

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, May 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Blessing & Good Health for the Lapa Family
Sunday, May 14th, 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
Thursday, May 18th - 8:00 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Wulkiewicz Family
Saturday, May 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Mary & Frank Wojciechowski
Sunday, May 21st 10:30 a.m. - John Bonk

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 14th annual. Polish Open Golf Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30pm. The cost is \$90. per golfer and includes. greens fees, cart, refreshments, lunch and dinner, gift and prizes. Proceeds support the Polish American Cultural Center at the Goggle Works Center for the Arts. For questions call 610-779-5523. Deadline is June 7, 2023

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 18TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Masses will be as follows:

Wed.- May 17th - Vigil of
Ascension Thursday
6:30 p.m. (Chapel)
Ascension Thursday - May 18th

7:15 a.m. (Chapel)
8:00 a.m. (St. Mary's)
6:30 p.m. (Chapel)

PLEASE NOTE: ALL MASSES FOR ASCENSION THURSDAY WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL EXCEPT THE 8:00 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S.



Mother's Day

*There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.*

*There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.*

*There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.*

*For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.*

The Parish Finance Committee currently has openings for several new members. This committee meets quarterly and acts as an advisory board to the Pastor. To be considered for this committee, candidates must have backgrounds in one of the following categories: attorney/legal, CPA, architect/engineer, business owner/management, finance/banking. Qualified applicants should email their resume to stcatharinespc@outlook.com by June 12, 2023.

Memorial Day there will be no Adoration and no confessions.

If anyone is interested in helping with Communications, please see Father Miller.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17: Philip carried the good news to Samaria. He performed many miracles. Peter and John laid hands on these people in Samaria and they received the Holy Spirit.

1 Pt 3:15-18: Always worship God in your hearts. Jesus died for sins just once for all who are sinners to lead us to God.

Jn 14:15-21: Jesus promises to ask for a Paraclete for those who love Him. The world will not accept or understand the Paraclete. All who obey the commandments show their love for God and will be loved in return.

Today's Message: The people of Samaria come to worship the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is this same Spirit who leads us into the truth. In the body, Jesus was put to death; in the Spirit, he was raised to life. We are called to this same glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 15

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 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Chapel

BLESS THIS SPACE – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

THURSDAY, MAY 18

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - 7:00 p.m. – Knights' Room

FRIDAY, MAY 19

8th GRADE DINNER DANCE – Social Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 20

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP – 8:45 a.m. - Parish Center Basement

ULTREYA – 10:00 a.m. – Knights' Room

Scripture Readings For the Week of May 14, 2023

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Monday

Memorial of St. Isidore the Farmer

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious

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

Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11; Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 13

4:30 Deceased Members of Cipar-Maslar Families

SUNDAY, MAY 14

7:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

9:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

11:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 15

7:15 Russel Hartman (10th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, MAY 16

7:15 Lucy Schott

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7:15 Mary Carmen Scheirer (3rd Anniversary)

6:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Messer, Schultz, McGovern & Purcell Families (**CHAPEL**)

THURSDAY, MAY 18

7:15 Joseph Firth (2nd Anniversary)

6:30 p.m. George Krick (**CHAPEL**)

FRIDAY, MAY 19

7:15 Tom Franey, Jr.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:00 Deceased Members of the Michael & Ellen Barry Family

4:30 Craig & Marcia Wert (50th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 21

7:30 Maria Cuesta (9th Anniversary)

9:30 Deceased Members of the O'Brien & Porcaro Families

11:30 Richard E. Puwalski (3rd Anniversary)



For the week of May 14th

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Jim & Eleanor McGinnis

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Jack Staub

St. Mary's - Monica Zaorski

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/15	Rev. Loren T. Connell, O.F.M.
Tuesday 5/16	Rev. Edward B. Connolly
Wednesday 5/17	Rev. James M.T. Connolly
Thursday 5/18	Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Coyle
Friday 5/19	Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen
Saturday 5/20	Rev. Harold F. Dagle

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, June 7, 2023, Pastor, Dave Reinwald will entertain the club with singing and guitar accompaniment. A pizza party is planned in memory of past club president, Carol Buddell.

Wednesday July 5, 2023, Boom Box Bingo with Rich Weilacher. Desserts, coffee, tea, and water served.

Trips for 2023 - Call Pat White at 610-582-1437 for trip flyers and more detailed trip information. **As trips are filling up, call Pat to confirm there are openings before you send a check.**

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, Hurlock, MD \$135. River boat/crab fest, **reservations are closed, waiting list only!**

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 Bev Gallo at 610-763-7058 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.**



**CYO Golf Tournament
Friday, May 26th**

1:00 p.m.

Reading Country Club

\$95.00 (includes lunch)

**Registration forms are on the
tables in the Gathering Area.**

We are need of "Gift Baskets" If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift cards to be included in a basket, please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005. We are also looking for sponsors!

