



Saint Mary's News

Saturday, October 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Robert McCarthy
Sunday, October 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Frank
Wojchiechowski, Jr.

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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.



Congratulations to John & Joan Ziemia who recently celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on September 29th! May they be blessed with many more years together!

CHOIRS RETURNING TO SUNDAY LITURGIES

After 19 long months with no church choirs, we at St. Catharine's Parish are ready to resume choral singing during the month of October. But we are looking for the help of parishioners who would like to discover the many benefits of praising God in song as part of a team. At St. Catharine's, we have two opportunities for choral group singing.

Our Guitar Choir – which sings at the 9 a.m. mass and practices on Monday nights at 7 pm.- has already begun its fall season, but would love to welcome new voices or instrumentalists. For information on Guitar Choir, please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org

The Traditional Choir - which sings at the 10:30 a.m. mass and practices at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the former pre-school room- will meet for the first time on Sunday, October 17. We are very much in need of additional choir members, as we try to rebuild the group after a long hiatus. For information on Traditional Choir, please contact David Kostival at dkostival@comcast.net

To participate in either choral group, you do not have to be able to read music, but should have a pleasant singing voice and a have a desire to learn some good church music. This would be a great time to join either choir, as both are beginning with some very basic music skills as they work to bring back our rich church music traditions.



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. Father Zachary Wehr will be the homilist.

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.

Gn 2:18-24: God, knowing that man needs companionship, created animals and birds and finally placed Adam in a deep sleep and took one of his ribs, forming a woman.

Heb 2:9-11: To suffer, Jesus took a human body. In this way God made our leader perfect through suffering, bringing salvation. All who are consecrated have thereby a common Father and become brothers and sisters.

Mk 10:2-16: The Pharisees, knowing the permission of Moses about divorce, test Jesus, but He recalls the reason for the command and reminds them of God’s intention for the unity of marriage. Divorce followed by remarriage is adultery. (Jesus then speaks about His love for little children and their innocence.)

Today’s Message: Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God’s original plan, is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Through baptism into Christ, we join with Him in having one and the same Father.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – After 12 Noon Mass – Church
CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. Saint Catharine’s School

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

50 PLUS GENERAL MEETING - 1 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

SIENA STITCHERS – 10 a.m. Church Gathering Area

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – 7:30 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING – 10-11 a.m. – Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Saint Catharine’s School

St. Catharine of Siena School will be holding its annual Walk-A-Thon on October 22, 2021. Monsignor Domin and Father Isaac will be collecting donations of support after all Masses on October 9th & 10th & October 16th & 17th.

Father Isaac will be holding altar server training sessions open to all students in 6th grade and up. Sessions are scheduled for Saturday, Saturday, October 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Church. All students are welcome! Please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 to sign up.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:30 Mary Anne McLaughlin
8:00 Alexandra Chitwood (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:30 Grace Hornickle
8:00 Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:30 Carl Falk
8:00 Herb Wetzel (11th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30 Eugene Orlando, Sr.
8:00 John, Mary, Peter & Michael Shepos

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:15 Patricia Rappaselli
8:30 David Power

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 Pauline Shoemaker
4:30 Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus #14880

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:30 Bill Bradley (15th Anniversary)
9:00 George Krick
10:30 Deceased Members of the Impellizzeri & Nuccio Families
12:00 Katherine Coman

**Readings for the Week of October 3, 2021
Sunday**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/4	Rev. Robert T. Finlan
Tuesday 10/5	Rev. Jaya K. Francis, M.S.C.
Wednesday 10/6	Rev. John A. Frink
Thursday 10/7	Rev. Kevin P. Gallagher
Friday 10/8	Rev. Daniel G. Gambet, O.S.F.S.
Saturday 10/9	Rev. Joseph S. Ganser



Congratulations to Ted Sajdak who will celebrate his 100th Birthday on October 19th. If you would like to send him a Birthday card his address is: 9 Colin Court, Apt 202, Reading, Pa 19606.

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.

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 (779-1571) or Judy (779-8654).

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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.

Ossa's Corner



**Are you ready for some football! Go Eagles!
Ossa is chilling by the fire!**



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: Vivienne Rose VanCoeur-Philips & Domenico Brutto

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm' s way:

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, Amy & R. Michael Dougherty, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Joseph Essig, Terri Essig, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, 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, Nikki Lyn Kells, 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, Carol Moore, 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 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, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A Time to die: Robert J. Cole**, (father of Joanie Berney); **Bonnie Sue Stratton**, (mother of Michael Stratton) & **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.**



On Sunday, October 17th, Lifeline will be handing out baby bottles to collect spare change. Please take a baby bottle home with you. one per family. Return your baby bottle filled with change to church on **Sunday, October 31st**. Help make some change in a mother & baby's life! Spare a life with your spare change!

Nurse News - Happiness Boost: let the sun shine in! Sunlight stimulates serotonin production- which makes us happier in general, and reduces aches and pains. When possible, open those curtains and step outside for a healthy dose of sunshine! (Arthritis Foundation; Arthritis Today)

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE IS COMING BACK!

The 2021 Christmas Boutique is being planned for Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20. Please save these dates and be sure to attend so that you can show your support to local craftsmen (small business owners) who have been very negatively impacted by the pandemic and loss of sales. When applications were sent this summer, our vendors were eager to reserve a space. At this time, we have a few spaces still available. If any craftsmen/artisans would be interested, please contact the email address below. (This show is for handmade arts and crafts only. Vendors for direct sales or buy/sell products are not permitted.) We have some surprises in store for this year's event....more details will be published in the weeks to come.

We are ALSO looking for donations of brand new merchandise or gift cards for use in our much-anticipated gift basket raffle. It is much more difficult to get local businesses to make donations in the wake of lost revenue over the last 18 months. If you own a business, or would be willing to make a donation on behalf of a business or your favorite restaurant, please contact us at www.SCSChristmasBoutique@gmail.com

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.

"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.

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.

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 **Due to the change of date, we have a few openings left.**

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

6th Annual Toy Drive (sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church) To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

St. Catharine of Siena has agreed to join all our local churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need. Parents will select toys for their children on December 10, 2021. A toy collection box will placed in your building in October. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through age 12) and place them in the box between before December 1st. This event has brought much joy to the families of the Exeter Area Food Pantry for the past five years, providing parents with an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for their children without compromising their ability to keep food on the table. Last year gifts were provided for 344 children. **If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480)**