

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Bodgan Janiszewski
Sunday, February 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Dorothy A. LaSota, (3rd Anniversary)

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. 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.**

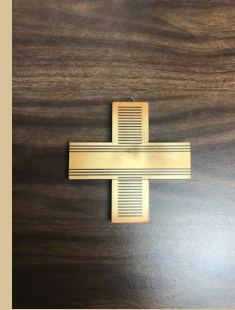
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If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .



LOVED ONES REMEMBERED MEMORIAL WALL

A new tradition has begun at St. Catharine's. In case you have not noticed, there is a Memorial Wall in the back of the Church on the wall closest to the confessional. This memorial has been created for our parish families who have lost a love one during the past year. During every funeral at St. Catharine's a cross will be placed on the wall with the deceased persons name and the date of death so that you, the parishioners, can walk by and pray for the repose of their souls. As you know, traditional on All Souls Day, we remember all our deceased loved ones who have died this year or in years past. There will be a loved one's remembrance mass on the Sunday closest to All Souls Day in the first week of November, and the families who have lost a loved one in the past year will be able to take the cross of their loved one home with them. Please stop by the memorial wall when you attend mass to pray for the loved ones who we have lost this last year. May God continue to bless St. Catharine's and St. Mary's parishes. Please note, for our St. Mary's parishioners, the Memorial Wall is on the middle by the doors as you leave the Church.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15-20: The Israelites ask the Lord for a prophet. The Lord promises to select a prophet from among them. He then shall speak for the Lord. Anyone who refuses to listen shall answer to the Lord. A prophet who speaks falsely will die.

1 Cor 7:32-35: Paul speaks about the value of a celibate life. One who is unmarried is busy for the Lord. One who is married must be concerned for spouse and family. Paul is anxious to promote what helps a Christian live entirely for the Lord.

Mk 1:21-28: Jesus teaches in the synagogue with outstanding authority. In a possessed man, an unclean spirit shrieks out identifying Jesus. Jesus commands the unclean spirit to leave the man. The people are amazed.

Today's Message: Jesus came as one who spoke in the name of the Lord, teaching with authority. Let us listen to His voice and adhere to Him above anything else.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

RCIA - 6 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5– NOCTURNAL ADORATION

DEVOTIONS - 4:00– 5:00 p.m.— Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 Lucille Miller

8:30 Ryan Paul Moore

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:30 Mary Wright

8:30 Theodore Borek

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 Robert Greelish

8:30 Terry Jones

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 Gerald Impink

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:30 Special Intentions of Mary Arnold

8:30 All Priests and Seminarians

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30 Robert Wright

4:30 Samuel & Mary Pizzuto

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30 Intentions of our Homebound Parishioners

9:00 Gina DiMaria

10:30 Lucien Olsewski

12:00 Paul T. Bassler (13th Anniversary)

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 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.**

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2021

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

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24;

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9,

10-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

Heb 13:15-17; 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/1	Rev. George W. Bur, S.J.
Tuesday 2/2	Rev. Douglas C. Burns, O.S.F.S.
Wednesday 2/3	Rev. Christopher S. Butera
Thursday 2/4	Rev. Msgr. Albert J. Byrne
Friday 2/5	Rev. Floyd Caesar, Jr.
Saturday 2/6	Rev. Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan
Sunday 2/7	Rev. Michael E. Camilli, M.S.C.

We are looking for a volunteer to sell SCRIP for the 2nd Sunday of every month, 1st shift ([7:15am - 10:15a.m.](#)). If you are looking to volunteer, but your time is limited, this is a great option! You will sell 12x a year, and if you need a sub for a month off or want to switch a shift during any month, simply reach out to the other sellers!

Please contact Cristina Schmehl at scripprogramscs@gmail.com or inquire at the SCRIP table in the back of the church. Please leave your name and contact information there.

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 19606.

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 THE BACK OF CHURCH. **LIP BALM, Q-TIPS, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, TISSUES FIRST AID KITS, DEODORANT, MASKS HAND SANITIZER, DENTAL FLOSS, SOAP & SHAMPOO.**

Ossa's Corner



Ossa giving "Kisses" to Dottie!



Luna & Father Wehr!

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:

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, 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, Pat Sarro, 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, Gene Webb, Frank White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A Time to die:** **Rita Kasprzak**, (wife of David Kasprzak, mother of Caroline Kasprzak & Theresa Schaeffer, grandmother of Serena Ercoli & Brenna Schaeffer & great grandmother of Elise Ercoli) & **Patricia Sweigert**, (sister of Diane Rymshaw) & **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.

Catholic Schools Week Prayer

God of all creation, we know you care for all of us and desire only what is good for us. Please guide those who make policy decisions and laws that affect all of us, that these decisions will work for the good of the most vulnerable in our society. Help us to have the courage to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.



The Knights of Columbus will be having a take-out Fish Fry on Friday February 19. \$12 per meal which includes fish, mac n cheese, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, tartar and cocktail sauce. This will be take-out only. Pick-up will be in the Social Hall on Friday 2/19 between from 5PM-7PM. To place an order, email kofc14880@gmail.com or leave a message at 516.509.0190.

No orders can be taken after Sunday February 7.



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.

"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.

HELP WANTED: Clare of Assisi House, located at 325 South 12th St., needs an immediate Weekend Resident Supervisor. We are a transitional home for women. The position is for every other week, 40 hours a weekend, includes staying overnight (Starts Friday evening and finishes on Monday morning). The Resident Supervisor is responsible for providing primary house coverage making sure house rules and guidelines are followed daily; this includes overseeing the weekly chores, knowing the whereabouts of the residents, answering of the phone and doors, handling of situations that arise, among other duties. Salary is negotiable. If interested, contact Pam at 484-869-5483.

Life Runners Team Forming in Reading -If you are interested in being more involved in the pro-life movement, consider joining our team! Both runners and walkers are welcome. There is no obligation to join us for in person events, you can join from your own neighborhood. Visit www.liferunners.org for general information or contact Elisabeth Laskowski for details at elisabethym@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning - If you are interested in more information to avoid or achieve pregnancy naturally, please contact Elisabeth Laskowski, a Certified Creighton Model Fertility Care Instructor. Register for a phone consult or Introductory Session at www.fcsbc.setmore.com

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Catharine of Siena Chapel on Perkiomen Avenue, on First Friday, February 5th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Everyone is invited. In order to keep everyone safe, we ask that all in attendance follow CDC guidelines, by wearing a Mask and practicing Social Distancing.

BERNARDINE SISTERS GO LIVE! The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters would be honored if you join them on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH at 7 PM for a free LIVESTREAM EVENT. Join us for the event on YouTube – search, Bernardine Franciscan Sisters. To see what the Sisters are up to today, visit www.bfranciscan.org or call Sister Maria Bartos at 484-334-6815.

Please note: Courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, there will be 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.