



Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 24th - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy S. Kosikowski

Sunday, April 25th - 10:30 a.m. - Frank & Mary Wojciechowski

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.

Knights of Columbus Community Service Award

Our St. Catharine of Siena Council#14880 will be providing a \$1000 cash award via its Community Service Award Program, intended to award student's dedication to and performance of charitable service. The program is open to St. Catharine of Siena School, public school, and home-schooled students currently in the eighth grade and planning to attend Berks Catholic High School this fall. Applications are being sent to parents/guardians of eighth grade students at St Catharine's School. In addition, applications can be found on the Knight's table by the Scrip area or by contacting Bill Wertz at pakettle629@aol.com. Please see the application form for additional details.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the **2021 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal (BWAC)**. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and Deacons, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BWAC and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With Gratitude,
Msgr. Edward Domin

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19: Peter teaches how God glorified His Son, but the people were guilty of crucifying Jesus. They acted out of ignorance, however. Now they are to reform and ask God for forgiveness.

1 Jn 2:1-5a: If anyone should sin, Jesus is an offering for sin - for the sins of the whole world. Anyone who claims to know Jesus but disobeys the commandments is a liar.

Lk 24:34-48: Again Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples. He proves He is not a ghost. He eats with them and reassures them that all that happened was to fulfill the words of the Scriptures.

Today's Message: Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: the suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 19

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8:30 a.m.

Mass until 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

BLOOD DRIVE - 6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Social Hall

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Commission For Men Monthly Rosary - As we enter into this new year, the Commission for Men will be hosting a monthly rosary for men and their families every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm. Join us to pray for peace in our nation and in our world, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, and for an increase in vocations to religious life and priesthood – in our Diocese and throughout the Church.

For more information and to pray the next rosary on **Wednesday, April 21st at 7PM**, check out the website: <https://www.menaliveinchrist.org/mens-rosary/>

Men and their families are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 Harry Wright Family

8:30 Barbara A. Malecki

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:30 George Salloum

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

6:30 John & Patricia Carson

8:30 Deceased Members of the Curtin, Gantert, Kroenerer & Wagner Families

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 Bob & Peg Bollendorf

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

6:30 Beau Gehret

8:30 Hilda Evans Benzel

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 Betty Lou Bryant

4:30 Thomas (Butch) Mathews

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

7:30 LEONA & Arthur Strzelecki

9:00 Christian & Dorothy Lellig

10:30 Dolores Miravich

12:00 Mary Christ (1st Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of April 18, 2021

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9;

1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and

8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;

Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County is announcing their 100th anniversary with a celebration luncheon at the Double Tree Hotel Reading on September 18, 2021 from 1:00 until 4:00. Anyone interested in attending and for more information, please contact Marcia at mwertrn@ptd.net or 484-794-0680.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/19 Rev. Shaju J. Kanjiramparayil, O.S.F.S,
Tuesday 4/20 Rev. Venantius T. Karobo, A.J.
Wednesday 4/21 Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn
Thursday 4/22 Rev. Martin F. Kern
Friday 4/23 Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka, A.J.
Saturday 4/24 Rev. Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger

Restore: A Women's Healing Retreat

May 21-22, 2021 at Shrine of St. Therese in Nesquehoning, PA (or attend virtually) Restore: return to its original condition; return what was lost, stolen, or taken away. God longs for us to believe that we indeed are who He says we are: His beloved daughters, carefully created, infinitely loved and valued beyond measure. Yet, here amidst the din of distortion, lie-based beliefs and the darkening caused by sin and trauma, we struggle to experience the Truth of who we are. Our pain and woundedness distort the lens through which we look at ourselves, others and the circumstances of our lives. Come...and let Him Restore you! Retreat talks and experiences will reconnect us with the Truth of our inherent dignity, beauty, and wholeness. Retreat also includes: small groups, individual healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden. Join us in-person or virtually! Find the full schedule and register at <https://youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat> or email De: de@youaremadenew.com.

MEMORIAL DAY, 2021 - GETHSEMANE CEMETERY - AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, GETHSEMANE CEMETERY HAS DECIDED TO STREAM THE MEMORIAL DAY MASS, IN LIEU OF AN IN-PERSON EVENT. THE MASS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021 @ 10:00 AM. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND A LINK TO THE EVENT.

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

**Ossa's Corner
Dog Days at the Parish Center**



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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, Jennifer Devlin, 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, Melanie Lintz, 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 Motzник, 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, 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: Christine Szurgot**, (mother of Stephen Szurgot & Donna Duffy) **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.

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.

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.

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**.

ATTENTION: Sorry to inform you that Dorothy Jurasinski sent me notice that she will be resigning from her position in charge of the 50+ club membership. **So** we are in need of a **replacement** to take over the membership duties. You must be literate in Word and Excel.

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

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

Safe Environments

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC Direct Telephone: 800-791-9209
Secretary for Youth Protection: Ms. Pamela Russo, MSW, MS Telephone: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service. If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562. The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone, who as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee / volunteer of the Diocese / Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown, for more information about the program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator Direct Telephone (800)791-9209

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.



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.**