

Our Chapel will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for private prayer and reflection. If you need to talk to a priest please call 610-779-4005. Thank you again for your patience. We will continue to update you through our website & social media as information becomes available.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the rosary, knowing that by doing so they will be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)

Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen

St. Catharine's & St. Mary's will live stream Sunday Mass every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. until churches reopen. This Mass will be live on our Facebook page. If you miss the livestream you can watch the Mass later.

St. Catharine's Parish <https://www.facebook.com/SaintCatharineOfSienaParishReadingPa>

Join the livestream a few minutes early to spend time in prayer before Mass. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, pray the Act of Spiritual Communion to more fully unite yourself to Christ during this time when we cannot receive Him in person. After Mass, consider making your Sunday offertory online or by mail – if you are able to give. Your parish is still in need of your support to continue serving you and your family with its ministries and programs when things return to normal.

*Thank you to all the
frontline workers for your
sacrifice and service to the
community.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41: Peter states that Jesus is the Messiah who was crucified. Peter admonishes the people to reform and be baptized to receive the Holy Spirit.

1 Pt 2:20b-25: Jesus gave an example. He suffered for us. He did no wrong; He did not answer with insults or threats. He died for our sins. By His wounds we are healed.

Jn 10:1-10: Jesus is the "Good Shepherd." He knows His sheep and they know Him. Whoever enters His sheepfold will be safe.

Today's Message: God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through His wounds, we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd. Let us listen for His voice and follow Him.

Priests will continue to offer private Masses for the intentions of the faithful.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 4

6:30 Eugene Orlando, Sr.
8:00 Jesse & Irene Arnold

TUESDAY, MAY 5

6:30 Dorothy Milstead
8:00 Reed Joseph Chenevert

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

6:30 David & Rita Kasprzak (59th Wedding Anniversary)
8:00 Stella Albrecht

THURSDAY, MAY 7

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:00 Gerald Showalter, Jr. (4th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, MAY 8

6:30 Wanda Myslinski (36th Anniversary)
8:30 Susan DiFulvio (8th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MAY 9

8:00 Margaret Frantz (20th Anniversary)
4:30 Diane Cerra

SUNDAY, MAY 10

7:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
9:00 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
10:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
12:00 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week of May 3, 2020

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; Ps 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



The Davis Family who are faithful parishioners of Saint Catharine's had a devastating fire in their home last week which destroyed their home and all their belongings. Times are tough for everyone but especially tough with this on top of it. Thankfully everyone made

it out of the house safely and is OK but it's time to rebuild. If anyone knows them or is in a position to donate please email Debra Goodman at debrajustina@yahoo.com. Thank you & God Bless.

Don't Forget Your Priest!

Tell him...

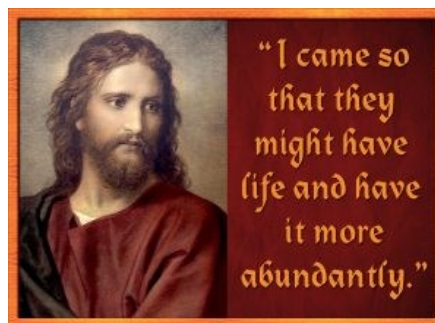
You're grateful for his prayers.

You're keeping your faith.

And you're including him in your prayers.



Thank you and God bless you!



Diocese Starts Planning For the Time When Usual Attendance at Masses Might Resume

With increasing discussion nationwide about the right time to “reopen” the country, Catholics in the Diocese of Allentown are understandably curious about when they might once again be able to attend Mass in person and receive the Holy Eucharist. The Diocese is actively considering when and how that might occur.

The primary consideration in any decision will be the safety of the public. The decision will be based on health data, and not on polarized discussion. Just as it did when cancelling Masses attended by the faithful, the Diocese will review governmental guidance and rely on the advice of health care professionals when making any changes to the current protocols.

It’s too early to determine for sure what a “reopening” schedule might look like for Masses, funerals and other rites. It may be that a phased approach is most appropriate at first. No timetable has been set. Any decisions also will take into account the fact that some people are more at-risk from exposure to the Coronavirus, and that many people will want to make their own decisions about when they feel safe to attend public gatherings.

“Of course we are all eager for the day that we can have a full return to usual attendance at Mass, at funerals, and for all of the Holy Sacraments,” said Bishop Alfred Schlert.

“However, prudence requires a careful review of the facts to make a reasoned and deliberate decision of this magnitude,” the Bishop said. “People have a deep spiritual need to return to Mass, and to the Holy Eucharist,” the Bishop said. “Our goal is to provide for the spiritual health of the faithful, while at the same time considering their physical health.”

50 Plus News

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

MAY 6, 2020 & JUNE 3, 2020: THESE MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED.

WE WILL RESUME HAVING MEETINGS WHEN WE ARE PERMITTED.

JULY 1, 2020: Joyce Churchill will discuss and show us how the mats are made for the homeless.

