



Saint Mary's News

Saturday, July 31st - 3:30 p.m. - Donald Byerly
Sunday, August 1st - 10:30 a.m. - The Lascoski 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.

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.**

OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS TO REINSTATE ON AUGUST 15, 2021

Acting in concert with the other Bishops in our Commonwealth, Bishop Schlert has announced that beginning August 15, all Catholics in the Diocese of Allentown will once again be obligated to attend Mass on weekends and on holy days of obligation.

Our Annual Mission Appeal

Our Annual Missionary Cooperation Appeal will be held the weekend of Aug 14th & 15th for the Missionary activities of Vincentian Congregation in India and E. Africa .

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in East Africa and in Peru. **Please visit their web site, www.vincentians.in, to learn more about them.**

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. This year they need our special financial support to respond the deadly Covid 19 outbreak in India. The pandemic has taken a serious toll on their missions, impacting their overall health and well-being, financial stability and entire way of life. There will be special mission collection the weekend of (Aug. 14 and 15) to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Thank you.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4 :42-44: At the command from Elisha, the man of God, the barley bread was placed before the people, indicating that this comes from the Lord. Even though the number to be fed from the twenty loaves was a hundred, some was left over.

Eph 4:1-6: A life worthy of the Lord consists of humility, meekness, patience and bearing love for one another.

Jn 6:1-15: Jesus told the five thousand to sit down. He took the five barley loaves and a couple of dried fish, gave thanks and told the disciples to pass out the food.

Today's Message: The miracle performed by Elisha finds its perfect fulfillment in Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. He opens His hands and satisfies our deepest needs. In Him we form one body.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 26

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

GRIEFSHARE – 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

THURSDAY, JULY 29

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. - Social Hall

Parish Nurse News - Gratitude! Think about things in life that give us happiness, our pet, our car, our garden, our friend, our favorite hat. Take the feeling and express it--THANK You! to God, to yourself, to family, friend, coworker, or store worker and feel the uplift!

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.

The family is the first essential cell of human society.” – Pope John XXIII.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 26

7:15 Michael Pelachick (17th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, JULY 27

7:15 Jesse Arnold

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

7:15 Arlene Orlando

THURSDAY, JULY 29

7:15 Alois & Rosa Sager

FRIDAY, JULY 30

7:15 Kevin Michael Heck

SATURDAY, JULY 31

8:00 Robert T. Wright

4:30 Irene McCullough (16th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30 Richard J. Oris, Sr. (9th Anniversary)

9:00 Diane Cerra

10:30 Anthony Marino

12:00 Robert Kogut

Readings for the Week of July 25, 2021

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

Monday Memorial Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,

10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Memorial of Saint Martha

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a,

11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4,

5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54;

Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

RCIA: Do you or someone you know have expressed interest in becoming a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic, but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We invite you to learn about your faith in small groups and prepare for the sacraments. Please contact the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 for more information.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/26	Rev. Robert D. Wiesenbaugh, S.J.
Tuesday, 7/27	Rev. George R. Winne
Wednesday, 7/28	Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky
Thursday, 7/29	Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York
Friday, 7/30	Rev. Jared V. Zambelli
Saturday, 8/1	Rev. Christopher M. Zelonis



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 mattmalf1@gmail.com

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 484-794-0680 or email to mwertrn@ptd.net

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:

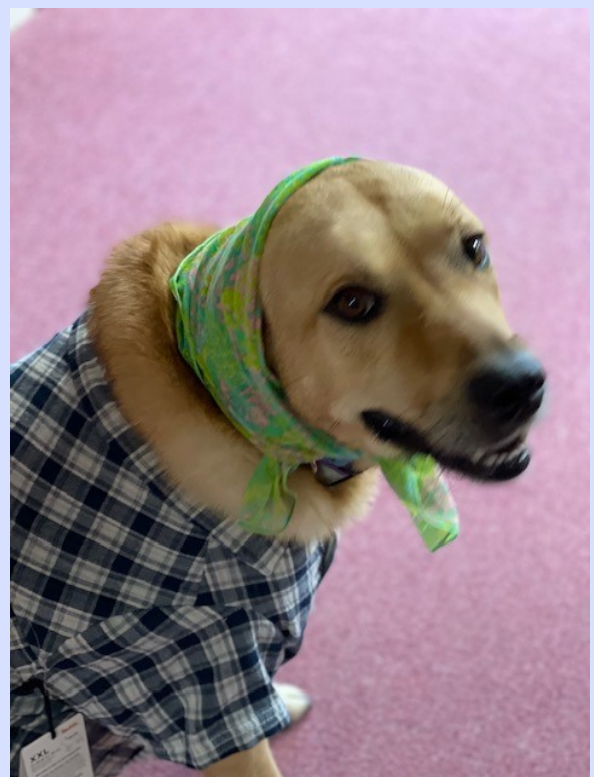
- Full-Time English – Grades 9-12
- Full-Time Science – Grades 9-12
- Full-Time Spanish – Grades 9-12

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

Ossa's Corner



Ossa is going country!



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: Mira Ann & Tobias Fava & Camille Hoon

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Jacques & Marie Briand, 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: Maria Dolores Fernandez**, (sister of Gloria Moy); **Angeline Arnidis**, (mother of Mary Harris & Angela Breneman & grandmother of Noah Breneman); **Joseph Reedy**, (father of Joseph Reedy & grandfather of Melissa, Michael, Jacqueline, Joseph & Grace Reedy) & **Joan Laubach**, *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

**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

The 2022 Mass Book is open

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.**

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 Ice cream treats

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

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

November 3, 2021: John Vogel, Updates on Medicare and Insurance, Coffee & cupcakes

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

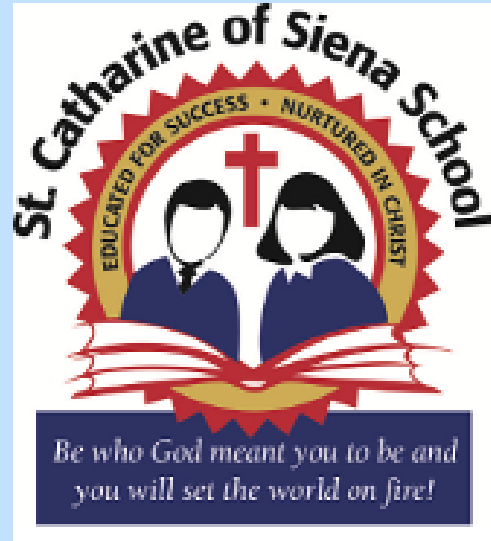
November 17, 2021 – Wednesday – Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show - \$100.00

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.