



Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Max H. Deus
Sunday, May 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

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.

***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*

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends, This weekend we kickoff the 2022 Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal in our parish and throughout our Diocese. We join our Catholic brothers and sisters throughout our Diocese to provide support for vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and Deacons, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. Every year the Appeal challenges us to look outside our parish boundaries to support the universal ministries of our Church. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising initiative and ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making your gift to the Appeal and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,
Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin



May Procession will be held in the Chapel on Perkiomen Avenue, May 10th at 1:15 p.m. Everyone welcome!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41: With a strong faith the Apostles persevere in the mission that Christ gave them.

Rv 5:11-14: The power and the glory of God are acclaimed by his creation.

Jn 21:1-19: Again the risen Savior appears to his disciples in a very human way. Peter in three affirmations rejects his triple denial and again hears the call "Follow me."

Today's Message: Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unflinching love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in the face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

Parish Nurse's New - Keep a healthy back and a safe grip when lifting! Position yourself close to the object, and lift with your palms or arms. Always avoid twisting while lifting, or reaching around the object to grasp it (Arthritis Today, 2019).

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY MAY 2

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

TUESDAY, MAY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 5

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Church Gathering Area

FRIDAY, MAY 6

AHG 5:00-8:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 7

FIRST COMMUNION – 10:00 a.m. - Church

We are blessed to have a beautiful building in which to worship. Keeping St. Catharine's Church orderly and welcoming means weekly cleaning, and we can always use more volunteers for this ministry. If you have some time during the weekends you can donate to help maintain the beauty of our Church, please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Paul's Church at N 9th & Walnut Streets, on first Friday, May 6th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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, MAY 2

6:30 Peter Salino

8:00 Platko, Rickert, & Verbosh Families

TUESDAY, MAY 3

6:30 Dorothy & William Del Collo

8:00 Kathleen Harris (4th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

6:30 Jesse & Irene Arnold

8:00 Lewis C. Ianni & All Firefighters

THURSDAY, MAY 5

6:30 Theresa Stelmach

8:00 Angeline Arnidis

FRIDAY, MAY 6

7:15 Rita Kasprzak

8:30 Kate Cogan

SATURDAY, May 7

8:00 Wanda Myslinski

4:30 Dolores B. Jancuska (8th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 8

7:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

9:00 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

10:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

12:00 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 01, 2022

Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Mt4:4b; Jn6:22-29

Tuesday

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6b, 9c; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:51; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:56; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Saturday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/2	Rev. Robert J. George
Tuesday 5/3	Rev. John M. Gibbons
Wednesday 5/4	Rev. Joseph Gleixner M.S.C.
Thursday 5/5	Rev. Msgr. William F. Glosser
Friday 5/6	Rev. Msgr. Gerald E. Gobitas
Saturday 5/7	Rev. Msgr. John J. Grabish



St. Vincent De Paul Baby Shower

Celebrate Mothers' Day next week by bringing a baby gift to church to help a new mother give her baby a good start to life. During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be holding its baby shower to help local mothers and their newborns. Formula, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, and new clothing are just a few gift suggestions. There will be tables at the back of the church where you can drop off your gifts. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter, Life Line and Catholic Charities. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

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



Throwback pictures! Baby Ossa & Ossa getting her hair done!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: **Miri Rose Engelman**

Please pray for our sick: 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, 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, Cuirtis 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 PrechtI, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Warren C. Readinger, Peggy Reid, 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, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** **Genevieve Iswalt** (mother of Joe & John Iswalt & Annmarie Hoffa, & grandmother of Olivia, Madeline & John Iswalt & Andrew, Allison & Father Allen Hoffa) & 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.



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.



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



Congratulations to Madlyn & Thomas Franek, who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 6th. Many more years of happiness!

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 - 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.

Financial Stewardship

February 20, 2022

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,549	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 623,396	\$ 796,314
Year to date deficit	\$ 172,918	
Last Year	\$ 19,778	

February 27, 2022

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,453	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 641,849	\$ 819,735
Year to date deficit	\$ 177,886	
Last Year	\$ 16,444	

March 6, 2022

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 22,125	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 663,974	\$ 843,156
Year to date deficit	\$ 179,182	
Last Year	\$ 23,005	

March 13, 2022

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 14,571	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 678,545	\$ 866,577
Year to date deficit	\$ 188,032	
Last Year	\$ 17,669	

March 20, 2022

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,757	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 700,302	\$ 889,998
Year to date deficit	\$ 189,696	
Last Year	\$ 17,217	

March 27, 2022

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,715	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 719,017	\$ 913,419
Year to date deficit	\$ 194,402	
Last Year	\$ 17,565	

April 3, 2022

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,779	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 740,796	\$ 936,840
Year to date deficit	\$ 196,044	
Last Year	\$ 17,412	

April 10, 2022

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 23,090	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 763,886	\$ 960,261
Year to date deficit	\$ 196,375	
Last Year	\$ 17,412	

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish!