



Saint Mary's News

Next Weeks Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 27th - 3:30 p.m. - Donna Wrobel
Sunday, August 28th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon J. Zerkowski

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.

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. Moving forward, Level 1 is required before entering Level 2 as a sacrament year. **Any child wishing to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion in the spring of 2024 must register and complete Level 1 THIS YEAR.**

Volunteers are needed to help with PREP classes. We are in need of 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.

The 2023 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, August 23rd. In person requests will not be taken during this time. Please write out your requests (Include the intention, requested by, and date. Also include your name and contact information and a check for the amount due). You can mail, drop them off at the Parish Center or put them in the collection basket. Requests will be dated upon arrival and will be honored to the best of our ability. The **Mass form** will be available on the tables in the Gathering area **the weekend of August 23rd and will be also available online.** If possible, indicate an alternate date in case your first choice is not available. The offering for each intention is \$10. **You may request **two** Mass intentions per deceased; one of which will may be a weekend Mass.** The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. **If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you.** If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Parish Center between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at 610-779-4005. **If you are handicapped or a shut-in, please call the Office and we will help you.**

Please note: With the changes with Mass schedule, we will do our best to accommodate everyone; however, we will be working with a limited amount of Masses and we ask for your patience.

CURSILLO

The Cursillo Movement: What is it? Cursillo in Christianity is a movement that, through a method of its own, and through God's grace, manages to enable the essential realities of the Christian to come to life in the uniqueness, originality, and creativity of each person. In becoming aware of their potential and while accepting their limitations, they exercise their freedom of conviction and strengthen their will with their constancy in both their personal and community lives

91st MEN'S WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 8
(Thursday) to **SEPTEMBER 11** (Sunday)

91st WOMEN'S WEEKEND -
SEPTEMBER 15 (Thursday) to
SEPTEMBER 18 (Sunday)

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

For more information contact

Lisa Ianni – 610-223-2123 -

lianni@verizon.net

or speak with your pastor or local priest

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 66: 18- 21: Salvation is offered to all and will embrace all, even the alien, some of whom will receive the sacred duty to minister the Holy Mysteries.

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13: Look beyond trials and tribulations, remain steadfast in faith, and rely on the goodness and love of God.

Lk 13:22-30: The Kingdom of God will extend to people from all over, and some who have rejected the Word will find themselves as outcasts.

Today's Message: No one is to be excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess his holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive right to the kingdom. Suffering and pain are part of the human condition.

MONDAY AUGUST 22

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

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

THURSDAY AUGUST 25

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SATURDAY AUGUST 27

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

Healing Mass Join Father George Winne for a Healing Mass at Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 1825 West Turner Street, Allentown on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Praise and worship music begin at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

Prayer Pilgrimage for the Unborn and their Parents Offered by the *Juventutem Lehigh Valley* and the *Helpers of God's Precious Infants* is a prayer pilgrimage, mass, adoration, and fellowship on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena (1825 West Turner Street, Allentown). The event begins with 8:00 AM Mass and concludes with fellowship at 11:30 AM in the Parish Activity Center. Please call 610-433-6461 for more information. The event is free and a RSVP is kindly requested as it is helpful with planning.

Volunteers needed for Prison Ministry! Are you interested in assisting with prison ministry? There is a recruitment and training session being held on Saturday, September 10th with Yokefellow Ministry. You can view details for the day of training and register to attend [by clicking here](#).

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

7:15 Lewandowski & Skoraszewski Families

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:15 Thomas "Butch" Mathews

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:15 Jane Boyle

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

7:15 Margaret B. Knowles (9th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

7:15 Mary & Granville Rundle

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 Marge Lonergan

4:30 Deceased Members of the Orlando & Cianciosi Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

7:30 Cyndie O'Leary (3rd Anniversary)

9:30 Arlene Boger**and** Mary E. Ryan

11:30 Carol Menet (17th Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 21, 2022

