

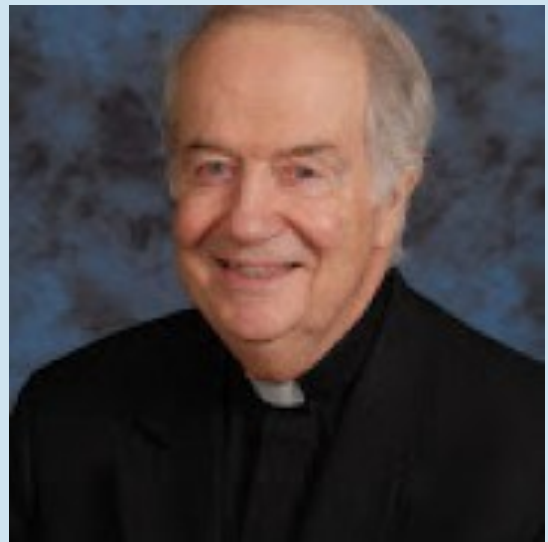
*Please know that we continue to pray for you! Stay at home as much as possible! Please be safe!!!!*

### *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.*

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.

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.



*Msgr. James Freston  
On the Joyous Occasion of  
Your 60th Jubilee  
May 14, 2020!  
Thank you for your  
many years  
of dedicated service  
to the Church.*

*You have been  
a joyful witness to all.  
God bless you on your  
60th Anniversary!*

*Well done, my good and  
faithful servant -  
Matthew 25:23*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 8:5-8, 14-7:** Phillip carried the good news to Samaria. He performed many miracles. Peter and John laid hands on these people in Samaria and they received the Holy Spirit.

**1 Pt 3:15-18:** Always worship God in your hearts. Jesus died for sins just once for all who are sinners to lead us to God.

**Jn 14:15-21:** Jesus promises to ask for a Paraclete for those who love Him. The world will not accept or understand the Paraclete. All who obey the commandments show their love for God and will be loved I return.

**Today's Message:** The people of Samaria come to worship the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is this same Spirit that leads us into the truth. In the body, Jesus was put to death; in the Spirit, He was raised to life. We are called to this same glory.

### Scripture Readings for the Week of May 17, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint John I, Pope and Martyr</b> Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest</b> Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</b> Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious</b> Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, MAY 18

6:30 Geoffrey Olson  
8:00 Jacquelyn Stenavage

#### TUESDAY, MAY 19

6:30 Harry Frey  
8:00 Tom Franey

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 (VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD)

6:30 Poor Souls in Purgatory  
8:00 Erich Makosch (35th Anniversary)  
6:00 p.m. Maryanne McLaughlin (1st Anniversary)

#### THURSDAY, MAY 21 (THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD)

6:30 Charles Joseph Youse  
8:00 Mary A. Arnold  
9:30 Norbert Schnier  
7:00 p.m. Robert A. Denby

#### FRIDAY, MAY 22

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:30 Victor Gonzalez

#### SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:00 Thomas Jurasinski  
4:30 Deceased Members of the Flay Family

#### SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:30 Bill Seiders  
9:00 Susan Salvatore (31st Anniversary)  
10:30 Joseph F. Kabat  
12:00 Nicholas Lintz (4th Anniversary)

If you are shut in and need assistance getting groceries / supplies during this Coronavirus outbreak, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number. A number of people have offered their service to help those in need. The rectory phone number is 610-779-4005.

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

**Confessions** - there are no regularly scheduled periods for Confession, HOWEVER, if you would like to schedule a time to go to Confession please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005. When you arrive at the Chapel at your scheduled time, please remain in your car. One of the priests will come out to your vehicle and stand on the passenger side of your vehicle. You can roll down the window and Confession can begin!

**Lastly, the Church continues to be closed for public Masses.** Please do not believe any rumors you might be hearing. We work directly with Bishop Schlert and will be sure to communicate with all of you via our official Facebook page and our website. The priests continue to offer private Masses each day for the scheduled intentions and for all parishioners of St Catharine's and Saint Mary's.

God bless you and may Mary keep you under her protection!

**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/  
SaintCatharineOfSienaParish  
ReadingPa](https://www.facebook.com/SaintCatharineOfSienaParishReadingPa)

Please Forward to a Friend! The AD Today website is your link to daily Mass with the Bishop, and to staying in touch during the pandemic. Urge your friends and family to subscribe so they can have their own copy of the new weekly AD Today newsletter.

### **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

### **Prayer For Priests**

Gracious and loving God, we thank  
you for the gift of our priests.  
Through them, we experience  
your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.  
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength  
they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.  
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become  
instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

## SIXTH 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:

Bill Abramowicz, Karin Acuna, Stanley Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Beverly Bansner, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Kathy Brendlinger, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Nancy Cassidy, Della Chmielewski, 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, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Rosemarie Kovacs, Mary Leddy, David C. Lellig, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Thaddeus A. Malecki, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., John Mercadante Jr., Joanne Mierzwinski, Mitchell Milanek, Donna Miller, Kathy Mills, Dolores Miravich, Cathy Motznik, Charles Mountz, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtel, Lisa 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: Virginia Przdial & Genevieve Soja, (mother of Dennis Soja) 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.

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service - If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

***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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.*



## 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

**JUNE 3, 2020: MEETING IS 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 CANCELLED**

**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.**

Thank you to all who participated in our VIRTUAL PAY IT FORWARD event and made the campaign an overall success. We raised over \$15,000 due to your generosity! If you previously pledged to "purchase" an envelope and want to know how to send in payment - you can send a check payable to "St. Catharine of Siena School" to the school at 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606. THANK YOU!

Virtual Re-Enrollment happening now! Currently accepting applications for limited spots in all grades PREK through 8. Go to [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org) for more information, or contact Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri at [aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org](mailto:aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org).

Would you like to arrange a Virtual Shadow Day for your student at St. Catharine of Siena School? Contact Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at [aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org](mailto:aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org) and see the SCS difference for yourself!

## The Church Online

**ICF 106 - The Church.** The Church is the place of encounter between God and His people on earth. This course will provide a brief overview of the origins of the Church; Her identity as One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic; and what it means to be "the Body of Christ" on earth. This course will be presented **Online** by **Cassie Boccardi** and is scheduled from Monday, June 1 to Sunday, June 28, 2020. Cost: \$35. To register at [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) *ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.*

The [#BecauseWeAreCatholic](https://www.becausewearecatholic.org) Annual Appeal provides significant support to important services to people of all faiths in the Diocese of Allentown. Programs like Catholic Charities, Catholic Senior Housing, Older Adult Services, Individual and Family Counseling, and pregnancy support for expectant mothers are supported by your gift to the appeal. Learn more at the link below! <https://faithhopecharitygives.org/2020-goals-and-allocation...>