

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31st - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased members of the Wulkiewicz Family

Saturday, January 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - Richard Zaorski

Sunday, January 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Sister Jacqueline Pirot, SSJ

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 New Year's Eve Mass at Saint Mary's at 3:30 p.m. There will be no New Year's Day Mass at Saint Mary's.

May God Bless you abundantly in the New Year for your generous stewardship this past year.



Thank you from Monsignor Domin, & Father Wehr, Msgr. Treston to everyone who sent cards, greetings, gifts, and goodies. May God continue to bless you in the New Year!

A Recipe for a Happy New Year!

Take twelve months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients. Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over a radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. You're bound to have a Happy New Year!

Solemnity of Mary - Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve -

4:30 p.m. Church

3:30 p.m. - Saint Mary's

New Year's Day -

8:00 a.m.

& 10:30 a.m. - Church

NO ADORATION on, Monday, December 28th.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE FROM MONSIGNOR DOMIN, FATHER WEHR, MSGR. TRESTON, DEACONS FRY, STAPLETON, SCHNEIDER AND THE STAFF OF ST. CATHARINE'S PARISH CENTER AND SCHOOL.

THE HOLY FAMILY

Gn15:1-6; 21:1-3 - Abraham believed in God. As a result, God gave him and his wife a son in their old age. The family thus becomes the sign of faith of human beings and the love of God.

Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19, Abraham believed God's promises and put his faith in him, living the faith in every phase of his life. And since God is faithful of his promises, faith becomes the source of hope and happiness for his family. We should place our trust in God's promises.

Lk2:22-40 - Joseph and Mary take Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. Simeon recognizes him as the Anointed of the Lord and blesses him. The child returns to Nazareth and grows to maturity.

Today's Message - Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

All contributions for 2020 must be received by Sunday, December 31st, 2020 to be included on your statement. Thank you for your generosity during the past year. If contributions are received after December 31st they will be applied to your 2021 statement.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention December:
We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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.

Parish Nurse News - Time to firm up those New Year resolutions! Additional time for prayer and reflection, give others benefit of the doubt-we don't know the challenges they face. Mother Teresa said the good we do today will often be forgotten, do good anyway. Happy New Year!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30 Dorothy Kaisoglus

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30 Sean J. Wertman (6th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30 Amelia Biagianti

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30 Owen A. Holbrook

4:30 Richard Schrantz

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

8:30 Paul Arnold

10:30 Catalina & Harley Hayward

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 Richard Heins (7th Anniversary)

4:30 Marguerite Arthur

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 Stanley J. Ustaszewski (7th Anniversary)

9:00 Martha Safko (22nd Anniversary)

10:30 Max Curtin

12:00 Charles Harhigh

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020

Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40
Monday	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
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

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PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 12/28	Rev. Zachary Wehr
Tuesday 12/29	Rev. Leon Wiesenberger, MSC
Wednesday 12/30	Rev. Joseph Whalen
Thursday 12/31	Rev. Robert Wiesenbaugh, SJ
Friday 1/1	Rev. George Winne
Saturday 1/2	Rev. Msgr. Daniel Yenushosky
Sunday 1/3	Rev. Msgr. Vincent York

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.

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. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

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.

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 to register for these free seminars.

Ossa's Corner



Ossa wishes everyone a Happy New Year!



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, 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 Prechtel, 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: George Turner & 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.

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.)



**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 McMahon 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 McMahon - 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

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 I 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 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.**

