@med.ge.com) for an appointment.**

**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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 Geraldine Russo

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

8:00 Suzie Lee

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:30 Betty Stasek

8:00 Alice & Jim McCarron

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Theresa Mellinger

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:30 Patricia Thwaites

8:30 Michael LaScala

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 Deceased Members of the Kegaris & Brown Families

4:30 Salvatore Scarpaci (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 James Gaffney

9:00 Mary Borell

10:30 Charles Harhi

12:00 Sandy & Steve Bibbo

### Readings for the Week of September 1, 2019

#### Sunday Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11;

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

#### Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13;

Lk 4:16-30

#### Tuesday

**Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

#### Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

#### Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

#### Friday

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

#### Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

#### Sunday

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Phmn 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

**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, 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.

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

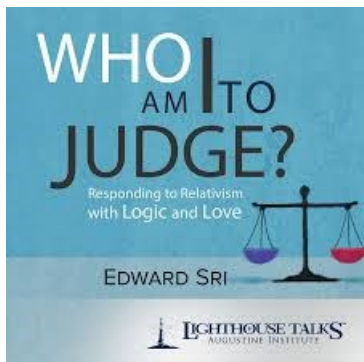
**I Alexa Di Cerchio & Peter Budock**

**THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA (AMS) is scheduled for September 28 and 29.**

Lifeline of Berks County is in need of baby bottles, baby wash, and newborn outfits and onesies for boys and girls. We would greatly appreciate any of these items that you are able to donate to us for our clients. For more information please call Life Line at 610-374-8545 .

***It Happens Only Every Ten Years!***

***What, you may ask? It's the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.*** HGA Parishioner Les White has once again put together an unforgettable 14 day trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, and a tiny slice of France. The trip runs from July 3-16, 2020. For details and a complete itinerary contact Les 610-929-1833 or [montanatours@hotmail.com](mailto:montanatours@hotmail.com). Don't delay, space is limited to 30 passengers.



**You are invited to join the Monday Night Faith and Bible Study**

September 9th at 7:30pm as we start a new study by Dr. Edward Sri, "*Who Am I to Judge?*" - Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love". How do we talk about morality in a world that no longer believes in truth? When we're

bombarded with messages of "Be tolerant!", "Don't Judge!", and "Coexist," many good people feel afraid to say anything is right or wrong anymore. This 8-part study program gives us the one key to responding to relativism effectively: a Catholic moral worldview. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people" and is "the spiritual poverty of our times." Contact Deanna Stratton at 610-406-0452 to learn location. Please order your own study guide from <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/catholic-encounter?faq=1> or call 866-767-3155.

**Next Weekend's Mass Schedule**

**September 7th - 4:30 p.m. Mass**

Lector - Mary O'Leary  
Cantor - Bryan Scollick  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt - M. McDevitt  
Eucharistic Ministers - Mark Abramowicz & Michele Boucher

**September 8th - 7:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector - Jim Keane  
Altar Servers - M. Partsch - N. Barbera  
Eucharistic Ministers - Joanne Loeper & Mike Balla

**September 8th - 9:00 a.m. Mass**

Lector - Barry Hannahoe  
Guitar Choir  
Altar Servers - P. McCullough R. Stoudt - C. Kominick  
Eucharistic Ministers - Mary Murphy - Mary Anne & Mike McCarthy

**September 8th - 10:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector - Amanda Drinker  
Cantor - Kate Bobb  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - M. Pawlik - A. Renninger - N. Lamp  
Eucharistic Ministers - Judy McMahon - Myra & Bill Headen

**September 8th - 12:00 p.m. Mass**

Lector - Jim Snyder  
Cantor - Mollie Ziemba  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - B. Davis - J. Davis - B. McNish  
Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - Trish & Tom McNelis

**If you like to sing at Mass, St. Catharine's Guitar Group wants you!!**

You don't need to be able to read music, just join us and learn some neat music and get to know some great people. If you play an instrument, same invitation applies. We especially need guitarists and flute players, but if you play something else, that's OK, too. We rehearse on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM and sing at the 9:00 on Sundays. Come join us. We'd love to have you. Call Annie delCollo at 610-777-5234 or just stop in after the 9:00 and tell us about yourself.

**CHS CLASS OF '62 - 75<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY:** Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - 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.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION - BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR ON LOSS OF A SPOUSE.** On 9-22-19 FROM 2-4 PM in St. Catharine's Parish Center Mtg. Room. Registration required and the book is \$5. For details email: [judyacameron@comcast.net](mailto:judyacameron@comcast.net) or call 610 370-1174.

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: Logan Williams

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

Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, James Barra, Becky Batistini, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Mary Christ, Larry Curtin, Joan Davis, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Louis Fiorini, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Luke Gilbert, 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, John Mercadante, Jr., Matthew Mercadante Dolores Miravich, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patti, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtel, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, Tammy Scrobe, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Dean Soltzfus, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Marie Sullivan, Sandy Sullivan, Kim Trois, Danielle Trout, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Merritt Weidner, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: Frances Miller; Sister Rose Immaculate McHale, (sister of John McHale); Susan Wagner, (sister of Jay Yohn); Lisa Cole; Cyndie O'Leary, (daughter of Dave & Rita Kasprzak ) & 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.**



**NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!** If you have been regularly worshipping with us and have not yet joined our parish, we warmly invite you to see either Msgr. Domin or Fr. Wehr after Mass and they will be happy to register you as a member of St. Catharine of Siena. All are welcome to join our parish community.

**The Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAFP)**, distributes food monthly to local residents in need. Operating over the past eight years, we have witnessed a consistently growing need in our community. EAFP now serves an average of 200 families per month, so we need further volunteer and donation support. The pantry day is typically open the 3rd Friday of each month located at Reformation Lutheran Church, 3670 Perkiomen Avenue. Volunteers are needed for set up from 8:15-11:30am and distribution/clean-up from 1:30 -6:30pm (partial shifts are fine!) To sign up or get more information on donations, please contact [eafpvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:eafpvolunteers@gmail.com) The attached EAFP brochure has more detailed information on ways to help or how a local family in need can get assistance.

### 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. Please call **Rosalie Snyder at 610-779-6562** with the name of members who are sick or have died. **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**



**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](http://www.maddiesmiracles.org)

### Financial Stewardship

#### July 28, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,990	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 76,521	\$ 93,684
Year to date deficit	\$ 17,163	
Last Year	\$ 18,867	

#### August 4, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,583	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 97,104	\$ 117,105
Year to date deficit	\$ 20,001	
Last Year	\$ 22,606	

#### August 11, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,890	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 115,994	\$ 140,526
Year to date deficit	\$ 24,532	
Last Year	\$ 18,706	

#### August 18, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,372	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 133,366	\$ 163,947
Year to date deficit	\$ 30,581	
Last Year	\$ 19,238	

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