



Saint Mary's News

Saturday, November 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Chester Garszczyński

Sunday, November 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the LaSota Family

Father Stephan Isaac of St. Catharine's and St. Mary's Church will be interviewed by Tom Gajewski, Producer and Host of the Polish American Connection TV program at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 2nd about how Father became a Priest and about his recent trip to Poland. The BCTV Program will air on Comcast Channel 15 and Select TV Channel 19. The Program will be rebroadcast on the same channels on Friday, November 5th at 1:30 pm, Monday, November 8th at 10:30 am and Tuesday, November 9th at 3:30 pm.

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 or call 610-374-9215.

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 Leisch's Bridge Road, Reading, PA 19605.

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

SUNDAY MISSALS for 2022 are now available. They may be picked up at the Church at the Parish Center. The cost is now \$4.00 each.

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.

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!

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 6:2-6: Moses instructs the people to hold fast to the commandments of the Lord. In this way they shall love God and they will prosper in the Lord's favor.

Heb 7:23-28: Jesus has a priesthood that will not pass away. He is a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and higher than the heavens. He offered one sacrifice for sin.

Mk 12:28-34: Jesus describes the first commandment – the total love for God – and the second – love for neighbor.

Today's Message: The two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God who is love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH – 7

p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

50 PLUS CLUB GENERAL MTG. – 1 p.m. – Social Hall

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

AHG – 5 -8 p.m. - Social Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. - After the Noon Mass

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

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 to 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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:30 Chester Garszczyński

8:00 Stephen Konopelski (1st Anniversary)

9:30 School Students and Faculty - (School)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:30 All Souls - (Chapel)

8:00 All Souls - (Chapel)

7 PM All Souls - (Church)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:30 Joseph Berardi

8:00 Dorothy Milstead

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 Lindsey Wagner

8:00 Roger Lengel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:15 Pat Capilo

8:30 Steve Bibbo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 Janice Hossler

4:30 Frank J. Mierzwinski

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:30 Geraldine & Samuel Russo

9:00 James Gaffney

10:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

12:00 Diane Scollick (7th Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of October 31, 2021 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

Monday Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;

1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9;

Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14;

Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11;

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10;

Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/1	Rev. Allen J. Hoffa
Tuesday 11/2	Rev. Richard Huber, M.S.C.
Wednesday 11/3	Rev. John A. Hutta
Thursday -11/4	Rev. Augustine L. Idra, A.J.
Friday 11/5	Rev. Edward M. Ifkovits, S.J.
Saturday 11/6	Rev. Francis Iroot, A.J.

Parish Nurse News - Nuts are great! According to Arthritis Today (2019), Walnuts have been found to help lower our blood pressure response to stress. They also have inflammation-reducing properties. Enjoy walnuts plain or add them to salads for a tasty, crunchy health boost!

The Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAFP), distributes food monthly to local residents in need. Operating over the past ten years, we have witnessed a consistently growing need in our community. EAFP now serves an average of 200 families per month, so we **need further volunteer support**. **October was the first Food Give inside the new facility** (Exeter Twp School District Administration Bldg, 200 Elm Street (former Lausch Elementary School). We love the larger space, the amenities, and the flow to keep socially distant. We also learned how we can tweak the process and that **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!** **Available shift(s) each month:** **3rd THURSDAY 8am - 12pm** (set up tables, unload & organize food) **3rd FRIDAY 1:30 - 4:00pm** (Give: shoppers, food stations, restock, & car loading) **3rd FRIDAY 3:30 - 6:00pm** (Give & Clean up) Please consider volunteering! High school students can earn community service hours. **Please note: everyone is required to wear a mask.** [To sign up or get more information, email EAFPvolunteers@gmail.com](#)

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be handing out bags after Mass for the annual **Scouting for Food Drive**. We ask that you return your bags next week, November 6 & 7, with non perishable food items. All food will be donated to Helping Harvest Food Bank and will go to local families. Please help us help those in need. We thank you for your generosity and your support.

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).

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.

Ossa's Corner



Ossa is the prettiest Unicorn!





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 Entzminger, 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 Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Warren C. Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romyn, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, 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: Stephen Leshko**, (husband of Lottie Leshko), **Robert Buser**, (brother of Carol Buddell), **David Hafer**, (husband of Eleanor Hafer) & 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.**

Upcoming Senior High Youth Group Events

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



SAINT CATHARINE'S CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE, our annual kick-off to the holiday season is fast approaching on Friday, Nov. 19 (5-9 p.m.) and Saturday, Nov. 20 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Tickets for the **BOUTIQUE BONANZA RAFFLE** featuring FOUR tickets to the Philadelphia Eagles vs. the Dallas Cowboys on Sun., Jan. 9 (\$700 value); \$500 in cash and a 43-inch smart TV are in today's bulletin. Please return them through the collection basket, the mail, at the parish center or at the boutique table after masses on the weekends of Nov. 6/7 and Nov. 13/14. Tickets are also available for purchase at the parish center and at the Boutique. Request extra tickets to sell to your family, co-workers and friends!

We are currently looking for VOLUNTEERS to work the many features of the Christmas Boutique on both Friday and Saturday of the event. Email SCSChristmasBoutique@gmail.com for more information.

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 Braised Beef, Grilled Salmon & Seasoned Chicken. Please pick up a flyer at the meeting. Reservations must be made by November 17, 2021.

January 5, 2022: Pat White will discuss trips for the year 2022.

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 times 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.

Financial Stewardship

September 5, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,568	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 187,939	\$ 234,210
Year to date deficit	\$ 46,271	
Last Year	\$ 22,771	

September 12, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,741	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 205,680	\$ 257,631
Year to date deficit	\$ 51,951	
Last Year	\$ 16,591	

September 19, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,536	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 223,216	\$ 281,052
Year to date deficit	\$ 57,836	
Last Year	\$ 17,349	

September 26, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,445	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 239,661	\$ 304,473
Year to date deficit	\$ 64,812	
Last Year	\$ 17,756	

October 3, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,813	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 258,474	\$ 327,894
Year to date deficit	\$ 69,420	
Last Year	\$ 20,239	

October 10, 2021

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,327	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 277,801	\$ 351,315
Year to date deficit	\$ 73,514	
Last Year	\$ 15,946	

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish!