

Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday -
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Easter Plants for the sanctuary can be purchased
in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing
\$10 per plant in an envelope provided today on the
altar rail. Please print name clearly.

SAINT MARY'S EASTER SCHEDULE
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO
CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

Wednesday, March 31st
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD
*****BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD -**
11:00 A.M. - Church
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH - 10:30 A.M.
See St. Catharine's Mass Schedule for
additional Masses

**The Commemorating St. Mary's Roman Catholic
Parish, Reading, Pa, 1888 - 2016** Books are on sale
for \$15.90 which includes the sales tax. If you require
shipping, the shipping and handling are \$3.60, charged
only once regardless of the number of books
requested. If you contact me for copies and attend
Mass at St. Mary's, you can pick them up after the
10:30 Mass in the vestibule. If you usually go to the
3:30 PM Mass, let me know and I will deliver it after
that Mass. Cash and checks only; no credit or debit
cards. If you want a copy of the book, contact Carl
Gethmann at cagethmann74@gmail.com or call 610-
374-9215.

We are thankful to those who choose to contribute
faithfully to St. Catharine and St. Mary
churches. We are especially grateful to those who
are unable to attend Mass at this time, but have been
mailing in and dropping off their offerings regularly,
and for those who give electronically. We pray for
all members and their loved ones, and look forward
to the time when it will be safe for all to return and
join together in the celebration of the
Eucharist. Thank you, and may God bless you for
your continuous and generous stewardship of
treasure to our parish.



Saint Catharine's Easter Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO
CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

- ◆ MONDAY, MARCH 29TH - 4-5 P.M. &
◆ 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. - CHAPEL
- ◆ TUESDAY, MARCH 30TH - 4-5 P.M. &
6:30 - 7:30 P. M. - CHAPEL

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST - MASS OF
THE LAST SUPPER- 7:00 P.M.*- CHURCH**
**NIGHT PRAYERS & GUITAR CHOIR SINGS -
10:30 P.M. - CHURCH**
**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND - CELEBRATION
OF THE LORD'S PASSION -
3 P.M. - CHURCH**
**LIVING STATIONS - (VIRTUAL) - WILL BE
RECORDED AND AVAILABLE
DURING HOLY WEEK**
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS -
7:00 P.M. - CHURCH**

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD
*****BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD - 11:00 A.M.**
- AT SAINT MARY'S CHURCH***

EASTER VIGIL - 8 P.M.* - CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH
7:30, 9:00, 10:30* AND 12 NOON - CHURCH
***INCENSE USED**

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 to Christ, our Lord, who, putting off the majesty of His divinity, became man and humbled himself in obedience to the ignominious death of the cross.

Mk 14:1 - 15-47: Mark recounts the events that led up to the betrayal of Jesus and His final condemnation – His death on the cross. At the Last Supper, Jesus institutes the Holy Eucharist.

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, MARCH 29

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8:30 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS – After the 8:30 a.m. Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 – (HOLY THURSDAY)

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER – 7 p.m. – Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 (GOOD FRIDAY)

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

PASSION OF OUR LORD – 3 p.m. - Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 (HOLY SATURDAY)

BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD – 11 a.m. – St. Mary's

EASTER VIGIL MASS – 8 p.m. – Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 (EASTER SUNDAY)

Parish Nurse News - Finally, spring is here! Be prepared! Before working in the garden, do a few warm up stretches. And don't forget the sunscreen- protect yourself with SPF 30 or higher and reapply regularly. Enjoy the outdoors!

SCRIP sellers needed! - We are looking for volunteers to sell SCRIP at Church This is a great opportunity for high school students who need service hours (must be accompanied by an adult). Please contact Cristina Schmehl if interested or for more information at scripprogramscs@gmail.com

Our parish community warmly welcomes those visitors who are attending Mass with us this weekend. All are always invited to join our faith family in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are glad you chose to worship with us, and we look forward to seeing you again!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 29

6:30 Constance V. Kavounas

8:30 Theresa & William Bryan

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

6:30 Jack Bertolet

8:30 Linda Byerly

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 Earl Heintz

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

7 p.m. - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 3 p.m. (CHURCH)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – 11 a.m. – **ST. MARY'S**

EASTER VIGIL – 8 P.M. (CHURCH)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

9:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

10:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

12:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2021

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7;

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;

Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Scrutiny - Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;

Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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

Tuesday Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17;

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34;

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Holy Thursday

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;

Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,

11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday Good Friday

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 Holy Saturday

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 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 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;

Mk 16:1-7

Sunday Easter Sunday

Solemnity of 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

Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/29	Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
Tuesday 3/30	Rev. James M. Harper
Wednesday 3/31	Rev. John G. Hilferty
Thursday 4/1	Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban
Friday 4/2	Rev. Allen J. Hoffa
Saturday 4/3	Rev. Msgr. Richard Huber,
M.S.C.	

