



Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - The Jermac Family
Sunday, January 24th - 10:30 a.m. - John & Hattie Kompa

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 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. 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. 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 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. **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. We have Masks if you forgot yours. 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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19: The Lord called Samuel, but he did not recognize Him. Samuel receives advice from Eli, who is already a prophet for the Lord. Following instructions from Eli, Samuel listens to the Lord.

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20: The body is made for the Lord. With the price of the Cross, Jesus redeemed all humanity. The Holy Spirit dwells within each person.

Jn 1:35-42: It was John the Baptist's purpose to point out Jesus, the Messiah. Andrew and his companion followed Jesus. Andrew summons Peter. Jesus identifies Peter and gives him a new name.

Today's Message: Through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be His disciples. How well do we listen to His voice? How willing are we to do His will?

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

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

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

RCIA - 6 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

PREP LEVEL – 7 – 9 a.m. - 11 a.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.

“Finding Your Way After the Death of a Spouse” will be a 2-part workshop on 2-27-21 and 3-13-21 from 1-3 PM at St. Catharine's Parish Center Meeting Rm. 2427 Perkiomen Ave. Email judyacameron@comcast.net as registration is limited.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:30 Dick Horrigan (8th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 Charles Joseph Youse

8:30 Norman Zaorski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 Marge Lonergan (3rd Anniversary)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 William A. D'Andrea, Jr.

8:30 Louise Barrasso

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:30 Teddy Schalk (27th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 Richard T. Tomlinson

4:30 Thomas Fry (9th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 The Witek Family

9:00 Anna & Joseph Snow

10:30 Raymond P. Berg (42nd Anniversary)

12:00 Sandra Bibbo (2nd Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2021

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday

Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/18	Rev. John P. Barron, S.J.
Tuesday 1/19	Rev. Msgr. Algimantas Bartus
Wednesday 1/20	Rev. Msgr. William Baver
Thursday 1/21	Rev. Henry Beck
Friday 1/22	Rev. Joseph Becker, O.S.F.S.
Saturday 1/23	Rev. Michael Beers
Sunday 1/24	Rev. Frans Berkhout

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.

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

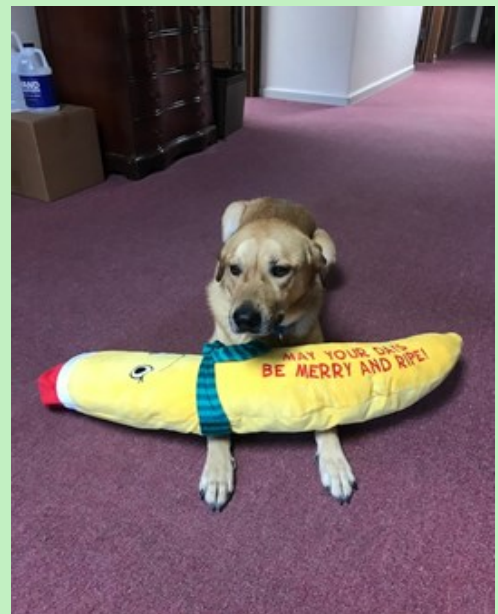
CONTACT: **Pat White 610-582-1437** for any information concerning the trips.

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.

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.

Ossa's Corner



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: Ava Marie Mercadante & Theodore Richard Bennett

Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Anthony Blass, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Pat Capilo, Father Dennis Carbonaro, Nancy Cassidy, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., George Dietrich, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Robert Flipping, Geraldine Gamby, Randy Gensemer, Ken Green, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Tom Hinkle, 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, Jerome Nigh, James A. Pennypacker, Sr. Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, 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: Father Gus Esposito; Edward Nabozny; Steve Nichols & 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.

Thank You



for your Kindness

Ask and It
Shall Be Given

Thanks to all who
donated gifts and
money during Advent

to the Saint Vincent
De Paul "Gift of Life

Collection" for the Pregnancy and Parenting
Support Program at Catholic Charities. With
your generosity we donated many beautiful
and needed items along with gift cards to be
used for the purchase of diapers and formula.
What a blessing to be part of a parish that
cares so much about new life!



Messengers of Peace

**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 31st. **LIP BALM,
Q - T I P S , T O O T H B R U S H E S ,
TOOTHPASTE, TISSUES FIRST AID KITS,
DEODORANT, MASKS HAND SANITIZER,
DENTAL FLOSS, SOAP & SHAMPOO.**



St. Catharine's HSO is hosting a Moe's Neighborhood Popup. YOU MUST PRE-ORDER! Each Moe's Family Taco Kit is \$34.99+tax.

Place your order by 10am on Friday January 29th: <https://form.jotform.com/201085182790151>

*Choose "St. Catharine's Home & School 1/29" when ordering. Pick at SCS 5:30-6:00pm on Friday, January 29th. Stay safe and stay in your car, we'll bring it to you.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
January 18 to January 25, 2021
Daily at 11:30AM - Noon

Freewill Offering

You are invited to join St. Francis Center for Renewal as we commemorate the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021**. Each day at **11:30 AM** you may connect via ZOOM to our 20-25 minute celebration of the Word and join us as we join with Christian communities world-wide to pray that "all may be one."

During the eight days of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021, our journey of prayer will be based on these themes and Scripture texts:

Jan. 18: Called by God: "You did not choose me but I chose you" (Jn 15:16a)

Jan. 19: Maturing internally: "Abide in me as I abide in you" (Jn 15:4a)

Jan. 20: Forming one body: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12b)

Jan. 21: Praying together: "I do not call you servants any longer ... but I have called you friends" (Jn 15:15)

Jan. 22: Letting oneself be transformed by the Word: "You have already been pruned by the word..." (Jn 15:3)

Jan. 23: Welcoming others: "Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (Jn 15:16b)

Jan. 24: Growing in unity: "I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15:5a)

Jan. 25: Reconciling with all of creation: "So that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (Jn 15:11)

To register for this meeting, please use the following link:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJckf-ivrt8oH9yjoOAqxOZM9Oohf0gCG5nQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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 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 or via snail mail at 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 1960

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. 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.