

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, August 14th - 3:30 p.m. - Richard Cibroski
Sunday, August 15th - 10:30 a.m. - Clara Jane Sroka

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their annual picnic on Sunday, September 12, 2021, at the Lower Alsace Fire Co. Picnic Grove, starting at 1PM. Members: \$10. Non-Members: \$15. includes food, drinks and dessert. Reservations are a must. Deadline for reservations is Monday, August 30th. For reservations or any questions, call Nadine at 610-736-3035.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Warning: Email and text message scams targeting church members by impersonating clergy!

If you receive an email that appears to be from the Bishop, or your clergy person, asking you to take some kind of unusual action – click a link or download an attachment you didn't request, wire money to a specified account, purchase gift cards and reply with the serial numbers, or simply to reply quickly, watch out – it could be a form of email "phishing" known as "whaling." **Do not open it! Delete it!**

Whereas "phishing" involves sending a fraudulent email to a large group of people in the hope that a few will respond, "whaling" involves forging communications that look like they're from the "big fish" in an organization, i.e. the "whale." For us, this usually means the Bishop or a clergy person, although it could be someone else in authority.

The message will give some explanation of why the leader needs your help *immediately*. They may include some story about another person in dire circumstances whom the bishop or priest is trying to help. But instead of helping a needy person, if you respond you will actually be turning over money and possibly your identity information to a scammer.

Because these emails are usually crafted more carefully than your standard "phishing" email, they can be more difficult to detect.

Unfortunately, it's difficult to stop these "whaling" attacks. The email accounts in question have not been hacked. Instead, they are being "spoofed" – that is, a fraudulent email account is cleverly configured to look at first glance like a legitimate one. Even if you block the fraudulent email, they'll just use another. Same thing with text messages from fraudulent phone numbers.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:4-8: Elijah, being discouraged, prayed for death. Twice an angel came to him and supplied him with food. Strengthened by food and the word of God, Elijah got up and continued his journey to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Eph 4:30 – 5:2: Paul directs the Ephesians to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving. They are to imitate God as His children and follow the way of love as Christ loved.

Jn 6:41-51: The Jews question Jesus' origin, and Jesus tells them that no one can come to Him unless drawn by the Father. Those who believe will have eternal life.

Today's Message: To strengthen him for the journey, God provides Elijah with cake and water, reminiscent of his ancestors' Pasch. Thus he experiences the goodness of the Lord. Jesus, the bread of life, strengthens us for our journey, following His way of love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

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

GRIEFSHARE – 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. - Social Hall

Parish Nurse News - Your mental wellness is as important as your physical health! Sometimes symptoms of depression are physical: too much sleep, or not able to sleep, not able to function or feel motivated to enjoy your daily activities, aches and pains without known cause. Mention these symptoms to your healthcare provider (Capital BLUE 1/27/21).

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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

7:15 Raymond Myslinski

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

7:15 John Sadlowski

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:15 Ralph Merritt

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

7:15 Harold Rowan (12th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

7:15 Francis & Mildred Itle

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 Jim McGinnis

4:30 Brian Buser

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

7:30 Stephen Mast (1st Anniversary)

9:00 James & Jack Gaffney

10:30 Robert Grippe (1st Anniversary)

12:00 Nicholas Lintz

Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021

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

Monday Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9;

Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17;

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24;

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;

Mt 19:13-15

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,

9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

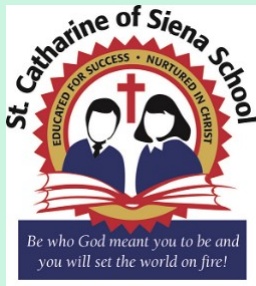
Sunday Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,

10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/9	Rev. Achilles Ayaton
Tuesday, 8/10	Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Baddick
Wednesday, 8/11	Rev. Msgr. Andrew R. Baker
Thursday, 8/12	Rev. Msgr. William T. Baker
Friday, 8/13	Rev. John P. Barron, S.J.
Saturday, 8/14	Rev. Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus



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

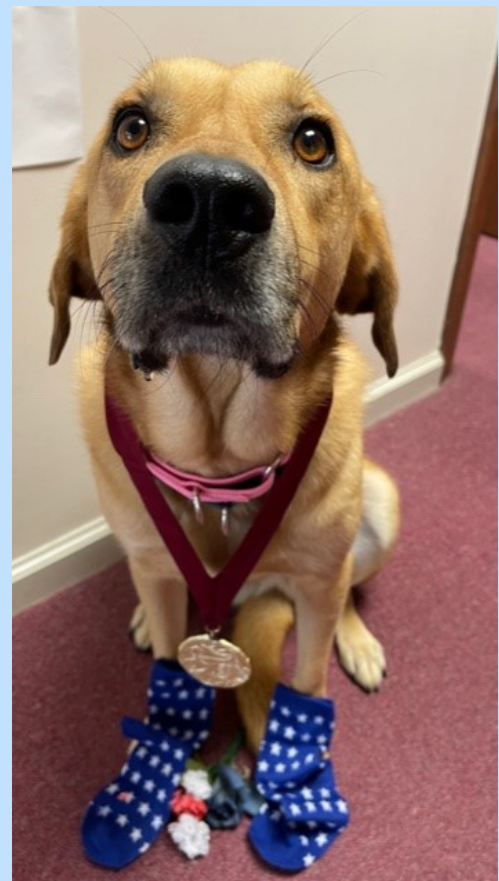


SCS Outdoor Uniform Corner
Thursday, Aug 12, 2021
10 am- 1 pm Play yard

Ossa's Corner



Ossa won a "Gold Medal" in the Doggie Olympics



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: Taylor Owens

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, Cyril Danko, Charles DeNaples, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Joseph Essig, Terri Essig, Robert Flipping, Sandy Gallagher, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, 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, Anne Paul, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Peggy Reid, 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: 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.

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.***

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

Mary's Shelter currently has several Support Staff positions available: Part-time Evenings, Nights and Weekend openings: Individual should be self-motivated, responsible, compassionate and dedicated to serving in a heart-felt organization. For more information, call – 610-603-8010 Or email dani@marysshelter.org

Berks Catholic News

Employment Opportunities

Full time Spanish Teacher Grades 9-12

Full time Science 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 - Jr. High Athletics are for Boys and Girls in Grades 7 and 8 from our Partner Schools. Please join us to hear all about our Jr. High program on August 10th at 6pm in the Franco Post Auditorium (rear of school). Please contact dstahler@berkscatholico.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 about preparing young men and ladies to be college and life ready. All inquiries are confidential. nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 610.374.8361 ext. 244

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

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. Mail to 918 Charles St. Reading, PA 19606

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.