

## Saint Mary's News

### Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased of the Soja Family  
Sunday, January 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon J. Zerkowski

**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.**

THERE WILL BE A LATIN MASS NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 10, AT 12:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.

Father Leo Stajkowski is now at The Villa for Priests, 1325 Prospect Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa 18018. It would be nice to send him a card and say hello!!

### Covid Prayer

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

## TAX STATEMENTS

**Please note:** If you would like a copy of your **giving record for tax purposes**, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at **dsitler@comcast.net**. **If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement. Statements will be not be ready until the week of the 25th of January.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Is 60:1-6** - Jerusalem is favored by the Lord. Kings and people will come before you. The riches of the earth will be placed at the gates of Jerusalem.

**Eph 3:2-3a,5-6** - Paul admits that God has revealed the divine plan of salvation to him. Not only the Jews, but also the whole Gentile world, will share in the Good News.

**Mt 2:1-12** - King Herod, being jealous of his earthly crown, was threatened by the coming of another king. The astrologers from the east followed the star to Bethlehem from which a ruler was to come.

**Today's message** - All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gifts of their lives.

### 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.

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**

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.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 Linda Byerly

8:30 Carol Rickert

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

6:30 Carol Pasquale

8:00 Thomas Fry

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30 Rundle Rudolff Families

8:00 Bernice Menet

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Kermit Gentry

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

6:30 Sara & Peter Salino

8:30 Stephen Konopelski

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 Violet Rouse

4:30 Konstanty & Kasmeria Skowron

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 Samuel Russo

9:00 Casey Zielinski

10:30 John Kirsch

12:00 Intentions of Margaret Smith

### Readings for the Week of January 3, 2021

#### Sunday

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

#### Monday

**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

#### Tuesday

**Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

#### Wednesday

**Saint André Bessette, Religious**

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

#### Thursday

**Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17;

Lk 4:14-22a

#### Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Lk 5:12-16

#### Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b;

Jn 3:22-30

#### Sunday

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9;

Mk 1:7-11

**Life After Loss Group** is continuing to meet year-round at several churches. We will have a "Loss of Spouse" Saturday Workshop on 1-23-21 from 1 – 3 PM. Call 610 370-1174 or email (no texts) [judyacameron@comcast.net](mailto:judyacameron@comcast.net) to register for these free seminars.

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

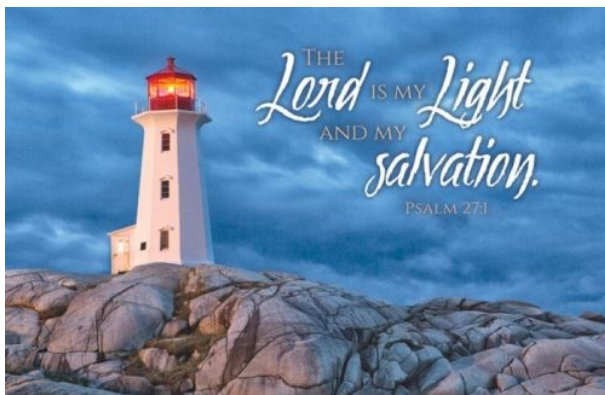
Monday 1/4	Rev. Jared Zambelli
Tuesday 1/5	Rev. Christopher Zelonis
Wednesday 1/6	Rev. Msgr. Edward Zemanik
Thursday 1/7	Rev. Jojappa Adagalta, MSC
Friday 1/8	Very Rev. Luke Anderson, O. Cist.
Saturday 1/9	Rev. David Anthony
Sunday 1/10	Rev. Robert Anythony, MSC

**WINTER IS COMING!** St. Vincent de Paul will again be collecting and distributing items to the children of Reading. Please place new or gently used clean hats, mittens, scarves, and boots in marked bins in the gathering areas in the Church. We will collecting now through – February 28.

**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.

**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.

**Please help us to keep your records updated by calling the parish office with any changes in your marital or family status, change of address or phone, etc.** This is more than a one step process and we want to do everything possible to make sure your records are kept accurate. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Please email dsitler@comcast.net with any changes or call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005.



**Ossa's Corner**



**Luna, come on lets play!!!**



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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:

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, Thaddeus Malecki, Charles E. Mathews, Daniel Matz, Richard Matz, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., Mary Rita McFadden, John Mercadante Jr., Cathy Motznik, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Bill Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Michael Poserina, Sharon Precht, Lorraine Ransom, Annalise Robinson, 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: Father Clifton Bishop; Antoinette Formando, (mother of Frank Formando & grandmother of Dominic & Luca Formando); Eugenia Wernicki & 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.

