

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, October 30th - 3:30 p.m. - John Wrubel
Sunday, October 31st - 10:30 a.m. - Leo Blanski

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.

Warning: text message scams targeting church members by impersonating clergy!

Don't fall for it! Here's what to know and do:

First, your pastor or associate pastor will never contact a parishioner directly with an emergency request for cash or gift cards. Messages asking parishioners to help fulfill a need would come through the parish's or the diocese's official communication channels or be accomplished through a collection approved by the diocese. If you're not sure about a text or email you've received, do not engage or respond and call your parish office right away to notify a staff member. In addition, please note that neither your parish nor the diocese will ever sell or give away parishioners' personal information.

Often times with text messages, a scam can be identified by looking at the phone number. If the area code is not local, it's likely a scam.

If you are contacted by a scammer, report it to your parish or the diocese. If you can, capture screen shots of the correspondence on your phone or laptop and email those to the parish or the diocese.

File a report through the Federal Trade Commission's Complaint Assistant which helps the FTC detect patterns of fraud and abuse.

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 _____

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 31:7-9: Jeremiah's hymn opens with joy for God has bestowed salvation on His people. He has delivered His people and will guide and bless them so none will go astray.

Heb 5:1-6: Every high priest is designated by God. He is selected from among the people to be their mediator with God. No one takes this honor by himself.

Mk 10:46-52: Bartimaeus, a blind man, hearing Jesus called out loudly: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" Jesus summoned him and, seeing his faith, cured him. Bartimaeus followed Jesus.

Today's Message: An "oracle of consolation" regarding the restoration of Israel finds its fulfillment in the person of Jesus, our merciful high priest. His healing of the blind man witnesses to the inauguration of the kingdom.

This week in our Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

CONFIRMATION – 4:30 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

CLOSING OF THE FORTY HOURS – 4 p.m. - Church

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 for more information.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

6:30 Larry Miller

8:00 Dick Hummel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:30 Anna Sottosanti

8:00 Arthur Porcaro

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:30 Catharine Didyoung

8:00 Jesse F. Arnold

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:30 John Sadlowski

8:00 Jack Castellana

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:15 Paul Yost

8:30 Robert Bechtel (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 Loretta Domin

4:30 Joseph Lintz

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:30 Wanda Myslinski

9:00 Lewis Ianni

10:30 Alice K. Brennan (28th Anniversary)

12:00 John S. Palkon

4:00 Closing of the Forty Hours

Readings for the Week of October 24, 2021

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

Monday

Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;

Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Friday

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a,

14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28;

Mk 12:28b-34

Come and See Discernment Retreat

The Office of Vocations is hosting a retreat at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on November 12-14, 2021. All young men ages 15+ in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS in honor of The Sacred HEART OF Jesus will be held at **St. Margaret's Church**, located at Centre Avenue and Spring Street in Reading on first Friday, **November 5th**, from **4:00 to 5:00 P.M.** Everyone is welcome.

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

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

III Margaret Ermentrout & Thomas Pawiak

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/25	Rev. Kevin M. Gualano
Tuesday 10/26	Rev. Abraham Ha
Wednesday 10/27	Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
Thursday 10/28	Rev. James M. Harper
Friday 10/29	Rev. John G. Hilferty
Saturday 10/30	Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban

A friendly reminder to all who are collecting change for Lifeline's 'Baby Bottle Campaign'-If you would still like a bottle to collect change in, for this week, you will find them at all exit doors this weekend. Please bring back and drop-off your bottles with '**change**' to Mass next week, October 30th - 31st. Marked baskets for the 'bottle drop-off' will be located at the back of church next weekend. Thank you for helping '**change**' the lives of those facing a crisis pregnancy, with your thoughtful donations.

Parish Nurse News - Laughter is an awesome remedy for both physical and mental health problems! It is known to trigger the release of brain endorphins- the body's natural "feel-good" medicine. According to Arthritis Today, laughing helps to reduce inflammation, too! Find a Seinfeld rerun, or your favorite comedian on You-tube and enjoy a healthy laugh!

St. Francis Home Volunteers Needed - St. Francis Home at 144 Hillside Dr. Shillington is in need of additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to its residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. No medical background is required just a willing heart. Any amount of time can help. For more information, please contact **Cathy Goss**, directly at **484-645-3981**. Thank you and God bless you.

Property Maintenance - Part Time – Individual capable of handling grounds and facility tasks. Pickup truck can be useful but not required. Must be available 2-3 days per week. Located in Birdsboro, PA

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like... Christmas... 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 30th!

Attention: Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion please call the office at 610-779-4005.

Ossa 's Corner



Ossa with her new shirt!



She is guarding her bone!



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:

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 Entzinger, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Maryann Gawel, 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, Marniece Lepore, 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 Precht, 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: John Shirk, Jr.** (husband of Dona Shirk); **Jonathan Escott**, (husband of Jeanne Escott) & **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.**



Father Isaac will be holding altar server training session open to all students in 6th grade - through 12th grade. The next session is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th 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.

50+ CLUB 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.

NOTICE: Anyone coming to the meetings or going on trips with the 50+ club and the day of the event you are not feeling well, **PLEASE** stay home. We realize time are still very tough, even if you were vaccinated, you can still get Covid. All future 50+ club events, we require you to be vaccinated.

TRIPS 2021

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.

Upcoming Senior High Youth Group Events

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 or visit the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com

Young Adult Group Study - The Creed

Date: Every Thursday, October 28th - Dec 16th

Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Building across from St. Thomas More Church - 1031 Flexer Ave, Allentown, PA 18103

For more info: stmchurchallentown.cya@gmail.com

Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Friday, November 12 at 6:30 pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. For most, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

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 to schedule. Remember to enter #3164 in the appointment notes. Miller Keystone Blood Center, 2745A Leisz'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 Stitches 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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH: First Annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" Family Dinner Celebration - Sunday, December 12th at 4:30 p.m.. Immaculate Conception Church social hall Birdsboro/Douglassville PA. Full course dinner buffet, Christmas gift raffle, Christmas music and more. Limited seating. \$30.00 per person. RSVP Gary K. 610-698-2531 or Mike K. 484-638-3278.

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 be 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)