

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Frances Skoraszewski (8th Anniversary)
Sunday, March 21st - 10:30 a.m. - Głora Kompa (9th 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.



Easter Plants for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$10 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. Please print name clearly.

SAINT MARY'S EASTER SCHEDULE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS- 2:45-3:15 P.M. - CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

Wednesday, March 31st
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

*****BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD - 11:00 A.M.**
- Church

See St. Catharine's Mass Schedule for additional Masses

Mary's Shelter is a multifaceted comprehensive housing and social service agency that addresses pregnancy, parenting and youth homelessness through proactive preventative work, crisis intervention services and stabilization back into the community.

SECOND COLLECTION - "ALMSGIVING" - "...

When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret." (Ash Wednesday's Reading) - During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs: March 21st - Mary's Shelter; March 28th - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.



Saint Catharine's Easter Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS- 3:30-4:15 P.M. - CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

- ♦ MONDAY, MARCH 29TH - 4-5 P.M. & 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. - CHAPEL
- ♦ TUESDAY, MARCH 30TH - 4-5 P.M. & 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. - CHAPEL

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALM AT ALL MASSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH - 4:30 P.M.
CHURCH;

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH - 7:30, 9, 10:30* AND 12 NOON - CHURCH

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER- 7:00 P.M.*- CHURCH
NIGHT PRAYERS & GUITAR CHOIR SINGS - 10:30 P.M. - CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION - 3 P.M. - CHURCH

LIVING STATIONS - (VIRTUAL) - WILL BE RECORDED AND AVAILABLE DURING HOLY WEEK

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00 P.M. - CHURCH

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

*****BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD - 11:00 A.M.**
- AT SAINT MARY'S CHURCH***

EASTER VIGIL - 8 P.M.* - CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH
7:30, 9:00, 10:30* AND 12 NOON - CHURCH
*INCENSE USED

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23: The Israelites were repeatedly unfaithful to God. They ignored the prophets sent to them. God allowed them to fall to the Chaldeans. Jeremiah had foretold this punishment.

Eph 2:4-10: God's mercy and love brought Jesus into the world. Salvation is God's gift; it is not the work of human beings. Jesus leads all to perform good works.

Jn 3:14-21: Jesus is to die on the cross – proof of God's unlimited love for His people. God sent Jesus that we might believe. Through belief in Him all humans beings will be saved.

Today's Message: God pardons and raises up those who have been unfaithful, those who have loved the darkness rather than the light. For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to deliver the world from exile.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 15

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

RCIA - 6 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS – After the 8:30 a.m. Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

KOC FISH FRY – Social Hall – Pick-up Between 5-7 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7 p.m. – Church

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS – 5:30 p.m. – Knights Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 Peter Salino

8:30 Alois & Rosa Sager

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 Kathleen Brice

8:30 Antoinette Formando

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 Peter J. Shepos

8:30 Edward J. Domin

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 Ken Higo

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

6:30 Joseph, Maryann & Mary O'Donnell

8:30 Margaret Ehret

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

8:30 Alice K. Brennan

4:30 Darlene Trout

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 Ethel Prince

9:00 Justine Walsh (12th Anniversary)

10:30 Michael Yourkavitch (1ST Anniversary)

12:00 Joseph F. Kabat

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5,

6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,

6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Monday Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Saint Patrick, Bishop

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;

Jn 5:31-47

Friday Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and

29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15;

Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;

Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Seeking employment or looking to improve your current position let Josephs people Help -

Renewing Optimism and Resilience During Your Employment Search is the theme of this year's Joseph's People retreat. This year's retreat will be held via Zoom for the first time. The always inspiring Amy Dinning will talk about Renewing Your Resiliency Muscle. Father Francis Caponi will join us for a reflection. We also have a presentation by Chuck Hall on Ikegai which is also known as Finding Your Purpose, Finding Your Path. Register for the Saturday, March 27th event at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsdOmurj4vE9Tve1H_GNYW7IOJhd5khvN5

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/15	Rev. Robert J. George
Tuesday 3/16	Rev. John M. Gibbons
Wednesday 3/17	Rev. David C. Gillis
Thursday 3/18	Rev. Joseph Gleixner, M.S.C.
Friday 3/19	Rev. Msgr. William F. Glosser
Saturday 3/20	Rev. Msgr. Gerald E. Gobitas

NUN RUN 2021 IS GOING VIRTUAL!

