

Saint Mary's Easter Schedule

**Please note: There will be no confessions
and no 3:30 Mass on Holy Saturday.**

**Holy Saturday, April 8th
Blessing of the Easter Food
10:00 a.m. - Church**

Easter Sunday Mass, April 9th - 10:30 a.m.

**See St. Catharine's schedule for additional
Masses and confession times.**

Easter Plants for the sanctuary can be purchased in
memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$12
per plant in an envelope provided today on the
altar rail. Please print name clearly.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Loretta Jurasinski
Sunday, April 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Irene Goodman
Sunday, April 9th - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

The Polish American Connection TV Show hosted by Tom
Gajewski is on Comcast Ch 15 and Service Electric Channel 19 on
the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The show features
interviews with interesting people in, or connected with, the Polish
Community, topics of interest and information on upcoming events
and activities. The program is re-broadcasted on the same
channels on these days immediately following the show: Friday
1:30 p.m., Monday 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday 3:30 p.m. If you have
an idea for a program, call Tom at 610-698-8731.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

*Our parish will be praying the Novena to the Divine
Mercy leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. The times
will be:*

Good Friday — Following 8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Holy Saturday — Following 8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday — Privately Prayed

*Easter Week, Monday through Saturday — Following
Daily Mass.*

*The novena will conclude with a 3:00 PM Eucharistic
Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, with the
novena prayers, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and an
opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance. Any
person who participates in the devotions on Divine
Mercy Sunday may obtain a plenary indulgence.*



Saint Catharine's Easter Schedule

**Please note: There will be no confessions and
no 4:30 Mass on Holy Saturday.**

Additional Clergy Confessions (two priests)

Monday, April 3rd -
12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Chapel
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Chapel

Living Stations - Tuesday, April 4th
at 1:15 p.m. - Chapel

Holy Thursday, April 6th - Mass of the Lord's
Supper 7:00 p.m. - Church

Night Prayer - 10:30 p.m. - Church

Friday Morning Prayer - April 7th -
8:00 a.m. - Chapel -

Followed by Divine Mercy Novena
Good Friday April 7th - Celebration of the
Lord's Passion - 3 p.m. - Church
Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 6:00 p.m. -
with blessing of new Stations
in the parking lot

Saturday Morning Prayer - April 8th-
8:00 a.m. - Chapel -
Followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Easter Vigil Mass - April 8th -
at 8:00 p.m. - Church

Easter Sunday Mass - April 9th -
Regular Mass schedule
7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. - Church

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.

PALM SUNDAY

Is 50:4-7: The servant was persecuted and struck by his own people; he was spit upon and beaten. He proclaims the true faith and suffers to atone for the sins of his people. Here we see a foreshadowing of the true Servant of God.

Phil 2:6-11: Paul urges us to humility by which we are made like Christ our Lord. He put off the majesty of his divinity and became man and humbled himself in obedience to the ignominious Death on the Cross.

Mt 26:14-27:66: Matthew portrays the Passion and Death of Jesus. Jesus gives his disciples his Body and Blood. Judas betrays him. Jesus is condemned to die on the Cross.

Today's Message: Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, APRIL 3rd

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

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. – Church

CONFESSIONS – 12:00 noon -1:00 p.m. - Chapel

CONFESSIONS – 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. – Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 4th

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

LIVING STATIONS – 1:15 p.m. - Chapel

FR. MILLER'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 p.m. – ****Social**

Hall**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – Off Site

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS – following the 7:15 Mass – Chapel

THURSDAY, APRIL 6th

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

NIGHT PRAYER 10:30 p.m. - Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 7th

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:00 a.m. - Chapel – followed by Divine Mercy Novena

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 6:00 p.m. – Church Parking Lot

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:00 a.m. - Chapel - followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Scripture Readings - For the Week of April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Procession: Mt 21:1-11

At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion

Evening Mass: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday - Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

4:30 Alfred De Carlo (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

7:30 Kate Hannahoe Cogan

9:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

11:30 George Ashton

MONDAY, APRIL 3

7:15 Lee Burkholder

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:15 Joseph Rouse (39th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

7:15 Joanne Waligurski

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper – Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish - Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

9:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

11:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish



For the week of April 2nd

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Thomas Klick

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Bill Abramowicz

St. Mary's - Leon & Stella Zerkowski

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/3	Rev. Christopher M. Zelonis
Tuesday 4/4	Rev. Msgr. Edward S. Zemanik
Wednesday 4/5	Rev. George Osei Ababio
Thursday 4/6	Rev. Jojappa Adagatla M.S.C.
Friday 4/7	Rev. Luke Anderson, O. Cist.
Saturday 4/8	Rev. Robert A. Anthony, M.S.C.

St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour - Are you heartbroken because members of your family have left the Church? Join the St. Monica Ministry in petitioning Our Lord to draw back into the fold our loved ones who have strayed, and to give strength and wisdom to those who await their return. Together we will offer our prayers at a Holy Hour offered monthly. Please join us at 6PM on **April 12, 2023** at Saint Theresa Church, Hellertown to pray for your loved ones. No registration required. For more information, visit: www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry.

Walking with Women of the New Testament Retreat -The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters are hosting a retreat on **April 22, 2023** from 9:30AM to 3:30PM called "Walking with Women of the New Testament" that will feature Mass offered by Father Philip Maas, Adoration, Confession, activities, and lunch. The event will be held at the McGlenn Conference and Spirituality Center (460 Saint Bernardine Street, Reading). The cost is \$30 per person. Kindly register by April 8th. Email followfrancis@bfranciscan.org for more information.

