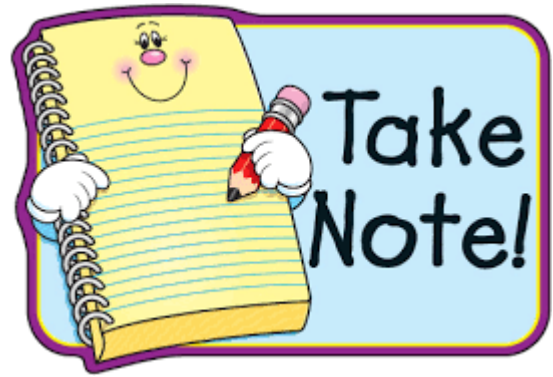


Saint Mary's News

Saturday, July 24th - 3:30 p.m. - John Morawczynski
Sunday, July 25th - 10:30 a.m. - Amelia Filipek, (3rd Anniversary)

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.



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.**

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.

bhess@berkscatholic.org or fax to 610-374-4309.

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 **this weekend 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.**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 23:1-6: Woe to those who sow evil. Their evil deeds will be punished. Good shepherds will be appointed. There will come a shoot to David in whose days Judah will be saved.

Eph 2:13-18: Paul tells the Ephesians that Christ has brought them together. Jesus has brought peace and reconciliation through His cross.

Mk 6:30-34: Jesus called the apostles aside to rest. Still the people came, so Jesus and the apostles went to a deserted place. Yet the people came.

Today's Message: Jesus our shepherd, nourishes and strengthens us, guiding us in right paths. He is the righteous shoot of David, the peace between Jews and Gentiles, between God and all humanity.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JULY 18

BAPTISMS – After 12 Noon Mass – Church

MONDAY, JULY 19

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

THURSDAY, JULY 22

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

Commission for Men Monthly Rosary - July

21st– 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, July 21st at 7PM**, check out the website: <https://www.menaliveinchrist.org/mens-rosary/>

Parish Nurse News- "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." William Arthur Ward. A great exercise in Mental Health: Take a moment every day to feel and express gratitude!

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 12th grade.

Where: St Catharine's Church

When: July 19th, 7:00 PM

For more information contact Julie Wright at ahgtrooppa1111@gmail.com or 610-507-2774

MONDAY, JULY 19

7:15 Thanksgiving for a Favor Received

TUESDAY, JULY 20

7:15 Anna Sottosanti

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

7:15 Salvatore Pachuilo

THURSDAY, JULY 22

7:15 Sean J. Wertman

FRIDAY, JULY 23

7:15 Leon Grim & Family

SATURDAY, JULY 24

8:00 Joseph & Regina Kastenmaier

4:30 Giovanni Biagianti

SUNDAY, JULY 25

7:30 Richard & Virginia Seisler

9:00 Salvatore Puchilo

10:30 Frank McMahon

12:00 Kathleen Zoga

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2021

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

Monday

Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38

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Tuesday

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17;

Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,

27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 or Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,

16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 or Ps 71:1-2,

3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday Saint Bridget, Religious

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18;

Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

III 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

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/19
Tuesday 7/20
Wednesday 7/21
Thursday 7/22
Friday 7/23
Saturday 7/24

Rev. Msgr. James A. Treston
Rev. James J. Ward
Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wargo
Rev. Zachary R. Wehr
Rev. Leon Weisenberger, M.S.C.
Rev. Joseph T. Whalen



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.

Berks Catholic News

Berks Catholic High School is hiring! Come be part of something great!

Full-time, 2nd shift Maintenance. Experience preferred. For application and clearance requirements please visit: <https://www.berkscatholic.org/Page/798>
Please direct questions to mricco@berkscatholic.org

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

Ossa's Corner



Ossa would like to say "Thank You" to the parishioner who dropped off all these goodies for her. Ossa is very happy!





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: Hazel Di Cerchio

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, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Joseph Essig, Terri Essig, Robert Flipping, Sandy Gallagher, Geraldine Gamby, Stanley Grabowski, 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 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, Mary Jane Skowron, Barbara Spatz, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Joseph Tomalis, 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: Kathleen Rainey; Angeline Arnidis, (mother of Mary Harris) & Msgr. Edward O'Connor & 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.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC: The diocesan appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for retired and infirmed priests, seminarian education, and support for the Special Learning Centers. You are encouraged to consider your gift to the appeal by returning the pledge form you received in the mail to the parish office (or via the weekend collection). Thank you for your support.

FAMILIES MATTER: *Elderly parents:* They have done a wonderful job in raising all of us. These elders of our parish have sacrificed and shared their faith, laughter and tears. Let us pray that they be given the energy to remain filled with the light of Christ, which we can follow. May God grant them the path of sainthood! *You pray for my family and I'll pray for yours.*

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. 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

50+ CLUB 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 Ice cream treats

September 1, 2021: Italian Sandwiches, cupcakes
Singer: Craig Caltagirone (sorry no picnic) Date corrected

October 6, 2021: Charlie Adams, Tells stories, Coffee & cupcakes

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

SECRETARY: Must attend the Board Meetings and Social Meetings to take the minutes, type them and distribute to the board.

2021 TRIPS

July 25th, 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

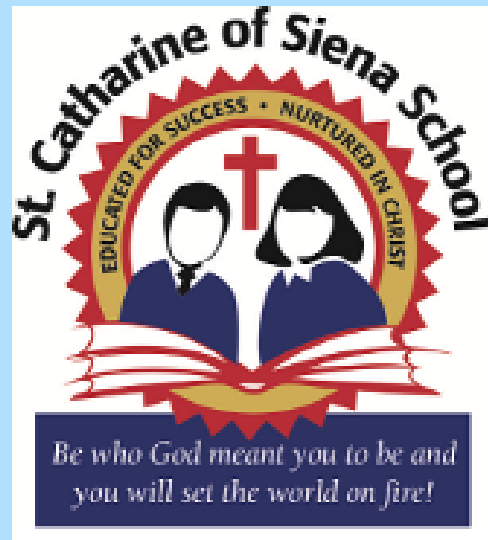
November 17, 2021 – Wednesday – Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show - \$100.00

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.



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 or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606.

SCS School News:

Currently registering new students for the 2021-2022 school year. Transfer grants available for students in Grades 1-7. A limited number of openings still available in Grades PreK and K. For more information, contact Advancement Director Amy Impellizzeri at aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org.