



Saint Mary's News

Next Weeks Mass Schedule

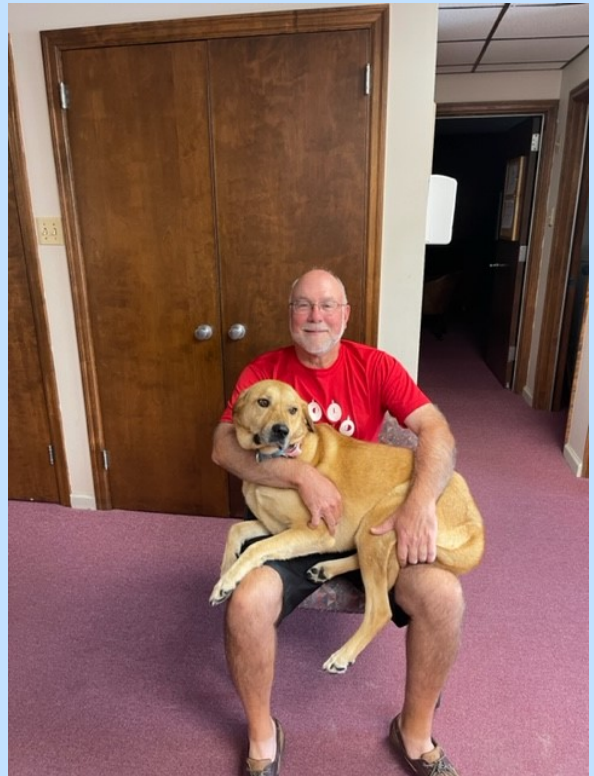
Saturday, August 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Rick Zaorski
Sunday, August 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Eleanore Graczyk

The Polish American Cultural Center, Room 509, at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington St., Reading, has an exhibit of Polish folk costumes on display from now until mid-November. We are open weekends from Noon-4:00PM.

The Polish American Heritage Association will be holding their annual picnic on Sunday, September 11, at the Lower Alsace Fire Company picnic grove, at 1:00PM. Good food, fun and music. Members \$10. Non-members \$15. Reservations are a must. Deadline: Monday, August 29th. For more information or reservations call Nadine at 610-736-3035.

Daily Mass **Schedule Change**

With fewer priests assigned to Saint Catharine's, the daily Mass will remain 7:15 a.m. in the Chapel. If you have a Mass scheduled after Labor Day for 6:30 or 8:00 a.m., the intention will be combined at the 7:15 a.m. Mass. Thank you for understanding. **Daily Mass on Saturday will remain at 8:00 a.m.**



Dear Beloved Parishioners,
It is with humble gratitude that I thank you for the wonderful "send off"! I was overwhelmed by your generosity of your gifts, cards, many dog treats, and good wishes. I appreciated how you went "over and beyond" in so many ways to make my job easier. Again, many thanks and it was my joy and honor to serve you as Pastor these last 14 years. May God continue to bless you and may Jesus continue to be your best friend!

**In gratitude,
Fr. Ed & Ossa**

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23: Without our faith all our strivings lead to nothing.

Col 3:1-5, 9-11: A life worthy of the Lord consists of selflessness, gentleness, patience, and bearing love for one another.

Lk 12:13-21: How foolish and vain are those who put all their trust in their own devices.

Today's Message: Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord: set your heart on what will last forever. We only fool ourselves if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, "grow rich in the sight of the Lord".

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY AUGUST 1

ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY AUGUST 2

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

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3

50+ CLUB PICNIC

CURSILLO GROUP – 6:45 p.m. – Knights' Room

THURSDAY AUGUST 4

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SATURDAY AUGUST 6

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. - Chapel



MONDAY, AUGUST 1

7:15 Diane Cerra

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:15 Carl & Marie Heine

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:15 Anthony Marino

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

7:15 Bob Wright

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

7:15 Dr. Clete Cinelli

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 Irene Arnold

4:30 Anthony Marino

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Lester Keiser

9:30 Joseph Tomalis**and** Adam Krafczek

11:30 Angelina Talarico

Parish Nurse News - The US Surgeon General recommends 30 minutes of daily exercise to reduce your risk of serious health issues. Enhance your wellness and your life with a daily routine! Easy as a walk around your house or the neighborhood! <https://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/sgr/index.htm#>

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on Thursday, August 4 at St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville. An informal social beginning at 6:00pm will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00-8:00 with the opportunity for Confessions. RSVP Fr. Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community (kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org)

PREP Registration for the 2022-2023 year is open.

The Parish Religious Education Program is open to all students in grades 1 – 8. All levels will meet in person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Registration forms are available in the back of Church or online at www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Volunteers are needed to help with PREP classes. We are in need of a teacher for Level 7, and aides in levels 3,5,6,7. All materials and training will be provided. Please look inside your heart and see if you would be able to volunteer your time for the kids of our parish. As it was once sung, "I believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way." For more information please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 31, 2022

Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95,102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

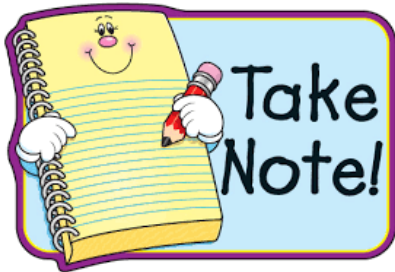
Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/1	Rev. Eugene P. Ritz
Tuesday 8/2	Rev. Philip F. Rodgers
Wednesday 8/3	Rev. Juan E. Rodriguez
Thursday 8/4	Rev. Paul L. Rothermel
Friday 8/5	Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Sacks
Saturday 8/6	Rev. Msgr. Walter T. Scheaffer



The 2023 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, August 23rd.

