

Saint Mary's News
Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 9th - 3:30 p.m. - John & Stella Smolinski

Sunday, April 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Irene Goodman

SECOND COLLECTION – “ALMSGIVING” - “...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret.” (Ash Wednesday’s Reading) - **During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs:** April 10th - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

Easter Plants for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$12 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. Please print name clearly.

Saint Mary's Easter Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAYS- 2:45- 3:15 P.M. - CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

◆ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH – 6:00 - 6:45 P.M. - CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 9TH & 10TH
BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALM AT ALL MASSES - REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH
BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – 11:00 a.m. – CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 17TH
10:30 A.M. - CHURCH

See St. Catharine's Mass Schedule for additional Masses for Easter

Adult Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, June 5. There will be a Confirmation prep class on **Saturday May 14th at 11:00 a.m.** at the Parish Center.

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

All are welcome, especially those grieving the loss of a loved one, to attend these stations which will provide a fresh look at our own grief & suffering, while uniting us to the suffering of Jesus who died for our salvation. You will leave the church with an affirmation of God's love for you along with an optimism for healing and hope! Where? St. Ignatius Loyola Parish on Monday, April 4 at 6:00 pm.



Saint Catharine's
Easter Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAYS- 3:30- 4:15 P.M. - CHURCH
PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

- ◆ MONDAY, APRIL 11TH -
- ◆ 4-5 P.M. & 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. - CHAPEL
- ◆ TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH -
- ◆ 4-5 P.M. & 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. - CHAPEL

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 9TH & 10TH
BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALM AT ALL MASSES- REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH
MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER- 7:00 P.M.*- CHURCH
NIGHT PRAYERS & GUITAR CHOIR SINGS – 10:30 P.M. - CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION - 3 P.M. - CHURCH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00 P.M. - CHURCH

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH
*****BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – 11:00 A.M. – AT SAINT MARY'S CHURCH*****
EASTER VIGIL – 8 P.M.* – CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH
7:30, 9:00, 10:30* AND 12 NOON – CHURCH
*INCENSE USED

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS - TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH AT 1:15 P.M.-CHAPEL

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ez 37: 12-14: The Lord promises to bring his people back to their homeland. He will be with them and they will know him.

Rom 8:8-11: The followers of Jesus live in the Spirit of God. The same Spirit who brought Jesus back to life will bring mortal bodies to life since God's Spirit dwells in them.

Jn 11:1-45: Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, died and was buried. When Jesus came, he assured them that he was the resurrection and the life. Jesus gave life back to Lazarus.

Today's Message: To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. - Social Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 4

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

50+ CLUB BOARD MTG. – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. – School

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

50+ CLUB PARTY – off site - noon

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

FISH FRY – 5-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10 a.m.- Parish Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

CONFIRMATION INSCRIPTION SERVICE – following the noon Mass

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. - Social Hall

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 15, 2022 to save your spot!**

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! Scency-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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 4

6:30 Jennie Weber

8:00 Mary Kolakowski

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

6:30 Ted Ostrowski

8:00 Beverly Calvaresi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

6:30 Andrew F. Lewandowski

8:00 Rich Jarvie

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

6:30 James & Terry Curtin

8:00 Joseph Rouse (38th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

7:15 Adelaide Parks (5th Anniversary)

8:30 Althea Sekella

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 Loretta Simons

4:30 George & Mary Edmunds

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 Vincent Stubler (15th Anniversary)

9:00 Dorothea Burns

10:30 Michael Pehachick

12:00 Alois & Alice Koch

Reading for the week of, April 03, 2022

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Monday

Memorial Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn8:12-20

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Memorial of Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23: 1-49

American Heritage Girls Troop PA1111 is collecting worn and tattered American flags in need of a proper retirement. There will be a collection box in the gathering area until the end of April. Thank you for assisting us in this service project.

Parish Nurse News - Skin safety! Prepare for stronger sun rays.

Carry sun screen in the car, and before driving apply to the backs of hands and fingers for sun protection. Wipe palms carefully to avoid slippery hands on the wheel!

Please come to the Reading/St. Benedict's Ultreya on

Saturday April 9th! Starting with Mass at 9:00 AM and Ultreya will follow afterwards in St. Benedict's Social Hall, St. Benedict's Church, 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, PA

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/4	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Coll
Tuesday 4/5	Rev. Remy Coly, M.S.C.
Wednesday 4/6	Rev. Edward B. Connolly
Thursday 4/7	Rev. James M.T. Connolly
Friday 4/8	Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Coyle
Saturday 4/9	Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen

Ossa's Corner



*Just another day at the
Parish Center!*



Inten Parish Event


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With Fr. Isaac

 **Msgr. Joseph PT Smith Social Hall**

 **7:00 – 8:30pm**

 **Tuesday, April 5
The Resurrection**

Light refreshments will be served!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Knights of Columbus Community Service Award – Our St. Catharine of Siena Council#14880 will again be providing a \$1000 cash award via its Community Service Award Program, intended to award student's dedication to and performance of charitable service. The program is open to St. Catharine of Siena School, public school, and home-schooled students currently in the eighth grade and planning to attend Berks Catholic High School this fall. Applications are being sent to parents/guardians of eighth grade students at St Catharine's School. In addition, public and home-schooled students can secure applications by contacting Bill Wertz at pakettle629@aol.com. Please see the application form for additional details.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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: Duke Ullmann

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 Gladfelder, Cecelia Godek, David J. Gulati II, Mary Hedrick, 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, John Kurtick, 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., Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Jerome Nigh, Jane O'Malley, James O'Malley, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prectl, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Warren C. Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romy, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Pat Sarro, John C. Sauer, Jr., Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Carolyn Schott, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, Harvey Snyder, Barbara Spatz, John Staub, 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: Francis Leskowitz**, (husband of Suzette Leskowitz & father of Danny & Nicole Leskowitz) & **Judy Seiders** & 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: 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**



Spring has sprung! Show your School Spirit with a St. Catharine of Siena Wildcats Garden Flag available for purchase through Sunday, April 3. Proceeds benefit St. Catharine of Siena HSO - <https://www.storessimple.com/cblcustomapparel/15683>



50 Plus News

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. ([Attendance by Reservation Only](#))

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

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.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday 4/8 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 4/4. "**



BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING- 2022 Season Registration is now open- This year you can register online by going to -- <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/309123>

This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC You can also follow us on Facebook by going to: Berks Catholic Youth Football and Cheer-2020 and Beyond. For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG

Siena Stitches will be starting again on Thursday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Gathering Area. Siena Stitches meet on the first and third Thursday of every month. New members always welcome!

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ST. BENEDICT’S FAMILY DAY-SAVE THE DATE, JULY 9TH. Family day will bring your family closer to God and provide fun activities for the whole family. Activities for the family include: mass, gaga ball, confession, volleyball, adoration, bounce house, and much more. Family day will be held all day Saturday at the St. Benedict’s church and picnic grounds. Additional information to follow in the coming weeks. Expected cost to register for family day of around \$40 per family.

Logos and Lagers: A Catholic Bible Study for Young Adults in Berks County-

Please join us for our next gathering on Monday, April 4th at 7 PM! A young adult couple from St. Catharine's has graciously offered to host us and so if you'd like to join us, please contact Fr. Isaac at sisaac@allentowndiocese.org and he will give you the home address of where we're meeting. It's BYOB (21 to drink) and there will be appetizers. For the sake of planning and food, please RSVP by Sunday, April 3rd so that we can have an accurate headcount. Spread the word and invite family and friends -- hope to see you there!