

Saint Mary's News



Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 23rd- 3:30 p.m. - The Vasilova Family
Sunday, April 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Carl R. Leisey (1st Anniversary)

BLESSING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
Heavenly Father,
accept this Easter candle,
a flame divided but undimmed,
a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.
Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue
bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night!
May the morning Star which never sets find this flame
still burning:
Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the
dead,
and shed his peaceful light on all humanity,
your Son who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.
Blessed are you God, Father of all nations. You are the
God of light, and in you there is no darkness. As we
gather to rejoice in the risen life of your Son Jesus may
our home, and those of our brothers and sisters, be
bright with laughter and warm with love. We ask this
in Jesus' name.
Amen.



EASTER

It is a great joy for us, at the conclusion of the long Lenten weeks of preparation, to extend to everyone in our Parish Family the best wishes from all your priests and deacons, that you enjoy a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

This commemoration of the Lord's victory over sin and death is too big to grasp in one day, so the Church wisely celebrates it during the entire week. Each day of this week, the readings of the Mass contain yet another account of the events of Easter Sunday and the risen Lord's appearances to His followers.

All of this to help bolster our faith and belief in that central fact of salvation history: that Jesus suffered, died and then rose again. May the ever growing awareness of this tremendous divine act fill your heart with new hope and peace.

EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a, 37-43: In his sermon Peter sums up the “Good News”, the Gospel. Salvation comes through Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, the anointed of the Holy Spirit.

Col 3:1-4: Look to the glory of Christ in which we share because our lives are hidden in him (through Baptism) and we are destined to share in the glory.

Jn 20:1-9: Let us discover the empty tomb and ponder this mystery, and like Christ’s first followers be strengthened in our faith.

Today’s Message: On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY APRIL 18

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. – School

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Siena Stitchers – 10:00 a.m. – Church Gathering Area

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

AHG – 5-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. - Social Hall

SIENA STITCHERS meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 10 a.m. at the Church. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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.

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.

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.

Parish Nurse News - Mental health and wellness influence achievement and well-being in adulthood (Haddad et al., 2018). Self-care, gratitude, 7-8 hours of sleep daily, and exercise all contribute to mental wellness in all age groups! Have a Blessed Easter!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 Edward Borzacchini

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 The Wright Family

8:00 Barbara A. Malecki

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 Albert Lellig

8:00 Thaddeus A. Malecki, Jr. (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:30 Dr. Charles A. Knowles (40th Anniversary)

8:00 Joseph & Veronica Murawski

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:15 Bogdan Janiszewski

8:30 Priscilla Gaucher

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 Hilda Evans Benzel

4:30 Ralph Orlando (22nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 Al & Maria Franckowiak (58th Wedding Anniversary)

9:00 Mary & Arthur Porcaro

10:30 Dolores Myatt

12:00 Erneriz Martinez (2nd Anniversary)

Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8a;

Jn 20:1-9

Monday

Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28: 8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2: 36-41; Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn 20: 11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 & 4,22-24,25-27a; Ps 118:24; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21;

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn

20:19-31

***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*

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/18	Rev. Ladislaus J. Dudek
Tuesday 4/19	Rev. Giuseppe C. Esposito
Wednesday 4/20	Rev. Edward J. Essig
Thursday 4/21	Rev. Bernard J. Ezaki
Friday 4/22	Rev. Msgr. Victor F. Finelli
Saturday 4/23	Rev. Robert T. Finlan



Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Are you looking to return to the classroom after being home on family leave? Looking to return to the classroom from retirement? Then Saint Catharine of Siena is the place for you! Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators. Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for:

- Part-Time/ Full Time Contracted Special Education Teacher
- Full-Time Contracted Teachers
- Classroom Substitutes
- Classroom Aides

Please send resume, all clearances, references, and certifications to Mkraycik@scsreading.org or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENING ON SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 AT 6:30 PM FOR PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC. MASS, BENEDICTION & HEALING SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 7: PM. OUR CELEBRANT WILL BE REV. GEORGE WINNE.

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENING AT ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA CHURCH ON BOYERTOWN PIKE AS WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS UPLIFTING & SOLEMN SERVICE. THIS MASS DOES COUNT AS YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION.

