

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 19th - 3:30 p.m. - Mary Dudek Smolinski

Sunday, March 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Matthew Rucinski

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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.

Lenten Parish Event

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With Fr. Isaac



Msgr. Joseph PT Smith Social Hall



7:00 – 8:30pm



Monday, March 14 - Suffering

Tuesday March 22 - The Eucharist

Monday, March 28 - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, April 5 - The Resurrection

Light refreshments will be served!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

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Find Healing this Lent by participating in the

UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Conference Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. St. Benedict's Church, Mohnton. For more information or to register by March 21, go to <https://register.allentowndiocese.org/unbound-conference-2022/>

Catholic Women's Society "Lunch and Learn" - Saturday, March 26, 2022

—Join the Catholic Women's Society of Giving for Mass with Bishop Schlert at 10:30AM on Saturday, March 26, 2022 followed by a lunch where the selected ministries of the Diocese will present on grant requests. All are welcome to attend.

Saints and Scholars Dinner and Discussion - Various Dates

- *What is the Real Presence? How do we know it is really Jesus? What does it mean to you in your life?* Come explore the theology of the Holy Eucharist in this *free* event series featuring dinner, a reflection from a featured speaker, discussion, and fellowship! As we break bread together, we will come to better understand the Bread of Life! Guests can register for the upcoming sessions on March 31 and April 28. [Check the website](#) for presenters, additional information, and to register!



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday 3/18 in the Social Hall from 5PM-7PM. Adults-\$15. Children -\$10.

In order that we have an accurate count, preorders would be appreciated, please email your order to kofc14880@gmail.com or call 610. 775.8954. You may also scan the QR code below from your phone. This will take you to the order form. **Preorders must be received no later than Monday 3/14.** “



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18: By faith Abram finds favor with the Lord. The Lord makes a covenant, that is, establishes a special relationship, with Abram and his descendants.

Phil 3:17-4:1: Paul exhorts us to turn away from worldly pleasures and to reject sin. He reminds us that we are not of this world.

Lk 9:28b-36: The glory of Christ is revealed, and God manifests the special mission of Christ.

Today's Message: Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery -the dying and rising of Jesus.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MARCH 13

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. - Social Hall

MONDAY MARCH 14

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8:00 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

LENTEN EVENING WITH FR. STEPHAN ISAAC – 7-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

LIFE AFTER LOSS -7:00 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION (level 2 only) – 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. – School

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS– following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

FISH FRY – 5-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

AHG – 5-8:00 p.m. – Knight's Room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7 p.m. - Church

SUNDAY, March 20

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET - 5 p.m. - Social Hall

Parish Nurse News - Appreciate your pet! Our pets, and neighbors pets if you don't own one, bring joy and comfort to our lives. Did you know that petting your animal raises your own "internal" happiness level, so that you both experience those great benefits at the same time!

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MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS Please join us every Wednesday during Lent after the 8 a.m. Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 14

6:30 Candy Forster

8:00 Patti Ann Deprosopa

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 Clarence Arnold

8:00 Anne Becker

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 Edward J. Domin

8:00 Kimberly Trigstead

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 Margaret A. Scott

8:00 Robert & Catherine Doyle

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

7:15 Frances Bambrick

8:30 Anthony Rearden

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 Alice K. Brennan

4:30 Thomas “Butch” Mathews

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 Sowizdral & Vaccarelli Families

9:00 Deceased Members of the McGrath Families

10:30 Pizzuto & Leone Families

12:00 Michael Schzmanski

Reading for the week of, March 13, 2022

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3: 20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION? It is simply adoring and honoring the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity under the appearance of bread in the Consecrated Host. During Eucharistic Adoration, we remain “silent” in His presence and open ourselves to His graces which flow from the Eucharist. The Lord draws us to Himself and transforms us. **Please consider spending some time with the Lord this Lent. Adoration is held every Monday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/14	Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin
Tuesday 3/15	Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian
Wednesday 3/16	Rev. Thomas P. Bortz
Thursday 3/17	Rev. Ronald P. Bowman
Friday 3/18	Rev. Richard C. Brensinger
Saturday 3/19	Rev. Thomas R. Buckley

50 Plus News

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at 10:00 AM. Please call Maria Bunch, Vice President of the 50+ Club at **610-582-4632** with any questions or concerns. You can see us on Facebook for additional information. **Anyone attending the 50+ meeting will be asked to show proof of Covid Vaccination. If an attendee does not have proof of vaccination, he/she will be asked to wear a mask.**

"Come Join Us" on April 6, 2022, for lunch to celebrate "Everybody's Birthday" at Victor Emmanuel's. For information, contact Kathleen Zagar at 610-698-3289.

May 4, 2022, meeting will feature guest speaker, Jill Marie. She will detail the history of Tom Sturgis pretzels. Cake/coffee, tea, water will be provided

TRIPS

Wednesday April 13 Murder Mystery Interactive Dinner Theater Mt Hope Estates & Winery \$90

Wednesday May 18 David at Sight & Sound Cracker Barrel lunch on your own \$115

Wednesday June 15 Baltimore Dine Around with Narrated cruise Eat at different area's in Baltimore \$160

Wednesday July 13 Silver Birches Shake Rattle & Roll Show Tunes from 50's to the 80's \$95.

