

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 10th - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased Members of Graczyk Family

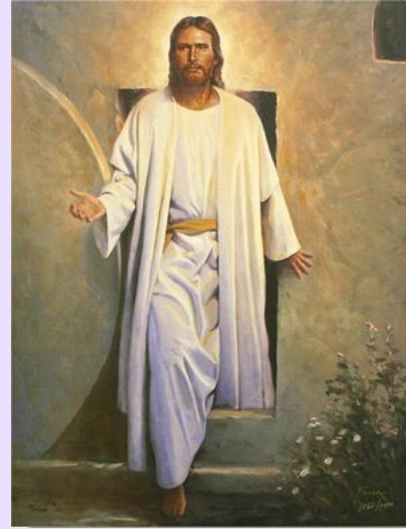
Sunday, April 11th - 10:30 a.m. - Monica Kochmanski-Hoffman

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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
Heavenly Father,
accept this Easter candle,
a flame divided but undimmed,
a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.
Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue
bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night!
May the morning Star which never sets find this
flame still burning:
Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the
dead,
and shed his peaceful light on all humanity,
your Son who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.
Blessed are you God, Father of all nations. You are
the God of light, and in you there is no darkness. As
we gather to rejoice in the risen life of your Son Je-
sus may our home, and those of our brothers and
sisters, be bright with laughter and warm with love.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.



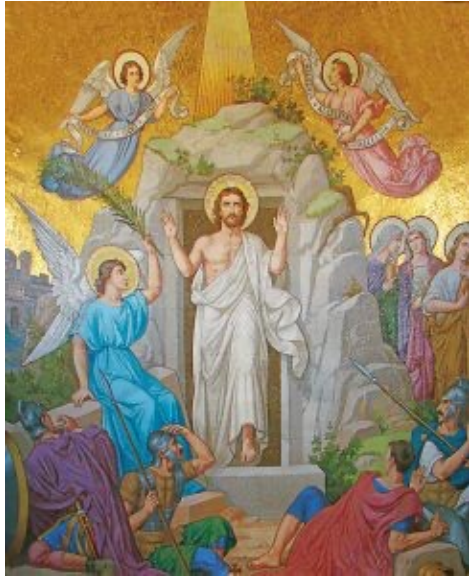
EASTER

It is a great joy for us, at the conclusion of the long Lenten weeks of preparation, to extend to everyone in our Parish Family the best wishes from all your priests and deacons, that you enjoy a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

This commemoration of the Lord's victory over sin and death is too big to grasp in one day, so the Church wisely celebrates it during the entire week. Each day of this week, the readings of the Mass contain yet another account of the events of Easter Sunday and the risen Lord's appearances to His followers.

All of this to help bolster our faith and belief in that central fact of salvation history: that Jesus suffered, died and then rose again. May the ever growing awareness of this tremendous divine act fill your heart with new hope and peace.

EASTER SUNDAY



Acts 10:34a, 37-43: In his sermon Peter sums up the “good news,” the Gospel Salvation comes through Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, the anointed of the Holy Spirit.

Col 3:1-4: Look to the glory of Christ in which we share because our lives are hidden in Him (through baptism) and we are destined to share in the glory.

Jn 20:1-9: Let us discover the empty tomb and ponder this mystery, and like Christ’s first followers be strengthened in our faith.

Today’s Message: On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised His Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 5
NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 8
BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – Social Hall
FRIDAY, APRIL 9
AHG – 5:30 p.m. – Social Hall
SUNDAY, APRIL 11
CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

April Ultreya Opportunities – Currently meeting via ZOOM, until we can all come together again.

April 10th & April 19th

Contact Denise Ianni at (610) 223-2391 or email her at: Lightbulblou@verizon.net

MONDAY APRIL 5

6:30 NO MASS

8:30 Paul Klick

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

6:30 Luciano Vagnoni

8:30 Skoraszewski & Lewandowski Families

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

6:30 Cornelia Ahren Fry

8:30 Joseph Rouse

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 The Pisanick Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

6:30 Emeriz Martinez (1st Anniversary)

8:30 Adelaide Parks (4th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

8:30 Michael Pelachick

4:30 Vincent Stubler ((14th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 George & Mary Edmunds

9:00 Helen & Alyosius Olshefsky

10:30 Anna A. Berg (35th Anniversary)

12:00 Alois & Alice Koch

Alleluia!

Readings for the Week of April 4, 2021

Sunday Easter Sunday

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or

Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-15

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/5	Rev. John A. Hutta
Tuesday 4/6	Rev. Augustine L. Idra, A.J.
Wednesday 4/7	Rev. Edward M. Ifkovits, S.J.
Thursday 4/8	Rev. Francis Iroot, A.J.
Friday 4/9	Rev. Guency Isaac, M.S.C.M.
Saturday 4/10	Rev. Stephan A. Isaac

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)

