

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule


Saturday, September 28th - 3:30 p.m. - John Dziedzic
Sunday, September 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Joseph Mietelski

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

Parish Guild of St. Cyril and Methodius Church -Flea Market & Food Sale- Lots of Good Merchandise and Good Food - At SS Cyril and Methodius RC Church- 6th and Laurel Streets - Reading, PA 19602 - Saturday October 5, 2019 - 9AM to 2 PM - Sunday October 6, 2019 - 10:30 AM to 1 PM - HH goods, Puzzles, Tools, Kids Toys, Books, Etc. - American and Slovak foods served. Soups-Baked Goods-Refreshments - Halusky (Fried Cabbage)-Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage) - Hot Dogs

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Blessing of Animals/Pets
We will have the Blessing of the Animals on **Saturday, October 5th after the 4:30 Mass** at the Pavilion. There will be a short service and a blessing. We encourage you to bring your animals/pets for this special blessing. All pets should be contained with a leash for their own safety as well as the safety of the other people who will be present. **All pets are welcome!**


St. Catharine of Siena School will be holding its annual Walk -A-Thon on October 11, 2019. Monsignor Domin and Father Wehr will be walking with the students and collecting donations of support after all Masses this weekend and next weekend.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Once again, this Fall, we have the opportunity for daily Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel (Perkiomen Avenue). Visitation with Our Lord in His Most Blessed Sacrament will continue from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, through Sunday November 3rd, concluding with the Solemn Closing of the Forty Hour Devotion. Jesus will be waiting for your visit.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Eucharistic Adoration is the art of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest gift after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." St. Alphonsus Liguori.



The Diocese of Allentown is alerting parishioners about an apparent scam. Recently, a number of people from several different parishes have notified the Diocese that they received a text message on their cell phone from someone pretending to be a Diocesan priest or Deacon asking them to purchase gift cards for him.

These are not legitimate requests and are not from a Diocesan priest. No Diocesan priest will ever solicit funds by **text message or email.**

The Diocese is not aware that anyone has fallen victim to this scam. But it does want to remind everyone if you are concerned about a text message you receive, always verify it before you take any action.

*****By the way Msgr. Domin doesn't even have a smart phone! He still uses a flip-phone.*** He barely texts!! *****

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 8:4-7: The Lord will punish those who cheat and oppress the poor. There is no place for the gouger, the con-artist, the greedy.

1 Tm 2:1-8: We should pray with a pure heart and blameless hands. Our penitential act in the liturgy must be sincere if our prayers are to meet this demand.

Lk 16:1-13: If we are shrewd in an evil way, we may be admired by other evil people for our cleverness. But we cannot win in the long run. We cannot divide ourselves between God and worldly gain.

Today's Message: Amos cries out against those who exploit the poor for the sake of extortion and greed. They seek to serve only themselves rather than the Lord. By giving ourselves to God rather than money, we can truly pray with blameless hands for all those in need, especially the poor whom the Lord will raise up.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

PREP LEVELS –7 - 6:30 - School
HSO DONUT SOCIAL & BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL - After the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses– Social Hall
GRIEF SHARE - 2:00 p.m. - Parish Center Basement
TROOP 358– Pavilion

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
GUITAR CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church
GRIEF SHARE - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 25

PREP LEVELS 1-6, 8 - 6:30 p.m. - School

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

YOUTH GROUP MTG - 6:30 p.m. - Upper Room

Divorce Survival Group will begin October 7 at St. Benedict's Parish from 7:00-8:30. Contact Deb Kelly at 610-763-6528 or dakelly831@gmail.com, or Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415 or joeboylan@berksfoods.com

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.

