

Saint Mary's News

Next Weeks Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 3rd - 3:30 p.m. - Diane Cibroski

Sunday, September 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Amelia Filipek

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.

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.

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 basis, 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

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.

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: <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass>



SCS KNIGHTS CLAM BAKE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH 12:00 - 4:00 P.M. AT SOCIAL HALL

PRE-ORDERS REQUIRED

**Each Bake Includes:
A Dozen Steamed
Top Neck Clams
1/2 Steamed Large Shrimp
Seasoned & Baked Red Potatoes
Ear of Corn
Drawn Butter**

Cost: \$25.00 per Bake

Order by Monday,
August 29th by contacting:

Tom Goerner at 484-288-0174
or email : tcantiquers@verizon.net

Or

Tom Trainer at 484-333-4312
or email:

ThomasA.Trainer@gmail.com

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.

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir: 3:17- 18, 20, 28-29: Know your own limitations. Live within your own capabilities.

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a: We are drawn to God because of His love and His gift of faith. We are not driven to him out of fear.

Lk 14:1, 7-14: Act in true humility. Do not be frustrated by trying to just create an "image" for yourself.

Today's Message: Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY AUGUST 29

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

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31

CYO MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in St. Catharine's Chapel. The holy hour of Adoration will be on first Friday, September 2nd from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. **All are welcome!**

ALL INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN OF THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11TH. MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND.



“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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

7:15 Veronica Stoss

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:15 Krzysztof Zielinski

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

7:15 Michael W. Bollendorf, Sr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:15 Mary & Norbert Schauer

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:15 Louie G. Dusseault

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 Michael Fura

4:30 Deceased Members of the Scarpaci Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:30 Mary Louise Mancuso

9:30 Deceased Members of the Dengler Families

and David Sonon

11:30 Sandra & Steve Bibbo

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 28, 2022

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

Monday

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

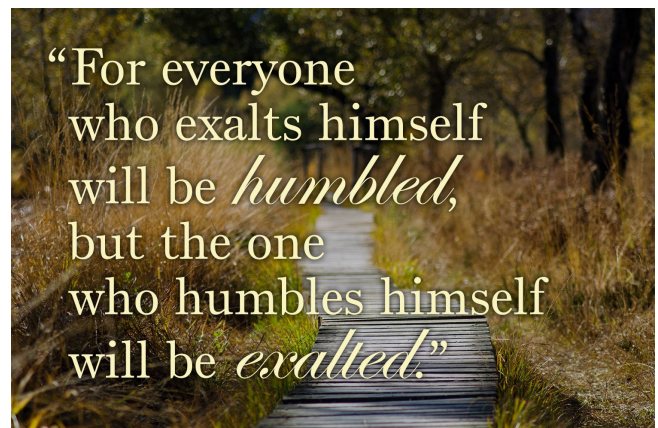
Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/29	Rev. James M. Torpey
Tuesday 8/30	Rev. Msgr. James A. Treston
Wednesday 8/31	Rev. Simone Volavola, M.S.C.
Thursday 9/1	Rev. James J. Ward
Friday 9/2	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wargo
Saturday 9/3	Rev. Zachary R. Wehr

The 2023 Mass Book is open. 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 **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.**

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.

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.

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.

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:

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Jo Ann Bechtel, 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, John Heft, 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, Jane Lubas, 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, 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: Jane O'Malley**, (wife of James O'Malley); **Joan Smolnik; Kathleen Goretski** & 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, SPC, 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.**



Music Ministry Picnic - 9/17/22

Interested in checking out what Saint Catharine's music ministry is all about? Then come join us at our picnic after the 4:30 Saturday Mass on 9/17. We'll be picnicking in the Social Hall and happy to have you join us. Please call Dave at 484-332-8695, or Marci at 610-223-7189, before 9/12, so we know you are coming. All current 'Music Ministry' members will be sent an email to sign up from - so look for it in your inbox. Bring the whole family and enjoy the fellowship, as we begin a new singing season!

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 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. Thank you to everyone who has cooked meals or dropped off goodies and gift cards!

Host Families Needed: Nacel Open Door is excited to welcome international students from Spain who will be attending Berks Catholic High School for the upcoming school year. These F1 visa students are very family oriented and enjoy taking part in both family and school activities. The students speak English, have travel health insurance, and bring their own spending money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a monthly hosting stipend to help offset expenses. It is truly a wonderful experience for the whole family and can create lifetime friendships from across the globe. If you are willing to consider opening your heart and your home to one of these students, or would like more information, please contact Hope Egolf at 610-850-1398, or email hegolf@team.nacelopendoor.org.

Like to decorate? The Women's Club of Exeter is looking for houses for our Holiday House Tour - Sunday, December 4th. For more information please call Fran Vogt at 610-779-6506.

Parish Nurse News - Back to school time is exciting, back to work and study! Teach children to cross streets only at crosswalks, and always demonstrate this example yourself. An extra minute walking to the corner can remind others of "safety first," and save a life!

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of more volunteers to help clean the Church & Chapel. Please call the Parish Center (610-779-4005) if you can help.

SIENA STITCHERS will resume meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month beginning with September 1st at 10:00 A.M. at the Church. Are you looking to meet some new people and learn or teach a few stitches? No experience necessary! For more info, call Anita (610-779-1571) or Barb Grim at 610-779-8346.

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



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**