BLESS THIS SPACE- after grieving a loss, a group for connection conversation, & continuing inspiration to a legacy of love. St. Catharine's, 2427 Perkiomen Ave., 6-5-23, 7 PM, judyacameron@comcast for details.

St. Joseph's Church Annual Flea Market - 1018 N. 8th Street, Reading, PA 19604, Thursday - June 8th - 4pm - 7pm, Friday - June 9th - 9am - 6pm, Saturday - June 10th - 9am - 5pm, Great finds, delicious ethnic food and homemade baked goods. Raffle tickets being sold for 5 cash prizes...a total of \$1200.00 at \$5.00/ticket. For additional information, please call the Parish Office at 610-376-2976.

Parish Nurse News - Sometimes we all need a mental lift! Pick-me-up ideas include: Curb clutter, visual chaos can amp up stress. Read something totally fun, helps to relax. Buy yourself something nice, brings smiles! Call your doctor anytime you may need extra help (WebMD, Easy habits that can improve your mental health). Extra blessings to Moms, today, living and deceased.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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: Violet & Lily Lane

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, Baby Lanzo, 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, Gina Ebright, 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, Doris

Harner, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Carolyn Hoffman, Margaret Iuso, Nikki Lyn Kells, Judith M. Koch, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Doug Kroener, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Marniece Lepore, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Del Long, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Maryann Marino, Joanne Marnell, Angela Marroccoli, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Robert Moyer, Madeline Mullen, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Frank Pingitore, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Rich Readinger, 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, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Janet Ustaszewski, Milton Vicente, Betty Vilardo, Rex Voelker, Mark Walter, MaryBeth Werner, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen & 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.**

Emergency Vehicle Access

We have been reminded to keep the driveway area immediately in front of the main Church free from parked vehicles. This includes the area under the portico as well as the driveway approaches to and from the portico. **Of course, this area will remain available for pick up and drop off,** but vehicles should proceed to designated spaces in the parking lot immediately thereafter. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

JOIN US FOR OUR SCS RITA'S WEEK IN MT. PENN



**MAY 15TH - MAY 18TH
EVERY DAY**

12NOON - 9PM!!!

**PLEASE BRING SLIP WITH YOU.
PUT HOMEROOM TEACHER'S NAME ON SLIP.**

**A percentage of proceeds will be
donated back to school.**

What is the St. Monica Ministry? The St. Monica Ministry is both a dedicated community and a prayer network offering hope and support to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. The ministry sponsors a Holy Hour of Petition and Hope on the second Wednesday of each month. Holy Hours are held at St. Theresa's in Hellertown, beginning at 6:00pm. Fr. David Kozak will be presiding at the May 10 Holy Hour, and Fr. Bernard Ezaki will be presiding on June 14. The St. Monica Ministry also holds two meetings per month. All are warmly invited to attend the meetings, which consist of fellowship, rosary recitation, resource sharing, and a book discussion. Meetings take place at the St. Theresa Parish Center, 222 Leonard Street, Hellertown. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 31 and 10:00am on Thursday, June 1. For more information, please email Celeste at StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

Consider Giving by Direct Withdraw - Simplify your tithing! Did you know that St. Catharine's offers a Pre-Authorized Direct Contributions program; where you can make your contributions directly on a weekly or monthly basis? We currently have 105 parishioners taking advantage of this program. Their regular contribution is withdrawn, at the interval they choose & deposited into our parish account. This option eliminates paperwork and ensures regular giving. Many of these parishioners still drop an envelope in the basket, and simply check "direct deposit." To enroll or get more information, contact Diane Sitler at the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

PLEASE HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN
THE MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE
COMPETITION BY
VOTING WITH A DONATION.*
*Your donations directly benefit St. Catharine of Siena School.

Thank you!

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SCAN CODE TO
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Donations can be made online using the QR code or checks can be payable to: Saint Catharine of Siena School and mailed to Saint Catharine of Siena School - Attention Make a Joyful Noise 2330 Perkiomen Avenue Reading, PA 19606.

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER IS HOSTING A REGISTRATION/MEET & GREET!!
DATE- WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 - TIME- 6-8pm. - LOCATION- BERKS CATHOLIC CAFETERIA- (PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE JOHN R. POST ENTRANCE) - IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A JERSEY- THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TRY ON AND ORDER AT THIS EVENT. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND YOU CAN STILL REGISTER @ <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/361889> FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email dfowler@berkscatholic.org

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING- 2023 Season Registration is open- You can register by going to <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/361889> This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email dfowler@berkscatholic.org

Saturday Morning Prayer Group - To meet after the 8am morning Mass in the Parish Center Basement around 8:45am. Please call Matthew if interested 610-864-2611 or email him at Mattmalf11@gmail.com. Cenacle will include Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and discussions on Our Lady of Medjugorje and her messages.