

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Michael Talarico, (40th Anniversary)

Sunday, June 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Joseph A. Babb (2nd Anniversary)



I would like to express my thanks for all of you who participated in the drive-by parade last week in celebration of my 60th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. I was very surprised to see so many parishioners and friends and could not believe how long it lasted - over 3 hours! I really enjoyed seeing many wonderful posters and signs of congratulations as well. I never would have imagined that I would celebrate my anniversary this way. It truly was a great way to share this special day with you. **It was an awesome delight!**

I would also like to thank each and everyone of you for your great cards & gifts!

After the drive-by parade was finished, I had the great privilege to celebrate a private Mass in honor of my anniversary. Monsignor Domin and Father Wehr concelebrated the Mass with me.

I am grateful for the last 60 years of serving the great people of our Diocese. I am most grateful that God called me to the priesthood so that I could serve His people. I rejoice in the fact that God has given me this great honor of serving all of you, most especially the great gift of administering the Sacraments. I will be forever grateful for the life that God has called me to live. God bless you all!

Msgr. Treston

The Faithful Are Invited Back to Mass starting June 1.

Declaring that it is time for the faithful to be able to return to Mass if they choose to do so, Bishop Alfred Schlert today announced that parishes in the Diocese will reopen Masses to the public beginning June 1.

“Our faith plays a vital role in our lives, especially during times of pandemic,” Bishop Schlert said. “Catholics throughout the region, deprived of the Eucharist for so long, yearn for the opportunity to once again receive Holy Communion.”

Mass attendance remains voluntary in the yellow phase. Those who do not feel safe, or who have compromising health conditions, should not attend.

The dispensation from the Mass obligation will remain in place until the green phase, and online livestream Masses will continue.

Guidelines will be in place so that the faithful, if they choose to attend Mass and other Sacraments in person, can do so with the assurance that all reasonable steps have been taken to protect their health.

Priests are being trained in new protocols, including how to distribute Holy Communion safely. Precautions will be taken to ensure that the distribution can occur reverently, but also in a manner that protects the health of the people involved.

The main priority is the safety of the faithful, and the safety of priests. The faithful will be required to wear masks. Strict social distancing will be required, and ushers will help ensure that protocol. Mass attendance indoors will be restricted to no more than 25 percent of a church's seating capacity. Larger outdoor Masses will be permitted, with proper distancing precautions.

There will be no hymnals, to help prevent the spread of the virus. Only certain entrances and exits will be in use, and the faithful will be dismissed by pew to limit large gatherings after Mass.

Parishes are securing cleaning supplies and sanitizer. Holy Water fonts will remain empty.

For Baptisms, weddings and funerals, the participation limit also is no more than 25 percent of the church's seating capacity.

“The decision to end public attendance at Masses was painful for everyone involved, but necessary for the times,” Bishop Schlert said. “With the precautions that we have taken, we can now offer responsible worship for those who wish, while continuing to act in service of the public good.”

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11: As promised by Jesus, the Holy Spirit fills the faithful and, inspired, they proclaim the Good News.

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13: The gifts of the Spirit are not exclusive but for all. The Spirit brings a radical uniting that overcomes all destructions.

Jn 20:19-23: Jesus gives the blessing of peace, and bestows His authority on the disciples as He confers on them the Holy Spirit.

Today's Message: All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth".

MONDAY, JUNE 1

7:15 Bill & Marge Diehl

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

7:15 Kathleen A. Harris (2nd Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

7:15 Helen Impink

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

7:15 Kathleen Jablonski

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 Theresia Makosch (10th Anniversary)

4:30 Filipek-Kaczor Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

7:30 Edward & Lillian Baver

9:00 Cora Jane Durling (1st Anniversary)

10:30 Helen & Michael Stefero

12:00 Lucy Price-Hughes (18th Anniversary)

PRAYER DURING DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES

Gracious God,

We know that your love is infinite and that you care about all areas of our life.

In this time of economic insecurity, help us to trust that all of our security is in you.

Keep us mindful that you always have and always will provide for our needs.

Apart from you we can do nothing.

Merciful God,

We ask that you give our leaders the wisdom to guide our nation and the world

out of the current economic crisis.

Help us to protect the poor and all those who are struggling during this difficult time.

Provide for their needs and give them hope.

Open new opportunities for them and furnish the resources they need to live with dignity. Encourage those who have enough to share essential resources

with those who lack the necessities of life,

and to do so with humble, grateful and loving hearts.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings for the Week of May 31, 2020

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

Monday

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87: 1-2,3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday

Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef;
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;
Mk 12:28-34

Friday

Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

Saint Norbert, Bishop

2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday, 6/1	Rev. Eric Tolentino
Tuesday, 6/2	Rev. Andrew Torma, MSC
Wednesday, 6/3	Rev. James Torpey
Thursday, 6/4	Rev. Msgr. James Treston
Friday, 6/5	Rev. James Ward
Saturday, 6/6	Rev. Msgr. Robert Wargo

2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book is not yet open. Stay tuned for more details on when you can start scheduling your Mass intentions for next year.



As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

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

**FOR UPDATED DIOCESAN
INFORMATION ON THE
CORONAVIRUS, GO TO:**

<http://WWW.AD-TODAY.COM>

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. **Victim Assistance Coordinator CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER (800) 791-9209**. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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, Bill Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Precht, 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:** **Jennie Viggiano**, (mother of Jackie Pellicano); **Richard Puwalski**, (husband of Donna Puwalski & brother of Sharon Heck) ; **Janet Fares**, (mother of Pierre Fares & grandmother of Maya & Adrian Fares) **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. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam about the world seeking the ruin of souls. 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!

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.

Financial Stewardship

April 12, 2020

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 12,836	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 772,198	\$ 960,261
Year to date deficit	\$ 188,063	
Last Year	\$ 20,014	

Our Easter Collection was \$17,099

April 19, 2020

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 12,234	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 784,432	\$ 983,682
Year to date deficit	\$ 199,250	
Last Year	\$ 20,131	

April 26, 2020

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,232	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 803,664	\$ 1,007,103
Year to date deficit	\$ 203,439	
Last Year	\$ 19,335	

May 3, 2020

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,522	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 822,186	\$ 1,030,524
Year to date deficit	\$ 208,338	
Last Year	\$ 21,409	

Thank you for the offerings you have made and are making to St. Catharine's & St. Mary's.

The Because We Are Catholic Appeal (formerly the Bishop's Annual Appeal) officially launched. Catholics across the Diocese received 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. Learn more: www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org