

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, August 29th - 3:30 p.m. - Mary Dudek Smolinski

Sunday, August 30th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon J. Zerkowski, (35th Anniversary)

POLISH AMERICAN CONNECTION TV: On the first Tuesday of every month, Tom Gajewski interviews guests who discuss topics, events or activities of interest to our Polish American Community. He also announces upcoming events and activities. You can watch it on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm on Comcast Channel 15 and Service Electric Channel 19. The Program is rebroadcast on the Friday following the first Tuesday at 1:30 pm, the following Monday at 10:30 am and the following Tuesday at 3:30 pm.

Our Parish office re-opened.

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Our reception area will be limited to one at a time. The Parish Center hours are Monday - Thursday - 8:30 - 4:00 p.m. & Fridays 8:30 - 3:00 p.m.

There remains no obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We will continue to live-stream one parish Mass each weekend for those who feel they may be at risk and who choose to remain home. Also - We offer our gratitude to those who continue to drop off contributions or send via mail, or who contribute electronically.

"He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely."

St. Catharine of Siena

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*)

Bishop Alfred Schlert will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, October 15th at 4:30 p.m.



Confessions are Saturday after the 4:30 Mass - They are held in the Meeting Room next to the Priest's Office.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING . . . memory writes on every page of the calendar. A support group offering caring presence, strength, and wisdom meets two Mondays a month at St. Catharine's of Siena Church, Mt. Penn 19606, at 7 PM. To register call 610 370-1174.

Is 22:19-23: Eliakim is given the leadership of the Israelites. He is to become the father of the Jewish people. He shall have the key of the House of David. He is to have a place of honor for his family.

Rom 11:33-36: Paul offers a description of God, noting His infinite wisdom. God's ways are unsearchable and no one can really measure the mind of God. But in Him all things have their being.

Mt 16:13-20: Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus in turn declares Peter the rock upon which His Church is to be built. He also gives Peter the power of the keys.

Today's Message: As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace, so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with His Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION 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.

Let us not make a mistake. The hunger of today is for Love...Feeding the hungry, not only for food but also for the Word of God. Giving drink to the thirsty, not only for water, but for peace, truth and justice...nursing the sick and the dying, not only of body but also of mind and spirit.
Mother Teresa

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

7:15 Margaret Ehret

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:15 Nicholas Lintz

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

7:15 D. Regina Skrincosky

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

7:15 Marge Lonergan

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

7:15 Frances Miller

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 Gary Schalk (2nd Anniversary)

4:30 Deceased Members of the Orlando & Cianciosi Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30 Jim Gaffney

9:00 John Joseph Castagna (35th Anniversary)

10:30 George Krick

12:00 Cecilia Ospina

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 23, 2020

Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Monday	Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday	Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/24	Rev. Daniel G. Gambet, O.S.F.S.
Tuesday 8/25	Rev. Joseph S. Ganser
Wednesday 8/26	Rev. Angel Garcia-Almodovar
Thursday 8/27	Rev. Andrew N. Gehringer
Friday 8/28	Rev. Robert J. George
Saturday 8/29	Rev. John M. Gibbons
Sunday 8/30	Rev. David C. Gillis

SIENA STITCHERS will resume meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month beginning with September 3 at 10:00 A.M. at the Church. Are you looking to meet some new people and learn or teach a few stitches? No experience necessary! For more info, call Anita (610-779-1571) or Judy (610-779-8654).

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS Married couples around the Diocese will be invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on September 13. Because this Mass is always a packed house when it is celebrated in-person, this year's Mass will be on-line so that all can participate safely from their homes. Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate the Mass on-line at 11 a.m. Sept. 13. Those couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 60-plus years of marriage will receive special recognition during the Mass, and will receive a certificate from Bishop Schlert in the mail. To receive the recognition and certificate, you need to register with the Diocese. The deadline to register is Friday September 4. Call toll free 1-800-831-4443 or Email stewardship@allentowndiocese.org. All are welcome to join in by watching the Mass online at the one of the following:

AD Today: www.ad-today.com

YouTube: m.youtube.com/user/DiocesefofAllentown

Facebook: ww.facebook.com/DiocesefofAllentown

Ossa's Corner
8/17/2020



She loves her toys!

