

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Friday, November 1st - 8:00 a.m. - Gertrude Sadowski,
(1st Anniversary)

Saturday, November 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - All Souls
Intentions

Sunday, November 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Gloria Graczyk

Attention: Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion please call the office at 610-779-4005.

There will be one Mass for All Saints Day on Friday, November 1st at 8:00 a.m. in the Church .

ATTENTION: PIEROGI SOCIETY – The Pierogi Society will meet for two days, Monday & Tuesday, November 11 and 12, at 9:00 A.M. under the Church to make pierogis to be sold as part of the Christmas Boutique at St. Catharine's on November 22nd and 23rd. If you can help out on either of these days, please call St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005 and leave your name.



Congratulations to Chester Garszczynski who will celebrate his 101st Birthday on November 1st!!!

**NOVEMBER 1ST IS ALL SAINT'S DAY.
IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!
Masses will be as follows:**

Vigil of All Saints - October 31st

5:00 p.m. (Chapel)

All Saint's Day - November 1st

6:30 a.m. (Chapel)

8:00 a.m. (Chapel)

9:30 a.m. * (School Gym)*****

7:00 p.m. (Church)

There will also be a 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's on November 1st.

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 3rd, 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.

***Welcome Visitors:** Our parish community warmly welcomes those visitors who are attending Mass with us this weekend. All are always invited to join our faith family in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are glad you chose to worship with us, and we look forward to seeing you again!*

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18: No one is unimportant in the sight of God. If we serve God willingly, He will receive our prayers.

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18: Paul sees time running out and is life drawing to a close. He is comforted by faith in God's just judgment.

Lk 18:9-14: Pride brings no true reward but only projects an "image." In humility true values are seen.

Today's Message: Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. God hears the cry of the poor and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon Him. Having heard Paul's cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Knights Room

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

GUITAR GROUP REHEARSAL – 7 p.m. – Church

READING GRAND ULTREYA – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

GRIEFSHARE – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – **After 8 a.m. Mass until 4:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

AHG - 6 p.m. - Social Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights Room

40 HOURS CLOSING – 4 p.m. - Church

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, Captain 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. Cdr. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:30 Catherine Didyoung

8:00 Daniel Graham

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:30 Rocchina Cotoia (1st Anniversary)

8:00 Alice K. Brennan (26th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:30 Catherine Duggan

8:00 Joan Seyler

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Ann Polizzi

5 p.m. Loretta Domin (Chapel)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:30 Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary (Chapel)

8:00 Kathleen Feryo (Chapel)

9:30 Harold Romberger (Gym)

7 p.m. Ted & Florence Slabik (Church)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 All Souls (Chapel)

4:30 All Souls (Church)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 Margaret Aulenbach

9:00 Lewis Ianni

10:30 James Gaffney (1st Anniversary)

12:00 Lauren Hartman

Readings for the Week of October 27, 2019

Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Monday

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31;
Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11;
Or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Sunday

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22—12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14;
2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10

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.

Parish Nurse News - When someone suffers with mental illness, it can be difficult to remember that others care. Showing your support can help that person in a big way. Also refer them to <http://screening.mentalhealthscreening.org/readinghospital> for a free screening, anonymous and confidential and information on local resources.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/4	Rev. Thomas Buckley
Tuesday 11/5	Rev. George Bur
Wednesday 11/6	Rev. Douglas Burns
Thursday 11/7	Rev. Christopher Butera
Friday 11/8	Rev. Msgr. Albert Byrne
Saturday 11/9	Rev. Floyd Caesar
Sunday 11/10	Rev. Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE 2019

We are pleased to announce the annual Christmas Boutique Craft Show will once again be held on the weekend before Thanksgiving; Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23. Plan now to attend this festive kick-off to the holiday season. There is something for everyone. Watch for more details in the bulletin over the next few weeks.

Gethsemane Cemetery will be celebrating All Souls Day on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019 @ 3:00 inside the Chapel of Resurrection. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome.

2020 Sunday Missals are now available in the Church Store. Missals can also be obtained at the Parish Center. In addition, Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors can pick up their complimentary missals in the sacristy at the Church.

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.

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

November 2nd - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Mary O'Leary

Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz

Organist - Dave Kostival

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

Eucharistic Ministers - Bryan Scollick & Lorraine Simon

November 3rd - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Jim Keane

Altar Servers - M. Pawlik - M. Partsch - A. Nguyen

Eucharistic Ministers - Mike Jurasinski & Linda Fetterman

November 3rd - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Barry Hannahoe

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - P. McCullough - R. Stoudt - N. Lamp

Eucharistic Ministers - Cheryl Willman - Ernie Kovacs - Pat McNeil

November 3rd - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Amanda Drinker

Voices & Praise Choir

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - K. Nguyen - A. Renninger - C. Kominick

Eucharistic Ministers - Peter Will - David Drezek - Ed Smith

November 3rd - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Jim Snyder

Cantor - Bryan Scollick

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - B. Davis - J. Davis - E. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - Trish & Tom McNelis

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).

Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life -

Friday evening, November 1, Sunday at Noon, November 3, 2019 - -The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and 1999 – 2018 EWTN Host of "Eucharistic Journey." The retreat is held at the Ave Maria Retreat House at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more. For more information, please contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508, olme@olme.org 610-582-3333 www.olme.org



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.



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: Charles Holler & Zoe Hudak

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim

Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Marie Bassler, Becky Batistini, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Nancy Cassidy, 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, Roberta Hedl, 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, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jim McGinnis, John Mercadante, Jr., Dolores Miravich, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Precht, 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: Rev. Thomas Prior; Julia Zajac; Stanley Boczar & Palma Evans & 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.

St. Catharine of Siena School's 8th grade is hosting a Car Wash Fundraiser for their Educational Field Trip Fund. Stop by their table in the back after Masses this weekend to pick up a voucher good through November 1 or to purchase baked goods. Thank you to the sponsor for this event, Sunny's Car Wash!

American Heritage Girls Troop 1111 is accepting donations for Wreaths Across America. Look for us in the gathering area after all Masses the weekend of November 8th/9th. Your \$15 donation supports our troop and the purchase of a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave at Forest Hills Cemetery at our ceremony on December 14th. You can also contact Julie Wright at prtyof10@ptd.net for more information.

Grand Market and Christmas Bazaar- Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM and Sunday the 3rd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Marciano Hall of St. Peter Church. You can buy clothes, furniture, Christmas decorations and many items for the house, new and used at a reduced price, and surprise for those who earn it. Invite your family and friends. For more information, call the rectory or Kennedy House (610-378-1947).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR

– It's the most wonderful time of the year, except when it's not. We will explore the strength, wisdom, and encouragement needed to go through the upcoming holidays along with the treasured memories of forever-love. Nov. 10, 2019 St. Catharine's (2427 Perkiomen Ave.) from 2-4 PM. Registration required @ judyacameron@comcast.net or 610 370-1174.

The Berks County Catholic Woman's Club will attend Mass on Sat. Nov 9 at 8:00 am at St. Ignatius Church. Refreshments and a meeting will follow. Open to all Catholic women.

Nocturnal Adoration will be held on Friday, November 1st from 8:00 - 9:00 PM at St. Margaret's Church, 925 Centre Avenue, Reading, PA 19601.

50 Plus Group 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.

Socks, sweat shirt or sweat pants, size XL-XXL, as examples, monetary donations are always welcome.

DECEMBER 4, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT - CHRISTMAS PARTY, Crowne Plaza. Choice of meal will be Salmon Picasa, Stuffed Pork Loin and Chicken Cordon Bleu. Great entertainment will be provided by Glenn Miller. Contact: Carol Searfoss 484-236-1016 for more information.

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

FEBRUARY 5, 2020: Valentine Day Celebration with cakes and coffee
Speaker: Pat White – 2020 trip schedule

2019 TRAVEL PLANS

2020 Trip information will be announced at the **February meeting**.
Royal Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas on Anthem of the Sea, leaves **Feb 7th to Feb 15th**, Balcony-\$840.00, Ocean View-\$748.00 Double Occupancy +\$116.00 Gratuity. This trip is definitely a go, so please call Pat White for more 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 Social Hall at 4975 Boyertown Pike, Rt. 562, Reading, PA.

Theme: Christ our Hope: In Every Season of Life! Deadline for Essay Submission: December 2, 2019. The *Stand Up For Life Essay Contest* is a voluntary contest open to all students in grades seven through twelve in public and private schools in the Allentown Diocese, as well as home-schooled students at those grade levels. Four winners will be chosen in each deanery – a first and second place winner in each division. From these deanery winners, the top four essays will be chosen, and the winners awarded the following prizes at an awards banquet in January: Grades 7 & 8: \$100 First Prize Second Prize \$50 Grades 9 - 12: \$200 First Prize Second Prize \$100. For more information, visit: allentowndiocese.org/essaycontest

ANNUAL ADVENT RETREAT: Love Beyond All Telling - December 13-15, 2019 - Can we pause in our Christmas preparations and reflect upon the Word of God and our own desire to make a difference in our world? Offering: \$175 PP SNG OCC \$165 PP DBL OCC Deposit: \$80

Check In begins December 13 at 6:00 PM, First Session: 7:30 PM. To register or for more information, please call 610.867.8890 or email stfranciscenter@gmail.com

Please Support the Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown—The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 7th and 8th.

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Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 School Year!

Please contact Nicky Smith for information on how to *Be A Saint* and about preparing young men and women to *Be College and Life Ready*. All inquiries are confidential.
nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 60.374.8361 ext. 244

Berks Catholic Homecoming 2019

Berks Catholic Christmas Vespers - Berks Catholic High School invites you to celebrate the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ with our Christmas Vesper Prayer Service on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, West Reading. Admission is free and open to the public.

