

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 12th - 3:30 p.m. - The Zaorski Family

Sunday, October 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Donna Wrobel

For the Victims of Hurricane Dorian Collection - Hurricane Dorian's intensity and slow progress wreaked havoc on parts of Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and the coastal areas of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina & North Carolina. In response to the needs of the victims of Dorian, **Bishop Schlert has authorized that a special collection to be taken up across the Diocese of Allentown. Our collection will be this weekend.** These funds will be distributed to the victims of Dorian through Catholic Charities USA & Catholic Relief Services.

There will be a Latin Mass next Sunday, October 13th, at 12:30 p.m. in the Church. Reconciliation at noon.



**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., starting October 1st and will continue Monday thru Friday, until Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, concluding with the Solemn Closing of the Forty Hour Devotion. Jesus will be waiting for your visit. **The Homilist will be Father John Rother.**

**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.



**Gertrude "Gert" Mikus, Volunteer of the Year, and Mark McKillop, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.**

Congratulations to Gertrude "Gert" Mikus who was recently honored as the Berks County Association of School Retirees 2019 Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees Volunteer of the Year. A retired school nurse from the Conrad Weiser School District, Gert is a member of St. Catharine's Siena Stitchers where she has fun creating handmade items such as prayer shawls and lap covers to donate to charitable organizations for people in need. Gert also volunteers her time at St. Francis Home in Cumru Township where she uses her professional training as a nurse to selflessly provide compassionate care and support to terminally ill patients and their families.

**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.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4:** We might become discouraged. But let us take heart; in His own time the Lord will save us.

**2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14:** Be firm in faith despite all adversity. The Holy Spirit dwells in us – He is the spirit of strength.

**Lk 17:5-10:** Our faith is to be lived. We cannot be satisfied with merely doing no more than our duty. We must strive to excel.

**Today's Message:** Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, only responded to with works of love and service. A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving and wise, confident that God will guard us from all harm. God is the Rock of our salvation.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

PREP LEVEL 7 - 6:30 p.m. - School  
DEN MEETING - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.  
GUITAR CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church  
SVDP MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center Basement  
BIBLE STUDY GROUP - 8:00 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.  
RCIA - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.  
PREP LEVELS 1-6, 8 - 6:30 p.m. - School

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center  
CONFIRMATION RETREAT - 4:30 p.m. - Social Hall

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

BAPTISMS - After 12 Noon Mass - Church  
YOUTH GROUP MEETING - 4:00 p.m. - Social Hall

**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](mailto:dakelly831@gmail.com), or Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415 or [joeboylan@berksfoods.com](mailto:joeboylan@berksfoods.com)

**Sunday Afternoon of Reflection on Loss of a Spouse**, 10-27-19, 2 PM, St. Catharine's Parish Center, 2427 Perkiomen Ave. Reading 19606. Perhaps 'survivor' instead of 'widow/er' better explains the 'status' box required on forms following this loss. We'll examine that and the forever-love held for them.

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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30 Sandy Bradley  
8:00 Nick D'Alonzo

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30 David Barr  
8:00 Dorothy Bush

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 Mary Mundo  
8:00 Fotios Arnidis

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:00 Bill Bradley (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:30 Helen Udovich  
8:30 Steven Robinson

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00 W. Bernard Manning, Jr.  
4:30 George Auchter (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 Violet Leier  
9:00 Gerald Impink  
10:30 Mary I. Mathews (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
12:00 Mary George

#### Readings for the Week of October 6, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Jon 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saints Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest</b> Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday</b>	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint John XXIII, Pope</b> Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

**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](mailto:addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766).

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 10/7	Rev. Achilles Ayaton
Tuesday 10/8	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Baddick
Wednesday 10/9	Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker
Thursday 10/10	Rev. Msgr. William Baker
Friday 10/11	Rev. Francis Baransky
Saturday 10/12	Rev. John Barron
Sunday 10/13	Rev. Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus

We are in need of volunteers to lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass. Volunteers sign up for one Sunday a month and must have all Diocesan clearances. For more information please contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) or 610-779-8535.

**Parish Nurse News** - Go nuts! Enjoy the many choices! Almonds, walnuts, pecans and other tree nuts can help lower your risk of cardiovascular and coronary heart disease. Learn more. <http://bit.ly/2yG8rpR> (bcbsil.com.Sept.2019).

**Celebrate Mission Sunday with real, live missionaries!** MSC Sisters Dorothy Fabritze, Mary Seibert and Bernard Overkamp will share with you their experiences in Papua New Guinea. Visit this part of the world through their eyes and hearts Sunday, October 20 at Sacred Heart Villa, Reading from 1:00-3:00. Light refreshments will be served and an RSVP is requested. Contact [CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org](mailto:CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org) or call 610-929-2802.

