

Saint Mary's News

Next Weeks Mass Schedule

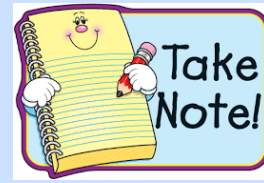
Saturday, August 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Mary Dziedzic
Sunday, August 14th - 10:30 a.m. - Zaorski Family

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.

Please join our Knights of Columbus for the "Pilgrimage of St. Joseph" prayer service after the 11:30 Mass on August 14. We are honored to have an Icon of St. Joseph which will be displayed during the service.

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>



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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 18: 6-9: The first Passover is recalled, when the faithful people of God prayed behind closed doors, and the Angel of Death struck at the firstborn of Egypt.

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19: Abraham, our father in faith, relies on the confident assurance of what he hopes for. May we take courage from his example.

Lk 12:32-48: As the faithful people of God, we must act in accordance with our faith. We must be constant.

Today's Message: The author of Wisdom speaks of "that night" of exodus from bondage in Egypt when the Lord delivered his chosen people from death. Let us be prepared for the Lord who will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illuminated by faith.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY AUGUST 8

ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.
LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center Basemen

THURSDAY AUGUST 11

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SATURDAY AUGUST 13

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel
BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center Basement

Parish Nurse News - Be careful in the heat! Drink extra water, even when you're not thirsty. Add cool cucumbers, lemons, or limes in your water for an extra treat! All ages can enjoy cool downs with water sponge baths, splashing, water sprinklers, even water balloons!

Daily Mass Schedule Change

With fewer priests assigned to Saint Catharine's, the daily Mass will remain 7:15 a.m. in the Chapel. If you have a Mass scheduled after Labor Day for 6:30 or 8:00 a.m., the intention will be combined at the 7:15 a.m. Mass. Thank you for understanding. **Daily Mass on Saturday will remain at 8:00 a.m.**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

7:15 Kathryn Stapleton (30th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:15 Raymond Myslinski

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

7:15 Charles Cappel (10th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7:15 Shirley M. Lubas (4th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

7:15 Harold Rowan (13th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 Maria Carannante

4:30 Daniel DiFulvio (50th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30 Mary Kolakowski

9:30 Stanley Ustaszewski**and**Jorge Acuna (3rd Anniversary)

11:30 Marie F. Terefenko & Peter Andrew Terefenko, Jr.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 07, 2022

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48
or Lk 12:35-40

Monday

Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Memorial of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Pontian, Pope, and Saint Hippolytus, Priest; Martyrs

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

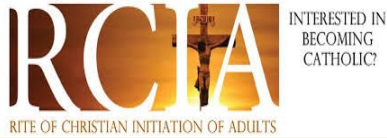
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53



PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/8	Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert
Tuesday 8/9	Rev. Msgr. Francis P. Schoenauer
Wednesday 8/10	Rev. Mark R. Searles
Thursday 8/11	Rev. Adam C. Sedar
Friday 8/12	Rev. William N. Seifert
Saturday 8/13	Rev. Thomas G. Shanfelt

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



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.

Because We Are Catholic Mass with Bishop Schlert - Various Dates - 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.**

The Saint Catharine of Siena School Advisory Board is looking for parishioners (21 and older) willing to serve a 3 year term beginning in September 2022. Applicants with a background in finance or facilities would be helpful, but not necessary. If you are looking for a way to give back and are passionate about Catholic Education, we encourage you to apply. Please email Mrs. Marcella Kraycik (mkraycik@scsreading.org) for an application. Questions about this ministry? Email Mrs. Julianne Smith (juliannejs@gmail.com).

CURSILLO

Cursillo means "Short Course in Christianity". Participation in the 3-day Cursillo Weekend consists of time spent with the Lord, Spiritual Directors, and a group of Lay People that give witness to how God works in their 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

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, 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, 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, John C. Sauer, Jr., Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Carolyn Schott, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, 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, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** **Brian Solarek**, (son of Joanne Solarek & brother of Carl Solarek); **Michelle (Whalon) Solarek**, (sister of Christine Murren & daughter in-law of Joanne Solarek); **Victoria Solarek**, (granddaughter of Joanne Solarek); **Myrna Warwick**; **Michael Rutkowski**, (husband of Carolyn Rutkowski & father of Genevieve Samolewicz & grandfather of Joseph, Daniel & Claire Rutkowski); **Edward Johnson**, (father of Philip Johnson) *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.

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 a teacher for Level 7, and 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.

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**

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.

**THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR PARISH
AND OUR PRIESTS!**

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.**

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 wholistic 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.

Mid-Life Living for Christ is a once a month gathering for those who are aged 40+ and are interested in growing in their relationship with Jesus and His Church through community building, prayer, and Scripture reflection
Who: ages 40 to not-quite-retired-full-time
When: 2nd Thursday of the Month, starting August 11th at 6:30pm
Where: St. Christopher Catholic Newman Center: 15207 Kutztown Rd, Kutztown, PA
Refreshments will be provided // No RSVP required.
Questions? Contact Maggie at mriggins@allentowndiocese.org

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.