

## **Saint Mary's News**

### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday, January 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Elizabeth Furyk  
Sunday, January 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Gerald Graczyk

**The Commemorating St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish, Reading, Pa, 1888 – 2016** books are on sale for \$15.90 which includes the sales tax. Cash and checks only; no credit or debit cards. If you want a copy of the book, contact Carl Gethmann at [cagethmann74@gmail.com](mailto:cagethmann74@gmail.com) or call 610-374-9215.

**\$16,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS** In 2021, the Polish-American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding eleven college scholarships totaling \$16,000 to Berks County high school seniors of Polish-American descent. Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the guidance counselor in all Berks County High Schools beginning Monday, January 4, 2021. The forms can also be downloaded from the PABEBC website at [www.pabeberks.org](http://www.pabeberks.org). Completed application forms are due no later than Saturday, April 10, 2021, to the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee Sandra Lubas Hummel, 115 Watercress Drive, Birdsboro, PA 19508-9715. Questions about the scholarship program can be directed to Ms. Hummel at 610-207-7065 or email [sahummel@ptd.net](mailto:sahummel@ptd.net). In conjunction with the PABEBC scholarship awards program, the Polish-American Heritage Association of Berks County is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a Berks County high school senior of Polish-American descent. The application form and guidelines for obtaining this scholarship are also available in the office of the high school guidance counselors or by contacting Sandy Lubas Hummel, the Scholarship Chair for PAHABC at [sahummel@ptd.net](mailto:sahummel@ptd.net) or by calling her at 610-207-7065. For this scholarship, the students are asked to submit a project on Polish history, culture and/or traditions. The deadline for receipt of the project and all accompanying documents is March 7, 2021. Please see the scholarship guidelines for additional information.

## **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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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



**As more people are joining our Masses in the Church, we want to remind everyone of the Diocesan mandatory regulations: masks must cover the nose and mouth when you enter the Church and remain that way until you have left the Church. The pews and floor are marked for social distancing. There is hand sanitizer at each entrance for your use. We all must do our part, so that together we can protect ourselves and each other as we join in worship.**

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Is 55:1-11:** The “water” stands for Baptism but also for the word of God. Both will give us strength to keep moving, especially if we make use of daily Bible readings.

**1 Jn 5:1-9:** At Baptism, we had the love of God placed in us as in a seed, and it bore fruit both vertically and horizontally toward God and neighbor. If we practice our faith by keeping the commandments, we end up victors over the world.

**Mk 1:7-11:** The Spirit of God is seen coming upon Christ. The words of Isaiah are beginning to be fulfilled.

**Today's Message** - Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To Him be all glory and praise!

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

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

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. – Social Hall

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

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

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

RCIA - 6 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

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

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m.- Social Hall

**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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 Thomas Rathman (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

8:30 Joseph Barrett

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 Anne Coccia

8:30 Russel Hartman

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30 Cornelia Ahren Fry

8:30 Paul Arnold

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

6:30 Intentions of Angela Digiosia Family

8:30 Barbara A. Malecki

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

6:30 Catharine Pieja Cirulli

8:30 Theresa Hieu

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 Charles J. McDonald

4:30 Frank J. Mierzewski, Jr.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

7:30 Kevin Michael Heck

9:00 Craig Wolf

10:30 Mary Glutz (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

12:00 Earl Heintz (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Readings for the Week of January 10, 2021

#### Sunday

##### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3); Acts 10:34-38 or  
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

#### Monday

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9;  
Mk 1:14-20

#### Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

#### Wednesday

##### Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39  
or Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

#### Thursday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

#### Friday

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

#### Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

#### Sunday

##### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a);  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### 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.



**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 1/11	Rev. Eric R. Arnout
Tuesday 1/12	Rev. Franklin K. Arockia-Dass, M.S.C.
Wednesday 1/13	Rev. Achilles Ayaton
Thursday 1/14	Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Baddick
Friday 1/15	Rev. Msgr. Andrew R. Baker
Saturday 1/16	Rev. Msgr. William T. Baker
Sunday 1/17	Rev. Francis J. Baransky

**THE STAFF OF STABON MANOR, PCH**, wish to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to the congregation members of St. Catharine of Siena’s and St. Mary’s who donated items to our residents this holiday season. Thanks to your kind donations, each of our 117 residents had a memorable holiday season!

