

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Thursday, May 13th - 8:00 a.m. - Chester Garszczynski
Saturday, May 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Russel Hartman (8th Anniversary)
Sunday, May 16th - 10:30 a.m. - Stella E. Zerkowski

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.

Saint Catharine's Mass Schedule

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 13TH
Masses will be as follows:

Wed.- May 12th - Vigil of Ascension Thursday

6:00 p.m. (Church)

Ascension Thursday - May 10th

6:30 a.m. (Church)

8:30 a.m. (Church)

9:30 a.m. (School)

7:00 p.m. (Church)

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.

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.

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 or call 610-864-2611.

After having been closed for about a year, our religious goods store has reopened. Items available include holy cards, crucifixes, holy water bottles, missals, bibles, children's books, rosaries and other items. You will find these items on the tables by the social hall. Also, there are a number of books on the rack across from the table. If there is no one staffing the store, simply put your money or check in an envelope and slide it under the door. There is a supply of envelopes on the table by the door.



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass concluding at 8 p.m. in the Chapel on Perkiomen Avenue. Everyone welcome!

Bishop Alfred A. Schlert has declared a "Year of the Real Presence," a Jubilee Year, for the Diocese of Allentown from Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021 through the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022.

In God's Providence, the Jubilee also is taking place during the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese and the Year of St. Joseph who, with Mary, lived each day in the Real Presence of Jesus. Joseph was the first protector of the Real Presence, and we seek his intercession in our efforts as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith to center our diocesan life on the Holy Eucharist each day.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48: Peter visits Cornelius and his family. God will favor anyone who acts uprightly, Jews, and Gentiles alike. He gave orders that all who believe should be baptized.

1 Jn 4:7-10: Christians should love one another as God Himself is love. A person without love does not know God. Love is that God has sent His Son as an offering for sin.

Jn 15:9-17: Jesus admonishes His disciples to continue the love He has shown to them. The keeping of the commandments will prove this. "You are to love one another ... it was I who chose you."

Today's Message: Let us love one another as Christ has loved us by offering Himself for our sins. His love is to be revealed to all the world, as Peter himself taught.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 10

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8:30 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
GRIEF SHARE – 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

THURSDAY, MAY 13

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 16

CUB SCOUTS TROOP 358 MAC & CHEESE PICK-UP – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Social Hall

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.

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 Sitler at the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 10

6:30 Diane Cerra

8:30 Hilda Evans Benzel & Alfred & Ellen Evans Families

TUESDAY, MAY 11

6:30 Rose Castagna

8:30 Marguerite Arthur

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

6:30 Mary Deegan

8:30 Barbara A. Malecki

6 p.m. Deceased Members of the McGovern & Purcell Families (Church)

THURSDAY, MAY 13 - The Ascension of the Lord (Church)

6:30 Francis Mansfield (Church)

8:30 George & Helen Pauley (Church)

9:30 Sandra Rambo (4th Anniversary) (At School)

7 p.m. Mary Carney (Church)

FRIDAY, MAY 14

6:30 Charles Bobb

8:30 John Nowak (19th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MAY 15

8:30 Marilyn Clifford

4:30 Jim McGinnis

SUNDAY, MAY 16

7:30 Gerald Showalter, Jr. (5th Anniversary)

9:00 Beverly Bansner

10:30 Nicholas Mesisca (5th Anniversary)

12:00 Deceased Members of the Price & Koch Families

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2021

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

Monday Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

Saint Pancras, Martyr

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,

14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;

Jn 15:9-17

Saturday Saint Isidore

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13
or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

THE BANS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

III Kaitlyn Larcinese & William Jakavick
II Maria Kreider & Jordan Fischer

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/10	Rev. William J. Linkhorst
Tuesday 5/11	Rev. John J. L. Little
Wednesday 5/12	Rev. David J. Loeper
Thursday 5/13	Rev. James J. Lofton
Friday 5/14	Rev. Lucien F. Longtin, S.J.
Saturday 5/15	Rev. Stephen L. Maco

