

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 29th - 3:30 p.m. - Bodgan Janiszewski
Sunday, May 30th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members
of the Podguski 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.



As we have seen at several points throughout this Pandemic, health guidance and directives can change rapidly.

The CDC announced that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or keep social distancing in most settings. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has adopted these recommendations, effective immediately.

Therefore, in continued alignment with local, state, and federal health guidelines, effective immediately, **the fully vaccinated may attend Masses in the Diocese of Allentown and all gatherings on parish property without wearing a mask.** "Fully vaccinated" is defined as being 2 weeks after receiving the final dose of the vaccine. People who do not meet those requirements are not considered fully vaccinated, and must keep taking all precautions. Here is a link to the *ad-today* story regarding the announcement: <https://www.ad-today.com/if-you-are-vaccinated-you-no-longer-need-to-wear-a-mask-at-mass/>

PLEASE NOTE

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Traditionally, June is the time of priest transfers in our Diocese. Re-assignments bring with them the sadness of parting and the freshness of new beginnings for both priests and parishioners.

This June, there will be an unusually large number of transfers and other episcopal appointments. I am deeply aware of the amount of change and readjustment this brings to the lives of our priests and to our parishes. The significant personnel changes this year are due to a number of factors:

Nine retirements of seasoned pastors representing 448 years of priestly service given;

Over the past seven months, three priests have left active ministry. Each of these men had been ordained for fewer than five years. This is a potential loss of 131 years of future service;

One Ordination to the Priesthood in June (one priest also was ordained in January).

As a result, for the first time in the 60-year history of our Diocese, there are fewer than 100 active diocesan priests (92) to serve our parishes, schools, and institutions. In 1961, the year our Diocese was founded, there were 283 active diocesan priests.

I am so grateful to the noble priests who have served our Diocese for so long — some many years beyond retirement age — and now will be continuing their Priesthood in *emeritus* (retired) status. In some cases, a pastor also has been assigned the pastoral care of another nearby parish, and I cannot adequately express my gratitude to them for agreeing to this additional assignment.

It speaks highly of the caliber of our priests that all those being reassigned are doing so with a disposition of willingness that goes far beyond the duty of obedience. We have so many examples of priestly sacrifice for which to give thanks. I express my deep thanks to all of you, the faithful, for your patience with these transfers, for loving and supporting the priests who are leaving, and for welcoming those who will be arriving in June.

We rejoice in the two Ordinations in the first six months of this year. At the same time, it is a mathematical certainty that two Ordinations cannot offset the loss of twelve priests. We currently have fourteen young men studying for the Priesthood, far fewer than required for future needs.

Therefore, in this *Year of the Real Presence*, I ask you to go frequently before the Most Blessed Sacrament, Christ really present in the Holy Eucharist, and beg Him to send generous young men to answer the call to the Priesthood. This is the task of each one of us: to encourage a generous response to a vocation in the hearts of our young men and their parents. Before the Most Blessed Sacrament, seek to identify a young man in your parish and tell him you see in him a potential vocation. Encourage parents to be generously supportive of a son who expresses a desire to enter the seminary. Pray for our current seminarians that they continue to discern and deepen their call to the priestly vocation.

The Lord of the Harvest will bless us abundantly, but we must do our part to cultivate a culture of vocation awareness and response in our families, parishes, schools, and religious education programs. As we celebrate sixty years as a Diocese, we can be certain of Our Lord's continued rich blessings. The greatest blessing will be a flourishing of priestly vocations for future generations in our five counties.

Wishing you and your families an abundance of blessings that flow from the Real Presence of Christ, the Great High Priest, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Gn 11:1-9: Those who put their trust in pride, and human ability, are bound to fail.

Rom 8:22-27: Be patient and have hope. The Spirit intercedes for us.

Jn 7:37-39: The Spirit is the source of life for those who have faith and believe.

