



### Saint Mary's News

**Saturday, July 17th - 3:30 p.m. - Robert & Mary Shaaber**  
**Sunday, July 18th - 10:30 a.m. - Bronislawa & Franciszek Banas**

**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.

**We pray for the Gift of Peace** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Airman Ethan Kosmoski, Ensign Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**



### Biography of Fr. Stephan Isaac

Fr. Stephan (Steve) Isaac was born on September 26, 1987 and is originally from Easton, PA. He is the son of Mrs. Rebecca Isaac and the late Dr. Mal B. Isaac (1944-2003). Fr. Isaac is the youngest of four children, with two older brothers, Jordan and Damien, and one sister, Jacinta, who's the oldest. Fr. Isaac is proudly 100% Lebanese with a huge dose of "Aussie" (Australian). His mother, Rebecca, was born and raised in Sydney, Australia and so she came from a large Lebanese community that settled in Australia. Fr. Isaac's entire maternal side of the family still resides in Australia.

Mrs. Isaac emigrated to the U.S. from Australia in 1978 when she married her beloved husband, Mal. Dr. Mal Isaac was a compassionate and caring physician – he was a gastroenterologist, specializing in the digestive system of the body. Dr. Isaac was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as a battalion surgeon with the 101st Airborne Division and as medical director of the voluntary drug rehabilitation program of South Vietnam. Dr. Isaac tragically passed away on October 28, 2003 from pancreatic cancer and is greatly missed by his family.

Fr. Isaac was baptized and confirmed in the Maronite rite of the Catholic Church but also grew up in the Roman rite of the Church. As a result, Fr. Isaac is blessed to call two parishes in Easton his home: Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church and St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church.

Father attended St. Jane's grade school in Easton and then Notre Dame High School-Green Pond, graduating from there in 2006. Father Isaac attended American University (AU) in Washington, DC and graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in International Studies and a second major in Political Science, concentrating on U.S. Foreign Policy, the Middle East, and American Government. After graduating from AU, he immediately entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, PA in the Fall of 2010. Fr. Isaac was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Allentown on June 4, 2016 and has enjoyed being a priest ever since.

Father Isaac loves sports, especially volleyball, basketball, soccer, and tennis. He especially loves college basketball and his favorite team is the North Carolina Tar Heels. Fr. Isaac is an avid moviegoer and film buff and his favorites are *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* and *Star Wars*. He also enjoys spending quality time with family and friends, working out doing P90X3, hiking, listening to music, learning foreign languages, traveling, and going to the beach.

Some other fun facts about Fr. Isaac are that he has a hopeless addiction to Chipotle Mexican Grill. His all-time favorite TV show is *LOST* and he was crowned the Homecoming King his senior year in high school. Lastly, he studied abroad in Cairo, Egypt for the Fall semester of his senior year in college and that was one of the best four months of his life.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Am 7:12-15:** Amos writes how he was chosen by God to go out and prophesy to the people of Israel.

**Eph 1:3-14:** God chose His followers to be holy, blameless, and filled with love --- to be His adopted children in Jesus. In Jesus and through the seal of the Holy Spirit, full redemption shall come to humankind.

**Mk 6:7-13:** Jesus sent out the Twelve, instructing them to take only a walking stick and to preach the gospel. If they were refused a listening ear, they should leave the locality. They worked many miracles.

**Today's Message:** The prophet hears what God proclaims and is called to speak in God's name. The Twelve hear the message of Jesus and are sent forth to preach the good news. In Him have we been chosen to be full of love.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### MONDAY, JULY 12

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

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

#### THURSDAY, JULY 15

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. - Social Hall

### MEMORIAL PLAQUES

From time to time, when someone dies the family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Catharine of Siena's Church Memorial Fund. When these donations amount to \$300 or more we put the name of the deceased on the plaque. We also memorialize those who have remembered St. Catharine's in their estates. The various categories are: **Willed Donations-Builders-** \$1,000-\$4,999; **Benefactors**=\$5,000-\$19,000; **Special Benefactors** - \$20,000-\$49,000; **Distinguished Benefactors** - over \$50,000. We invite you to remember each of these parish benefactors in your prayers as you enter the Church and the Chapel.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Come and be a part of something special! Berks Catholic High School is seeking enthusiastic teachers to join our BC family in the following academic areas:

- Full-Time English – Grades 9-12
- Full-Time Science – Grades 9-12
- Full-Time Spanish – Grades 9-12

Teachers looking to apply should have the appropriate certifications and background checks. Please see our website for more information: <https://www.berkscatholic.org/employment> Please email a copy of your resume, clearances and references to Head of School, Mr. William Hess

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, JULY 12

7:15 Stanley Kozlowski

#### TUESDAY, JULY 13

7:15 John Sadlowski

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

7:15 Robert Vogel

#### THURSDAY, JULY 15

7:15 Lana G. Worrall

#### FRIDAY, JULY 16

7:15 George Ashton

#### SATURDAY, JULY 17

7:15 Deceased Members of the William R. Bollendorf &

Michael Barry Families

4:30 Domenic Martino

#### SUNDAY, JULY 18

7:30 Richard & Virginia Seisler

9:00 Rita Leier

10:30 Joseph & Antoinette Liz Family

12:00 Richard Cibroski

### Readings for the Week of July 11, 2021

#### Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;

Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

#### Monday Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;

Mt 10:34—11:1

#### Tuesday Saint Henry

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;

Mt 11:20-24

#### Wednesday Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7;

Mt 11:25-27

#### Thursday Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27;

Mt 11:28-30

#### Friday Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,

17-18; Mt 12:1-8

#### Saturday Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,

13-15; Mt 12:14-21

#### Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-

18; Mk 6:30-34

THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

II Tiffany Florio & Nick Shula

**The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County** is celebrating their 100th anniversary on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH at the DoubleTree of Reading with a luncheon and program. It begins at 1:00 and ends at 4:00. For more information, please contact Marcia at 484-7940680 or email to [mwertrn@ptd.net](mailto:mwertrn@ptd.net)



### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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| Monday 7/12     | Rev. James P. Thomas          |
| Tuesday , 7/13  | Rev. Frank J. Timar, M.S.C.   |
| Wednesday, 7/14 | Rev. Joseph F. Tobias, M.S.C. |
| Thursday, 7/15  | Rev. Eric N. Tolentino        |
| Friday, 7/16    | Rev. Andrew Torma, M.S.C.     |
| Saturday, 7/17  | Rev. James M. Torpey          |



Looking to return to the classroom after being home on family leave? Looking to return to the classroom from retirement? Then Saint Catharine of Siena is the place for you! Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators. Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for:

- Full Time Contracted Special Education Teacher
- Full Time Contracted Primary Grade 1 Teacher
- Full Time Contracted Primary Grade 3 Teacher
- Full Time Contracted Teacher 6-8, English/Language Arts
- PT Art Teacher or FT Art Teacher to share with St. Margaret's School in Reading
- FT or PT Technology/Computer Literacy/MS Office/Google Apps for Education Teacher.
- Full-Time Music teacher for grades PreK-8 to share with Sacred Heart School, West Reading

Other responsibilities include preparing music for liturgies, May Procession, Living Stations, and other liturgical celebrations. The music teacher will also coordinate our annual Christmas Show and talent show.

Please send resume, all clearances, references, and certifications to [Mkraycik@scsreading.org](mailto:Mkraycik@scsreading.org) or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606.

**Welcome**  
to our  
**Church Family**



### Ossa's Corner



### Ossa & Father Isaac





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:

**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, Pauline Cappel, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Donald Entzminger, Joseph Essig, Terri Essig, Robert Flipping, Sandy Gallagher, Geraldine Gamby, Stanley Grabowski, Jesse Hill, Sandy Groller, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Patricia Herber, Jesse Hill, Dolores Hinnershitz, Michael Hivner, Donna Kaminiski, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Darryl Larish, Melanie Lintz, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Joanne Marnell, Charles E. Mathews, Mindy Mattes, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., Mary Rita McFadden, John Mercadante Jr., Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Jerome Nigh, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prectl, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romyn, David Samsel, Pat Sarro, John C. Sauer, Jr., Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Vincent Skimski, Mary Jane Skowron, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Barbara Spatz, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Kimberly Trigstead, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Pat Wertz, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak **A Time to die:** Jeffrey Young, (husband of Sandra Young & father of Matthew & Abigail Young ) & **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.

