

## Saint Mary's News

### Next Weeks Mass Schedule

Thursday, May 26th - 8:00 a.m. - Stella Zerkowski  
Saturday, May 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Stefania Ucinski  
Sunday, May 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased members  
of the Skimski Family

**ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 26TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. in the Church**

### Pay It Forward Raffle - All Proceeds to benefit SCS School!

Raffle Baskets will be on display after all Masses through May. Drawing to be held on June 4 at the Yocum Institute (Winners need not be present to win!) 1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5 and 6 tickets for \$10. Check out 10 incredible baskets with themes including: Disney Fanatics, Family Night, Ice Cream Night, Camping Fun, Slow Cooker Kit, Coffee Lovers, Summer Fun, Grilling & Tailgating, Bakers Delight, Sleep Over Party, and SCS Winning Spirit Basket. Thank you for supporting our school and GOOD LUCK!

### 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](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com). Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) with questions.

## Saint Catharine's Mass Schedule

**ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 26TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be as follows:**

### Wednesday - May 25th Vigil of

**Ascension Thursday  
6:00 p.m. ( Church)**

**Ascension Thursday  
May 26th**

**6:30 a.m. ( Chapel)**

**8:00 a.m. ( Chapel)**

**9:30 a.m. (School)**

**7:00 p.m. (Church)**



**THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS AT 8:00 A.M. AND NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE: DAILY MASS TIME - SUMMER HOURS -**

**During the summer starting Tuesday, May 31st, the daily Mass (Monday-Friday) will be changed to 7:15 a.m. There will only be one daily Mass. The Saturday morning Mass will remain at 8 a.m. The regular schedule will resume on September 5th.**

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29:** The church faces its first test caused by inner dissensions and she shows how, guided by the Spirit, charity will prevail.

**Rv 21:10-14, 22-23:** In symbolic language the Church is depicted as a wonderful, glorious city, repenting and caught up in the glory of God.

**Jn 14:23-29:** In saying farewell Jesus has not deserted us. In his name the Father sends the Holy Spirit to aid us bearing witness to Jesus.

**Today's Message:** By listening attentively to the Spirit promised by Jesus, the early church resolves the question whether Gentile converts need to observe certain Jewish ritual practices. All are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, MAY 22

PRAISE & WORSHIP - 6:30 p.m. Mass, Benediction & Healing Service at 7 p.m.

#### MONDAY, MAY 23

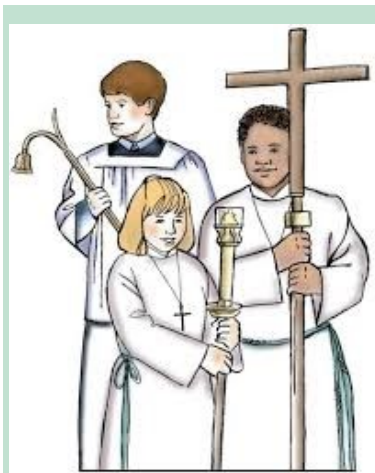
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

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

#### TUESDAY, MAY 24

KNIGHTS' ASSEMBLY – 7:30 p.m. – Social Hall

**Gethsemane Cemetery** is very excited to once again host the annual Memorial Day Mass, live and in person, on Monday, May 30, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. Please join us for mass, fellowship and light refreshments.



Please be on the lookout for an Altar Server Schedule arriving in the mail this week. The schedule will cover June 11, 2022 to August 21, 2022. Thank you for your continued service to this important ministry.

### MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK



#### MONDAY, MAY 23

6:30 Helen Impink

8:00 Frances Bambrick

#### TUESDAY, MAY 24

6:30 Julia Muzalski (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

8:00 Margaret Smith

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

6:30 James P. Borst

8:00 Louise Screpesi (27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

6:00 Dave & Rita Kasprzak (Church)

#### THURSDAY, MAY 26

6:30 Helmut Makosch (Chapel)

8:00 Kevin Michael Heck (Chapel)

9:30 Erich Makosch (School)

7:00 Craig & Marcia Wert (49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) (Church)

#### FRIDAY, MAY 27

7:15 Deceased Members of William & Anna Bollendorf Family

8:30 Josephine Farrell

#### SATURDAY, May 28

8:00 Beverly Calvaresi (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 James & Julia Wolff

#### SUNDAY, MAY 29

7:30 Deceased of the Kulak, Meyers, Nardo & Yourkavitch Families

9:00 Susan Salvatore

10:30 Jon Escott

12:00 Nicholas Mesisca

### Scripture Readings For the Week of May 22, 2022

#### Sunday

##### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

#### Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a

#### Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

#### Wednesday

**Memorial of Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

#### Thursday

**Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

Acts 18:1-8; 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

#### Friday

**Memorial of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

#### Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

#### Sunday

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 5/23	Rev. James M. Harper
Tuesday 5/24	Rev. John G. Hilferty
Wednesday 5/25	Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban
Thursday 5/26	Rev. Allen J. Hoffa
Friday 5/27	Rev. John Hutta
Saturday 5/28	Rev. Augustine L. Idra, A.J.