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL We are grateful to all who pledged their support this 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 - BecauseWeareCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!



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.



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:

Bill Abramowicz, Karin Acuna, Stanley Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, 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, Jack Gaffney, Luke Gilbert, Ken Green, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Thomas Healy, 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, David A. Lellig, David C. Lellig, Melanie Lintz, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Daniel Matz, Richard Matz, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., John Mercadante Jr., Kathy Mills, Cathy Motznik, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Bill Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtel, Lorraine Ransom, David Samsel, Loretta Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Gloria Schmeck, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Louise Snell, Harv Snyder, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Kim Trois, Betty Vilardo, Chad Vogel, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Theresa White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: Stephen Mast**, (husband of Sharon Mast; son of Anna Mae & Barry Mast & brother of Lorraine Mast & **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.

***We pray for the Gift of Peace** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Captain Steffen E. Lis, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Corporal Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, 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. 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.*



CYO Sunday – September 20, 2020

There will be a special collection the weekend of Sept 20th for the St Catharine of Siena Parish CYO. The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) provides athletic, social, educational, and volunteer programs to develop the mind, bodies, and spirits of the youth in our community. We promote good sportsmanship at every level and strive to maintain high quality programs that allow everyone to participate. If you are interested or have any questions about the St Catharine CYO Program, please see us after Mass on Sept 20th at the back of the Church or email Cristina Schmehl at schsac@verizon.net with your name, email, and phone number. Your support is appreciated. CYO Students: please plan to attend the Sept 19, 4:30 Mass or the 9:00, 10:30, or Noon Mass on Sept 20th. Please wear your athletic/gym clothing or your school uniform. Please sit with your families for the Mass.

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

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, I AM VERY SORRY TO SAY, WE WILL BE CANCELLING ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2020.

The **dues** paid by members in 2020 will carry over to **2021**.

Hopefully we will be able to resume our meeting in January of 2021.

We hope all of our members and families are staying safe & that we will see each other in the near future.

Any MEMBERS who have saved **Redner's tapes** for the club, would you please mail them to:

Trudy Oliver – 886 Fernleigh Place, Reading, PA 19606

2020 TRIPS

****Update****

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

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.

Turn Conflict into Growth

Criticism can bring you down if you let it. Instead, finding a gracious way to handle criticism can be the key to improving your life, attracting new friends, and becoming a better Christian.

Stay calm. The person delivering the criticism may be having a bad day or seeking attention. Or, she may really want to help and just not be skilled in delivering criticism. Staying calm and avoiding defensiveness helps you look for the rose among the nasty thorns.

Thank the commenter, no matter what is said or how it is delivered. People who make rude comments don't expect you to listen to them, much less be grateful for their comments. Being appreciative is disarming. That's how to turn a critic into a friend.

Weigh the criticism. Do the comments contain something helpful you can use to become a better person? Is the person trying to help, to make things better, to keep you from repeating mistakes, to suggest positive improvements? If not, forget it and move on without anger.

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Coming to America 10th Annual Star Struck Gala & Auction -

August 29, 2020 7:00-8:00PM

St. Francis Center for Renewal is excited to celebrate the heritage and history of the School Sisters of St. Francis in America at Monocacy Manor. On August 29, we will gather virtually to honor a ministry that began in Europe and was brought to our shores over 100 years ago.

Event's honorees: **Joe & Shirley Knecht Hixson, Nina Marie Corona** - 2020 Woman of Strength and **+Anthony Myers** - the 2020 Troubadour of Light recipient. We also celebrate with gratitude the dedication and ministry of **Sr. Anita Kuchera and Sr. Barbara DeStefano.**

Admission is free of charge!

You need to REGISTER and CREATE an ACCOUNT to join the fun! <https://sssfpa2020.ggo.bid>

For further Information visit our website or call 610.867.8890 or email stfranciscenter@gmail.com
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