AUGUST 5, 2020: SPECIAL EVENT – Everybody’s Birthday Celebration at Victor Emmanuel’s. Entertainment: Boom Box Bingo

SEPTEMBER 2, 2020: Kasey from **The Mystic Mind** will speak to us about her shop, she creates homemade items (candles, oils & stones) that are good for the soul.

2020 TRIPS

JUNE 10, 2020: ESTHER at SIGHT & SOUND. COST: \$93.00 . **THIS TRIP MAY BE RESCHEDULED TO A LATER DATE.**

JULY 11, 2020: Saturday, American Music Theatre, SPRING DO WOP CAVALCADE
COST: \$86.00

JULY 18, 2020: Lyndhurst, N. J., MEDIEVAL TIMES. COST: \$94.00

AUGUST 19, 2020: Pines Dinner Theatre, DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS. COST: \$80.00

AUGUST 21, 2020: Riverview Inn, REMEMBERING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR. COST: \$91.00

SEPTEMBER 14 TO 18, 2020: SIGHTS & DELIGHTS OF KENTUCKY & CLEVELAND OHIO. COST: \$1180.00 Double, \$1125.00, Triple, \$1490.00 Single

OCTOBER 14, 2020: MYSTERY TRIP, both men & women will enjoy. COST: \$105.00

NOVEMBER 18, 2020: Hunterdon Hills CHRISTMAS SHOW. COST: \$100.00

CONTACT: **Pat White 610-582-1437** for any information concerning the trips.

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 NORMALLY 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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...

Please pray for our sick :

& our soldiers in harm's way:

Karin Acuna, Bill Ambramowicz, Stanley Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Beverly Bansner, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Gerald Boyer, Kathy Brendlinger, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Nancy Cassidy, Della Chmielewski, Mary Christ, Lisa Coins, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Luke Gilbert, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Thomas Healy, Roberta Hedl, William Hedl, Jr., Wayne Hedrick, Catherine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Michael Hivner, Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Rosemarie Kovacs, Mary Leddy, David A. Lellig, David C. Lellig, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., John Mercadante Jr., Joanne Mierzwinski, Mitchel Milanek, Donna Miller, Kathy Mills, Dolores Miravich, Cathy Motznik, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon PrechtI, Jennifer R., Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, Loretta Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, Gloria Schmeck, Michael Shadday, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Louise Snell, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Sandy Sullivan, Kim Trois, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Frank White, Theresa White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Craig Wolf, Carol Woolston, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Gerald Young, Ann Marie Zawislak, Allyson Ziemba, Molly Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die:** *Philomena Loeper*, (mother of Rev. David Loeper) & *Susan Dolinski*, (wife of Mark Dolinski) & *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.

Please also remember in your prayers all those affected by the coronavirus as well as all the doctors, nurses, medical staff, grocery store employees, drug store employees, and ALL essential personnel that are working during these unprecedented times. We thank you for your service & pray for you daily.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Captain Steffen E. Lis, SPC Specialist Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal 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.

Because We Are Catholic Appeal **The Because We Are Catholic Appeal (formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal)** officially launches this week. Catholics across the Diocese will receive information along with an invitation to make a contribution to this effort which underwrites direct services for tens of thousands of adults, children, and families in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties. More information is available at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org

Please know that we continue to pray for you! Stay at home as much as possible! Please be safe!!!!

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A message of thanks from St. Catharine's Parish Council and Finance Committee

THANK YOU for the generous response to the reminder regarding parish finances as well as offering our wishes and continuing prayers for the best of health during these challenging times.

There are several ways that parishioners of St. Catharine's and St. Mary's can stay connected:

Parish Websites – St. Catharine's <http://www.scsreading.org/>
- St. Mary's <http://www.stmaryrdg.com/>

Sunday Bulletin – The Sunday Bulletin continues to be published and can be accessed by going to the St. Catharine Parish website noted above. Scroll down the page to the "Bulletins" section or click on "News and Events" and scroll down to "Bulletins." You may then click on the bulletin you chose to read. Again, if you can get a copy of the bulletin to our Parish shut-ins, I'm sure it will be appreciated.

Parish Support

As a reminder, there are several ways in which parishioners can continue to financially support their parishes.

Parishioners can place a contribution in their **normal collection envelope**, enclose it in an outer envelope and mail it to the Parish Center at 2427 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, PA 19606

You can enroll in our Parish's **Pre-Authorized Direct Contribution Program** here: <http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/directwithdrawl.pdf>

NEW - UNIVERSAL OFFERTORY FORM - NEW

Parishioners can now support their parish from the convenience of their computer, phone or tablet by using the new Diocesan **Parish Support Web Page** found here: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/parish-support> or from the home page of the Diocese of Allentown.

Please remember to designate **St. Catharine of Siena – Reading** in the Parish drop-down list.

If you have missed sending your contributions for the Sundays that Masses have been postponed, please consider making a catch-up donation.

Remember, your parish relies on you for support during this crisis. Either now, or when you are able, please prayerfully consider a one-time or recurring donation during this critical period. *As a guide, consider giving an amount that is equal to or exceeds your monthly offertory contributions.* May God bless you and keep you safe.

Tom McNelis - Parish Council & Finance Committee