Sunday

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Louis of France

1 Cor 1:1-9; PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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| Monday 8/22 | Rev. Jonas Tandanyu, M.S.C. |
| Tuesday 8/23 | Rev. Jerome A. Tauber |
| Wednesday 8/24 | Rev. James P. Thomas |
| Thursday 8/25 | Rev. Joseph F. Tobias, M.S.C. |
| Friday 8/26 | Rev. Eric N. Tolentino |
| Saturday 8/27 | Rev. Andrew Torma, M.S.C. |

Youth Group News

Planning is underway for another exciting year for the teens of the parish. We are looking for anyone interested in being a member of the Youth Group Core Team. Anyone 18 and older is invited to be a part of this group. The Core Team will be responsible for planning and implementing Junior and Senior High Youth Group events throughout the year. Many hands make light work! Please email Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org if you are interested.

Parish Nurse News - Take care of your mental wellness too! Sometimes depression symptoms are aches and pains or sleeping too much. Talk to your doctor about these or difficulties with day-to-day activities. Reach out, others care about you! (Captial Blue 360, 2019).

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.

Homebound Communion Calls - Anyone who is homebound and would like to receive Communion on a weekly basis, please call the parish office at 610-779-4005 or email 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>



“By looking at Him and adoring Him, we are saying: yes, love exists and because it exists things can change for the better and we may hope” (Pope Benedict XVI, June 14, 2009).

How does one spend an hour before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament? This hour Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent any way you wish. Bring your prayer book, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. You may feel that you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you take time out at a specific time each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him very much and is in itself a prayer of great faith. Eucharistic Adoration is held every Monday after the 7:15 a.m. Mass till 8:00 p.m.

Protecting God's Children If you need to complete the **Protecting God's Children**, it is now being offered online at a self-paced option in addition to Zoom and In-person where available. Visit the Diocesan website at: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/youthprotection/protecting-gods-children> for more information and <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/calendar?tid=21> for a calendar of upcoming programs being offered.

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.

Attend PA March For Life in Harrisburg on Monday, September 19th. Attending Mass by Bishop Schlert. Bus departing out of Sacred Heart in Bethlehem, \$15.00 per person, purchase of eventbright.com or call Andrew at (484) 821-3550.

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: Hunter Venkler

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, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Robert Flipping, Coleen Foltin, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Lydia Griffith, 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 Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Peggy Reid, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Carolyn Schott, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Sandy Sullivan, Jan Tomalis, Kimberly Trigstead, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: John Sauer, Jr. & 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.**



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of

Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005.



**ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA
MUM SALE
BENEFITTING SCS SCHOOL**

**PICK-UP AFTER MASSES
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
SCS CHURCH SOCIAL HALL ON
BOYERTOWN PIKE**

**9" MUM PLANT @ \$10 EACH
10" MUM HANGING BASKET @ \$13 EACH
11" TRI-COLOR MUMS IN UPGRADED POT
@ \$15 EACH
8.5" ASTER IN PURPLE POT @ \$8 EACH
CABBAGE AND KALE PLANT @ \$8 EACH**

**PLEASE PAY WITH CASH OR CHECK MADE
PAYABLE TO "SCS-HSO"
VENMO OPTION @SCS-HSO (PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOUR NAME, PHONE OR
EMAIL, # OF PLANTS, AND TYPE OF
PLANTS ARE WRITTEN IN THE
SUMMARY OF YOUR VENMO PAYMENT)**

**ORDERS DUE SEPTEMBER 9, 2022
ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL
STACEYBIBBO@GMAIL.COM**

**ORDER FORMS WILL BE ON THE TABLES IN
THE GATHERING AREA**

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.**

Meetings

Wednesday, 9/7/22, Dr. Borja, chiropractor, will discuss the holistic benefits of a massage. Refreshments will be provided, cakes, coffee, tea and water.

Wednesday, 10/5/22, Mark Goldstein will speak about "Blankets for Hope". Refreshments will be provided, cakes, coffee, tea and water.

TRIPS

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.



Hope Rescue Mission has a clothing donation box located behind our Church on Route 562.

Since 1894, Hope Rescue Mission has been a place of refuge for the homeless men of Berks County, PA. They offer four residential programs that men can work their way through to transition back into the community as productive and independent individuals. They accept all clothing and shoes.