St. Joseph in the Hills Retreat for Men -Men in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to period of refreshment, release, calming, learning, concentrating on the most important gift: your life, a gift from God. The retreat called 'St. Joseph in the Hills' will take place at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. The Lehigh Valley men's retreat group, dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, would like to invite you to experience the same excitement and awe that we feel on our yearly weekend. Learn, reflect, and increase your personal communion with the Lord. Join us on the weekend of **August 25, 26, & 27, 2023**, Friday night to Sunday morning. To register, contact Anthony Scarselletti of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group by phone (610-393-4671) or by email: OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com.

Please join Our Lady's Missionary of the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 16, 2023** from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Our guest speaker, Antone Raymundo, MD, will do a presentation titled, "Saved by Grace: Stories of Divine Mercy." The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, along with Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us! (Please bring your own brown bagged lunch.) We are located at 640 E. Main Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508.

Our parish just purchased six new ciboria. If anyone would like to memorialize them, please see Father Miller.



**KNIGHTLY NEWS
& EVENTS**

**SAVE THE DATE:
May 6th, 2023**

**SCS Knights 1st Annual Cornhole
Tournament**

**Held at SCS Church Grounds (near the pavilion)
Limited to First 30 Teams Registered.**
Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am - Play Starts at 11:30 am

Cost: \$50 per Team

(includes hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional burger & dog fixings and snacks)

Prizes: 1st Place = \$300 2nd Place = \$200
3rd Place = \$100

**MORE INFO TO BE ANNOUNCED
IN COMING WEEKS**

School Tours
Enrolling Now
Pre-K through 8th grade

- Faith-based STEM program
- Award-winning accelerated math program, grades 5th - 8th
- Robust extracurriculars & enrichment

CONTACT: STEPHANIE CONLON, ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR
EMAIL: SCONLON@SCSREADING.ORG PHONE: (610) 779-5810
VISIT WWW.SCSREADING.ORG



PALM SUNDAY



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: Florence Sullivan & Nicholas McDevitt

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, Baby Lanzo, Jo Ann Bechtel, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Robert Flipping, Tom Franek, Chris Fry, Connie Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Carl Gethmann, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Lydia Griffith, David J. Gulati II, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Carol Hess, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Rodger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Nikki Lyn Kells, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Marniece Lepore, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Maryann Marino, Joanne Marnell, Angela Marroccoli, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Ruth Mountz, Robert Moyer, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Henry and Mary Jane Skowron, Harvey Snyder, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Jan Tomalis, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Milton Vicente, Betty Vilaro, Gerald Wagner, Mark Walter, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Richard Petrowski ; Marian Braun & Dolores Klein** & 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.



2023 Steubenville Youth Conference

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Youth Conference Main Campus 4 on July 14-16, 2023 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org or check out the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com for more information.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is back! At Stellar VBS, kids celebrate God's Greatness! Stellar 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 they can shine Jesus' light in everyday life.

VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 19, 2023 thru June 23, 2023 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2023. 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.

Meals for the Priests - 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!**

Parish Nurse News - When you feel thirsty, choose water! Alcohol and caffeine drinks are dehydrating. Water is good for kidney, bowel, muscle, and skin health! Hydrate with water before and during physical activity to avoid dehydration from sweating. And don't forget to add the lemon, lime, or cucumber for bonus flavor! (Web MD, benefits of water, 2022).

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.**

Please take note of the businesses advertising on the last pages of our bulletins. We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.

50 Plus News

Please call, President, Kathleen Zagar, for any 50+ club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-698-3289. 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, May 3, 2023, Ann Hendrix from Reading Dermatology will speak about "Getting our Skin ready for Summer". Desserts and drinks will be served.

Trips for 2023

Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 for trip flyers and more detailed trip information.

April 12, 2023, Wednesday, Kreider dairy farms tour with a farm to table experience at Mount Hope, \$85. Kreider dairy farm tour, **reservations are closed, waiting list only!**

May 17, 2023, Wednesday, Sight and Sound, "Moses" lunch at Cracker Barrel on your own, \$110. Sight and Sound, "Moses", **reservations are closed, waiting list only!**

June 22, 2023, Thursday, Pines Dinner Theater, "Route 66", \$100. Pines dinner, theater, reservation deadline, May 31, 2023

July 14th, 2023(Friday), Riverboat 'all you can eat crab feast' Cruise, Hurllock, MD \$135. River boat/crab fest, **reservations are closed, waiting list only!**

August 16, 2023, Wednesday, Atlantic City, New Jersey Airshow, \$60

September 19-23, Niagara Falls \$895 per person for double occupancy, \$1095 for single occupancy.

October 18, 2023, Wednesday, Penn's, Peak, "Dolly, and Kenny Tribute", \$95

November 15, 2023, Wednesday, "Holidays at Mount Hope", \$95

Please call **Kathleen Zagar** at **610-698-3289** 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 PM on the first Wednesday of most months at Saint Catharine's Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events' months of April, August, and December.**

FLEA MARKET - April 22, 2023 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM -Precious Blood Convent, 1094 Welsh Rd, Reading (Shillington) PA, 19607, [Sellers are Welcome] Rain Date: April 29, Call to reserve your space/table by April 3rd, Sr Ann Marie, CPS - 610-777-1624, Food Truck: Knights of Columbus.

Walking With Women of the New Testament

Journey with the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters to discover how women in the Bible responded to challenges, took bold actions, and triumphed through adversity. Fr. Philip Maas will join us for Mass and Sacraments. Saturday, April 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. McGliff Conference and Spirituality Center (adjacent to Alvernia University), 460 St. Bernardine St., Reading, PA 19607 Phone: 610-777-2967 - Email: FollowFrancis@bfranciscan.org Cost:\$30. Register by April 8. Make checks payable to: Bernardine Franciscan Sisters. Includes: Mass, Lunch, Adoration, Confession, Reflection, and Activities.