As the Mass requests come in, we will number them numerically and process the requests in the order received. The **Mass form** will be in an upcoming **bulletin and online**. If you are not able to go to Church please call Parish Center and **we will mail or email** you the form. **See next weeks bulletin for more information.**

Call for Volunteers! Please help us feed the hungry! Catholic Charities Needs More Volunteers. The demand for food has risen and we need help to serve meals at our soup kitchens in Allentown and Pottsville. We are looking for cooks, servers, and food pantry organizers. Please visit www.catholiccharitiesad.org/volunteer to learn more other volunteer opportunities. All volunteers must complete background checks, trainings and forms. Please add to your parish bulletins and contact Bob Olney at 610-435-1541, ext 327, or rolney@allentowndiocese.org for more information.

"Mid-Life Living for Christ" is a once a month gathering for those who are aged 40+ and are interested in growing in their relationship with Jesus and His Church through community building, prayer, and Scripture reflection
Who: ages 40 to not-quite-retired-full-time
When: 2nd Thursday of the Month, starting August 11th at 6:30pm
Where: St. Christopher Catholic Newman Center: 15207 Kutztown Rd, Kutztown, PA
Refreshments will be provided // No RSVP required.
Questions? Contact Maggie at mriggins@allentowndiocese.org

**The Class of 1962 C.C.H.S.
60th Class Reunion**

Saturday, Sept. 10th at Anthony's – 900 Byram St. Pennside. Time 12-3 p.m. Cost \$32.50 per person. Reservation Deadline is August 22, 2022. For Reservations call George Dietrich 717-466-5767.

CURSILLO

Cursillo means "Short Course in Christianity". Participation in the 3-day Cursillo Weekend consists of time spent with the Lord, Spiritual Directors, and a group of Lay People that give witness to how God works in their lives.

91st MEN'S WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 8 (Thursday) to
SEPTEMBER 11 (Sunday)

Mariawald (Mary of the Woods) Renewal Center, Reading, PA

91st WOMEN'S WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 15 (Thursday) to
SEPTEMBER 18 (Sunday)

For more information contact

Lisa Ianni – 610-223-2123 - llianni@verizon.net
or speak with your pastor or local priest

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: Reese Higgins

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Michele Boucher, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Robert Flipping, Coleen Foltin, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, David J. Gulati II, Mary Hedrick, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Carol Hess, Cuirtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Nikki Lyn Kells, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Joanne Marnell, Angela Marroccoli, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Bernie McGuirk, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Madeline Mullen, Jerome Nigh, Jane O'Malley, James O'Malley, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Precht, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Peggy Reid, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, John C. Sauer, Jr., Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Carolyn Schott, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Jan Tomalis, Kimberly Trigstead, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Robert Krize; Michael Piscotty**, (brother of Lorraine Gajewski); **Frederick Stankiewicz**, (husband of Jean Stankiewicz); **Robin Ann Lopez; Lori Nowotarski**, (wife of Frank Nowotarski); **Nam Nguyen** 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**



Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Diocese of Allentown celebrates the Vocation of Marriage by offering a Mass for married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (5, 10, 15, 25, etc.). All attending couples are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the

Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass held each September. The 2022 Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 2:00PM at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Couples can register to attend here: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass>



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 2 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!**

The PA Family Institute will be holding the second annual March for Life on September 19th, 2022. The rally will begin at 11:00 AM with the march to follow at 12:00 PM. Plans are also in the works to speak with our local representatives. Lifeline of Berks County and the Reading March for Life will be providing two buses for the event. The buses are open to anyone on a first come first served bases, but registration is required. More details will follow in your parish bulletin, or you can contact Stephanie Giles at 610-374-8545 or watch for registration information on the Lifeline website at www.lifelineofberks.org

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. John Baptist de La Salle Church in Shillington, on first Friday, August 5th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

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.**

There will be no August meeting to allow for the 50+ club picnic. The picnic is at 12:00 PM by reservation only. **No more picnic reservations can be accepted at this time.**

TRIPS

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

September 19th - 24th Monday - Saturday Charleston & Savannah **double \$1645, per person.**

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 Moments of Christmas at the National Christmas Center + Lunch on your own at Cracker Barrel + Christmas Show at American Music Center \$120

Anyone is welcome to join us on our trips! We look forward to meeting new bus trip travelers! 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.

Because We Are Catholic Mass with Bishop Schlert - Various Dates - Bishop Schlert will be celebrating Mass throughout the Diocese in gratitude for the support of all who embody the spirit of generosity. All are invited to attend Mass at one of the upcoming dates and times:
August 24, 2022 | 8:00 AM - St. Peter the Apostle, Reading
September 15, 2022 | 8:00 AM - St. Peter, Coplay.

The Saint Catharine of Siena School Advisory Board is looking for parishioners (21 and older) willing to serve a 3 year term beginning in September 2022. Applicants with a background in finance or facilities would be helpful, but not necessary. If you are looking for a way to give back and are passionate about Catholic Education, we encourage you to apply. Please email Mrs. Marcella Kraycik (mkraycik@scsreading.org) for an application. Questions about this ministry? Email Mrs. Julianne Smith (juliannejs@gmail.com).