You can help support the mission and lives of our MSC Sisters. Become a **VIRTUAL SPONSOR** or a **VIRTUAL RUNNER/WALKER!** All registrants receive a Nun Run t-shirt if registered by March 26. For details visit <https://MSCreading.org/nun-run/> or email CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org.

SCRIP sellers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to sell SCRIP at Church for the following shifts:
2nd Sunday every month, 1st shift (7:15-10:15)
5th Sunday (this year would be [1/31](#), [5/30](#), [8/29](#) and [10/31](#)) Also needed: permanent sub for 3rd Sunday, 1st shift (7:15-10:15), various dates. Our regular seller has a rotating work schedule and cannot do every month) This is a great opportunity for high school students who need service hours (must be accompanied by an adult). Please contact Cristina Schmehl if interested or for more information at scripprogramscs@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul - Next weekend will be the final collection for 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.

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING- 2021 Season Registration is now open- This year you can register online by going to [HTTPS://GO.TEAMSNAP.COM/FORMS/258246](https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/258246).

This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. **FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC**

You can also follow us on Facebook by going to: Berks Catholic Youth Football and Cheer-2020 and Beyond. For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG

Ossa's Corner



Ossa is patiently waiting for Luna to play SCS Monopoly, but Luna wants to rest!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Anthony Blass, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Alan Budgeon, Marvin Bush, Father Dennis Carbonaro, Nancy Cassidy, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Joseph Essig, Robert Flipping, Geraldine Gamby, Randy Gensemer, Ken Green, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Dolores Hinnershitz, Michael Hivner, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Darryl Larish, David A. Lellig, David C. Lellig, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Thaddeus (Ted) Malecki, Joanne 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, Thomas Nuccio, James A. Pennypacker, Sr. Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtl, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romy, Ken Roth, John Sadlowski, David Samsel, Pat Sarro, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Greg Schwartz, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Harvey Snyder, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Donna Sweitzer, Kim Trois, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Gene Webb, Bill Wertz, Pat Wertz, Frank White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A Time to die: Percival Richardson**, (father of Heather Shore & grandfather of Ethan & Michael Shore), **Mary Ellen Monahan & Patricia McWilliams** 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.

**Save the Date!!!
St. Catharine's
19th Annual
CYO Golf
Tournament
& Lunch**

**Friday, May 7, 2021 at
READING COUNTRY CLUB**

**More information to follow in
upcoming bulletins.**



The Knights will be hosting two more Fish Fry's on 3/19 and 3/26, pre-order. take-out only. Orders for 3/19 will be taken up until 3/17. Orders for the 3/26 Fish Fry will be taken up until 3/21. orders can be placed by calling 516.509.0190 or emailing kofc14880@gmail.com. Please specify which date you are ordering for when you order.

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, we will be able to start having meetings in 2021, safely, once we all get the vaccine.

The **dues** paid by members in 2020 will carry over to **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. Please make sure you put the proper postage on your envelopes when mailing them.**

2021 TRIPS

Here is the **tentative** list of trips for 2021

July 31st 2021, Saturday, Medieval Times - Price to be determined

August 21, 2021, PA Renaissance Faire Feast with 4 hours free time - \$75.00 meal included.

September 20-24, 2021, Monday thru Friday – Inn at Crumpin Fox, Double 1040.00, Single \$1210.00, Quad \$960.00.

October 20, 2021 – Wednesday – Mystery Trip - Price to be determined.

November 17, 2021 – Wednesday – Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show - Price to be determined.

Right now we are taking names of anyone interested in the trips, please contact Pat to be put on the list for the above 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.**



Lenten Reconciliation: During the Season of Lent, parishioners will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass on Saturday. It is our hope that the parishioners of St. Catharine's & St. Mary's will use this as an opportunity to better prepare themselves during their Lenten journey.

Stations of the Cross: will be celebrated every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. at the Church on Boyertown Pike.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS Please join us every Wednesday during Lent after the **8:30 a.m. Mass.**

Eucharistic Adoration: is held every Monday: the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from after the 8:30 AM Mass until 8:00 PM . All are invited and encouraged to spend some quality prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Please take note of the businesses advertising on the last pages of our bulletins. We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.

***We pray for the Gift of Peace** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Airmsn 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, 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.*

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.

Covid 19 Guidelines while at Church

Please wear a face covering at all times. Exceptions are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing and anyone who is incapacitated or unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance”. (CDC Guidelines)

Please observe social distancing between members of different households.

For those who desire to receive Communion, it is recommended that you receive the Body of Christ in your hand.

Thank you for your continued kindness and prudence to one another during this time.