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 The attached EAFP brochure has more detailed information on ways to help or how a local family in need can get assistance.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:30 Margaret Raith (1st Anniversary)

8:00 Mary E. Ryan (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30 Alois & Rosa Sager

8:00 Roy C. Monde, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:30 Cecilia Glembocki

8:00 Robert Kogut

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Rosa Maria Garcia Tapial

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 Jeannette & Matthew Diana

8:30 Steven Julian (School Gym)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 Victoria Rowland

4:30 Robert Matthews, Sr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30 Kathleen Harris

9:00 Thomas Rathman

10:30 Catherine D. Kostival (15th Anniversary)

12:00 Mary George

Readings for the Week of September 22, 2019

Sunday

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;

Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence

Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;

Lk 16:19-31

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

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)

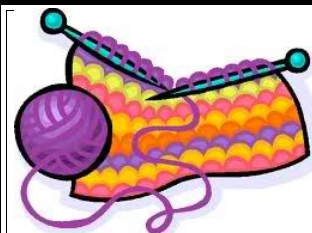
Optional Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

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.



SIENA STITCHERS:

Looking to learn a few stitches or meet some new friends? Siena Stitchers welcomes back to our new season anyone interested in stitching. We'll be meeting at Church 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 10:00a.m. Any questions? Call Judy (610-779-8654) or Anita (610-779-1571).

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

September 28th - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Todd Tomczyk

Cantor - Jeff Tomczyk

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - S. Robinson - J. Dempster - M. Woodward

Eucharistic Ministers - Lorraine Simon

September 29th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Kathy Lavanga

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

Eucharistic Ministers - Joanne Loeper & Steve Gribb

September 29th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - John Vogel

Guitar Group

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

Eucharistic Ministers - Mary Murphy - Cassie Sedlack - Ed

Smith

September 29th - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Edrie Watson

Cantor - Kim Kostival

Organist - Dave Kostival

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

Eucharistic Ministers - Diane Luchetta - Maria Post - David

Drezek

September 29th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Rose Ann Uhrig

Cantor - Leah Rile

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - N. Wentling - J. Wentling - B. McNish

Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - Edrie Watson - Helen

Veet

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.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Our traditional choir will begin its season on Sunday, October 6, with practice at 9 a.m. in the former preschool room. We welcome everyone to discover the benefits of praising God in song as a part of a team. **The choir is in desperate need of female voices.** Please consider this ministry to enhance your own spiritual health and the life of the Church. Help us keep this Biblical and Catholic tradition alive! David saw fit to appoint choirs from the Levites; the Hebrews of Nehemiah's day celebrated the greatness of God with antiphonal choirs; God saw fit to announce the birth of his Son with a mass choir of angels (Luke 2:13-14) and God now sees fit to have a choir of elders, cherubim and saints adoring him eternally through the use of a responsorial and antiphonal liturgy. (Rev. 4-5). For more information, contact David at 484-332-8695 or dkostival@comcast.net.

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: Maddox & Zoe Clevestine

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

Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Becky Batistini, 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, Richard Cibroski, 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, Sharon Kieffer, 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, Rodney Moyer, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patti, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtl, 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, Betty Vilardo, 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: Mary Frances Firth**, (mother of Lisa Priar & grandmother of Timothy & Amy Priar); **Stanley Serino**, (father of Henry Serino & grandfather of Paul & Michelle Serino) & **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.

Saint Catharine of Siena School Board -

There will be two positions available on the St Catharine of Siena School Board starting next year. Please consider serving on this important ministry. Parents who have students in the school as well as individuals who do not have children in the school are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be 21 years old. Selected candidates will have orientation in March 2020 and are asked to serve a 3 year term beginning in September 2020.

Please email the school

@mkraycik@scsreading.org for an application. The deadline to submit an application is December 17, 2019.

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Back to School Social! Hosted by the St. Catharine of Siena Home & School Association. Join us after the 9 am and 10:30 Masses this weekend in the Church Social Hall for coffee and donuts and fellowship. Learn more about what the St. Catharine of Siena Home & School Association does behind the scenes to support our school community.

