

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 30th - 3:30 p.m. - Sister Mary Erasma Smolinski, OSF

Sunday, January 31st - 10:30 a.m. - Rev. Zdzislaw Kikowski

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.

Please note: Courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, there will free copies of "I Heard God Laugh" by Matthew Kelly. These books will be first come first serve. Books will be located on the table in the Gathering Area near Scrip table.

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.



The Diocese of Allentown would like to remind its parishioners to be on alert, and not fall victim, to ongoing scams that are once again popping up at various parishes throughout the area.

In the past months individuals have reported getting text messages and/or emails from someone claiming to be their pastor asking for various things, most often gift cards.

The Diocese reminds everyone if you are ever concerned about a message that you receive, whether by text message or email, verify it before you take any action.

In the most recent instances, the bogus messages asked each recipient to purchase a gift card for a cancer victim on behalf of the pastor, but the scam can oftentimes take various forms. These requests are fake and should be considered a scam.

Additional reminders for the public to not fall victims to a scam include:

- Don't click on any links or open attachments in unsolicited texts or emails
- Be extremely cautious when dealing with anyone you've only met by social media or text message if you don't know who they are

Please note: Msgr Domin, Father Wehr & Msgr. Treston will never text or email you asking for money, gift cards, etc.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3:1-5, 10: The mercy of God is shown to the people of Nineveh. He sends Jonah to Nineveh to preach penance for sin. The king proclaims a universal fast to appease the Lord.

1 Cor 7:29-31: Paul warns the Corinthians of the shortness of time in this world. All must conduct themselves worthily in the eyes of God and be detached from this world's pleasure.

Mk 1:14-20: Jesus began to preach the "good news" of salvation. He called Simon and Andrew, James and John, to follow Him. At once, they accepted the call to become "fishers of men."

Today's Message: The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's kingdom?

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

RCIA - 6 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

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.

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 25

6:30 Deceased Members of the Wulkiewicz Family

8:30 Jacqueline Stenavage

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

6:30 Ida De Luca

8:30 Loretta Domin

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:30 Virginia C. Laczkowski (20th Anniversary)

8:30 Charles D. McDonald (21st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30 Elizabeth J. Loeper (4th Anniversary)

8:30 Collin R. Bollendorf

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

6:30 Matthew Cahill (11th Anniversary)

8:30 Michael Harhigh

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 Lois Leard (20th Anniversary)

4:30 Adam Gajewski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

7:30 John V. Nowotarski, Sr. (10th Anniversary)

9:00 Deceased Members of the Olshefsky & Sulanchick Families)

10:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

12:00 Jennie J. Palkon

Readings for the Week of January 24, 2021

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

Monday

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a. 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;
1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

"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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/25	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Biszek
Tuesday 1/26	Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin
Wednesday 1/27	Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian
Thursday 1/28	Msgr. Thomas P. Bortz
Friday 1/29	Rev. Ronald P. Bowman
Saturday 1/30	Rev. Richard C. Brensinger
Sunday 1/31	Rev. Thomas R. Buckley

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.

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.

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 - TIPS , TOOTHBRUSHES , TOOTHPASTE, TISSUES FIRST AID KITS, DEODORANT, MASKS HAND SANITIZER, DENTAL FLOSS, SOAP & SHAMPOO.**

Ossa's Corner



**Ossa is ready for the beach!
Luna & Ossa playing!**



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: Evangeline Sarai Homan

Please pray for our sick: 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, Regina Italia, Rita Kasprzak, 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 Prechtl, 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. **Pray for our beloved deceased especially: Marco Acosta Martienz; Gloria Zielinski,** (mother of Daniel Zielinski & grandmother of Victoria Zielinski) ; **Julia Wolff & Charles Bobb,** (father of Matthew Bobb & Julia Wright & grandfather of Bronwyn Wright Rivera, Rhiannon Wright, Juliana Coleman, Emma, Sophia, Chloe, Stella & Benjamin Wright; Jacob Bobb) & **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.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in our Chapel Mondays from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Canae*)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of more volunteers to help clean the Church & Chapel. Please call the Parish Center (610-779-4005) if you can help.

Our Parish office is open . Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Our reception area will be limited to one at a time. The Parish Center hours are Monday - Thursday - 8:30 - 4:00 p.m. & Fridays 8:30 - 3:00 p.m.

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 MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. **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 or April 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

2021 TRIPS

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are not sure when we can safely schedule trips. Hopefully, we will be able to give you some information soon. 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.**

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.

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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.

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