

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, August 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Joseph Lubas, (7th Anniversary)

Sunday, August 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Jane Byerly

There will be a Latin Mass next Sunday, August 8th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church. Reconciliation at noon; social after Mass.

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.

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.

Dear St. Catharine's and St. Mary's Parishioners,

Thank you for the kindness, generous gifts, cards and prayers. I am extremely grateful for your concern and understanding during my recuperation from my broken ankle.

Msgr. Ed

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.

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.**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15: The Israelites begin to grumble, and the Lord promises to rain down bread from heaven and give them quail to eat at twilight. In this they will know that the Lord is God.

Eph 4:17, 20-24: Paul tells the Ephesians that they must abandon their old pagan ways and acquire a fresh, spiritual way of living – to become new people created in God's image.

Jn 6:24-35: After feeding the multitude, Jesus and His disciples went across the lake. The people found them, and Jesus cautioned them that they were looking only for signs and food but the work of God demands faith in the One He sent.

Today's Message: The Lord provides heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. Jesus proclaims Himself to be the very bread of life. We lay aside our way of life to be created anew in His image,.



MONDAY, AUGUST 2

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

50 PLUS CLUB GENERAL MEETING - 1 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

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.**

Please continue to clip and save your Box Tops for Education. We earned more than \$900.00 for our school and want to earn even more in the coming school year. Place Box Tops in the marked box behind the SCRIP table. Look for the new Box Tops App, too!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

7:15 Norman Zaorski (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:15 Carl & Marie Heine

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:15 Robert Wright (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

7:15 Eugene Orlando, Sr.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

7:15 Dr. Clete Cinelli (32nd Anniversary)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 Irene Arnold

4:30 Angelina Talarico

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

7:30 Deceased Members of Curtin, Gantert, Kroener & Wagner Families

9:00 Orlando & Cinciosi Families

10:30 Shirley Mae Lubas (3rd Anniversary)

12:00 Stanley J. Ustaszewski

Readings for the Week of August 1, 2021

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

Monday

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13;

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14;

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;

Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Saturday

Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3c-4, 47 and 51;

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

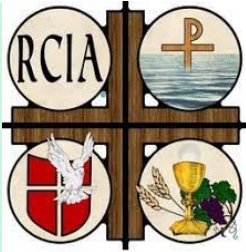
Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING . . . memory writes on every page of the calendar. A support group offering caring presence, strength, and wisdom meets two Mondays a month at St. Catharine's of Siena Church, Mt. Penn 19606, at 7 PM. To register call 610 370-1174.

Parish Nurse News - Take great care of your pet! Pets bring great joy and smiles to our lives! A common myth is that your spayed or neutered pet will gain weight. Not true! Give your pet less food and more exercise to help control weight (for more info, check www.humanepa.org).

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/2	Rev. Msgr. Edward S. Zemanik
Tuesday 8/3	Rev. Jojappa Adagatla, M.S.C.
Wednesday 8/4	Very Rev. Luke O. Cist Anderson
Thursday 8/5	Rev. Robert A. Anthony, M.S.C.
Friday 8/6	Rev. Eric R. Arnout
Saturday 8/7	Rev. Franklin K. Arockia-Dass, M.S.C.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The RCIA is intended to serve:

- The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion
- Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic
- Those baptized Catholic who have not completed the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation or those who have not been raised in the Faith

This class will start in September. For more information, please call the Parish Center 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. 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

Ossa's Corner



Chef Ossa!



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: Harper Santiago-Burgus

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 Hinnerstz, 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: Rosemary Shollenberger & Marien Preneta, (mother of Denise Sutter) 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.

Berks Catholic News

Employment Opportunities

Full time Spanish Teacher Grades 9-12

Full time Maintenance

Please visit: <https://www.berkscatholic.org/Page/789>
please contact mricco@berkscatholic.org with questions.

Junior High Athletics Information Night

Junior High Athletics are for Boys and Girls in Grades 7 and 8 from our Partner Schools. Please join us to hear all about our Junior High program on August 10th at 6pm in the Franco Post Auditorium (rear of school). Please contact dstahler@berkscatholic.org with questions.

Be A Saint

Berks Catholic High School has openings available for students in Grades 9-12 for the 2021-22 school year. Please contact Nicky Smith for information on how to Be A Saint and preparing young men and ladies to be college and life ready.

All inquiries are confidential. nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 610.374.8361 ext. 244

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist

Summer Spiritual Opportunity

*Weekend of Prayer, Hope, and Healing
with Fr James Blount, S.O.L.T.*

with a guest presentation from Dr. Antone Raymundo

August 13, 14, and 15, 2021

Pre-registration is required for both of these events.

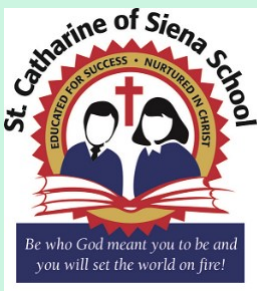
To register, contact Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist by email at olme@olme.org, by phone at 610-582-3333, or on

our website olme.org

All events are held at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist: 640 E. Main St, Birdsboro, PA 19508

Divorce Care Group - [DivorceCare](#) is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. At this 13-week, video-based support group program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making. The Diocese of Allentown hosts a DivorceCare Group at St. Thomas More Parish each Wednesday, beginning September 8, 2021. For more information please call 610-433-7413.

MSC OKTOBERFEST: Sunday, October 17, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Reading Liederkrantz. Hosted by and for the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Enjoy an authentic German Oktoberfest at the #1 Oktoberfest in the U.S.! To reserve your seats or support our cause, visit www.mscreading.org; direct link <https://mscreading.org/product/oktoberfest-2021-registraton-sponsorship/>. Phone: (610)929-2802.



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 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.

Full Time ILA Teacher, Middle School .

Please send resume, all clearances, references, and certifications to Mkravcik@scsreading.org or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606



SCS Outdoor Uniform Corner
Thursday, Aug 12, 2021
10 am- 1 pm Play yard

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.

TRIPS 2021

August 21, 2021, PA Renaissance Faire Feast- 2 hour sit down meal of Beef Brisket, Chicken, fruit, etc., with entertainment and 3 hours of free time at the Faire, to walk around or enjoy shows in the tent. Cost: \$75.00

September 20-24, 2021, Inn at Crumpin Fox – **Trip Cancelled**, call Pat for details.

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. Trip is full, taking names for waiting list.

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.

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