

Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 8th - 3:30 p.m. - Rita Kasprzak
Sunday, May 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

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.



Welcome Visitors: 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!

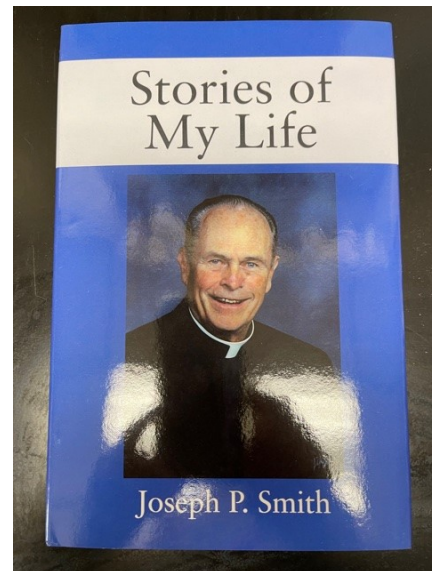
We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Captain Steffen E. Lis, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, 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 dsitler@comcast.net. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

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, 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.



Msgr. Smith's book has arrived! You can pick up your book in Church at the Scrip Table. There will be a list of names who purchased the books. When you pick up your book, please cross your name off. If you can't pick them up at the Church they will also be available at the Parish Center. If you didn't order one we have extras available. The cost is \$20.00 per book and all proceeds will go to the Church.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31: Because of Paul's earlier reputation, the Christians were fearful of him. He was then accepted and began to spread the message of the Gospel.

1 Jn 3:18-24: Christians are to love in deed and in truth. A clear conscience is proof of God's favor. To keep the commandments is to please God.

Jn 15:1-8: Jesus compared Himself to the vine and the branches. Whoever is united to Jesus will do good and be rewarded. But anyone who does not live in Jesus will wither like a cut-off vine.

Today's Message: Saul witnesses the risen Jesus and boldly proclaims His Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise His name in our assembly of worship.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 2

BAPTISMS – After Noon Mass - Church

MONDAY, MAY 3

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

THURSDAY, MAY 6

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 7

AHG – 5:30 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 8

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10 a.m. – Parish Center



Vacation Bible School is back! This theme this year is ROCKY RAILWAY. and the children are encouraged to trust Jesus during rocky times. VBS is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2021. We meet at St. Catharine's School each morning from 9:00 am - 11:30 am June 21 - 25.

We are in need of adult and youth (grades 6 - 12) volunteers to help run the program. This is a great opportunity for service hours!

Registration forms for participants and volunteers can be found at the back of the church or at the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 3

6:30 Robert J. Loeper (12th Anniversary)

8:30 Rickert, Platko, Verbosh Families

TUESDAY, MAY 4

6:30 Jesse & Irene Arnold

8:30 Lewis Ianni & All Firefighters

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

6:30 Jim & Eleanor McGinnis

8:30 Judith Gruber

THURSDAY, MAY 6

6:30 Bob Sauppee

8:30 Stephen Konopelski

FRIDAY, MAY 7

6:30 Jennie Viaggiano (1st Anniversary)

8:30 Doris & Zigmund Zielinski

SATURDAY, MAY 8

8:30 Jack Gaffney

4:30 Wanda Myslinski (37th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 9

7:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

9:00 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

10:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2021

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

Monday Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12;

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26; 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3,

3-4;

1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Gift Card Scam Alert - Be Aware of Scams – There are reports that some parishioners around the Diocese have received text messages from someone unknown to them asking them to buy gift cards. This is a scam and should be ignored.

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, May 19th at 7PM**, check out the Website: <https://www.menaliveinchrist.org/mens-rosary/>

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/3	Rev. Thomas J. Kuller, S.J.
Tuesday 5/4	Rev. Joseph J. Kweder
Wednesday 5/5	Rev. Patrick H. Lamb
Thursday 5/6	Rev. Daniel T. Lannen, O.S.F.S.
Friday 5/7	Rev. Brendon M. Laroche
Saturday 5/8	Rev. Keith R. Laskowski

Berks's County Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Board Openings
The Berk's County CYO Board is the governing group for all Parish Academic and Athletic activities. It works in conjunction with the Diocese of Allentown CYO Organization. The following positions are open at the county level. President, Treasurer, Culture Director – Co-ordinates the non-athletic activities which include Spelling Bee, Kitchen Kapers, Declamation, and the annual Art Show. For further information, please contact Mark Brezina, email brezma00@gmail.com.

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@allentowndioocese.org) before May 16 to receive the Zoom invitation.

Parish Nurse News - If you notice signs that someone is suffering mentally, recognizing that something is wrong is the first step. You may be the important link to connect him/her to treatment. Refer them to <http://screening.mentalhealthscreening.org/readinghospital> for a free, anonymous, confidential screening and connection to local resources.

Ossa's Corner



Who says "girls" don't look cute in curlers!



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: Emilia Rene Cuesta & Owen Stanley Grzelaczyk

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Katie Briggs, 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, Dolores Hinnershitz, Michael Hivner, 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., Katherine Miceli, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Bill Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtl, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romyn, David Samsel, Pat Sarro, John C. Sauer, Jr., Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Harvey Snyder, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Kate Tranquillo, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Pat Wertz, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak. **A Time to die: Anna Sottosanti**, (mother of Carl Sottosanti); **Thaddeus Malecki**, (husband of Gwendolyn Malecki, father of Denise Smith & Michele Yochum); **Josephine Lenosky**, (mother of Patricia Lecce) & **Martha Thomas** (sister of Anne Smith) **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.



Rosary Cenacle Berks County

Every Wednesday at 6pm
"I want the Rosary to be prayed every day." -Our Lady of
Cuapa, 1228 Windsor St, Reading PA 19604
Email or call/text - Matthew
Mattmalfl1@gmail.com
610-864-2611



The boys of Boy Scout Troop 358 will be selling trays of homemade macaroni and cheese for a fundraiser to support camping trips and various outings. The trays will be 9x13 and orders with payment will be taken after all Masses on the weekends of May 1st and May 8th with pickup being at the Social hall on May 16th. Trays can be frozen for future use.

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 - \$100.00

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.

Consider Giving by Direct Withdraw - Simplify your tithing! Did you know that St. Catharine's offers a Pre-Authorized Direct Contributions program; where you can make your contributions directly on a weekly or monthly basis? We currently have 99 parishioners taking advantage of this program. Their regular contribution is withdrawn, at the interval they choose & deposited into our parish account. This option eliminates paperwork and ensures regular giving. Many of these parishioners still drop an envelope in the basket, and simply check "direct deposit." To enroll or get more information, **contact Diane Sitrler at the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.**



St. Vincent De Paul Baby Shower

Celebrate Mothers' Day next week by bringing a baby gift to church to help a new mother give her baby a good start to life. During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be holding its baby shower to help local mothers and their newborns. Formula, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, and new clothing are just a few gift suggestions. There will be tables at the back of the church where you can drop off your gifts. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter and Catholic Charities. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

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.