

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.

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.



Thanks for everyone who came out to wish Msgr. Preston congratulations! It was a huge success!



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:12-14: After the Ascension, the apostles returned to pray in the upper room at Jerusalem. Mary and some other women were with them. They prayed continuously for nine days.

1 Pt 4:13-16: We should rejoice in sharing in the suffering of Jesus; for this we should not be ashamed. Beware, however, not to violate the rights of others.

Jn 17:1-11a: Jesus prays to His Father noting that the work given Him is finished. The Father is known on earth. Jesus prays for His apostles to whom He entrusted the "good news" of salvation.

Today's Message: Jesus, having completed the work of His Father, speaks of returning to Him and of being glorified. As we share in His glory, so too do we share in Christ's suffering. We have nothing to fear, however, since the Lord is our refuge. In His name do we gather, attentive to the Spirit.

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

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.

Pope Francis' - May Prayer Intention: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 25

8:00 Louse Screpesi (25th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, MAY 26

7:15 47th Wedding Anniversary of Craig and Marcia Wert

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

7:15 Josephine Farrell

THURSDAY, MAY 28

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, MAY 29

7:15 Patrick & Celia O'Donnell

SATURDAY, MAY 30

8:00 Catherine & Richard Schalk

4:30 8th Grade Graduation

SUNDAY, MAY 31

7:30 Deceased Members of the Smith Family

9:00 Jacquelyn Stenavage

10:30 Nick Mesisca (4th Anniversary)

12:00 Charles Harhigh

Scripture Readings for the Week of May 24, 2020

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| Sunday | Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 |
| Monday | Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi, Virgin Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33 |
| Tuesday | Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a |
| Wednesday | Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19 |
| Thursday | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26 |
| Friday | Saint Paul VI, Pope Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19 |
| Saturday | Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 |
| Sunday | Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23 |

PRAYER IN TIMES OF SEEKING GOD'S WILL

PSALM 27:7-9, 13-14

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks;
your presence, O Lord, I seek.
Hide not your face from me;
do not in anger repel your servant.
You are my helper: cast me not off;
forsake me not, O God my savior.
I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

~from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

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.
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Amen

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 for more information, or contact Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri at 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 and see the SCS difference for yourself!

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!



SEVENTH 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, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., John Mercadante Jr., Joanne Mierzewski, 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, Richard Puwalski, 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, Carol Woolston, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Gerald Young, Ann Marie Zawislak, Allyson Ziemba, Molly Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: Mary Scheirer, (wife of Barry Scheirer & mother of Jorge & Carlos Scheirer & Macky Wickert & grandmother of Sara, Stephanie, Elizabeth, Victoria, William, Andrew Scheirer & Stephen Wickert); Anna Pelka; Rose Kowalczyk & Craig Wolf, (husband of Susan Wolf) 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 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. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

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.

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Please take note of this important announcement concerning the current status of Churches that are located within counties that are still in the red phase and are not yet being transitioned to yellow at this time. Berks county is still in the red phase. Thank you for your understanding. God bless!



IMPORTANT COVID-19 NOTICE
OPEN FOR PRIVATE VISITS ONLY



Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we ask that those who have come into contact with a confirmed positive person or if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, fever of 100.4°F, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell) to refrain from entering our Church at this time.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Please wear your face mask while inside.
- ❖ Please use hand sanitizer when needed.
- ❖ Please respect social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Because of the current restrictions in place,
our current capacity during the Red Phase is:

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*Thank you for your understanding!
May God Bless you!*