**St. Catharine's & Saint Mary's Parish Welcomes All** - No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.

NOW THAT THE **WINTER** IS REALLY UPON US, WE WANT TO REMIND THE **SENIOR MEMBERS** OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COME TO MASS ON DAYS THAT ARE STORMY, ICY OR BITTER COLD. ONE DAY OF HEROICS COULD LEAD TO MANY MONTHS IN BED RECUPERATING.

***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.*

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACT PERSONS  
AND RESOURCES

Altar Servers – ( Father Zachary Wehr – 610-779-4005)  
American Heritage Girls - (Julia Wright - 610-370-9290)  
Boy Scout- (Terry Wade - 610-478-1200)  
Bereavement Support - (Judy Cameron– 610-370-1174)  
Catholic Charities - (610-376-7144)  
Catholic Soup Kitchen (Sara Miller 610-404-1590)  
Choir- (Dave Kostival – 484-332-8695)  
Church Library - (Genevieve Samolewicz 610-779-1660)  
Cub Scouts – (610-888-5595 Kristen Reinert)  
Cursillo – (Bill McMahan 610-779-8654)  
CYO President & CYO Athletic Director - (Cristina Schmehl- 610-779-1513)  
Disability Advocates -(Carol McCullough 610-370-1660)  
Eucharistic Ministers-(Deacon Greg Schneider - 610-929-0386)  
Exeter Food Bank - (Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein - 610-779-6045)  
Girl Scouts - (Adrienne Evans - 908-872-6105)  
Guitar Choir – (Ann DelCollo - 610-777-5234)  
Home School Organization– Liz Keiffer (610- 310-7842 )  
Knights of Columbus - ( Fred Nowotarski - 516-509-0190)  
Lectors – (John Vogel 610-779-6287)  
Maintenance - (Elisha Robinson - (610-779-5810)  
Marriage Preparation - (610-779-4005)  
Ministers of Hospitality- ( Deacon John Stapleton 610-779-4005)  
Parish Nurses - mjauman@verizon.net  
Parish School – (Mrs. Marcella Kraycik - 610-779-5810)  
Saint Catharine’s Pre-School – (610-779-5810)  
PREP (CCD) – (Coordinator - Marci Zambito,610-779-8535)  
Protecting God’s Children Coordinator - (Marci Zambito - 610-779-8535)  
RCIA – (Father Zachary Wehr - 610-779-4005)  
Religious Store - (Bill Wertz - 610-779-5283)  
Saint Vincent de Paul Society- (Carol Cinelli 610-779-3113)  
School Board - Michele Weber ( 610-779-8406)  
Scrip – (Cristina Schmehl - 610-779-1513)  
Senior Citizen Group (50+Club)- (Carol Buddell - 610-401-0600)  
Siena Stitchers - (Judy McMahan - 610-779-8654)  
Youth Group - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)  
Parish Office- ( 610-779-4005) ; Fax: 610-779-0859  
Church Website - <http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/>

**Saint Catharine’s Parish Center - 610-779-4005**  
**Saint Catharine’s School - 610-779-5810**

**THE TRIBUNAL DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN**  
**610-434-3200**

Do you know your Tribunal? The Tribunal is a group of specially qualified priests, deacons and lay persons. Their responsibility is to come to the help of persons who are the victims of unfortunate marriage situations.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church is always caught between two tensions. One is the unbreakableness of the bond of marriage. Jesus Himself said: “What God has joined, man must not divide.” This is God’s law. It cannot be broken by human intervention.

On the other hand, the Church must be concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Can they be helped? Was this a true marriage? Even though the parties went through a Catholic marriage ceremony, was there some weakness in the consent of one or both of the persons involved?

The annulment procedure is designed to study the history of the marriage and why it failed. It does not affix the blame. If the marriage is found to be invalid both parties are free.

If you could be helped, or have a friend or acquaintance who might be helped, please suggest that they call your parish priest or the Tribunal Office. The Tribunal will be happy to forward an application. Have no fear. All interviews are private. There are no confrontations

**LETTER FROM**  
**MSGR. JOSEPH SMITH:**

Dear Parishioners:

During the pandemic, I decided to write and publish a hardbound book entitled “Stories of My Life.” Some are biographical, some funny, some scary, some inspiring, all of them interesting and true. Originally, I intended the book for family and close friends. As it began to take shape, I decided to offer it as a fundraiser to St. Joseph’s Parish and to St. Catharine’s Parish, Reading. I have served these parishes for a total of fifty years. I will pay the entire cost of publishing and printing the books. For those who would like to order a copy of the book **(the cost is \$20.00)**, please put your name, address and phone number & check **(payable to Saint Catharine’s)** in an envelope and mark it: **“For Msgr. Smith’s Book,”** and place it in the collection or mail it to St. Catharine’s Parish Center. Your timely return of your order will let me know how many books to have printed.

Msgr. Joseph Smith

(We will put a notice in the bulletin when your book is ready for pick-up.)