

## Saint Mary's News

### Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Elmer & Helen Squint

Sunday, November 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Wulkiewicz Family

Pan z Wami - We will have fifteen copies available to purchase for \$10.00 each. With Covid restrictions there will be no copies in pews. This would be your personal copy. If you would like to reserve a copy please call Diane at the Parish Center 610-779-4005.

**The Commemorating St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish, Reading, Pa, 1888 - 2016 will be on sale on Saturdays, after the 3:30 Mass, and on Sundays, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Community Room under the Church - access from the side parking lot. The price of the book is \$15.90 which includes the sales tax. Cash and checks only; no credit or debit cards.**

Confessions will resume to the normal time starting the first weekend of Advent. Saint Mary's will be held on Saturdays from 2:45 p.m. till 3:15 p.m. in the Church.



*Congratulations to Helen Konkulus who celebrated her 103rd Birthday on, November 19th!!!*



### OUR THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, You are the giver of all gifts  
Fill our hearts with thanks for Your loving care.  
Often we are like the ungrateful lepers  
who forgot to thank You for their cure.

Today we give special thanks  
for all Your blessings: for our country, our family,  
and our friends-all those through whom  
You show us Your kindness and love.

Help us to pray, like Mary, Your Mother.  
In joy and sorrow, Mary's heart was  
always filled with gratitude.  
We ask you Lord to bless those  
who can't be with us today. Keep them close to You.  
Fill us with gratitude and help us pray daily:

For all that has been: Thank you, Lord!  
For all that will be: Yes, Lord!  
Amen.

THIS THANKSGIVING DAY  
WE WANT TO SAY...  
THANK YOU  
for all you do...  
TO OUR PARISHIONERS

**Please note:** Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at the **Church** on Route 562 at 8:30 a.m.

Confessions will resume to the normal time starting the first weekend of Advent. Saint Catharine's will be held Saturdays from 3:30 till 4:15 p.m. in the Church.

## CHRIST THE KING

**EZ 34:11-12, 15-17:** The Lord looks after His own flock. He takes them to pasture and rescues them. He goes after those who are lost. He will also judge them.

**1 Cor 15:20-26, 28:** Christ has risen, and He is the first fruits of the dead. All have life in Him. He will reign and all will be subjected to Him.

**Mt 25:31-46:** All people will come to be judged by the Son of Man seated on His royal throne. The sheep will be on His right, the goats on His left. He will reward all good and punish all evil.

**Today's Message:** The Lord Jesus is our shepherd. At the end, at His coming, He will hand over the kingdom to His Father. He will "judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats," between those who have lived their lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

PREP LEVEL 7 – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Social Hall

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8:30 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

RCIA - 6 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

THANKSGIVING MASS - 8:30 a.m. - **Church**

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

PREP LEVEL – 7 – 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Social Hall

### THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-November 23rd – 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. – Mass

Tuesday, November 24th – 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, Nov., 25th - 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. -Mass

**Thanksgiving Day – 8:30 a.m. Mass in Church**

Friday, November 28th – 8:30 a.m. Mass - Chapel

**Please note: Beginning the week of November 23rd we will be changing our 8:00 a.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel Monday through Saturday.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:30 Mary Scheirer

8:30 Alberta Lutz

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:30 Charles Joseph Youse

8:30 Joan Cronan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:30 F. David Dunn

8:30 Joan Lloyd

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 (THANKSGIVING)

8:30 William & Margaret Thomas (AT CHURCH)

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30 Craig Wolf

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30 Clarence Solecki

4:30 David & Mary George

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30 John S. Bankert, Jr. (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:00 Stella K. Blatt

10:30 Joseph E. Kabat (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

12:00 Jim & Eleanor McGinnis

### Readings for the Week of November 22, 2020

**Sunday** Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6;

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**Monday** Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;

Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday** Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday** Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday** Thanksgiving Day

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2,

3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28

**Proper Mass in Thanksgiving to God**

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 3-9; Lk 17:11-19

**Friday** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday** First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,

18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 26th & 27th THE PARISH CENTER WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH . There is no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, NOVEMBER 30TH**

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 11/23	Rev. Phillip F. Rodgers
Tuesday 11/24	Rev. John F. Rother
Wednesday 11/25	Rev. Paul L. Rothermel
Thursday 11/26	Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Sacks
Friday 11/27	Rev. Msgr. Walter T. Scheaffer
Saturday 11/28	Bishop Alfred A. Schlert
Sunday 11/29	Rev. Msgr. Francis P. Schoenauer

**STABON MANOR** is a local Personal Care Home located in the City of Reading. They are a Social Security building that houses 150 low income residents with healthcare issues. We are reaching out to local business and churches looking for donations of food, candy, personal hygiene products, clothing, sleepwear, slippers or anything you believe our residents would enjoy. We are asking for help to give our residents the best holiday season. We would ask that any perishable donations would be made as close to December 24 as possible. Please call 610-373-2272 during the hours of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

