

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - Stanley Soja

Sunday, February 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Frank Levandowski

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

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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.

The Lenten Pierogi Society will continue its labors on Monday, February 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will meet each Monday & Tuesday through Lent. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use parking lot Chapel entrance. New members are always welcome.

\$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.

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 .



FINAL COLLECTION WEEK FOR "BASKETS OF LOVE"

Seeing all the items and baskets coming in for our shutin's is exciting. This the last weekend coming up to collect items, then we will be putting the baskets together. So if you would like to be part of our assembly line for our **Baskets of Love** please come and join us on Thursday Feb. 7th at 1 PM at the Church. It will be fun and deeply appreciated. Many hands make the work load light and easy. For more information please call Linda Vogel at 610-779-6287.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10: The people of God return to their homeland, rebuild the temple, and now listen to the proclamation of the law of God.

1 Cor 12:12-30: By baptism we begin to become Christians, Christ takes possession of us, and we must grow with Him.

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21: Jesus proclaims the "good news" to the poor, and announces the fulfillment of the prophetic vision of Isaiah.

Today's Message - Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims Himself the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. In Him we have become one body with many members.

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions will be held at St. Margaret's Church on Centre Ave. and Spring Street. The Adoration will be held from 8:00-9:00 p.m., on First Friday, February 1st.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

GRIEF SHARE - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

GUITAR CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

AHG - 6:00 p.m. Social Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

YOUTH RETREAT MTG. - 8:45 A.M. - Upper Room

CHILLI COOK OFF - Social Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Knights 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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30 Forgotten Souls

8:00 Carl D. Herbein

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

6:30 Deacon Jack DeTurck

8:00 Andrew Twomey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30 Dr. Edgar Lloyd

8:00 Margaret Wickham

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Joseph Roach

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 Joyce Kleckner (1st Anniversary)

8:30 Dottie & Rick Bixler (50th Wedding

Anniversary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 Mae Metelli (44th Anniversary)

4:30 Paul T. Bassler (11th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30 Anthony & Patricia Waldman

9:00 Dr. Rudy DeGuzman

10:30 Josephine Yurkanin

12:00 Troy Seibert

Readings for the Week of January 27, 2019

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
Monday	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Parish Nurse News - Chronic stress certainly contributes to high blood pressure and other unhealthy conditions. Make a conscious effort to lower tension in your life and use stress easing strategies, such as the 16 second Stress Less breathing exercise: Inhale for 4 seconds, hold for 4 seconds, exhale for 4 seconds, hold for 4 seconds. Feel better!

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/28	Father James Lofton
Tuesday 1/29	Father Lucien Longtin, S.J.
Wednesday 1/30	Father Stephen Maco
Thursday 1/31	Father Leo Maletz
Friday 2/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Saturday 2/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Sunday 2/3	Bishop Alfred Schlert

Healing Our Church Discussion Groups Coming in Lent -

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Discussions will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for more information, including how to sign up, soon.

The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County is holding its February meeting at St. Ignatius Parish Center on Sat. February 9th at 1:00. The presentation will be a talk by Mrs. Sheryl Lanciano on Love. Any Catholic woman in Berks County is invited. Please call Brynn at 610 926-3731 if interested.

Are you an RN or an LPN? Do you have pro-life nurses in your family, or pro-life nurses who are friends? All pro-life nurses in Pennsylvania are invited to join a state-wide pro-life nursing association. Our purpose is to promote life from conception to natural death, a truth that has been lost to many health care professionals. The need for such an organization is reinforced by the theme of this year's Annual March for Life: "Unique From Day One: Pro-Life, Pro-Science." It's time we spoke up with the truth. If you are interested in being part of this group, or know someone who might be interested, please have them contact: 610-375-3395, or krkuhns1@verizon.net, or Karen at 610-413-7989. An organizing meeting will be held the end of January.

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.

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

February 2nd - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Helen Veet
Cantor - Haley Zambito
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - M. Woodward - E. Simms - J. Iswalt

February 3rd - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Melissa Woodard
Altar Servers - R. Bernas - J. Miller - E. Miller

February 3rd- 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Vince McDevitt
Guitar Choir Group
Altar Servers - D. Schmehl - K. Zambito - H. Zambito

February 3rd - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Chris Marabella
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - H. Keperling - T. Keperling - G. Donato

February 3rd - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Gretchen Wentling
Cantor - Tracy Scheirer
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - A. McElderry - G. McElderry - M. McElderry

Saint Catharine School News



Please remember to bring your Box Tops. The box is behind the SCRIP table. We will have a final collection date (for this school year) in February and want to get as many Box Tops in as we can!



We are collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. Please place your can tabs in the container on table near scrip sales.

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!

Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Appeal to date! Acknowledgements for the Annual Appeal will be in the mail later this month. Anyone requiring an acknowledgement of any other 2018 donation to our school for tax purposes should contact Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri at aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org.



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: Avalinn Rose Scott

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, Lisa Cole, 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 Prechtel, 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:**

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.

Prayer for Teachers

Heavenly Father, who promised that all those who instruct others in the ways of holiness will shine as stars for all eternity, fill our hearts and minds with true knowledge and the art of teaching. Give us patience and understanding, justice and prudence, humility and fear of the Lord. Grant us wisdom and charity so that with a pure and holy love of God we ourselves may enjoy all these gifts and impart them to our students. Teach our children to be obedient to your laws and open to your inspiration. Let them be instruments of your peace in their homes, in our land, and in the family of nations, as they become children of God in the mystical Body of Christ. May the blessings of your sevenfold gifts be in all who teach and in all who learn through the Holy Spirit who is the love of the Father and the Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ-the Divine Teacher. Amen. (OSV)

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

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“NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS” in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in our Chapel at 2427 Perkiomen Avenue. The holy hour of Adoration will be on First Friday, **February 1st**, from **8:00 to 9:00 PM**. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Congratulations to Jay & Donna Yohn who celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on January 26th. May they be blessed with many more years together!



Congratulations to Dottie & Rick Bixler who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 1st. May they be blessed with many more years together!

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.

50 Plus 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.

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**