

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 19th - 3:30 p.m. -
Casimir Lubas - 21st Anniversary
Sunday, September 20th - 10:30 a.m. -
Rozalia & Franciszek Uciniski

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.

Saint Mary's Website will not be available and the book about St. Mary's has been delayed.

At the request of Pope Francis we will have a second collection next weekend for the "2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection" at all Masses.

As we gather to celebrate Mass as a community of faith, we ask that everyone do their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please follow these guidelines as a means of showing charity to our neighbors. Stay home if you are elderly, vulnerable to COVID-19 or live with someone who is vulnerable. The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended. For those who do not attend Mass, know that God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available.

The 2021 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 22nd.

Due to the pandemic we will not have the parishioners come to the Parish Center to request Masses for 2021. As the Mass requests come in, we will number them numerically and process the requests in the order received. **The Mass form will be in the bulletin on the 20th of September and will be available online.** If you are not coming to Church please call the Parish Center and **we will mail or email** you the form. If possible, indicate an alternate date in case your first choice is not available. *Please use the form in the bulletin of the 20th.* The donation for each intention is \$10. The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. **If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you. PLEASE PRINT legibly on all the forms!** If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Parish Center between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at 610-779-4005. **If you are handicapped or a shut-in, please call the Office and we will help you.**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30-28:7: The sinner abounds in wrath. It is the Lord who punishes and we are to forgive injustice and be merciful. We should think of our last days.

Rom 14:7-9: We are not our own master since we belong to Jesus. This is true in life and in death.

Mt 18:21-35: Jesus answers Peter that we are to forgive our neighbor's faults without any limit. Jesus tells the parable of the unjust steward who was forgiven a large debt by his master but refused to forgive a small debt owed to himself.

Today's Message: As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another. Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. He alone is Lord.

Father Cizek Day 2020 will be VIRTUAL

In the best interest of everyone's safety, the Father Walter Cizek Prayer League has decided to cancel this year's annual in-person Father Cizek Day celebration. While we are still as dedicated as ever to promoting the Cause of Father Cizek's Canonization, the health of our people had to come first. A Mass will still be celebrated on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 PM and livestreamed on our Facebook Page and website (www.cizek.org) so that everyone can unite in prayer from the comfort of their own home. The co-postulator, Rev. Eugene Ritz, will celebrate the Mass and Rev. David Kozak of the Diocese of Allentown will be the homilist. Concelebrants of the Mass will include Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian and Rev. Jeffrey Walsh. Prior to the Mass, a virtual tour of the "Father Cizek Center" will be presented beginning at 1:30 PM. We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times. Be assured of the Prayer League's prayers for the safety and well-being of you and your families and for an end to this global pandemic.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:15 Rickert, Platko & Verbosh Families

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:15 Deceased Members of the Curtin, Kroener, Wagner & Gantert Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:15 William Schott

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:15 Elizabeth Buvinger (11th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:15 Paul Arnold (22nd Anniversary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 Ruth Yoder

4:30 Charlotte Stamm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Puwalski

9:00 Mary E. Ryan (2nd Anniversary)

10:30 Michael Hinderhofer (1st Anniversary)

12:00 Jorge Acuna (1st Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2020

Sunday	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
Monday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/14	Rev. Richard Huber, M.S.C.
Tuesday 9/15	Rev. John A. Hutta
Wednesday 9/16	Rev. Augustine L. Idra, A.J.
Thursday 9/17	Rev. Edward M. Ifkovits, S.J.
Friday 9/18	Rev. Francis Iroot, A.J.
Saturday 9/19	Rev. Guency Isaac
Sunday 9/20	Rev. Stephan A. Isaac

Saint Catharine School News



Support our school students in their Annual Walk-A-Thon by visiting the fundraising site at scsreading.dojiggy.com. Better yet: register yourself as a participant and join in the fun! "Finish Line" socially distanced celebration to take place after 4:30 Mass under the Pavilion on October 3.

Still accepting a limited number of PreK students for this year's school year. Contact Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org for more information.



MUM SALE! Sponsored by SCS HSO. Orders due 9/18/20 (mail orders/payment to SCS School, to the attention of HSO) and flowers will be available for pick up at the **FINISH LINE CELEBRATION** at the SCS

Pavilion on 10/3 - after 4:30 Mass. 9 inch mum (\$10) - 10 inch mum hanging basket (\$12) - Cabbage and kale plant (\$7) - Color choice based on selection at pickup. Any questions? Email elizabethkieffer2@gmail.com

St. Catharine of Siena School will be holding its Virtual Walk-A-Thon. Monsignor Domin will be collecting donations of support after all Masses this weekend and September 19th & 20th.

Ossa's Corner



Ossa says don't forget to wear your mask at Mass!

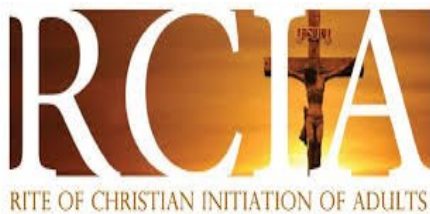
***We pray for the Gift of Peace** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Captain Steffen E. Lis, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Corporal Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto,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

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:

Please pray for our sick : & our soldiers in harm's way: Bill Abramowicz, Karin Acuna, Stanley Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Anthony Blass, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Kathy Brendlinger, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Nancy Cassidy, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Jack Gaffney, Randy Gensemer, Luke Gilbert, Ken Green, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Thomas Healy, Roberta Hedl, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Michael Hivner, Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, Maryann Kenton, 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, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Michael Poserina, Sharon PrechtI, Lorraine Ransom, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Gloria Schmeck, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Louise Snell, Harv Snyder, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Kim Trois, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: Gina DiMaria**, (daughter of Angelo & Christine Di Maria) **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.



INTERESTED IN
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

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.

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on Saturday, November 14th. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. For more information on Extravaganza, please contact the office at 610-374-1695 or e-mail Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org

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.

Are you interested in getting involved in community service? If your answer is "Yes" and you have a background in teaching/education, the Mother Veronica Resource Center is looking for volunteer ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers for the upcoming semester, which begins on September 8, 2020. You can volunteer for one semester (September 8 - December 17, 2020) or for the year (September 8, 2020 - June 4, 2021). There is time off for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter breaks. Materials needed for instruction are provided. The Center is located at 449 S. 6th Street in Reading, adjacent to SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church at 6th and Laurel Streets. Classes are offered two days a week, either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, for an hour-and-a-half. Morning and evening positions are available. If you are interested in and able to volunteer starting this September, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at 484-706-3570 or at mveronicacenter@gmail.com.

Next blood drive Sunday October 4th in Social hall. Call 1-800-223-6667 to schedule an appointment.

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.

FOUND - Key fob for an Acura car - It was found at the Church in the back by the clothing bin. Please call 610-779-4005.

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.

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)