**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](mailto:rogerwertman@yahoo.com) or on Facebook - ([seanwertmanbb](https://www.facebook.com/seanwertmanbb)). *Forms and details can be found on Facebook.* Please help this important cause. **Team sponsors and donations are appreciated!**

**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!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**October 12th - 4:30 p.m. Mass**  
Lector - Melissa Scollick  
Cantor - Bryan Scollick  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - H. Keperling - T. Keperling - E. Schodowski  
Eucharistic Ministers - Mark Abramowicz - Michele Boucher

**October 13th - 7:30 a.m. Mass**  
Lector- Doug McAdams  
Altar Servers - B. Truong - E. Oscar - G. Donato  
Eucharistic Ministers - Joanne Loeper & Mike Balla

**October 13th - 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
Lector - Roxanne Richardson  
Guitar Group  
Altar Servers - P. McCullough - R. Stoudt C. Kominick  
Eucharistic Ministers - Mary Murphy Mary Anne & Mike McCarthy

**October 13th - 10:30 a.m. Mass**  
Lector - Amanda Luckenbill  
Voices & Praise Choir  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - M. Woodward J. Howard M. Feeny  
Eucharistic Ministers - Judy McMahan & Myra & Bill Headen

**October 13th - 12:00 p.m. Mass**  
Lector - Mary O'Leary  
Cantor - Kate Bobb  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - S. McDevitt V. McDevitt M. McDevitt  
Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente

**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](mailto:@mkraycik@scsreading.org) for an  
application. The deadline to  
submit an application is December  
17, 2019.**

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:

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, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patti, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtl, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Thomas Rochowicz, Sr., 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: Rodney Moyer, ( brother of Ron Moyer) & 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.



## CYO Mass & Food Drive

**Date: Sunday,  
Nov 24, 2019**

**Time: 11 :00 AM**

**Location: Berks Catholic  
Auditorium**

**CYO participants are request to bring a non-perishable food item/ items and wear their team jersey.**

## Youth Group Mission Trip

The Senior High Youth Group has the opportunity to travel Virginia Beach, VA with Catholic Heart Workcamp. This opportunity gives us a chance to live out Roman Catholic social teaching by serving the neglected, brokenhearted, and marginalized in any way needed. Catholic Heart Workcamp is led by trained Catholic youth ministry professionals with programming is designed to inspire participants to live as Disciples of Christ through serving others. To learn more, check out [www.heartworkcamp.com](http://www.heartworkcamp.com)

The trip will be June 14, 2020 – June 20, 2020. The cost of the trip is \$200 (fundraising opportunities will be available) and is open to 2020 graduated 8th graders – 2020 graduated seniors. Space is limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 and signed permission slip will reserve your spot. Permission slips can be found on the youth website at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com)

**Youth Group Bulletin Announcement:**  
**Upcoming Youth Group Events**

Sunday, October 13 at 4:00 pm. Family Apple Pie making! Join us for an afternoon baking Apple Pies with your family. Bring your own apples, we will supply everything else. Fr. Wher will also treat us to one of his family's favorite fall recipes for dinner after the pie making! This event is for Senior High Youth Group and their families. New members welcome!!! Please RSVP to Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) and let us know how many people will attend, and the number of pies you plan to bake.

Saturday, October 19, 2019 Junior High and Senior High Youth Groups (Students in grades 6-12) Join us for an evening at Mast Farms Corn Maze. We will begin at 4:30 Mass followed by a pizza dinner. After dinner we will carpool to Mast Farms to take our shot at the corn maze. Parent pick up at 8:30 pm. Cost is \$15 and covers admission to the corn maze and pizza dinner. Permission slips are available on the youth website at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) All permission slips are due by Sunday, October 13. We will need chaperones and drivers (with all diocesan clearances) for this event. Pray for good weather!

If you would like to be included in youth group text reminders, please send a text to **81010**. In the body of the message write **@stcathari**

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

Senior High Youth Retreat – February 21 – 23, 2020  
Summer Mission Trip – June 14 – 20, 2020  
Steubenville NYC – July 24 – 26, 2020

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive -**

**(sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church)  
To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry**

St. Catharine of Sienna has agreed to join all our local churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need. Parents will select toys for their children on December 13, 2019. A toy collection box will be placed in your building in October. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through teen) and place them in the box between before December 8<sup>th</sup>. This event has brought much joy to the families of the Exeter Area Food Pantry for the past three years, providing parents with an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for their children without compromising their ability to keep food on the table. Let's strive to be a beacon of light to them by making sure there are enough items for all the families to benefit. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480)

**50+ CLUB NEWS**

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **November 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **November 5, 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**

**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.

**JANUARY 8, 2020:** **NEW YEARS CELEBRATION** with members to bring appetizers and snacks to share - Cake and Coffee. Let's play BINGO

**FEBRUARY 5, 2019:** Valentine Day Celebration with cakes and coffee. Speaker: Pat White - 2020 trip schedule

**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.  
**2020 Trip** information will be announced at the **February meeting**.

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**