



Saint Mary's News

Saturday, September 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Frank J. Kosikowski

Sunday, September 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Casmir Lubas (22nd Anniversary)

Starting the week of November 15, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries. If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of November 15. Thank you.

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.

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. **This 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.

REGULAR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE - 6:30 a.m. & 8 a.m. - Monday-Thursday; Please note change: Friday morning Mass will be at 7:15 a.m. & Friday at 8:30 a.m. **Mass will be held in the Gym at school. Also anyone attending Mass at the school will be required to wear a mask.**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:5-9a: Isaiah speaks of his sufferings, but God is his help and he upholds him in misery.

Jas 2:14-18: Faith in words is dead; it must carry out into action. Words alone will not cover the naked or bring food to the hungry.

Mk 8:27-35: In answer to Jesus' question about Himself, Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus then tells of His future sufferings, death and resurrection. To follow Him, we must take up our cross.

Today's Message: Isaiah would suffer and call upon the Lord for help. Jesus speaks of His own suffering and death and of the demands of discipleship. What use is faith, to confess that Jesus is the Christ without works of love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

LIFE AFTER LOSS - 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

RCIA – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30 -8 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

SIENA STITCHERS – 10 a.m. Church Gathering Area

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

AHG – 5-8 p.m. – Social Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – After 12 noon Mass – Church

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

BANDS, BAGS, BEERS & BASKETS will be held on Saturday, September 25 & Sunday, September 26 at St. Benedict's Picnic Grove, 4541 Morgantown Rd, Mohnton, PA. Times: Saturday 1 pm – 9 p.m. and Sunday, 1 pm – 6 pm. Tickets available on Facebook event page Bands, Bags, Beers & Baskets.

SHOWER OF ROSES FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT The Shrine of St. Therese, 1 East Garibaldi Ave., Nesquehoning, PA on October 3, 2021 from 11 am – 4 pm. For more information, contact St. Joseph's Rectory at 570-645-2664.

LIKE TO DECORATE? The Exeter Women's Club would like you to be on our HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR this December. For information, call Fran Vogt at 610-779-6506.

"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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:30 Patricia Capilo

8:00 Gloria Zielinski

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:30 Gina Italia

8:00 Rickert, Platko, and Verbosh Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:30 Helen Stroud

8:00 Jack Bertolet, Sr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:30 Nate Madison

8:00 Irene Arnold (38th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:15 Frederick Didyoung

8:30 Elizabeth S. Buvinger (13th Anniversary) (At School)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 Paul Arnold (24th Anniversary)

4:30 George Ashton

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:30 Schock & Kimbel Families

9:00 Jack Gaffney (1st Anniversary)

10:30 Thomas Muchanic

12:00 Stephen Konopelski

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2021 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

Monday

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;

Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27

or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and

Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20;

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8;

Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

II Emily Berlin & Andrew Wummer

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/13	Rev. Richard Clement
Tuesday 9/14	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Coll
Wednesday 9/15	Rev. Edward B. Connolly
Thursday 9/16	Rev. James M. T. Connolly
Friday 9/17	Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Coyle
Saturday 9/18	Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen

**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.

Parish Nurse News - Our jobs are difficult sometimes, but work is healthy for us physically and psychologically, too! Talk to your doctor about behavioral or mental health issues. If left untreated, they can impact your function and normal day-to-day work and activities. Sometimes it just takes talking to someone about it. Stay healthy in body, mind, and spirit! (Capital Blue Cross, 2020).

HOLY ROSARY ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER OCT. 13TH @ Victor Emmanuel II from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Don't miss out on a delicious meal while helping Holy Rosary Church. Everyone invited to attend. Take Outs will be available. **Dinner includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Butter. Cash Bar, Homemade Baked Goods Sale.** All Tickets are \$12.00 Call. Charlie Polinko at 610-678-4793, Linette Razzano at 610-202 9846 or Christine Lichman at 610-334-1208
To purchase tickets/

Ossa's Corner



Ossa is getting ready to go paint the town!



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: **Olivia & Emily Sauls & Liam Foley**

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, Tamara Danko, Charles DeNaples, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Joseph Essig, Terri Essig, Maria Feola, 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, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Warren C. Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romyne, 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: Samuel Landis, Anne Paul, 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.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist - Event Coordinator - Location: Birdsboro, PA - Job Status: Full Time (Monday to Thursday) The Event Coordinator plans for meetings, conferences and retreats. This will include monthly meetings with members of Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist as well as retreats open to the public and various social events. Coordinate and communicate with event volunteers. Reconcile all final participation data for accurate final attendee report. Responsible for post inventory data. Qualifications - Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook) applications. Must be able to work full time (full time in this office is ordinarily Mon-Thurs. Exceptions can be necessary on occasion. Skills Excellent oral and written communications skills. Ability to converse with all levels of personnel. Effective organizational and time management skills. Ability to work independently, developing strategies and action plans and implementing goals and objectives. Possesses a working knowledge of the Catholic Church and its internal structure. Ability to work on multiple events simultaneously while retaining a positive attitude, level of accuracy and team spirit.

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.**



School Masses

Parishioners wishing to celebrate Mass with the student body must wear masks when on campus. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard. Please be assured of our prayers for you.

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.

Employment Opportunities

Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators. Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for:

- Full Time or Part Time Middle School Language Arts Teacher Grades 6, 7, 8

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

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.

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.

50 Plus 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.

There will be a mass said for Ruth Chumacas on September 21st.

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.

We also need a volunteer to make the coffee and help getting the cake on plates.

TRIPS 2021

October 13, 2021 – Wednesday – Mystery Trip – (even Men will enjoy this trip) Cost: \$105.00

December 8, 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.

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.

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