Valerie (Farrell) Wertman is a long time parishioner. Fifth Annual "Sean Wertman Memorial 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament" on Sunday, November 10th, 2019. Please help to end addiction "One Basket" at a time...while having fun and displaying good sportsmanship! Where: Exeter Senior High School gyms for boys and girls in **5th and 6th grades & 7th & 8th.** The purpose is to increase awareness of over the counter medicine abuse and a fundraiser for Adult\Teen Challenge Rehab. \$60 per team entrance fee. For sign ups and more info call or text Roger or Valerie Wertman at 610-779-8943. You can also leave a voicemail, or rogerwertman@yahoo.com or on Facebook - ([seanwertmanbb](#)). **Forms and details can be found on Facebook.** Please help this important cause. **Team sponsors and donations are appreciated!**

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **October 2, 2019 at 1:00 pm.** The board meeting will be held on **October 1, 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

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. Choice of meal will be Salmon Piccata, Stuffed Pork Loin and Chicken Cordon Bleu. Great entertainment will be provided by Glenn Miller.

MEETING DATES FOR 2020

1/8	7/1
2/5	8/5
Picnic	
3/4	9/9
4/1 Everybody's Birthday Party	10/7
5/6	11/4
6/3	12/2
Christmas Party	

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

Join us in a Mass for those suffering from addiction. All are invited. **St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 2101 Pottstown Pike (Rt. 100) Pottstown, PA 19465 - Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 11:00 AM. Confession available 10:15. Celebrant Rev. Lawrence Kozak**

HARVEST FEST '19 - Friday, October 4 (4-9 PM) and Saturday, October 5 (12-9 PM) at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg. Friday music begins at 4 PM, with an oldies band from 5:30-8:30 PM. Saturday music includes a Polka Band 1 PM, Polka Mass at 4:30 PM; more music until 8:30 PM. Homemade ethnic foods, fun, activities, ongoing entertainment and games for all ages, rock wall and bungee jump, hayrides, bingo, theme baskets and more. New this year: corn maze and escape rooms. Free admission, plenty of parking, no coolers. Held rain or shine. For information call 610-562-7657 or visit www.stmaryhamburg.org and Facebook.

7th ANNUAL HOLY ROSARY SPAGHETTI DINNER October 9th @ Victor Emmanuel II from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Don't miss out on a delicious meal while helping Holy Rosary Church. Everyone invited to attend. Take Outs will be available. **Dinner includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Butter. Cash Bar, Homemade Baked Goods Sale. Tickets prices are \$10.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for Children call., Linette Razzano at 610-202 9846 or Christine Lichman at 610-334-1208 or Holy Rosary Rectory during office hours at 610-373-5579.**

Parish Nurse News - Sadly, bullying is still a significant concern among today's pre-adolescents, 4th - 8th graders. Be familiar with ways that your children and grandchildren cope with stress. Talk about kids at school and how we can respect and protect others and ourselves when dealing with bullies at school. Always report bullying to school authorities. (Emergency Nurses Association, ENPC, 5th ed., 2020).

"FALL ALL IN" Free Community Fall Prevention Seminar Wed. 9/25 at 2pm. Held at Berkshire Commons Senior Living. Refreshments & Genesis Swag bags for all. Please call by 9/24 to RSVP. Complimentary individual fall screenings by the Genesis Therapy Team following presentation.

Berkshire Commons Annual Yard & Food Sale to benefit Alzheimer's Saturday, Sept. 28th. 8am - 1pm. Come & shop or sell your items. Parking Space \$10, bring your own table/chairs. Call Lori at 610-779-3993. Also ask about joining the Berkshire Commons' "Walk to end ALZ" team. Held at Penn State Berks Sat. Oct. 5th.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR: Do you like to decorate? The Exeter Women's Club would like you on our Holiday House Tour. For info, call Joan at 610-689-5130 or Fran at 610-779-6506.

ATTENTION ALL FORMER SOUTHWEST JR. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Our final SW Alumni Reunion will take place on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 at the Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Rd., Wyomissing, PA from 1 to 5 p.m. The \$25 per person admission price includes lunch, beverages and music by "The Headliners." For more information and reservations, call Helen Pullano Voytovich at 610-373-9767. Reservation deadline is Sept. 23.