

## Saint Mary's News

Saturday, October 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Frank & Caroline Kasprzak  
Sunday, October 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Stella E. Zerkowski, (20th 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.

**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](mailto:cagethmann74@gmail.com) or call 610-374-9215.

### OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

St. Catharine's Family of Faith lovingly extends to you an invitation to gather with your sisters and brothers who support, sustain and encourage each other in the tender love of the Lord. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. Healing comes, however, our hearts are touched by the hand of the Lord. On Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. St. Catharine's Family beckons you to share with us in a Memorial Mass of love and remembrance of your dearly departed family members.

If you have lost a family member during the 2021 year, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory or place in the collection basket no later than Sunday, October 31st.

### OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

Name of deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend \_\_\_\_\_

I will not attend \_\_\_\_\_

## World Mission Sunday

Dear Brother Priest,



On the weekend of **October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** will be the annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration of **World Mission Sunday** for Missions and missionaries of the world. *"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20), Pope Francis teaches us about our shared baptismal call to mission. We encourage our parishioners to answer that call on that special Sunday through prayer and generous sacrifice to the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**.

This October, the Holy Father gives us the opportunity to share our zeal. We can speak about our faith, about our passion for mission and what support of this evangelizing work means for more than 1,100 mission dioceses. He reminds us, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel."

Materials to enhance your celebration of World Mission Sunday are available at [www.missio.org/resources](http://www.missio.org/resources). Mr. Edward Liszka, Administrative Assistant for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is able to guide you further as you prepare your parish for the fullest celebration of this all-important day for the Church's missions.

With gratitude for the generosity to the Missions in October and year-round, and with prayers for a fruitful celebration for the Mission Church, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Alfred D. Schbert*

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 53:10-11: The suffering servant speaks of His life as a sin offering that His people may prosper enjoying a long life. Through His suffering He will bear the guilt of many.

Heb 4:14-16: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the high priest who shares all our weaknesses, except sin. His mercy comes to all who seek it.

Mk 10:35-45: James and John request a special honor in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus reminds them and the other ten that anyone who aspires to greatness must be prepared to serve first.

Today's Message: True greatness (holiness) is found in serving one another and by giving ourselves as did Jesus who suffered that we might be justified. He is our compassionate high priest in whom we have placed our hope.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

CUB SCOUTS HALLOWEEN PARTY – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

ULTREYA – 6:45 – 9 p.m. – Social Hall

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

SIENA STITCHERS – 10 a.m. – Church Gathering Area

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

SCS WALK-A-THON

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7-9 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

(Grieving at the Holidays)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – 4:30 – 8 p.m – Social Hall

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 this weekend.



St. Catharine's of Siena is hosting an Adopt A Day at our donor center from 11/1 until 11/6. Due to staffing shortages, mobile blood drives are difficult to schedule at this time. Thank you so much for donating and saving 3 lives! One out of ten hospital patients will need a blood transfusion. Please help ensure the life sustaining blood will be there when they need it! To schedule - please call 1.800.B.A.DONOR or visit [www.giveapint.org](http://www.giveapint.org) to schedule. Remember to enter #3164 in the appointment notes. Miller Keystone Blood Center, 2745A Leisch's Bridge Road, Reading, PA 19605.

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30 Joseph and Regina Kastenmaier'

8:00 Violet Leier

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 Deceased Members of the Kraft & Heins Families

8:00 Howard Esterly

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:30 Lavina Kostzewa

8:00 Kathleen Brice

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:30 Samuel P. Forke

8:00 George Ashton

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:15 Doug Cambria

8:30 Andrew & Helen Kohut

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 Russel Hartman

4:30 Scott A. Marino

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:30 Mullen Family

9:00 David & Sandra Rickert (40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

10:30 Andrew Kazmierczak (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

12:00 Sr. Mary Cecilia Juraski

### Readings for the Week of October 17, 2021

#### Sunday

##### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;

Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

#### Monday

##### Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

#### Tuesday

##### Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,

##### Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a,

8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

#### Wednesday

##### Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;

Lk 12:39-48

#### Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday

##### Saint John Paul II, Pope

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94;

Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday

##### Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

#### Sunday

##### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6;

Mk 10:46-52

**THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:**

II Margaret Ermentrout & Thomas Pawiak

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 10/18	Rev. Msgr. William F. Glosser
Tuesday 10/19	Rev. Msgr. Gerald E. Gobitas
Wednesday 10/20	Rev. Msgr. John J. Grabish
Thursday 10/21	Rev. James J. Greenfield, O.S.F.S.
Friday 10/22	Rev. Joseph Eric J. Gruber
Saturday 10/23	Rev. Francis M. Grundowski

**PARISH NURSE NEWS** - Sleep! Sleep is so important to renew and refresh our minds and bodies. 7 to 8 hrs. per night (1 hour more if you work night shift) is recommended. Arthritis Today tells us that if you take a bath before bedtime you'll be more drowsy, get to sleep faster, sleep soundly, and wake refreshed.

**KNIGHTS NEWS:** Any Catholic man 18 years and up who wishes to join our Council #14880, can go on our website at [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) and click on join; or you can contact Dave Gibney at 484-332-1624 or Dave Auchter at 610-779-2076.

**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.



**SAINT CATHARINE'S CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**, our annual kick-off to the holiday season is coming up on Friday, Nov. 19 (5-9 p.m.) and Saturday, Nov. 20 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Be sure to watch for more details on these features:

\* **A Boutique Bonanza Raffle** featuring FOUR tickets to the see the Philadelphia Eagles vs. the Dallas Cowboys on Sun., Jan. 9; \$500 in cash and a 43-inch smart TV. Don't miss this one! Tickets will be included in the bulletin on the weekend of Oct. 30/31.

\* A homemade **roast turkey dinner** with all the trimmings on Friday night!

\* Amazing gift basket raffle, numerous door prizes and 100 swag bags for the early birds on Saturday.

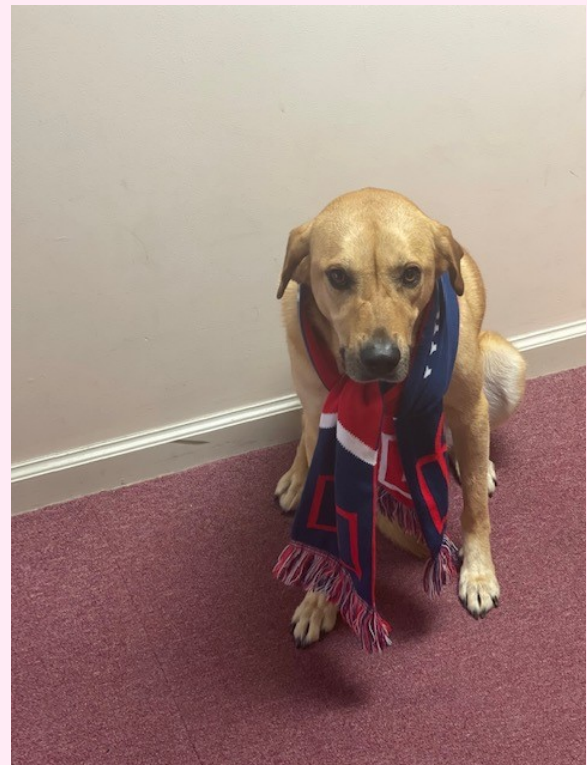
\* A vast and diverse offering of holiday gifts from talented artisans. Remember to support the local economy by purchasing Christmas gifts from local businesses!

**We are currently looking for VOLUNTEERS** to work the many features of the boutique on the Friday and Saturday of the event. Email [SCSChristmasBoutique@gmail.com](mailto:SCSChristmasBoutique@gmail.com) for more information.

Ossa's Corner



Ossa thought she would try a new hair color!  
She is getting ready to support DeSales University!



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: Aura Shean, Ariella Parsons & Aviana Perez

**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 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, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Stanley Grabowski, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Jesse Hill, Dolores Hinnershitz, Michael Hivner, Donna Kaminiski, Nikki Lyn Kells, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Darryl Larish, Melanie Lintz, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Joan Lubas, 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, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A Time to die: Susan Wolf**, (mother of Lauren Wolf, Megan Kilmurray & Alisan Wolf), **Ann Becker** & **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.

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., MONDAY, 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.

**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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**

## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like...

Join your friends on Saturday, October 30 for a few hours of Christmas at the McGlenn Conference & Spirituality Center (460 St. Bernardine St, 19607.) adjacent to Alvernia University! Basket auction, packaged homemade baked goods, gift items are available. NO hot food this year and masks required for safety reasons. Questions: call - 484-334-6807. See you on the 30<sup>th</sup>!

## Upcoming Senior High Youth Group Events

October 17 - *iWorship at HGA 7pm - 9pm*  
October 24 - *Upper Room 6:30pm - 8:30pm*  
November 7 - *Upper Room 6:30pm - 8:30pm*  
November 14 - *Pilgrimage to Walter Ciszek Shrine*  
November 21 - *iWorship and Friendsgiving*  
December 5 - *Upper Room 6:30pm - 8:30pm*  
December 19 - *Christmas party and Caroling Pilgrimage*

Please contact Marci Zambito  
at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) or visit the youth  
website at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

## 50 Plus News

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 1:00 PM, the Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 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

**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 are listed on the flyer. Please pick up one at the meeting.

**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.**

Parishioners with love's devotion for the Holy Eucharist and who would like to assist our Priests in its distribution to the Faithful at Mass and beyond, are welcomed to contact the Parish Center at 610.779.4005 as an interested party, and, leave a contact number. Becoming an "**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**" requires the individual to be a good practicing Catholic respecting the sacredness of the Sacrament, and, live life worthy of the ministry. Screening will be necessary. If you feel Jesus tugging at your heart, please contact us! An information and training session will be arranged. Installation will take place soon thereafter. In the love and peace of Christ, thank you for volunteering!