

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
*The miraculous picture with
crowns and robe*

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, August 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Cynthia O'Leary,
(2nd Anniversary)

Sunday, August 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon Zerkowski,
(37th Anniversary)

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.

Parish Library - Just a reminder, we have a parish library in the vestibule. There are many informative religious books available to borrow. If anyone has any extra time and would like to help organize it, please call the Parish Center.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in ST. CATHARINE'S CHAPEL. The holy hour of Adoration will be on first Friday, September 3rd, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. All are welcome.

Covid 19 - It is now evident that this global health crisis could linger for months or years to come.

As previously announced, the bishops are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are:

- Sick
 - Have a serious health risk
 - In a household with those at risk
 - Primary caregivers to those at risk
 - Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
- Unable to attend Mass in person
- As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should stay home.

While masks are not currently mandated, each parishioner is strongly encouraged to make a responsible decision about the use of masks and vaccinations following in the examples of all Pennsylvania Bishops, Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who have all been vaccinated for the common good.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Captain Chelsea Pellicano, 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.**

Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass - Married couples around the Diocese will be invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 19th. Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate the Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine in Allentown at 3:00 PM on Sunday, September 19, 2021. The Mass will also be livestreamed on AD Today and the Diocese of Allentown Facebook page. The Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Please register to attend. Email stewardship@allentowndiocese.org or call toll free 1-800-831-4443.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b: Joshua admonished the Israelites to decide their allegiance to God. They answered that they would serve the God of their fathers who delivered them from slavery and protected them.

Eph 5:21-32: Paul gives specific directives to wives and husbands. Wives are to be submissive to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ. Husbands must love their wives as their own bodies. They are to be ever faithful to each other.

Jn 6:60-69: Jesus emphasizes that to believe in Him demands faith – a gift from His Father. Many left Jesus, but His Twelve turned and said, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Today’s Message: Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your covenant with YAHWEH? The desertion of disciples is a prelude to the paschal mystery. With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord, who gave Himself up for us all.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

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

GRIEFSHARE – 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

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 23

7:15 Thomas (Butch) Mathews

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:15 Alexander Ryan Wentzel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:15 Anna Sottosanti

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

7:15 Carol Menet (16th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

7:15 Marge Lonergan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 Salvatore & Anna Corso

4:30 Daniel DiFulvio (49th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

7:30 Sowizdral Family

9:00 John Joseph Castagna (36th Anniversary)

10:30 Judith Gruber (1st Anniversary)

12:00 Intentions of Bob & Cheryl Buser

Readings for the Week of August 22, 2021

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, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Monday Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



THE BANS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

II Nicole Caromano & Ben Mercadante

I Amelia Howe & Jeff Craven

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/23	Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian
Tuesday 8/24	Very Rev. Thomas P. Bortz
Wednesday 8/25	Rev. Ronald P. Bowman
Thursday 8/26	Rev. Richard C. Brensinger
Friday 8/27	Rev. Thomas R. Buckley
Saturday 8/28	Rev. George W. Bur, S.J.

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.

Do you like to knit, crochet, etc., or would you like to learn? Siena Stitchers will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 10 a.m. at the Church, beginning September 2. We will be happy for you to join us. Questions? Call Anita (779-1471) or Judy (779-8654).

Save the date for Family Fun Night hosted by Lifeline of Berks on Friday, September 24th from 6-10pm! Join us at St. Benedict's Picnic Grounds (4541 Morgantown Rd. Mohnton, PA) for a night filled with food, raffles, giveaways, games, music and an outdoor movie the whole family will enjoy! Free admission! Visit our website for additional info at lifelineofberks.org. Please contact Maureen Helms, Development Director, at [610 374 8545](tel:6103748545) with any additional questions.

Divorce Care Group - [DivorceCare](http://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.

The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County is holding their 100th anniversary luncheon on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at the Double Tree of Reading. All are welcome! Special guest will be Bishop Schlert. Please call Marcia at 484-794 -0680 for more information.

Ossa's Corner



**Ossa is ready to start school!
She wants everyone to stay safe!**



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: **Maren Myland**

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, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Darryl Larish, Melanie Lintz, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Joanne Marnell, Charles E. Mathews, Mindy Mattes, Mary Ann Matthews, 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, 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:** **Jane Boyle**, (mother of Amanda Searfoss, & grandmother of Serinah & Michael Searfoss, Jr.); **Mary Kolakowski**, (mother of Michael Kolakowski & Cynthia Keane & grandmother of Morgan Kolakowski, Rebecca Sinnott, Rachel & Sarah Keane); & **Joseph Tomalis** (husband of Bella Tomalis & father of Monica Hassler & Joseph V. Tomalis & grandfather of Abigail & Gabrielle Hassler) **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.

PREP Registration for the 2021-2022 year is open.

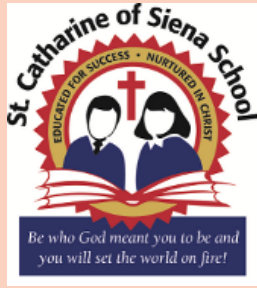
The Parish Religious Education Program is open to all students in grades 1 – 8. All levels will meet in person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Registration forms are available in the back of church or online at www.scsyouth.weebly.com. We are in need of volunteers to help teach or aide 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

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](https://www.instagram.com/youth_of_scs) or check out our website www.scsyouth.weebly.com



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.

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



Back to School Night: September 7, 2021

Back to school night will be a little different this year. There will NOT be a general session in the gym. Parents will go directly to classrooms. There will be three sessions. Each session is dedicated to a specific grade level. You only need to be present during a session that pertains to your student.

- Three sessions
 - 6:00-7:00, Session 1: Middle School, 10-minute sessions with teachers, parents will follow a rotation
 - 7:05-7:25, Session 2: 8th Grade Parent Meeting, Grades PreK-5
 - 7:30-7:50, Session 3: Grades PreK-5

Please park down at the Chapel or in the school parking lot.

50+ CLUB NEWS

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 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.