2021 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL VIRTUAL KICKOFF: Bishop Alfred Schlert and the Because We are Catholic Trust Advisory Board, invite you to attend the virtual kickoff. To do so, simply visit: [BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC.org/kickoff](https://BECAUSEWEARECATHOLIC.org/kickoff) on Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 6:30 P.M. Please join Bishop Schlert to learn about the Diocese of Allentown ministries, schools, parishes, and partners funded with support from the Because We Are Catholic Appeal. Please RSVP by April 6, 2021 at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org/kickoff. For more information, please contact the office of Stewardship and Development at 800-831-4443 or stewardship@allentowndiocese.org.

The Canticle gift Shop in the McGlenn Conference Center at 460 Saint Bernadine St., Reading, PA, 19607 is open by appointment (masks required). Religious gifts for Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, as well as religious articles and inspirational gifts are available. To make an appointment, call Sister Shaun Patrice Malone at 610-301-3834. Masks are required.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Airmans 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Captain Steffen E. Lis, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Corporal Kadan C. 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, Tech. Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, 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 call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

The next Blood Drive is Sunday, April 25th in the Social hall 8:15 to 1:15 pm. Please contact Miller Keystone at 800-223-6667 or email David.Sheehan@med.ge.com for an appointment.

Ossa's Corner



Ossa and Luna have their Bonnets on for Easter 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: Harper James Wrobel

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Anthony Blass, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Alan Budgeon, Marvin Bush, Nancy Cassidy, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Joseph Essig, Robert Flipping, Sandy Gallagher, Geraldine Gamby, Randy Gensemer, Stanley Grabowski, Ken Green, Sandy Groller, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Dolores Hinnershitz, Michael Hivner, Marge Kerby, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Darryl Larish, David A. Lellig, David C. Lellig, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Thaddeus (Ted) Malecki, Joanne Marnell, Charles E. Mathews, Daniel Matz, Richard Matz, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., Mary Rita McFadden, John Mercadante Jr., Cathy Motznic, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Bill Nelson, Jerome Nigh, James A. Pennypacker, Sr. Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romy, John Sadlowski, David Samsel, Pat Sarro, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Greg Schwartz, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Harvey Snyder, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Kim Trois, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A Time to die: Patricia Slimmer,** (Sister of William Dengler) **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.

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.

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH-OUTDOOR SPRING CRAFT FAIR and RAFFLE - We invite you to our Spring Craft Fair, featuring a variety of vendors, a 20+ gift basket auction, raffles for a 2' x 3' Alpaca throw rug and a beautiful, one-of-a-kind, hand-made bed quilt. Saturday, April 24, in the parking lot, 3125 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Rain Date May 1) (Cost of tickets for the quilt raffle is \$10/1 ticket or 3 tickets/\$20. Quilt raffle tickets can be purchased now at the HGA rectory or online through the HGA Facebook page, and will also be available the day of the fair until 12:45 p.m. Winning tickets for all raffles will be drawn at the craft fair beginning @ 1:00 p.m.) Safety protocols – masks and social distancing - will be in effect and enforced at all times!

Commission for Men Monthly Rosary

As we enter into this new year, the Commission for Men will be hosting a monthly rosary for men and their families every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm. Join us to pray for peace in our nation and in our world, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, and for an increase in vocations to religious life and priesthood – in our Diocese and throughout the Church. For more information and to pray the next rosary on **Wednesday, April 21st at 7PM**, check out the website: <https://www.menaliveinchrist.org/mens-rosary/> Men and their families are welcome!

What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family. (Mother Theresa)

50+ CLUB NEWS

Please call **Carol Buddell**, President of the 50+ Club at **610-401-0600** with any questions or concerns. You can see us on **Facebook** for additional information.

MEETINGS

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, I AM VERY SORRY TO SAY, WE WILL BE CANCELLING MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

Hopefully, we will be able to start having meetings in July or August of 2021, safely, once we all get the vaccine.

The **dues** paid by members in 2020 will carry over to **2021**.

Any MEMBERS who have saved **Redner's** tapes for the club, would you please mail them to: **Trudy Oliver – 886 Fernleigh Place, Reading, PA 19606**

Please make sure you put the proper postage on your envelopes when mailing them.

2021 TRIPS

Here is the **tentative** list of trips for 2021

July 31st 2021, Saturday, Medieval Times - Price to be determined

August 21, 2021, PA Renaissance Faire Feast with 4 hours free time - \$75.00 meal included.

September 20-24, 2021, Monday thru Friday – Inn at Crumpin Fox, Double 1040.00, Single \$1210.00, Quad \$960.00.

October 20, 2021 – Wednesday – Mystery Trip - Price to be determined.

November 17, 2021 – Wednesday – Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show - Price to be determined.

Right now we are taking names of anyone interested in the trips, please contact Pat to be put on the list for the above trips

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 NORMALLY 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.



**St. Catharine's
19th Annual
CYO Golf
Tournament
& Lunch**

**Friday, May 7, 2021 at
READING COUNTRY CLUB**

**Forms are available on the
tables in the Gathering Area!**

Covid 19 Guidelines while at Church

Please wear a face covering at all times. Exceptions are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing and anyone who is incapacitated or unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance”. (CDC Guidelines)

Please observe social distancing between members of different households.

For those who desire to receive Communion, it is recommended that you receive the Body of Christ in your hand.

Thank you for your continued kindness and prudence to one another during this time.