



## **Saint Mary's News**

### **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, May 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Stanley Andrzejewski**  
**Sunday, May 23rd, Feliks Ucinski**

**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](mailto:cagethmann74@gmail.com) or call 610-374-9215.

### **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.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: DAILY MASS TIME - SUMMER HOURS -** During the summer starting **Tuesday, June 1st** the daily Mass (Monday-Friday) will be changed to **7:15 a.m.** There will only be **one** daily Mass. The Saturday morning Mass will now be at 8 a.m.

*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 Brzek, 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [Mattmalf11@gmail.com](mailto:Mattmalf11@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.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26: Peter discusses the question of Judas and his replacement. Two were nominated and all prayed. Then they drew lots and the choice fell to Matthias.

1 Jn 4:11-16: Christians must have love for one another since the God of love dwells in them. When Jesus is acknowledged, God dwells in that person. God is love.

Jn 17:11b-19: Jesus prays for His followers. They have been looked after and have heard the Gospel message from Jesus. He prays that His Father will continue to look after them and guard them from the evil one.

Today's Message: As a witness of Jesus' resurrection, Matthias is chosen to replace him "who was destined to be lost." Let us bless the Lord who has so loved us and in whom we are called to love one another.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, MAY 16

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

#### MONDAY, MAY 17

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

#### THURSDAY, MAY 20

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

#### FRIDAY, MAY 21

AHG – 5:30 p.m. – Knights Room

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRAD PICNIC – 2 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. – Pavilion



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](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com).

### BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

- We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2021 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org). Thank you for your support!

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, MAY 17

6:30 Harry Frey

8:30 Cecilia & Stanley Jurasinski

#### TUESDAY, MAY 18

6:30 Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:30 Anna & John Harhigh

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

6:30 Mary Scheirer (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

8:30 Tom Franey

#### THURSDAY, MAY 20

6:30 Marshall Miller

8:30 Mary A. Arnold

#### FRIDAY, MAY 21

6:30 Barbara Balla

8:30 Erich Makosch

#### SATURDAY, MAY 22

8:30 Richard E. Puwalski (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Thomas (Butch) Mathews

#### SUNDAY, MAY 23

7:30 Buday & O'Rourke Families

9:00 Pisanick Family

10:30 Charles Harhigh (11<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary)

12:00 Nicholas Lintz (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Readings for the Week of May 16, 2021

#### 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

**Monday** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33

#### Tuesday Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

#### Thursday Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

#### Friday Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and

#### Companions, Martyrs

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19

#### Saturday Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

**Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and  
7; Jn 21:20-25

**Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,  
27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

**Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13,  
14-15; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55

56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:  
2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24 and  
35, 27-38, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

#### Sunday Solemnity Of Pentecost Sunday

**Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:  
19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

III Maria Kreider & Jordan Fischer  
I Sarah Pietroski & Matthew Sutterland

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

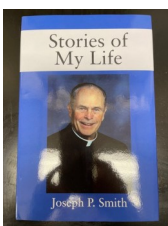
Monday 5/17	Rev. Leo J. Maletz
Tuesday 5/18	Rev. John C. Maria
Wednesday 5/19	Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
Thursday 5/20	Rev. Keith A. Mathur
Friday 5/21	Rev. Msgr. John B. McCann
Saturday 5/22	Rev. Robert J. McConaghy

Dear Parishioners,

We are in the process of organizing a directory that includes the contact information of parishioners who are accountants and financial planners. We would also like to organize a networking social for parishioners working in these fields. Please contact our school Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at [aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org](mailto:aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org), to have your name included in this directory.

Thank you!

**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 101 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.**



**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.

**Ossa's Corner**



**Ossa & Luna are reading their new favorite book by Msgr. Smith!**





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: Luke Henry Bender

**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 Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romy, 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: Deborah Brumbach; Nick Gardecki, (son of Bernie Farrell); & Chris Smith, (husband of Catherine 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.



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.

*We are thankful to those who choose to contribute faithfully to St. Catharine and St. Mary churches. We are especially grateful to those who are unable to attend Mass at this time, but have been mailing in and dropping off their offerings regularly, and for those who give electronically. We pray for all members and their loved ones, and look forward to the time when it will be safe for all to return and join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you, and may God bless you for your continuous and generous stewardship of treasure to our parish.*

As we begin preparations for the next school year, Saint Catharine of Siena School is accepting applications for the following positions:

- 1 FT Contracted Teacher: We are on the hunt for a self-motivated and experienced certified teacher to join our faith-filled qualified team of educators. As a Teacher, you will be responsible for cultivating our catholic faith and our students' interest in education and development. Your responsibilities will include teaching engaging lessons in accordance with the Diocesan mandated curriculum, grading assignments, evaluating students' progress, and planning educational activities.
- 2 As a teacher, you should be a competent professional with in-depth knowledge of teaching best practices and legal educational processes. In addition to having excellent written and verbal communication skills, our ideal candidate will also demonstrate outstanding presentation and interpersonal abilities.

**PT Classroom Aides:** Non-instructional (non-certificated) service aides are defined as persons who work directly, under supervision, on tasks, which are of a routine non-instructional nature. The purpose of hiring these individuals is to free teachers from routine duties to do a better job of teaching. The teacher remains the diagnostician for learning, the manager of learning experiences, and the decision-maker in learning situations. Please submit a resume, cover letter, all certifications, clearances, and references to Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, principal at [Mkraycik@scsreading.org](mailto:Mkraycik@scsreading.org) or 2330 Perkiomen Avenue Reading PA 19606.

**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](mailto:brezma00@gmail.com).

*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!*

## 50+ CLUB NEWS

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club meeting will be held on Wednesday July 7, 2021 at 1:00 PM, the Board meeting will be held on Tuesday July 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM. 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

I am very happy to announce we will be holding our first meeting for the year 2021 on **July 7<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone who wishes to attend **MUST** have gotten their Covid-19 vaccine shot and we will require you to show your proof of **vaccine paper** when checking in for the meeting. You must also wear your mask. We will provide cupcakes but if you want a beverage, **please bring your own**. The **dues** paid by members in 2020 will carry over to **2021**.

**ATTENTION: THE CLUB IS IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING: Membership duties**, gather all information from the member and collect the yearly dues. It would help if you are literate in Word and Excel.

### 2021 TRIPS

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Sunday, Medieval Times – includes 4 hour Dinner Feast. Cost: \$95.00

August 21, 2021, PA Renaissance Faire Feast with 4 hours free time –Cost: \$75.00

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 – (even Men will enjoy this trip) Cost: \$105.00

November 17, 2021 – Wednesday – Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show - \$100.00

Anyone interested in the trips can send a deposit check for \$20.00 or the full cost of the trip, **NO CASH ACCEPTED**.

**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.