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL: On this Mother's Day weekend, please remember those Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves, who are managing busy schedules, dealing with outside influences and may have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese and the "Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal" for assistance. Next weekend is Commitment Sunday. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the BWAC website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

**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.



Have you ever looked at those cute little baby outfits and thought how adorable they were, but had no one to buy one for? Well, there are many babies in need here in our area that could use your help. During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be collecting baby gifts at the tables located at the back

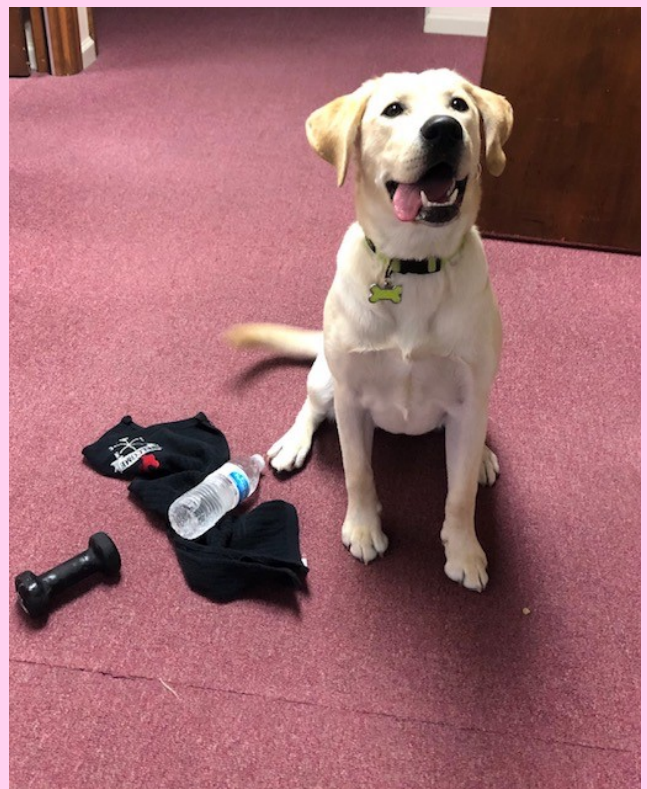
of the church. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter and Catholic Charities. Please help us support life in its beginning days.

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.

Ossa's Corner



Rise and shine its workout time!





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: Miles Ryan Dietrich

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: Vicki Gelvin Smallwood**, (daughter of Veronica Stoss) & **Courtney Smith**, (husband of Katherine 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.



Congratulations to Annmarie & Greg Hoffa who will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on May 9th! Many more years of happiness!



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 this weekend. Pickup will be at the Social hall on May16th. Trays can

be frozen for future use.

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 cant 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.



First Holy Communion
May 1, 2021

Jovani Ariza
Jared Ariza
Abigail Arters
Nora Blekicki
Chloe Busch
Adam Cabigas
Adilyn Cabigas
Owen Crass
Anthony DeCamillo
Sophia Edinger
Chloe Franco
Grace Geishauser
Beau Gibbons
Jamie Gil
Liam Good
Francesca Grande
Kayden Hoffman
Ema Hudak
Karl Jean
Melania Kalanin
Jude Karpew
Paden Karpew
Owen Kercher
Kailey Kolevas
Gabriella Kozik

Giovanna Lundy
Hudson Lutz
Hazel Lutz
Gerald Mazeika
Thomas McAuliffe
Colton Miller
Lucas Miller
Abigail Mindzak
Chloe Montowski
Isaac Munz
Keagan Murphy
Anna Nowotarski
Fernando Peralta
Ava Perez
Marina Phyrillas
Jack Plavcan
Isabella Ramirez-Sastre
Sienna Reinert
Bryce Rugg
Christel Sheridan
Michael Shore
Dylan Skolny
Zofia Snader
Marisa Strunk
Maya Touri
Olive Ugwu
Rex Voelker
Vinson Vu