

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 26th - 3:30 p.m. - Richard Zaorski
Sunday, January 27th - 9:00 a.m. - [Polish Mass](#) - Intentions of Alicja & Krzysztof Waszkiewicz
Sunday, January 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Francis Skoraszewski

Attention: Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion please call the office at 610-779-4005.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: MASS BOOK "2020" The Mass Book for 2020 will be open in [March](#).

SAINT MARY'S 2018 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS: Those desiring statements for their contributions to this parish in 2018 for income tax purposes should PRINT the word STATEMENT on their Sunday envelope. The statements will be available on the table in the vestibule of the church within two weeks of receipt of request.

There will be a Polish Mass, next Sunday, January 27th at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

There will be a second collection next Sunday, January 27th, for the Catholic Relief Services.

Trip to Poland - September 10-24, 2019 - Join us for a very special, all-inclusive, two week group trip to Poland which will include: Round Trip transportation from Reading to Warsaw; visits to Warsaw, Oswiecim (Auschwitz), Wieliczka, Czestochowa, Gdansk, Gdymia, Malbork, Torun, Gniezno, Poznan and Krakow. Accommodations in 3 - 4 star hotels, porter service, All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) All admissions to attractions listed in itinerary. 3 hour genealogy package. If interested, please contact Les White at Montanatours@hotmail.com or call 610-929-1833 for complete details.

\$27,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS - On Sunday, April 28, 2019, the Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding eleven college scholarships totaling \$27,000 to Berks County high school seniors of Polish-American descent. Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the guidance counselor in all Berks County high schools. They are also available in the Polish-American Cultural Center in the Goggle Works Center for the Arts, 201 Washington St., Reading, and they can be downloaded from the PABEBC website at www.pabeberks.org.

Completed application forms are due no later than Saturday, March 30, 2019, to the PABEBC Scholarship Secretary, Ronald Savitski, 159 Texter Mountain Road, Wernersville, PA 19565-9442. Tel. 610-693-9792 or email him at rsavitski@msn.com.

In conjunction with the PABEBC scholarship awards program, the Polish-American Heritage Association of Berks County is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a Berks County high school student of Polish-American descent. The guidelines for obtaining this scholarship are also available in the office of the high school guidance counselors, the Polish-American Cultural Center in the Goggle Works or by contacting Sandy Lubas Hummel, the scholarship chair for PAHABC at sahummel@ptd.net or by calling her at 610-207-7065.



Baskets of Love - Our parish family is more than those of us who are blessed to be able to attend Mass on Sunday. We are also the "shut-ins", they are often times, the ones who taught, song, led groups at our Church and more. Please help us tell them we still care. Bring your medium size baskets, small lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. to our "Baskets of Love" table in the back of the Church. We will be taking the made-up baskets to them with love from you their parish family. **We will be collecting these items until the weekend of February 2nd & 3rd**

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your **giving record for tax purposes**, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. **If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form.** You can also email with your request anytime at dsitler@comcast.net. **If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5: “Zion,” “Jerusalem,” is the people of God and God describes His love and concern for us in terms of the joy of a bridegroom.

1 Cor 12:4-11: The gifts of God come from the same Spirit. The gifts are diverse but the Spirit is one; and the gifts are given to unite, not separate us.

Jn 2:1-11: Christ the Lord reveals His glory, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Today's Message - At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of His signs, revealing His glory to His disciples, and later to all the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as He chooses.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights Room

BAPTISMS - After 12:00 noon Mass - Church

CUB DEN MTG. - 6:00 p.m.– Social Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

ULTREYA . – 7:30 p.m.. - Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

PREP LEVELS 1 -5 – 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m. – School

PREP LEVELS 6-7 – 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. - School

LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights Room

SCS ART SHOW - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.– Social Hall

YOUTH RETREAT MTG. - 6:30 p.m. - Upper Room

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING . . . memory writes on every page of the calendar. A support group offering caring presence, strength, and wisdom meets two Mondays a month at St. Catharine's of Siena Church, Mt. Penn 19606, at 7 PM. To register call 610 370-1174.

Anyone wishing to receive Gluten Free Hosts should go to the Celebrant's communion line and indicate to him that you need a Gluten Free Host.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 Jeffrey Thomas

8:00 Vito Fuoco

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 Betty Heal

8:00 John Ludzia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:30 Eugene Orlando, Sr.

8:00 Jocelyn Claire Brown

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Teddy Schalk (25th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

6:30 Rundle & Rodolff Families

8:30 Charles Wenrich

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 Elizabeth J. Loeper (2nd Anniversary)

4:30 Thomas Fry

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30 Matthew Cahill (9th Anniversary)

9:00 Adam Gajewski (2nd Anniversary)

10:30 Charles D. McDonald (19th Anniversary)

12:00 Jennie J. Palkon

Readings for the Week of January 20, 2019

Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
Monday	Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday	Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/21	Father Patrick Lamb
Tuesday 1/22	Father Daniel Lannen, O.S.F.S.
Wednesday 1/23	Father Brendon Laroche
Thursday 1/24	Father Keith Laskowski
Friday 1/25	Father William Linkhorst
Saturday 1/26	Father John Little
Sunday 1/27	Father David Loeper

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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Parish Nurse News - This reminder never gets old! Keep you blood pressure on track with moderate physical exercise-especially walking. Lose excess weight-avoid desserts, sweets and cookies. Reduce sodium intake-read those labels for sodium content and choose lower sodium vegetables, such as fresh or fresh frozen. Worth the effort-You will enjoy your good health!

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Saint Catharine School News

Registration now OPEN for grades Pre-K through 8th Grade at St. Catharine of Siena School. Registration packets available for pick-up at the school office, or by calling Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at 610-779-5810. Open House scheduled for Sunday, 1/27/19 from 10:30-1:00 pm. Tours and shadow days also available at your convenience. Call today!

Next Weekend Mass Schedule

January 26th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Mary King
Cantor - Carol McDevitt
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - E. Nguyen - D. Perez
January 27th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Jim Keane
Altar Servers - S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt - M. McDevitt
January 27th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Barry Hannahoe
Catholic School Mass
Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - A. Gillner
January 27th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Amanda Drinker
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Davis - B. Davis - N. Barbera
January 27th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Jim Snyder
Contemporary Ensemble
Altar Servers - D. McAdams - B. McAdams - M. Feeney

NEW IN THE AREA? Please see a Priest after a Sunday Mass to register in our parish. We would like to meet you and come to know you. Registration takes only 10-15 minutes of your time.

St. Catharine of Siena Parish Welcomes All - No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.

NOW THAT THE **WINTER** IS REALLY UPON US, WE WANT TO REMIND THE **SENIOR MEMBERS** OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COME TO MASS ON DAYS THAT ARE STORMY, ICY OR BITTER COLD. ONE DAY OF HEROICS COULD LEAD TO MANY MONTHS IN BED RECUPERATING.

The next Blood Drive is Sunday March 3rd 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.

5th Annual St. Catharine's Men's Retreat

March 1st -3rd

Jesus said: "Come away with me for awhile."

Spirituality Director- Father John Rother

For more information please contact -

Craig Wolf at 610-507-5158 or

Rob Katzenmoyer at 610-451-9267



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: Gage Michael Morta

Please pray for our sick: Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Sandy Bibbo, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Peggie Brzezowski, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Dr. Frank Franco, Bruce Gerald, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Gowel, David J. Gulati II, Kip Hall, Wayne Hedrick, Catharine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Patricia Herber, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Jean Kline, Louise Knoeller, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Albert Lellig, Timothy Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Helen Long, Kelly MacDonald, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Betty Mesisca, Nicholas Milanek, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Louise Pettyjohn, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Sharon PrechtI, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Steven Robinson, Anne Schaeffer, Ann Schweitzer, Margaret Scott, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Gabrielle Smith, Eugene Sock, Chris Starr, George Stenavage, Andy Strangarity, Kent Styer, Sandy Sullivan, Paul Teske, Charles Vozella, Alan Wachowicz, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak. **A time to die: Catherine Cirulli, (wife of Jim Cirulli & daughter of Rene Pieja- Grim)**

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.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!

Give the gift of Life!

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to assist in Church liturgies.

High school students are welcomed.

Please leave name and contact number at the Parish Center, 610-779- 4005.

Berks Catholic News

1/24/19- Step Up Day - 8th graders spend the day at Berks Catholic and get a real feel of what it's like to Be A Saint, please contact Mrs. Smith for more information. For more information, please call 610.374.8361,ext.244.

1/27/19- Open House 1-3p.m. - It's a great time to Be A Saint! Come see our new John R. Post Learning Center which features a new STEM Lab, expanded, cafeteria, new classrooms, college and career counseling suite and collegiate style learning commons. Come experience the energy of our community.

For more information please contact Nicky Smith at 610.374.8361 ext. 244 or nsmith@betkscatholic.org

50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **February 6, 2019** at 1:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on **February 5, 2019** at 10:00 am. 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

FEBRUARY 6, 2019: Valentine Day Celebration with cakes and coffee
Speaker: Pat White – 2019 trip schedule

March 6, 2019: St. Patrick Day Celebration, wear Green.
Members to bring their favorite **MEATLESS SOUP**, no bread or crackers. Cake & Coffee

APRIL 3, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT - Everybody's Birthday Celebration at Victor Emmanuel's, starting at 12:00 PM, Steve Barth to entertain us.

Attention all members: Dues for must be paid **before the April meeting**. If not, your names will be removed from the membership list.

Officers elected for 2019 & 2020

President: Carol Buddell
Vice President: Maria Bunch
Treasurer: Harvey Snyder
Secretary: Sallie Miller

2019 TRAVEL PLANS will be announced at the February meeting

Call **Pat White 610-582-1437** for trip information.

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 on Route 562, 4975 Boyertown Pike in Exeter Township, dues are \$5.00 per year. ALL ARE WELCOME

Financial Stewardship

December 23, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,927	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 509,632	\$ 608,946
Year to date deficit	\$ 99,314	
Last Year	\$ 22,858	

December 30, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,696	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 532,328	\$ 632,367
Year to date deficit	\$ 100,039	
Last Year	\$ 20,150	

Our Christmas Collection was \$40,718.50

A sincere "THANK YOU" to our parishioners and visitors who choose to contribute to St. Catharine's. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: SPC Mackenzie Adame, Pvt. Connor A. Soja, Lance Corporal Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, Lt. Morgan Hissick, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Spc. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Senior Airman Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Tech. Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, Peter 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, Lt. Cdr. Allison Rosati Martin, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig & Lt. Cdr. Brian Blair. 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.