Wednesday August 24 Mystery Tour HINT: Sightseeing Boat Ride \$150

September 19th - 24th Monday - Saturday Charleston & Savannah Double \$1645

Friday October 21 American Treasure Tour Lunch & 2 hr Train Ride with Colebrookdale RR - Cost\$135

Wednesday November 16th National Christmas Center Tour Cracker Barrel lunch on your own & American Music Christmas Show \$120

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.

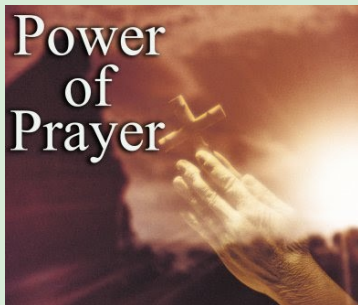
We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. Our meetings are held at 1:00 P.M. on the first Wednesday of every month at St. Catharine's Social Hall at 4975 Boyertown, Pike, Rt. 562, Reading, PA.

Ossa's Corner



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



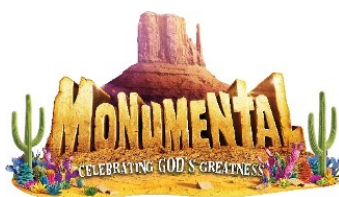


Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

a time to be born... Recently Baptized:

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Howard Albright, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Michele Boucher, Jacques Briand, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Alan Budgeon, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Bryan DeMarco, Charles DeNaples, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Robert Flipping, Coleen Foltin, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Cecelia Godek, Stanley Grabowski, Chuck Greisser, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Dolores Hinnershitz, Michael Hivner, Nikki Lyn Kells, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Darryl Larish, Melanie Lintz, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Joan Lubas, Joanne Marnell, Charles E. Mathews, Mindy Mattes, Daniel Matz, Margaret May, Cindy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Bernie McGuirk, John Mercadante Jr., Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Jerome Nigh, Jane O'Malley, James O'Malley, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Helen Platko, 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, Harvey Snyder, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Kimberly Trigstead, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** *Sophia Samolewicz*, (mother of John & Joseph Samolewicz) & *Helmut Makosch*, (brother of Rose Marie Yetzer) & 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.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is back! At Monumental VBS, kids celebrate God's Greatness! Monumental is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch!

Sciency-fun gizmos, team building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see the evidence of God in everyday life.

VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 20, 2022 thru June 24, 2022 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2022. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available on the tables in the back of the church or at www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, Private 2 Alex Heintz, 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, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. 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, 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.**



Congratulations to Walt & Betty Youravitch who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May they be blessed with many more years together!

KEYSTONE MILITARY FAMILIES

KEYSTONE MILITARY NEEDS YOUR HELP! Keystone Military is a supplemental food pantry for active and

retired veterans located at 331 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA 19555. We are in dire need of the following items for our veterans: Laundry pods/dryer sheets/dish detergent/household cleaners Shampoo/conditioners/Non-aerosol deodorants/toothpaste/bar soap Toilet paper/paper towels/napkins. **The collection will take place next weekend.** If interested in making monetary donation, Checks can be made out to Keystone Military Families, if interested in volunteering, contact Ms. Kyle Lord at keystonemilitary@yahoo.com. Thank you for your donation!

Saint Catharine's Blood Drive will be held on Sunday

March 27th in the Social Hall. Please call 1.800.223.6667 or visit www.giveapint.org to schedule. Please remember to place #3164 in the appointment notes. The COVID-19 pandemic forced Miller-Keystone Blood Center to cancel several hundred drives in 2020 and 2021. Anyone who is in good health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more, may donate whole blood every 56 days. (16-year old donors require parental consent). Only you can help! Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 29 hospitals served by the blood center.

Are you someone with teaching experience. looking to volunteer in the community? If so, the Mother Veronica Resource Center, a ministry of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, **NEEDS YOU!** We are looking for: **CLASS INSTRUCTORS, SUBSTITUTE CLASS INSTRUCTORS, and TUTORS.** If you would like to volunteer or request more information, please call Sister Cara Lucille Garofalo at 484-516-2138 or send an email to mveronicacenter@gmail.com.



STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCES

Calling all high schoolers! Throughout the Bible, the Lord tells us over and over again, "Be not afraid," and he continues to speak these words to us today. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Main Campus 5 on July 15 – 17 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group. Learn more at www.scsyouth.weebly.com and contact Mrs. Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. Register by April 1, 2022 to save your spot!

16th Annual Divine Mercy Retreat weekend will be held at the Malvern Retreat House on April 22-24th 2022, culminating with the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday! Rev. Stephen De Lacy and Rev. Dermot Roache will be our retreat directors. This is a 3 day, 2 two night retreat, you can also register for a virtual retreat. Registrations is \$250 in person or \$75 virtual. To register call 610-644-0400 or login into www.DivineMercyRetreat.com.