Ossa's Corner



Ossa loves the mailman!



EASTER SUNDAY

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:

Karin Acuna, 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, Theresa Grabowski, David J. Gulati II, Mary Hedrick, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, 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, Sylvia Loeper, 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, Michael Poserina, Sharon Precht, 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, Andy Strangarity, John Staub, Jan Tomalis, Kimberly Trigstead, Betty Vilardo, 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: **Howard Albright**, (brother of Kathy Green); **Bernie Ryan**, (father of Kim Wiley, Pam Pufnock & Melissa Wittig); **Rita Dougherty**, (grandmother of R. Michael Dougherty); **Marie Stasek**, (sister of Richard Stasek) & 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.



On behalf of St. Catharine of Sienna Counsel 14880 would like to thank everyone for supporting our 2022 fish fries. Your attendance helps support our mission to support our

Catholic faith, our parish, school and local community through our charitable contributions.

God bless all. And Vivat Jesus.

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SCSKnights>



Save the Date!!
May 27, 2022
CYO ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Entry forms on tables!



Earn a tank on us! Earn a chance to win a \$50 WAWA Scrip Gift Card of your choice! For every scrip purchase during the weeks of April 17th through May 8th, you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 WAWA Scrip Gift Card. Mother's Day? Teacher Appreciation Day? We have you covered! Buy some scrip, earn tuition credits, and be entered into the raffle for a tank of gas on us! Scrip can be purchased at St. Catharine of Siena School, the Parish Center, and at all weekend Masses.

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.**

"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. In addition, at the May Meeting, Rose Glaser, an advocate for the Ukraine refugees will be speaking. She is collecting diapers for the Ukraine refugees' babies and children. Unopened packages of diapers may be brought to the May Meeting. Monetary donations are also acceptable.

TRIPS

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.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACT PERSONS AND RESOURCES

Altar Servers - (Father Stephan Isaac - 610-779-4005)
American Heritage Girls - (Julia Wright - 610-370-9290)
Boy Scout- (Terry Wade - 610-478-1200)
Bereavement Support - (Judy Cameron- 610-370-1174)
Catholic Charities - (610-376-7144)
Catholic Soup Kitchen (Sara Miller 610-404-1590)
Choir- (Dave Kostival - 484-332-8695)
Church Library - (Genevieve Samolewicz 610-779-1660)
Cub Scouts - (610-914-1680- Sahnnon Sauppee)
Cursillo - (Bill McMahon 610-779-8654)
CYO President & CYO Athletic Director - (Cristina Schmehl- 610-779-1513)
Disability Advocates -(Carol McCullough 610-370-1660)
Eucharistic Ministers-(Deacon Greg Schneider - 610-929-0386)
Exeter Food Bank - (Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein - 610-779-6045)
Girl Scouts - (Adrienne Evans - 908-872-6105)
Guitar Choir - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
Home School Organization- (Elizabeth Kieffer - 610-310-7842)
Knights of Columbus - (John Castagna - 973- 219-2785)
Lectors - (John Vogel 610-779-6287)
Maintenance - (Elisha Robinson - (610-779-4005)
Marriage Preparation - (610-779-4005)
Ministers of Hospitality- (Deacon John Stapleton 610-779-4005)
Parish Nurses - mjauman@verizon.net
Parish School - (Mrs. Marcella Kraycik - 610-779-5810)
Saint Catharine's Pre-School - (610-779-5810)
PREP (CCD) - (Coordinator - Marci Zambito,610-779-8535)
Protecting God's Children Coordinator - (Marci Zambito - 610-779-8535)
RCIA - (Deacon John Stapleton) - (610-779-4005)
Religious Store - (Bill Wertz - 610-779-5283)
Saint Vincent de Paul Society- (Carol Cinelli 610-779-3113)
School Board - Michele Weber (610-779-8406)
Scrip - (Cristina Schmehl - 610-779-1513)
Senior Citizen Group (50+Club)- (Maria Bunch 610-914-7005)
Siena Stitchers - (Anita Barber - 610-779-1571 & Barbara Grim - 610-779-8346)
Youth Group - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
Parish Office- (610-779-4005) ; Fax: 610-779-0859
Church Website - <http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/>

Saint Catharine's School - 610-779-5810