Today's Message: All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit; let us live, then, by the Spirit! That same Spirit, the Advocate, who "renews the face of the earth," was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, and to obtain forgiveness of sins.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 24

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

GRIEF SHARE – 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

TUESDAY, MAY 25

KOC ASSEMBLY – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 27

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

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 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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 24

6:30 Garrett Jones

8:30 Kathleen Brice

TUESDAY, MAY 25

6:30 Louise Screpesi

8:30 Deceased Members of the Kraft & Heins Families

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

6:30 Bill Seiders

8:30 Craig & Marcia Wert (48th Wedding Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 27

6:30 Jean Dyer

8:30 Josephine Farrell

FRIDAY, MAY 28

6:30 Richard Torres

8:30 Norman & Marion Frey

SATURDAY, MAY 29

8:30 Patrick & Celia O'Donnell

4:30 Anthony F. Marino

SUNDAY, MAY 30

7:30 Charles A. Raith

9:00 Jack Gaffney

10:30 Richard Puwalski (1st Anniversary)

12:00 Peter & Regina Shepos

May 23, 2021 - 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

Monday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and

5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor

Of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope;

Saint Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi, Virgin

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23;

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13;

Mk 10:32-45

Thursday Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mk 10:46-52

Friday Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;

Mk 11:11-26

Saturday Saint Paul VI, Pope

Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20,

22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

II Sarah Pietroski & Matthew Sutterland

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/24	Rev. Thomas P. McDonnell, S.J.
Tuesday 5/25	Rev. Brian M. Miller
Wednesday 5/26	Rev. Ronald J. Minner
Thursday 5/27	Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski
Friday 5/28	Rev. Anthony P. Mongiello
Saturday 5/29	Rev. Msgr. David J. Morrison

For those of you who are parents, do you remember the baby shower your friends had for you, and how you appreciated all the little outfits, blankets, onesies, etc.? You can be a friend to less fortunate moms-to-be by bringing a baby item to the church for the St. Vincent De Paul baby gift collection. These moms-to-be will be as excited and grateful as you were to receive these gifts! The gift collection will end May 26th. Monetary donations can 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 would be greatly appreciated!

Saint Catharine School News

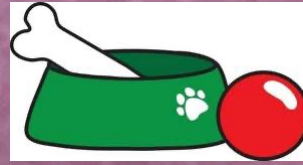
Congratulations to our Declamation Winners in The Allentown Diocese Declamation Contest. A big thank you to our Faculty Moderator, Mrs. Jacqueline Hearing, who was assisted by Mrs. Susan Stroud, Mrs. Suzie Cieniewicz, Mrs. Kelly Eichenlaub, and Mrs. Marcy Demangone in preparing the students for this contest: 1st Place - Maira McCartin, 2nd Place - Arabella Smith, 4th Place- Sadie Lawlor, 6th Place - Prudence Barbera, Honorable Mention-Emma Linderman

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, to have your name included in this directory. Thank you!

Now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year! We currently have a handful of spots left in all of our classes. PreK and Kindergarten in particular are filling up fast, and we expect waitlists to be started by the summer. Go to www.scsreadingschool.org or contact Amy Impellizzeri at aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org to enroll your student today!

Ossa's Corner



Listen Luna, if we look real cute maybe they will get us some "Bones"





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: Theodore Sitrler & Makayla Lomnychuk

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, 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 Precht, 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: Margaret Kirby; Jean Dyer**, (wife of Dennis Dyer) & **Joseph Firth**, (father of Lisa Priar & grandfather of Timothy & Amy Priar) **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 Richard & Judith Koch who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on May 14th. May they be blessed with many more years together!

Saint Catharine of Siena School Board- A position is available on the St Catharine of Siena School Board. Please consider serving on this important ministry. Parents who have students in the school, as well as individuals who do not have children in the school, are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be 21 years old. Selected candidates will have orientation and are asked to serve a 3 year term beginning in September 2021. Please email Mrs. Kraycik at mkraycik@scsreading.org for an application.

**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.

Financial Stewardship

April 18 , 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,772	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 736,555	\$ 983,682
Year to date deficit	\$ 247,127	
Last Year	\$ 12,234	

April 25 , 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,370	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 755,925	\$ 1,007,103
Year to date deficit	\$ 251,178	
Last Year	\$ 19,232	

MAY 2 , 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,814	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 777,739	\$ 1,030,524
Year to date deficit	\$ 252,785	
Last Year	\$ 18,522	

May 9 , 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,549	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 795,288	\$ 1,053,945
Year to date deficit	\$ 258,657	
Last Year	\$ 17,218	

TEMPORARY OPENING – IMMEDIATE – Person to do the fire watch in a 4-story convent building. BERNARDINE FRANCISCAN SISTERS – MOTHERHOUSE, 460 St. Bernardine street, Reading, Pa. 19607. Person must be able to climb steps. Shift: 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. - 7 Seven days a week – negotiable. Contact: Sister Kateri Peake, Administrator, 610 777 7221.

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.

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.

50 Plus 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 7th**. 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 you 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 25th, 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.