**PREP Registration for the 2021-2022 year is open.**

The Parish Religious Education Program is open to all students in grades 1 – 8. All levels will meet in person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Registration forms are available in the back of church or online at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com). We are in need of volunteers to help teach or aide PREP classes. All materials and training will be provided. Please look inside your heart and see if you would be able to volunteer your time for the kids of our parish. As it was once sung, “I believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way.” For more information please contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org)



**St Catharine of Siena Rosary Cenacle.** -

“Pray the Rosary everyday” these are the words our Lady has been repeating to us over the centuries. Whether in Fatima Portugal or Cuapa Nicaragua, she is inviting us to draw closer to her Son through the Most Holy Rosary. We are looking for individuals, couples, families to heed this call and to join in prayer once a week as a group called a Cenacle. Please

contact Matthew Malfaro as he is trying to organize a set day and time to meet. Cell phone 610-864-2611, e-mail [mattmalf11@gmail.com](mailto:mattmalf11@gmail.com).

**AS YOU BEGIN TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR YOUR PARISH GROUP OR ORGANIZATION, PLEASE BE SURE TO EMAIL YOUR SCHEDULE TO [DSITLER@COMCAST.NET](mailto:DSITLER@COMCAST.NET) SO THAT IT CAN BE PLACED ON OUR CALENDAR AND INCLUDED IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN. ALONG WITH THE DATES OF YOUR MEETINGS OR SPECIAL EVENTS, PLEASE INCLUDE THE TIME AND LOCATION SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS.**

**The 2022 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, July 20th. In person requests will not be taken during this time.** Please write out your requests (Include the intention, requested by, and date. Also include your name and contact information and a check for the amount due). You can mail, drop them off at the Parish Center or put them in the collection basket. Requests will be dated upon arrival and will be honored to the best of our ability. The **Mass form** will be available on the tables in the Gathering area **the weekend of July 18th and will be also available online.** If possible, indicate an alternate date in case your first choice is not available. The offering for each intention is \$10. **You may request three Mass intentions per deceased; one of which will may be a weekend Mass.** The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. **If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you.** If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Parish Center between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at 610-779-4005. **If you are handicapped or a shut-in, please call the Office and we will help you.**



**Outdoor Movie Night!** Come find out more about American Heritage Girls. We are all about FAITH, SERVICE and FUN! Welcoming all girls from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Where: St Catharine's Church  
When: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
For more information contact Julie Wright  
at [ahgtrooppa1111@gmail.com](mailto:ahgtrooppa1111@gmail.com) or 610-507-2774

## 50 Plus News

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club meeting will be held on Wednesday August 4, 2021 at 1:00 PM, the Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 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

**August 4, 2021:** Boom Box Bingo, Rich Weilacher

**September 8, 2021:** Summer Picnic, menu to follow  
Singer: Craig Caltagirone

**October 6, 2021:** Charlie Adams, Tells stories, Coffee Cake

**November 3, 2021:** John Vogel, Updates on Medicare and Insurance

**December 1, 2021:** Christmas Party, details to follow.

**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. Live entertainment, musical, stunt & theatrical performances magic acts are just a few of the many daily shows. No walking is involved, just to your table. Cost: \$95.00

**August 21, 2021**, PA Renaissance Faire Feast – Enjoy a 2 hr. sit down meal, with 4 hours free time, you can walk around or sit in a tent & enjoy the shows.  
Cost: \$75.00

**September 20-24, 2021**, Monday thru Friday – Inn at Crumpin Fox, Double 1040.00, Single \$1210.00, Quad \$960.00.

**October 13, 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 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**