For those of you who are parents, do you remember the baby shower your friends had for you, and how you appreciated all the little outfits, diapers, onesies, etc.? You can be a friend to less fortunate moms-to-be by bringing a baby item to the church for the St. Vincent De Paul baby gift collection. These moms-to-be will be as excited and grateful as you were to receive these gifts! The gift collection will end May 29<sup>th</sup>. Monetary donations can 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. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated!

**Parish Nurse News** - Antioxidants have excellent health benefits. Fruits and vegetables are great sources of antioxidants, and provide other natural health benefits as well. The role of antioxidant supplements is less clear. Some interact with medications. Check with your healthcare provider before using antioxidant supplements (NCCIH, 2016, [nccih.nih.gov](http://nccih.nih.gov)).

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** ~ An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at [carolswavely@ptd.net](mailto:carolswavely@ptd.net). The retreat will be held June 24, 25 and 26, 2022 at the Mariawald Retreat Center in Reading. Deadline for Registration is June 17, 2022.

**Ossa's Corner**



**Ossa giving kisses to all the Mail Carriers!**





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: Lillian Grace Loscig

**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, Alan Budgeon, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, 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, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, 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 Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Warren C. Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romy, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, 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 Ziembra, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Frances Lubas; Gino Ucci**, (husband of Frances Ucci) & 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net)***

### Volunteer opportunity available!

Are you looking to volunteer, but are limited on time? Do you have a high school student who needs service hours? We are looking for scrip sellers for the following shifts:

Third Sunday of every month, first shift (7:15-10:15)

Fifth Sunday (this is usually only four months out of the year), first shift (7:15-10:15)

If you are interested in volunteering with a minimal time commitment, please contact Cristina Schmehl - [scripprogramscs@gmail.com](mailto:scripprogramscs@gmail.com)

\* High school students must have a parent volunteering along with them

\*We have a whole team of sellers, so if you cannot commit to every month, you can ask for coverage or switch shifts that month.

## FeedThePriests



This ministry allows you to provide a complete ready-to-eat meal for our Parish Priests by bringing: a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evening meal as your schedule allows.

Through the grace of God our Priests are ordained so that they may bring us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a service to them for these beautiful gifts they bring us, we are starting this new ministry, 'Feed the Priests'.

- *On the day you signed up to bring a meal to the Parish Center by 4:00 p.m.*
  - Meal will be for 3 priests.
  - Fully cooked ready-to-eat meal.
  - We ask that you put the meal in a disposable container.
  - Include heating instructions if necessary.
  - Example of a full meal would include a salad, meat, starch, vegetable and possibly a dessert.
- Please call Diane at the Parish Center if you can help at 610-779-4005.

**THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR  
PARISH AND OUR PRIESTS!**

### BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL

APPEAL Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

## 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.**

June 1, 2022 meeting: Boom Box Bingo, Italian sandwiches/chips will be served.

July 6, 2022 meeting: presenter, Scott Hoh, will discuss retirement and finance. Cake/coffee, tea and water will be provided.

August 3, 2022, meeting:  
Summer Picnic with buffet lunch,  
12 noon. Call Kathleen Zagar for a reservation and more information, 610-698-3289.

### TRIPS

Wednesday, June 15th, Baltimore Dine Around: 3 popular area restaurants for Lunch+ Dinner + Dessert with Baltimore City of Charm, 60 minute Bus Tour + 45 minute Scenic Cruise \$160

Wednesday, July 13th, Silver Birches (Poconos area) for Shake, Rattle and Roll Show with Family Style Meal, an open bar with select wines, draft beer and soda, from 12 to 3 PM \$95

Wednesday, August 24th, Mystery Trip, Hint-SCENIC CRUISE included \$150

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

Friday, October 21st, American Treasure Tour, Tram ride through rooms of Memory Lane, along with a room full of Operating Musical Organs + Lunch + Colebrookdale Railroad, two hour train ride \$135

Wednesday, November 16th, Magic and Moments of Christmas at the National Christmas Center + Lunch on your own at Cracker Barrel + Christmas Show at American Music Center \$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.**