

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, August 21st - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased
Members of the Choborova Family
Sunday, August 22nd - 10:30 a.m. - Daniel & Dorothy
Piccone

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.

Our Annual Mission Appeal

This weekend we have our Annual Missionary Cooperation for Missionary activities of the Vincentian Congregation in India and E. Africa.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions. They also request 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 collection today to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help.

If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering today or would like to make an additional offering, you may make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend in a specially marked envelope. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support. The Vincentian Missionaries keep you and our parish in their prayers and Masses

Please Read

The Pennsylvania Bishops convened this morning regarding the rise of the Delta Variant and the upcoming August 15th reinstitution of the Sunday Mass Obligation across the Commonwealth.

The Bishops have decided that no change in date will take place. August 15th will remain the date for the General Dispensation to cease statewide. As always, those homebound, infirmed, or with a serious anxiety about gathering in public settings are dispensed.

After discussion among the Bishops, His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert has reimposed the following Guidelines, effective immediately:

Masks are to be worn during the Distribution of Holy Communion by all Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, regardless of vaccination status.

Masks are to be worn by ushers when greeting the faithful at the doors of the Church and while taking up the collection, regardless of vaccination status.

Sanitizing stations are to be utilized by the Ministers of Holy Communion.

The Exchange of the Sign of Peace and the Distribution of the Precious Blood remain suspended.

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, August 23rd. It will re-open on the 24th.

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention - Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab: The appearance of the Ark in this time of retribution indicates that God is now accessible – no longer hidden, but present in the midst of His people. Filled with hatred, the devil spares no pains to destroy Christ and His Church. The dragon seeks to destroy the celestial woman and her Son. Its hatred is futile.

1 Cor 15:20-27: The offering of the first fruits was the symbol of the dedication of the entire harvest to God. So the Resurrection of Christ involves the resurrection of all who are in Him. Since His glorious Resurrection, Christ reigns in glory; He is the Lord.

Lk 1:39-56: Mary visits her kinswoman, Elizabeth. Mary 's song of thanksgiving, often called the "Magnificat," has been put together from many Old Testament phrases.

Today's Message: Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our Queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

7:15 Charles D. McDonald

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

7:15 Scott A. Marino

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

7:15 Peter & Regina Shepos

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

7:15 Dorothy Milstead

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

7:15 Theodore Borek (23rd Anniversary)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 Michele Riegel

4:30 Anthony Screpesi

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30 Margaret A. Raith

9:00 Lewis Ianni (3rd Anniversary)

10:30 J. Kenton Rand (8th Anniversary)

12:00 Robert & Terry Bates (51st Wedding Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of August 15, 2021

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

Monday Saint Stephen of Hungary

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Saint John Eudes, Priest

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a-32; Jn 6:60-69

THE Banns of Marriage are announced as follows:

I Nicole Caromano & Ben Mercadante

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

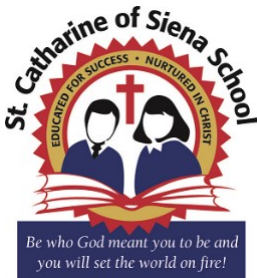
PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/16	Rev. Msgr. William F. Baver
Tuesday 8/17	Rev. Henry Beck
Wednesday 8/18	Rev. Joseph P. Becker, O.S.F.S.
Thursday 8/19	Rev. Frans J. Berkhout
Friday 8/20	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Biszek
Saturday 8/21	Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin



St Catharine of Siena's Rosary Cenacle - Wednesdays at 6pm at the Church on Boyertown Pike. Come pray with our Mother! "I love those who love me..." - Proverbs 8:17

The Monsignor Bornemann Knights of Columbus Council of Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart Parishes is hosting St. Joseph Devotions. Come learn about St. Joseph on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Parish.



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

Divorce Care Group - [DivorceCare](https://www.DivorceCare.com) 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.

Ossa's Corner



Ossa is getting ready for a Luau!!



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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: Adelaide Hiser

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, 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 Romyn, 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: Adam Krafczek, (husband of Helen Krafczek) 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

50 Plus News

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 1:00 PM, the Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 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 at the Double Tree in Reading, plenty of free parking, menu options will be provided later.

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

TRIPS 2021

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.

Youth Group News

Are you a High School student? If you answered YES, you are invited to join the youth ministry program at St. Catharine's. We meet every other Sunday from 6:30-8:30pm in the Upper Room (former Convent on the school grounds). These meetings begin on Sunday, September 12. We gather together to play games, meet with friends, share our faith, and discuss topics relevant to your life.

We will kick-off the new year on Sunday, August 29 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the church pavilion. Join us for food and fun...including a NERF/WATER GUN battle as we welcome Fr. Isaac to our youth group! For planning purposes, please RSVP no later than August 27. For more information contact our parish Youth Minister, Marci Zambito, at mzambito@scsreading.org. Also follow us on Instagram at **youth_of_scs** or check out our website www.scsyouth.weebly.com

Financial Stewardship

	<u>July 4, 2021</u>	
	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,446	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 19,446	\$ 23,421
Year to date deficit	\$ 3,975	
Last Year	\$ 19,920	

	<u>July 11, 2021</u>	
	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,727	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 37,173	\$ 46,842
Year to date deficit	\$ 9,669	
Last Year	\$ 19,620	

	<u>July 18, 2021</u>	
	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 22,478	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 59,651	\$ 70,263
Year to date deficit	\$ 10,612	
Last Year	\$ 16,476	

	<u>July 25, 2021</u>	
	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,215	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 76,866	\$ 93,684
Year to date deficit	\$ 16,818	
Last Year	\$ 17,743	

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish!

Parish Nurse News - Be mindful, spend a few minutes in quiet, notice your inner self. Then, feel gratitude and thank someone! "Not expressing gratitude is like wrapping a present and not giving it." (William Arthur Ward). Mindfulness and Gratitude go hand-in-hand for mental wellness!