

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 27th - 3:30 p.m. – Dorothy & Frank Lemanek

Sunday, March 28th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of Meunier Family

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

BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF PALM

MARCH 27TH - 3:30 P.M.

MARCH 28TH - 10:30 A.M.

Please note: the dates were incorrect in the Easter letter.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

*****BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD –**

11:00 A.M. - Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH - 10:30 A.M.

See St. Catharine's Mass Schedule for additional Masses

The Commemorating St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish, Reading, Pa, 1888 – 2016 Books are on sale for \$15.90 which includes the sales tax. If you require shipping, the shipping and handling are \$3.60, charged only once regardless of the number of books requested. If you contact me for copies and attend Mass at St. Mary's, you can pick them up after the 10:30 Mass in the vestibule. If you usually go to the 3:30 PM Mass, let me know and I will deliver it after that Mass. 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.

SECOND COLLECTION – “ALMSGIVING” - “...

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31:31-34: The Lord promises a new covenant wherein His law will be written in the hearts of His people. They will recognize God as their Lord and He will forgive their sins.

Heb 5:7-9: We recall how Jesus prayed to His Father. Through obedience to suffering, Jesus became perfect and is the source of salvation for all who obey him.

Jn 12:20-33: Jesus predicts His glorification. It comes by dying like the grain of wheat. Those who love their life inordinately will lose it. The Father from heaven answers Jesus.

Today's Message: The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Such dying must be cultivated by obedience and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgiveness.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – After noon Mass - Church

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 22

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

RCIA – 6 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

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

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

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

Parish Nurse News - Be sure to examine your skin on a monthly basis to notice potential problem spots. Check your children's skin as well. Always mention new spots to your family doctor!(DermpathDiagnostics, 2013).

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 Cornelia Ahren Fry

8:30 Louis & Theresa Fiorini

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 Charles Bobb

8:30 Helen & H. Allen Snyder

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 Joseph Antosy

8:30 Josephine Farrell (3rd Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 Cora Nacar

8:30 Charles J. McDonald (51st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 Antoinette Formando

8:30 Max Curtin (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

8:30 Richard Morrissey (1st Anniversary)

4:30 Amelia Biagiatti

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 Geraldine Russo (10th Anniversary)

9:00 Cora Nacar

10:30 Thomas Fry

12:00 Linda Byerly

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2021

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

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;

Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7;

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;

Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/22	Rev. Msgr. John J. Grabish
Tuesday 3/23	Rev. James J. Greenfield, O.S.F.S.
Wednesday 3/24	Rev. Eric J. Gruber
Thursday 3/25	Rev. Francis M. Grundowski
Friday 3/26	Rev. Kevin M. Gualano
Saturday 3/27	Rev. Abraham Ha

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.

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.

Ossa's Corner



Some "Bunny" loves you!



FIFTH 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, 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, Stanley Grabowski, Ken Green, Sandy Groller, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Dolores Hinnershitz, Michael Hivner, Marge Kerby, 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 Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romy, 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, Kim Trois, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, 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: Lindsey Wagner**, (daughter of Christopher & Cheryl Wagner); **Frank Lemanek; Donna Sweitzer; & Louis Fiorini**, (father of Carl Fiorini) **all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11**

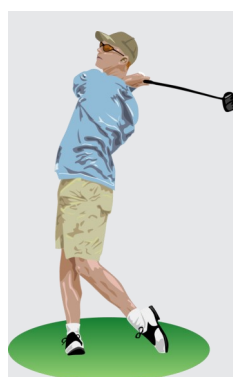
To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. Parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, in a rehabilitation facility or at home wishing to receive the Holy Eucharist may call the Parish at 610-779-4005.



The Knights of Columbus will hold its last fish fry of the season. \$12 per meal. Take-out only on Friday March 26,

5P-7P in the Social Hall. Preorder all orders must be placed no later than Wednesday 3/24. Email your order

to kofc14880@gmail.com or leave a message at 516-509-0190. Thank you all for your support this season!



**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.

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, 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.

SCRIP sellers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to sell SCRIP at Church 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

Financial Stewardship

January 3, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 10,290	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 468,484	\$ 632,367
Year to date deficit	\$163,883	
Last Year	\$ 21,413	

January 10, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,512	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 487,996	\$ 655,788
Year to date deficit	\$ 167,792	
Last Year	\$ 17,965	

January 17, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,537	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 504,533	\$ 679,209
Year to date deficit	\$ 174,676	
Last Year	\$ 20,396	

January 24, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 15,692	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 520,225	\$ 702,630
Year to date deficit	\$ 182,405	
Last Year	\$ 19,791	

January 31, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,646	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 536,871	\$ 726,051
Year to date deficit	\$ 189,180	
Last Year	\$ 26,966	

February 7, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 13,909	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 550,780	\$ 749,472
Year to date deficit	\$ 198,692	
Last Year	\$ 21,565	

February 14, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,238	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 571,018	\$ 772,893
Year to date deficit	\$ 201,875	
Last Year	\$ 19,207	

Our parish community warmly welcomes those visitors who are attending Mass with us this weekend. All are always invited to join our faith family in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are glad you chose to worship with us, and we look forward to seeing you again!