



Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Martha Lubas (37th Anniversary)

Sunday, May 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Skimski Family

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.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

MEMORIAL DAY, 2021 - GETHSEMANE CEMETERY - AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, GETHESEMANE 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.



**St. Catharine's
19th Annual
CYO Golf
Tournament
& Lunch will be catered by
Vincenzo's from
11:30- 1:00 p.m.**

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

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

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 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 dsittler@comcast.net. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

Dayspring Homes is hiring! We are looking for Direct Care Workers, Licensed Practical Nurse (Part-time), and Maintenance Worker (Part-time). We are seeking enthusiastic, compassionate and kind people to join our growing team. Contact us at 610-376.5648 or email humanresources@dayspringhomes.org

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:8-12: Peter explains the cure of the cripple. It was a miracle performed in the name of Jesus, whom the people had rejected and crucified. There is no salvation except in Jesus.

1 Jn 3:1-2: The Father shows His love for human beings by calling them His children. The world does not recognize the followers of Christ because it did not recognize Christ Himself.

Jn 10:11-18: Jesus compares Himself to the “the Good Shepherd.” A shepherd cares for His sheep, lives and dies for them if necessary. There is to be one flock and one shepherd.

Today’s Message: Jesus is the “stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone.” He is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us. Through His paschal mystery, we have become children of God.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

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

BAPTISMS – After Noon Mass - Church

MONDAY, APRIL 26

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

GRIEF SHARE – 7P.M. – Parish Center Basement

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

KOC ASSEMBLY – 7 p.m. -Church Choir Rehearsal Room

SATURDAY, MAY 1

FIRST COMMUNION – 10 a.m. – Church

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY RALLY – 1 p.m. – Grotto at Church

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 Robert Greelish

8:30 Deceased Members of Laskiewicz Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

6:30 Truman Frey

8:30 Susan Dolinski (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

6:30 Tony DeFranco

8:30 Elizabeth Stienfelt

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 Joseph Khac

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

6:30 Chick Loeper

8:30 Stacey Tomczyk (5th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MAY 1

8:30 Jack Gaffney

4:30 Sarah DiFulvio (9th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 2

7:30 Kathleen A. Harris

9:00 Nikolas Janezic (10th Anniversary)

10:30 Anthony F. Marino (5th Anniversary)

12:00 Thomas Turner

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2021

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

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;

Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8;

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin

and Doctor of the Church

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27;

Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Jn 14:7-14

Memorial: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17,

23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;

1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Youth Group!



Join the “Youth Group” this Sunday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room. (Old Convent across from the school.

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/26	Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil
Tuesday 4/27	Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons
Wednesday 4/28	Rev. David J. Kozak
Thursday 4/29	Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel
Friday 4/30	Rev. Daniel E. Kravatz, Jr.
Saturday 5/1	Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak

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, PA.

Ossa's Corner

Baby Ossa!



Baby Luna!



Best friends for life!



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: **Grace Elizabeth Trego**

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Alan Budgeon, Marvin Bush, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Donald Entzminger, Joseph Essig, Robert Flipping, Sandy Gallagher, Geraldine Gamby, Randy Gensemer, Stanley Grabowski, Sandy Groller, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Patricia Herber, Michael Hivner, Dolores Hinnershitz, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Darryl Larish, Melanie Lintz, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Joanne Marnell, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., Mary Rita McFadden, John Mercadante Jr., Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Bill Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon PrechtI, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romy, John Sadlowski, Pat Sarro, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Harvey Snyder, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Kate Tranquillo, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak. **A Time to die: Thaddeus Malecki**, (husband of Gwendoline Malecki); **Judith Garpoli**, (wife of Richard Garpoli); **Josephine Lenosky**, (mother of John Lecce); **Dolores Myatt**, (mother of Kathy Kardoley & grandmother of Amanda Higgins, Emily & Kristen Kardoley, great grandmother of Liam & Landin Higgins) **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.

Pay it Forward Day is April 28!

St. Catharine of Siena School is celebrating by launching an online Raffle with chances to win gift baskets, gift cards and other fabulous prizes! (Stay tuned! Raffle link will be posted on the school website and social media). Every raffle ticket enters you to win one of FIVE family style dinner deliveries from Vincenzo's Restaurant. All raffle proceeds to benefit SCS School. THANK YOU for your support.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat ~ An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at cswavely@allentowndiocese.org. The retreat will be held July, 23, 24 and 25, 2021 at the St. Francis Retreat House in Easton. Deadline for Registration is July 16, 2021.



Rosary Cenacle Berks County

Every Wednesday at 6pm starting April 28th

"I want the Rosary to be prayed every day." -Our Lady of Cuapa, 1228 Windsor St, Reading PA 19604

Email or call/text - Matthew

Mattmalf11@gmail.com

610-864-2611

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a "virtual" gathering on **Sunday, May 16 at 7:00pm**. We will join together in praying the rosary for the needs of the Church, the world, and our families. To participate, please email Father Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community (kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org) before May 16 to receive the Zoom invitation.

Financial Stewardship

February 21, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,778	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 590,796	\$ 796,314
Year to date deficit	\$ 205,518	
Last Year	\$ 19,697	

February 28, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,444	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 607,240	\$ 819,735
Year to date deficit	\$ 212,495	
Last Year	\$ 22,393	

March 7, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 23,005	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 630,245	\$ 843,156
Year to date deficit	\$ 212,911	
Last Year	\$ 21,167	

March 14, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,669	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 647,914	\$ 866,577
Year to date deficit	\$ 218,663	
Last Year	\$ 12,788	

March 21, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,217	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 665,131	\$ 889,998
Year to date deficit	\$ 224,867	
Last Year	\$ 6,602	

March 28, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,565	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 682,696	\$ 913,419
Year to date deficit	\$ 230,723	
Last Year	\$ 12,443	

April 4, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,412	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 700,108	\$ 936,840
Year to date deficit	\$ 236,732	
Last Year	\$ 15,484	

April 11, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,675	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 718,783	\$ 960,261
Year to date deficit	\$ 241,478	
Last Year	\$ 12,836	

Our Easter Collection was \$ 19,615

Thank you for your continued support.

**JOIN US FOR OUR SCS RITA'S WEEK
IN MT. PENN**



**APRIL 26TH- APRIL 30TH
EVERY NIGHT
12NOON - 9PM!!!**

**TO MAKE OUR 2021
A LITTLE BIT BETTER**

St. Catharine of Siena School is hosting a fundraiser at the Mt. Penn Rita's on April 26-30th. Stop by for water ice every day from Noon to 9pm and help support our school. Flyer must be provided when ordering.

St. Margaret's

We are in need of a School Secretary!!

We are looking for a reliable professional who is collaborative, organized, and committed to supporting our students, staff, and families. As a School Secretary you will support the day-to-day operations of your school site, providing excellent customer service, proactively resolving issues, and efficiently completing challenging administrative tasks with minimal direction.

Minimum Requirements:

- H.S. Diploma with minimum 2 years full-time secretarial experience preferred.
- Must demonstrate a high degree of secretarial/technical/verbal/written/organizational skills.
- Must be proficient in MS Office Applications as well as have the capacity to learn other software as required by the position functions.
- Must be fluently bilingual: English and Spanish

Interested candidates please call 484-650-3394 and/or send resumes to stmargaret925@gmail.com