

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, September 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Paul C. Samsel

Sunday, September 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Gerald Graczyk

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Congratulations to Bob McCool who will be inducted into the Berks Chapter of Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on September 12th.

Second Collection - Bishop Schlert has authorized a special collection for Haiti. As you are aware, Haiti suffered a recent devastating earthquake that has added to the suffering of a populace that has still not fully recovered from the major earthquake that occurred there in 2010. Many churches, schools, and other church properties have been reduced to rubble. The island nation was then hit by Tropical Storm Grace, which has only added to the misery and suffering of the citizens and made even more difficult the ongoing efforts to rescue the many persons still trapped beneath collapsed buildings. **Next weekend we will have a second collection for Haiti Relief Fund.**



ONCE AGAIN, THIS FALL, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DAILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL (PERKIOMEN AVENUE). VISITATION WITH OUR LORD IN HIS MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE FROM 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 4th THRU FRIDAY, UNTIL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, CONCLUDING WITH THE SOLEMN CLOSING OF THE FORTY HOUR DEVOTION. JESUS WILL BE WAITING FOR YOUR VISIT.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IS THE ACT OF WORSHIPPING GOD AS HE IS PRESENT IN THE CONSECRATED EUCHARIST. "OF ALL DEVOTIONS, THAT OF ADORING JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS THE GREATEST AFTER THE SACRAMENTS, THE ONE DEAREST TO GOD AND THE ONE MOST HELPFUL TO US." St. Alphonsus Liguori. For more information, please call Sue Hissick and leave a message at 610-568-6328.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 35:4-7a: Isaiah speaks of the Messiah's coming. At that time God will come to save His people and bring many blessings to them.

Jas 2:1-5: James warns the Christians about showing favoritism to the rich. No one is in a position to judge. God chose those who were poor according to worldly standards to become rich in faith.

Mk 7:31-37: The people brought to Jesus a deaf and dumb man to be cured. Taking Him aside, Jesus cured him, asking him to keep this a secret. But the man proclaimed the cure all the more. The people were amazed at this power.

Today's Message: The advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
PARISH CENTER CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
RCIA "COME AND SEE" – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

AHG – 5-8 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10 a.m. - Parish Center Basement

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

Please join us on Tuesday, September 7th with a "Come and See" gathering at 6:30 p.m. in the PC basement. Formal classes will start Tuesday September 14th and will run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 if you plan to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 Alice McCarron

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 Beverly Bansner

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:30 Sam Wandzilak

8:00 Charles Harhigh

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:30 Arlene Orlando

8:00 Alice & James McCarron

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:30 Lavina Kostzewa

8:30 Eileen Nowak Lengel (32nd Anniversary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 Geraldine Russo

4:30 Deceased Members of the Scarpaci Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:30 Vaccarelli Family

9:00 Deceased Members of the Albright & Green Families

10:30 Anna Corso (6th Anniversary)

12:00 Jorge Romero (2nd Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021

Sunday **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5;
Mk 7:31-37

Monday Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin**

Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday **Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**
Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-

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Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7;

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

III Amelia Howe & Jeff Craven

I Emily Berlin & Andrew Wummer

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/6	Rev. Msgr. John S. Campbell
Tuesday 9/7	Rev. William T. Campion
Wednesday 9/8	Rev. Thomas A. Carney, M.S.C.
Thursday 9/9	Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Chaback
Friday 9/10	Rev. Msgr. John G. Chizmar
Saturday 9/11	Rev. Donald W. Cieniewicz

The Antietam Alligators Swim Team is holding a purse bingo fundraiser on Sunday November 14, 2021 at the Antietam Valley Rec Center. Tickets are \$25 in advance and bingo starts at 1pm. Please contact Heather at (610) 308-4313 or antietambingo@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

"Hearts Come Home at the Holidays" a Life After Loss Seminar on Fri. 10-22-21, 7-9 PM. St. Catharine's Parish Center Meeting Rm, 2427 Perkiomen Ave. Reading 19606. Registration required @ judyacameron@comcast.net or 610 370-1174. The \$5 book is available at www.griefshare.org.

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. 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. Mohnnton, 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.

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.

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.

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Ossa's Corner

Ossa & Connie



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: Isabella Smith

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Betty Beatty, Melody Bechtel, Michele Boucher, Jacques & Marie Briand, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, 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, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Stanley Grabowski, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Patricia Herber, Jesse Hill, Dolores Hinnershitz, Michael Hivner, Donna Kaminiski, 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 PrechtI, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Warren C. Readinger, 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: Winifred Kerns**, (sister of Loretta Franey) **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.

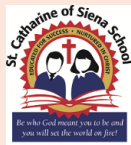
We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Captain Chelsea Pellicano, Airman Ethan Kosmoski, Ensign Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, 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.**



NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME! If you have been regularly worshipping with us and have not yet joined our parish, we warmly invite you to see either Msgr. Domin or Fr. Isaac after Mass and they will be happy to register you as a member of St. Catharine of Siena. All are welcome to join our parish community.

**CYO Sunday –
September 19, 2021**

There will be a special collection the weekend of Sept 19 for the St Catharine of Siena Parish CYO. The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) provides athletic, social, educational, and volunteer programs to develop the mind, bodies, and spirits of the youth in our community. We promote good sportsmanship at every level and strive to maintain high quality programs that allow everyone to participate. If you are interested or have any questions about the St Catharine CYO Program, please see us after the 9:00 Mass on Sept 19 at the back of the church or email Cristina Schmehl at schsac@verizon.net with your name, email, and phone number. Your support is appreciated. CYO Students: please plan to attend the Sept 19, 9:00 Mass. Please wear your athletic/gym clothing or your school uniform. There will be a reserved seating area in the center front of the Church.



Calling all SCS Alumni

Our alumni provide the roots of our school family tree. We are deeply invested in your success and take pride in your accomplishments, knowing that your education at SCS has prepared you well for the years that follow. Please continue to stay in touch. Please visit our website @ scsreading.org and visit our Alumni Corner to learn more about how you can stay connected with your alma mater.

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, October 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM, the Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 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

October 6, 2021: Charlie Adams, Tells stories about the Reading area. 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 at a later date.

I would like to **welcome** and **thank Jackie Calvaresi** for volunteering to take over the Secretary position for the 50+ club. I think it is Jackie's 3rd or 4th time as secretary, since she joined the club in 2001.

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.

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.

**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