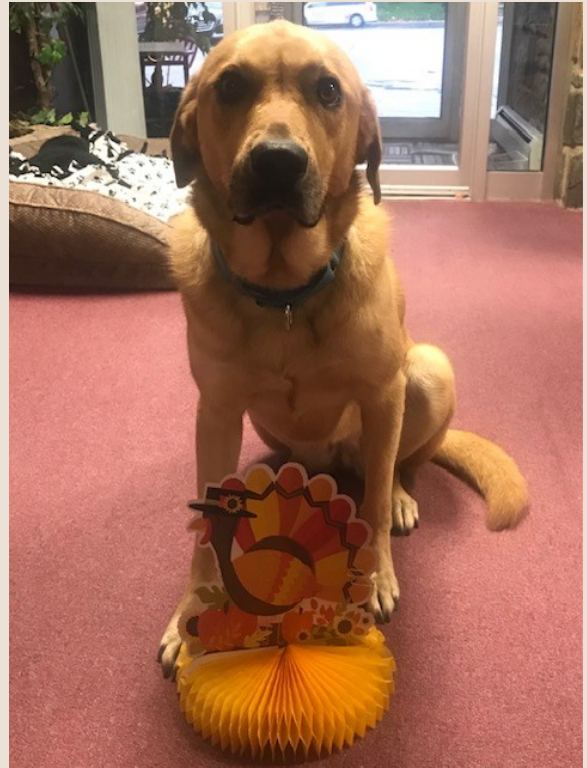
**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE** sponsored by Exeter Women's Club: The price will be \$9.00 per lb. Pick-up on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Lutheran Church, 1375 Friedensburg Road from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Order by phone: 610-779-6506. Deadline for Orders – November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Poinsettia Sale!** The SCS HSO will be selling poinsettias to be picked up after Mass in the Social Hall on December 13. Orders must be placed by November 27. \$12 each. Red, White, or Picasso available. Send payment and specify color (checks payable to SCS-HSO) to school or pay via Venmo @SCS-HSO. (If paying via Venmo, please make sure your name, phone number or email, and # of poinsettias (and colors) are written in the summary of your payment.)

**LOOKING FOR SOME UNIQUE GIFTS?** Siena Stitches will again be offering handmade items at entrances of the Church. Donations will go to St. Vincent DePaul Society. Interested in learning a few stitches? Come join us on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 10 A.M. at the Church. More info? Call Anita (610-779-1571) or Judy (610-779-8654).

**HELP SUPPORT EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY** by donating hygiene products ( shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc. ) This collection will be on an ongoing basis. A collection bin will be located in the back of the Church. INFO: Phil or Bonnie 610-779-6045.

## Ossa's Corner



## Happy Thanksgiving from Ossa!





## CHRIST THE KING

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: Sophia Olivares

Karin Acuna, 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, Geraldine Gamby, Randy Gensemer, Ken Green, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Roberta Hedl, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Michael Hivner, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Rosemarie Kovacs, David A. Lellig, David C. Lellig, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Daniel Matz, Richard Matz, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., Mary Rita McFadden, 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 Prechtl, Lorraine Ransom, David Samsel, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Gloria Schmeck, Greg Schwartz, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Harv Snyder, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Kim Trois, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: LeRoy Schaeffer & Luisa Kowaleski, (mother of Shirley Dominick) & 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.

## Berks Catholic News:

### Registration is open for the 2021-2022 School Year!

Please contact Nicky Smith for information on how to **Be A Saint** and how Berks Catholic prepares young men and women to **Be College and Life Ready**. All inquiries are confidential. [nsmith@berkscatholic.org](mailto:nsmith@berkscatholic.org) or 60.374.8361 ext. 244

### Berks Catholic Christmas Vespers

Berks Catholic High School invites you to celebrate the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ with our **Virtual Christmas Vesper Prayer Service** on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, West Reading. The Virtual broadcast will be launched live through YouTube at 4pm on December 20, 2020.

### Employment Opportunity

Berks Catholic High School has an opening for a part time maintenance person. Please email [aeinolf@berkscatholic.org](mailto:aeinolf@berkscatholic.org) for more information.

**BOY SCOUT ANNUAL NEW & USED TOY DRIVE:** Boy Scout Troop 358 will be collecting new and used toys on December 5th and 6th. We are looking for new or used toys that are clean, have all or most of their parts and in good condition. No stuffed animals please. The scouts will be packing up the toys to be delivered to local children in need. There will be a toy collection box at the entrance. **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

**The Church Store** remains closed due to diocesan guidelines regarding the COVID situation. As a result, we have the **2021 Sunday Missals and Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)** available at the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can pick up their Missals in the Priests' Sacristy at the Church.

**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.

## 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.**

**Hope everyone has a HAPPY THANKSGIVING, please stay safe.**

The **dues** paid by members in 2020 will carry over to **2021**. Hopefully we will be able to resume our meeting in February 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

**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.**



### Gift of Life Collection

Christmas serves as a wonderful reminder of the precious gift of all life. During the weekend of December 5th and 6th, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be collecting items to support the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program ran by Catholic Charities. We hope that you will consider supporting this work by donating a gift. Specific items needed include diapers, wipes, new clothing, towels, blankets, and gift cards to places that sell baby items (Walmart, Target, grocery stores). Gifts can be placed in the Gift of Life Collection box in the vestibule. Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be placed in the poor box in an envelope marked "Gift of Life Collection." Checks should be made payable to Saint Vincent De Paul Society. Thank you for supporting new life during this Advent season.



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a take-out holiday crab cake meal on Saturday December 5, 2020. Pre-order and pick-up only. Meals will be prepacked. Pick-up will be in the Social Hall from 4:30PM-6PM. Pay at time of pick-up. \$12 per meal includes (2) crab cakes, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, tartar and cocktail sauce. Orders must be placed by Saturday November 28, 2020. To place your order, contact Fred Nowotarski, Grand Knight at 516.509.0190 or [fjnjr19@gmail.com](mailto:fjnjr19@gmail.com)

*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 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, Staff Sgt. 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.*