**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.

**Please note:** Msgr Smith’s book is still available. They are \$20.00 and payable to St. Catharine’s. Due to Covid they are delayed in the printing process. We will keep you updated in the bulletin.

**Ossa’s Corner**



Luna



**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, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Father Dennis Carbonaro, Nancy Cassidy, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., George Dietrich, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Father Gus Esposito, Robert Flipping, Geraldine Gamby, Randy Gensemer, Ken Green, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Michael Hivner, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, David A. Lellig, David C. Lellig, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Thaddeus (Ted) 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, Steve Nichols, Jerome Nigh, James A. Pennypacker, Sr. Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Michael Poserina, Sharon Precht, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Ken Roth, John Sadlowski, David Samsel, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Gloria Schmeck, Greg Schwartz, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, 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: Garret Jones**, (son of Greg & Patricia Jones & brother of Tiffany McLaughlin & Jansen Jones); **Theresa Merolli**, **Carl Leisey**, (husband of Donna Leisey); **David Powers**, (grandson of Helen & Adam Krafczek); **Miguel Moll**, (husband of Virginia Vincente) **Evelyn Market**, (mother of Mary Cousin); **Lillian Landua**; **George Kostick**, ( husband of Loretta Kostick) **& 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.**

Be who God meant you to be and join our team of faith-filled, excellent, and dedicated professionals.

Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for a Long Term Sub. Please send a cover letter, resume, references, and all clearances and certifications to Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, [Mkraycik@scsreading.org](mailto:Mkraycik@scsreading.org) or via snail mail at 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606.

Saint Catharine of Siena is also accepting applications for PT classroom aides. Please send a cover letter, resume, references, and all clearances and certifications to Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, [Mkraycik@scsreading.org](mailto:Mkraycik@scsreading.org) or via snail mail at 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606.

We are thankful to those who choose to contribute faithfully to St. Catharine and St. Mary churches. We are especially grateful to those who are unable to attend Mass at this time, but have been mailing in and dropping off their offerings regularly, and for those who give electronically. We pray for all members and their loved ones, and look forward to the time when it will be safe for all to return and join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you, and may God bless you for your continuous and generous stewardship of treasure to our parish.



**WE ARE COLLECTING  
DONATIONS OF THE  
ITEMS LISTED BELOW TO  
BE DONATED TO THE  
BERKS SAFE**

**ORGANIZATION.** YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE GATHERED AND ORGANIZED INTO INDIVIDUAL CARE PACKAGES BY THE CUB SCOUTS OF PACK 358 AND DELIVERED TO BERKS SAFE. COLLECTION BOXES WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL AFTER SUNDAY MASS CONCLUDES ON JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>. **LIP BALM, Q - T I P S , T O O T H B R U S H E S , TOOTH PASTE, TISSUES FIRST AID KITS, DEODORANT, MASKS HAND SANITIZER, DENTAL FLOSS, SOAP & SHAMPOO.**

**50 Plus 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. I hope all of our members had a very Merry & Blessed Christmas, and wish all of you a Happy, Prosperous and **Healthy** New Year.

**MEETINGS**

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, I AM VERY SORRY TO SAY, WE WILL I CANCELLING ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS. Hopefully, once the vaccine is given to most of us, we will be able to start having meetings in 2021, safely.

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

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**

**TRIPS**

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.

**Financial Stewardship**

**November 15, 2020**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,397	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 361,170	\$ 468,420
Year to date deficit	\$ 107,250	
Last Year	\$ 20,319	

**November 22, 2020**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,160	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 379,330	\$ 491,841
Year to date deficit	\$ 112,511	
Last Year	\$ 21,262	

**November 29, 2020**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,970	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 396,300	\$ 515,262
Year to date deficit	\$ 118,962	
Last Year	\$ 19,515	

**December 6, 2020**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 11,327	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 407,627	\$ 538,683
Year to date deficit	\$ 131,056	
Last Year	\$ 20,184	

**December 13, 2020**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,962	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 425,589	\$ 562,104
Year to date deficit	\$ 136,515	
Last Year	\$ 18,836	

**Kennedy House**. Want to volunteer and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the **Kennedy House** in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either **Saturday, February 13th and or Sunday, February 14th** or both days! Times are from 9-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270 or [sk1699@hotmail.com](mailto:sk1699@hotmail.com). Hope to see you there.

Also, if you are unable to help but would be willing to **donate** food or other supplies we would need, please contact me as well.