

Saint Mary's News
Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Chester, Jean & Michael Dziedzic

Sunday, July 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Frank & Helen Nowotarski

The video, **Polish-American Food, Traditions and Fun**, will air this Sunday, June 28, starting at 8 PM to 9:30 PM. After that it will be on the test page to be viewed on-demand and shared as desired. Pennsylvania's Americana Region Festival is on Facebook at this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/americanafest/>

More people will be able to experience the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist when the attendance limit for Mass increases to 50 percent of the Church's capacity on Monday June 29.

Masks still will be required, and social distancing will continue to be enforced. Parishes will continue to sanitize pews and other common surfaces after each Mass.

The new capacity limit means that parishes will be permitted to admit up to 50 percent of the church's seating capacity, provided that adequate social distancing can be maintained.

Mass attendance remains voluntary. Those who do not feel safe, or who have compromising health conditions, should not participate at this time.

The dispensation from the Mass obligation will remain in place for the time being, and many parishes will continue to offer livestream Masses on their websites or Facebook pages.

Please Remember:

-  **Wear Masks**
Face-coverings are to be worn in & around the church.
-  **Stay 6 ft Apart**
Physical distancing is practiced in the church & on the church property.
-  **Holy Eucharist**
Communion will be distributed only in the hand, not by the cup.
-  **Sign of Peace**
No hand shakes during the sign-of-peace.
-  **Tithing**
Large baskets located at the back of the church for your envelopes or donations.
-  **Single Entry/Exit**
Please use the single entry when entering & exiting the church.
-  **Holy Water**
Sign of cross with no water as you enter the Church as Fonts will be empty.
-  **No Hymnals**
All Missals, Bibles or other paper resources are currently not available.



***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, 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.*

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a: A woman in Shunem recognized Elisha as a holy man. This woman and her husband fixed a guest room for Elisha whenever he was passing by. Gehazi confided to Elisha that the wife was barren, whereupon Elisha promised that within a year she would have a son.

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11: Baptized into Christ through the waters of baptism, we rise to a new life of grace in Jesus who was buried and came back to life. In the same way we who were dead to sin become alive for God in Jesus.

Mt 10:37-42: To follow Jesus we must be ready to give of ourselves totally.

Today's Message: If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with Him. He invites us to take up our cross and follow Him, and to respond to those who are in need, as did the woman who extended hospitality to Elisha, the prophet. Blessed is she who walked in the countenance of the Lord.

Interested in volunteering for the parish?
We are in need of a **SCRIP** seller for the second Sunday of every month, first shift: 7:15 am - 10:15am. It's easy to do and a great way to give back to Saint Catharine's! Please contact Cristina at scripprogramscs@gmail.com for more information or give your name and email to the sellers at the table in the back of Church.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!

Is Your Information Up To Date? If you have moved, or added a family member, changed your name, phone number or email address, please provide your updated information to Diane Sitler at dsitler@comcast.net or call the Rectory at 610-779-4005. This will help to keep our database accurate.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 29

7:15 Maria Huang Vu

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

7:15 Rita Leier

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

7:15 Louise Pettyjohn

THURSDAY, JULY 2

7:15 Concetta Brewer

FRIDAY, JULY 3

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

SATURDAY, JULY 4

8:00 Virginia & Roger Houck

4:30 Favor Granted

SUNDAY, JULY 5

7:30 James O'Donnell

9:00 Nancy Marlin (6th Anniversary)

10:30 Margaret Ehret

12:00 Charles J. Chiarelli

Scripture Readings for the Week of June 28, 2020

Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
Monday	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Saint Junípero Serra, Priest Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Saturday	Independence Day Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 6/29	Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker
Tuesday 7/1	Rev. Msgr. William Baker
Wednesday 7/2	Rev. Francis Baransky
Thursday 7/3	Rev. John Barron, SJ
Friday 7/4	Rev. Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus
Saturday 7/5	Rev. Msgr. William Bayer
Sunday 7/6	Rev. Henry Beck, OFM



HELP NEEDED: We are in need of more volunteers to help clean the Church & Chapel. Please call the Parish Center (610-779-4005) if you can help.

EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY will continue to accept PERSONAL HYGEINE products and any non-perishable food item on an on-going basis. Bins are located in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. For more information, please contact Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein at 610-779-6045.

Kennedy House. These past months have been a challenge, but the doors of Kennedy House have stayed OPEN and the number of patrons has gone up dramatically. It is St. Catharine's turn to run the Kennedy House in Reading July 18th and 19th. We need your help. There are lots of supplies we need in order to serve those in need.

Please see the sign up genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ACA823A4FA7-kennedy> if you can help.

Email me at sk1699@hotmail.com to get the link sent to you directly. Please call, text, or email if you can help in anyway- Sara Miller 484-459-0270.

Memorial Mass for "Joan Lloyd" will be held at St. Ignatius Church, 2810 St. Albans Drive, Reading, Pa 19608 on Friday, July 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

50+ CLUB 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

July 1, 2020 & AUGUST 5, 2020: ARE CANCELLED

WE WILL RESUME HAVING MEETINGS WHEN WE ARE PERMITTED.

We hope all of our members and families are staying safe & that we will see each other soon.

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

OCTOBER 7, 2020: Charlie Adams will entertain us telling "Ghost Stories, Legends, and Lore of Berks County. Cake & Coffee

NOVEMBER 4, 2020: We will be entertained by Craig Caltagirone, he sings all types of music, tap dances and will have a sing along. Cake & Coffee

DECEMBER 2, 2020: SPECIAL EVENT - CHRISTMAS PARTY, Crowne Plaza.

2020 TRIPS

****Update****

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we will be cancelling ALL of the scheduled trips for 2020, except the November trip.

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.



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: Anthony Osorio

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, 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, Ken Green, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Thomas Healy, Roberta Hedl, William Hedl, Jr., Wayne Hedrick, Catherine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, 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 Milaneck, Johnna Miller, Kathy Mills, 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, 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, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: Patricia Focht & 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.

School News: Re-enrollment for all

Grades, PreK through 8th, is currently on-going. A limited number of spots still available in PreK and Kindergarten. For more information, including a Virtual Tour Link, go to www.scsreadingschool.org, or contact our Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in our Chapel Mondays from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canae)





The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
We seek them while tasting life's woes.
When we come to this world we are sinful,
The greatest as well as the least.
And the hands that make us pure as angels
Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

At the altar each day we behold them,
And the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness
Their dignity stands alone.
For there in the stillness of morning
Ere the sun has emerged from the east,
There God rests between the pure fingers
Of the beautiful hands of a priest.

When we are tempted and wander
To pathways of shame and sin
'Tis the hand of a priest that will absolve us.
Not once but again and again.
And when we are taking life's partner
Other hands may prepare us a feast
But the hands that will bless and unite us,
Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy,
For the Host which their fingers caress,
What can a poor sinner do better
But to praise Thee who chose thee to bless
When the death dews on our eyes are
falling, May our courage and strength be
increased To see, raised above us in
blessing . The beautiful hands of a priest.



***Congratulations to Rachel & Frank Kowalski
who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary
on June 18th! May God continue to bless them
with many more years together!***



A big thank you to all the parishioners who helped to make Martha Stratton's American Heritage Girls service project a huge success! She delivered to Elmcroft Senior Living facility in Exeter stuffed gift bags for each of the 42 residents full of useful and fun items as well as two boxes full of new puzzles and activities to restock their activities department.