

Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Mary Wrubel

Sunday, February 14th - 10:30 a.m. - Joseph & Angelina Patti

Ash Wednesday, February 17th - 8:00 a.m. - Intentions of Homebound Parishioners

THERE WILL BE A LATIN MASS NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, AT 12:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.

Father Leo Stajkowski is now at The Villa for Priests, 1325 Prospect Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa 18018. It would be nice to send him a card and say hello!!

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.

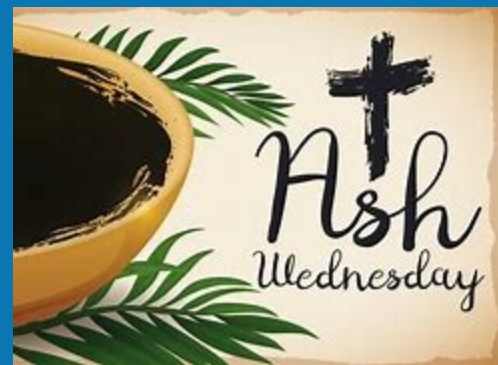
BERNARDINE SISTERS GO LIVE! The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters would be honored if you join them on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH at 7 PM for a free LIVESTREAM EVENT. Join us for the event on YouTube – search, Bernardine Franciscan Sisters. To see what the Sisters are up to today, visit www.bfranciscan.org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

February 17th – Saint Catharine's
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE-2021

6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. -Church
12 Noon & 7 p.m. - Church

Ashes that are blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday are processed by burning the palm distributed on Palm Sunday last year and displayed in homes throughout the year.

We invite you to bring any palm you may have in your home to Church and deposit it in the containers marked "Palm" which will be located in the Church vestibule and Chapel on Ash Wednesday.



ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Almighty and Merciful God, Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the holy season, Lent. I ask that it be a time for reflection of myself and a time of renewal for my faith. During these forty days, let me be aware of the needs of others and of our church. By self-examination, prayer and fasting, allow me to repent for the sins that I have committed and regret any sign of contempt that I have shown towards those who differ from me. Let these weeks leading up to Good Friday and the glory of Your Resurrection show me how much You suffered for me and how much You love me. Grant that these ashes remind me of my own mortality and the realization that only through You can I receive everlasting life. In Your Name I pray. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7: Job describes our life on earth. The days of our life come to a swift end. However, we are heartened by the fuller revelation of an eternal life hereafter, which Christ brought to us and about which Job did not have a clear idea.

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23: Paul writes that he must preach the gospel. Although he has no obligation to any person, he has tried to become one with his hearers to convince them of the saving message of the gospel.

Mk 1:29-39: Jesus visits the home of Simon and Andrew. He cures Simon's mother-in-law. Jesus also expels many demons and then goes off to pray alone. When found by Simon, Jesus goes in the villages to preach the good news.

Today's Message: Job's cry of hopelessness stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus, who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds". Such are the blessings of the good news.

[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.

"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.

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 THE 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.**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:30 Michele Riegel

8:30 Helen Frey

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30 George Kostick

8:30 Harry & Loretta Stork

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:30 Nora Graham O'Connor & Winifred Graham

8:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 Theresa Koch

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 George Kostick

8:30 June O'Donnell

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:30 Dominick Pisano, Jr.

4:30 Jim McGinnis (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30 Ricky Ricketts

9:00 Deceased Members of the McGrath & Dengler

Families

10:30 Kathleen Jablonski

12:00 Elias Cuesta

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2021

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

Monday

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Our Lady of Lourdes

Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13;

Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;

1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

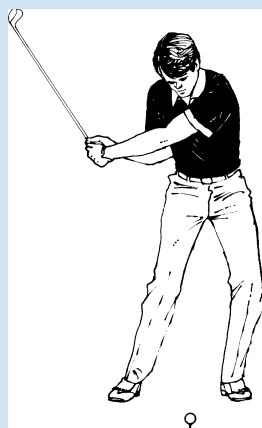
The next Blood Drive is Sunday, April 25th in the Social hall 8:15 to 1:15 pm. Please contact Miller Keystone at 800-223-6667 or email David.Sheehan@med.ge.com for an appointment.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/8	Rev. Msgr. John S. Campbell
Tuesday 2/9	Rev. William T. Campion
Wednesday 2/10	Rev. Thomas A. Carney, M.S.C.
Thursday 2/11	Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Chaback
Friday 2/12	Rev. Msgr. John G. Chizmar
Saturday 2/13	Rev. Donald W. Cieniewicz
Sunday 2/14	Rev. Richard M. Clement

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.



**St. Catharine's 19th
Annual
CYO Golf Tournament
& Dinner
Friday, May 7, 2021
at
READING COUNTRY
CLUB**

**4-Person Scramble-shotgun start
at 1:00 p.m.**

Hot Dogs, Beer, Soda at the turn

COST: GOLF, CART, and LUNCH - \$95

ALL ENTRIES DUE BY

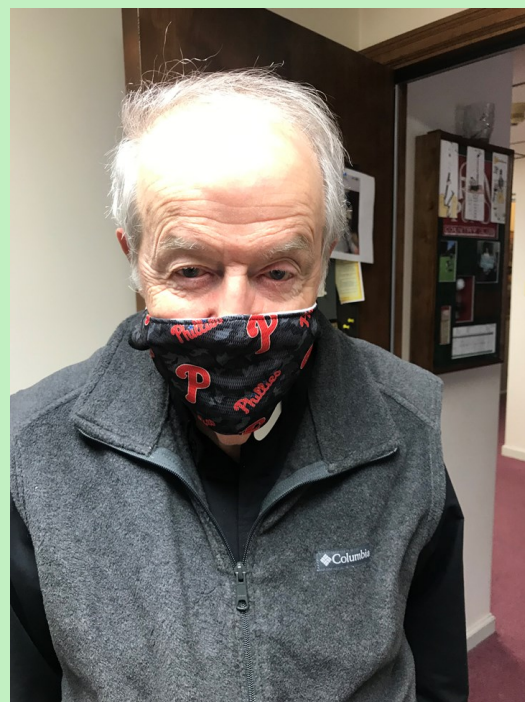
Friday, April 30, 2021

To Register: Mail this entry form along with your check (Payable to St. Catharine's CYO) and send to: St. Catharine's 2427 Perkiomen Ave. Reading, PA 19606..

Ossa' Corner



Are you ready for some baseball? Spring training is just around the corner! Ossa is a Met's girl!!



Msgr says - Go Phillies!!!

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, Joann Marnell, 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, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Ken Roth, John Sadlowski, David Samsel, Pat Sarro, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Greg Schwartz, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Harv Snyder, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Kim Trois, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Gene Webb, Patricia Wertz, Frank White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A Time to die: Gloria Schmeck; Kathleen Alonge**, (mother of Maureen Gipprich); **Angelo Porcaro**, (husband of Coleen Porcaro) & **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.

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.

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.



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 this Sunday February 7.

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who himself recommended it as necessary to His Followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast? - All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain? - All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean? - The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of the fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean? - The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/ or abstinence? - Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill? - Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 21st to May 30th.) Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year. **Catholics are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity.**

Financial Stewardship

	<u>December 20, 2020</u>	
	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,240	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 441,829	\$ 585,525
Year to date deficit	\$ 143,696	
Last Year	\$ 19,575	

	<u>December 27, 2020</u>	
	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,365	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 458,194	\$ 608,946
Year to date deficit	\$ 150,752	
Last Year	\$ 17,749	

Our Christmas Collection was \$19,491.50

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.