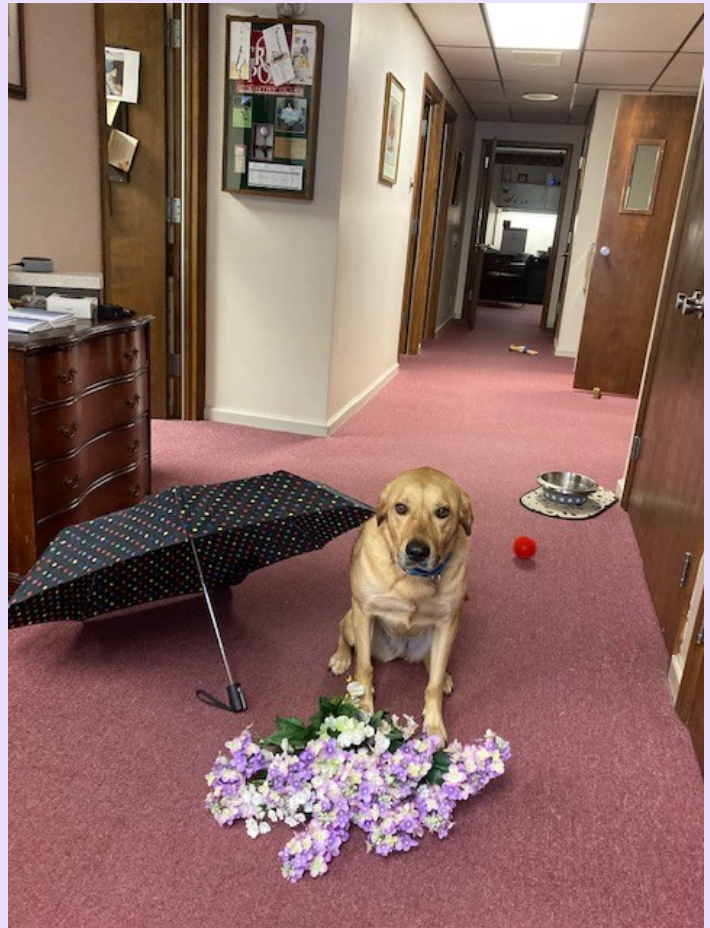
Please observe social distancing between members of different households.

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.

2021 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL VIRTUAL KICKOFF: Bishop Alfred Schlert and the Because We are Catholic Trust Advisory Board, invite you to attend the virtual kickoff. To do so, simply visit: [BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC.org/kickoff](https://BECAUSEWEARECATHOLIC.org/kickoff) on Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 6:30 P.M. Please join Bishop Schlert to learn about the Diocese of Allentown ministries, schools, parishes, and partners funded with support from the Because We Are Catholic Appeal. Please RSVP by April 6, 2021 at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org/kickoff. For more information, please contact the office of Stewardship and Development at 800-831-4443 or stewardship@allentowndiocese.org.

Msgr. Smith's Book - We still haven't received them. As soon as the books arrive we will let you. **Thank you for your patience.**

Ossa's Corner



April Showers bring May flowers!





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, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Joseph Essig, Robert Flipping, Sandy Gallagher, 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, James A. Pennypacker, Sr. Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtl, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romyn, 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, Kate Tranquillo, Kim Trois, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A Time to die: Michael Kowalski & Matthew Rucinski**, (husband of Mary Jo Rucinski) **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.

pray for our sick:

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.



**St. Catharine's
19th Annual
CYO Golf
Tournament
& Lunch**

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

**Forms are available on the
tables in the Gathering Area.**

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.

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 July or August of 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.

A BIG THANK YOU to the many generous folks who donated cold weather items for children this winter. St. Vincent de Paul collected over 400 scarves, hats, mittens, socks, etc.

SIENA STITCHERS meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 10 a.m. at the Church. Anyone is welcome to attend.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACT PERSONS AND RESOURCES

Altar Servers – (Father Zachary Wehr – 610-779-4005)
American Heritage Girls - (Julia Wright - 610-370-9290)
Boy Scout- (Terry Wade - 610-478-1200)
Bereavement Support - (Judy Cameron– 610-370-1174)
Catholic Charities - (610-376-7144)
Catholic Soup Kitchen (Sara Miller 610-404-1590)
Choir- (Dave Kostival – 484-332-8695)
Church Library - (Genevieve Samolewicz 610-779-1660)
Cub Scouts – (610-888-5595 Kristen Reinert)
Cursillo – (Bill McMahon 610-779-8654)
CYO President & CYO Athletic Director - (Cristina Schmehl- 610-779-1513)
Disability Advocates -(Carol McCullough 610-370-1660)
Eucharistic Ministers-(Deacon Greg Schneider - 610-929-0386)
Exeter Food Bank - (Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein - 610-779-6045)
Girl Scouts - (Adrienne Evans - 908-872-6105)
Guitar Choir – (Ann DelCollo - 610-777-5234)
Home School Organization– Liz Keiffer (610- 310-7842)
Knights of Columbus - (Fred Nowotarski - 516-509-0190)
Lectors – (John Vogel 610-779-6287)
Maintenance - (Elisha Robinson - (610-779-5810)
Marriage Preparation - (610-779-4005)
Ministers of Hospitality- (Deacon John Stapleton 610-779-4005)
Parish Nurses - mjauman@verizon.net
Parish School – (Mrs. Marcella Kraycik - 610-779-5810)
Saint Catharine's Pre-School – (610-779-5810)
PREP (CCD) – (Coordinator - Marci Zambito,610-779-8535)
Protecting God's Children Coordinator - (Marci Zambito - 610-779-8535)
RCIA – (Father Zachary Wehr - 610-779-4005)
Religious Store - (Bill Wertz - 610-779-5283)
Saint Vincent de Paul Society- (Carol Cinelli 610-779-3113)
School Board - Michele Weber (610-779-8406)
Scrip – (Cristina Schmehl - 610-779-1513)
Senior Citizen Group (50+Club)- (Carol Buddell - 610-401-0600)
Siena Stitchers - (Judy McMahon - 610-779-8654)
Youth Group - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
Parish Office- (610-779-4005) ; Fax: 610-779-0859
Church Website - <http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/>

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