

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Gertrude Sadowski

Sunday, March 24th- 9:00 a.m. - Weronika Sukiennik - **Polish Mass**

Sunday, March 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Father David Czaratorynski

The Lenten Pierogi Society will continue its labors 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.

Pierogi Sale: Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including April 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pierogis will be sold in the Church Basement. Please use the side entrance from the Parking Lot. Potato, Sauerkraut & Cheese Pierogis will sell for \$8.00 per dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 per cup. (Weather permitting) Volunteers are needed to help sell Pierogis on Fridays.

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THERE WILL BE A POLISH MASS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24, IN THE CHURCH AT 9:00 A.M.



**Parish Center & Chapel
Construction Alert !**

On Monday, March 18th, traffic in Mount Penn between 23rd St. and 27th St. will be restricted to Eastbound only. Westbound traffic will once again be detoured. According to Road-Con, “Travel restriction will include, but not be limited to, short term and long term lane closures, detour routes, flagging operations, and temporary traffic signal modifications.” The expected completion date is December 2019.



NO MORE LINES! The 2020 Mass Book is not open yet. **It will open on Tuesday, March 26th** **NEW THIS YEAR** is the new form that you will fill out to request your Mass Intentions. **(see insert in bulletin)** You can either mail it in, put it in the Sunday offerings basket or place in the Rectory mailbox (which is a basket in the Vestibule at the Parish Center.) **Since we are very busy in the office, we will not be able to process the Mass requests when they are dropped off. Whichever way you choose to get it to the Rectory, a form of payment must accompany it. The stipend would be \$10 per Mass. They will be put in the Mass Book in the order that they are received. 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. PLEASE PRINT** legibly on all the forms! At the bottom of the form, you will see a place to list your name (the requester), your address and a telephone number you can be reached at. If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Rectory between 9 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. We understand that this a new process and we will work very hard to fulfill everyone's Mass requests.**

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE This Summer, the Senior High Youth Group will again attend a Steubenville Youth Conference on the Main Campus in Steubenville, Ohio. This event is open to students graduating grade 8 – students graduating grade 12. The dates for this energizing weekend are July 12 – 14, 2019. This weekend is filled with talks from nationally renowned speakers and music leaders as well as amazing experiences to be with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Cost is \$90 and includes housing and meals at the conference as well as coach bus transportation. These spots do fill up quickly and will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Forms are available at the back of the church near the scrip table, or on the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com Check out the website www.steubenvilleconferences.com to learn more about this amazing weekend. The deadline to register for the Steubenville Youth Conference is March 31, 2019.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 15:5-12,17-18: By faith Abram finds favor with the Lord. The Lord makes a covenant, that is, establishes a special relationship, with Abram and his descendants.

Phil 3:17-4:1: Paul exhorts us to turn away from worldly pleasures and to reject sin. He reminds us that we are not of this world.

Lk 9:28b-36: The glory of Christ is revealed, and God manifests the special mission of Christ.

Today's Message - Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The Transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery—the dying and rising of Jesus.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

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

CUB DEN MEETING - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

BAPTISMS - After the noon Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 18

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

ULTREYA - 7:30 p.m. - Social Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

HEALING OUR CHURCH SMALL GROUP MTG - 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:30 p.m. –School

PREP (LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00 p.m. - Church

FISH FRY 5:00-7:00 P.M. - Social Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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

LEGION OF MARY - 2:00 - Chapel & Parish Center Basement

Monday Night Faith and Bible Study group is inviting you to participate in their next study "*No Greater Love! A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*" from www.ascencionpress.com starting 4/8. Participants will order their own materials and contact Deanna Stratton at strattonmd@aol.com for more information regarding schedule. This study is filmed on location in the Holy Land and is a **five-part video series and full-length book** that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri will guide us through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how **Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context** shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Authored and presented by Edward Sri, *No Greater Love* also features: **Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.**

Life after Loss Seminars held at St. Catharine's Parish Meeting Center. A group for those who are missing loved ones and who are aware that death ends a life . . . not a relationship. We operate year round on two Monday evenings per month; each session covers a different topic so you can come at any point. Call 610 370-1174 for more information.

SIENA STITCHERS always welcomes new friends who want to learn or already have the basics in needle work. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Church. Come see!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 18

6:30 Margaretta Lonergan

8:00 Dolores Weinstein

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

6:30 Michael LaScala (1st Anniversary)

8:00 Alice K. Brennan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 Francis & Sara Jane Madl

8:00 Eleanor King

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 William Clement

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 Clarence White

8:30 Theresa Fiorini (8th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 Angie Blickley

4:30 Rodger Mountz

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:30 John V. Nowotarski, Sr.

9:00 Justine Walsh (10th Anniversary)

10:30 Cora Nacar

12:00 Ida Zerambo

Readings for the Week of March 17, 2019

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14;

Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27

and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21;

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,

18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11;

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Tech. Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, Senior Airman 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, 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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/18	Father John Rother
Tuesday 3/19	Father Paul Rothermel
Wednesday 3/20	Religious priests
Thursday 3/21	Monsignor Edward Sacks
Friday 3/22	Father Frederick Sattler
Saturday 3/23	Monsignor Walter Scheaffer
Sunday 3/24	Monsignor Francis Schoenauer

Kennedy House. Want to volunteer and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the Kennedy House in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either Saturday, March 23rd and or Sunday, March 24th or both days! Times are from 9-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270 or sk1699@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there. Also if you are unable to help but would be willing to donate food or other supplies we would need, please contact me as well.

Parish Nurse News - Be aware of food allergies in children. Accidental exposure to allergens may occur, especially from food that came from outside the child's home. Also, be aware that children rarely outgrow peanut, tree nut, seafood, and sesame allergies (ENPC, 5th Ed., ENA, 2020).

The Parish Center number is 610-779-4005.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS Please join us every Wednesday during Lent after the 8 a.m. Mass.

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DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP to Franciscan Univ. Jul 26-28: Scott Hahn is the co-chair of the event which includes: Daily Mass, confession and a joyful, prayerful, and musical bus ride. More info on the conference can be found at: <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>. Previous attendees found this conference to be a significant lift in their spiritual lives. This very popular conference is normally sold out before May. Discounts for early registration. Call Deacon Bruce for information at (610) 468-9506 or b@swist.us.

The St. Francis Hospice Home in Shillington, PA is in need of additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to it's residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. No medical background is required, just a willing heart. Any amount of time can help. For more information please contact Sandy Niehenke, manager of St Francis Home, directly at [610-898-4242](tel:610-898-4242). Thank you and God bless you.

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

March 23rd - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Mary King

Cantor - Hayley Zambito

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - Not available at press time

Eucharistic Ministers - L. Fetterman - J. Davis

March 24th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Jim Keane

Altar Servers - Not available at press time

Eucharistic Ministers - D. Weidner & M. Balla

March 24th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Barry Hannahoe

Guitar Group Not available at press time

Altar Servers -

Eucharistic Ministers - J. McMahon , J. Snyder - Minister needed

March 24th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Amanda Drinker

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - Not available at press time

Eucharistic Ministers - M. Post - Minister needed - Minister needed

March 24th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Jim Snyder

Contemporary Ensemble

Altar Servers - Not available at press time

Eucharistic Ministers - M. Boucher - E. Watson - M. Vincente

SAVE THE DATE

May 11, 2019

CYO ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

New Place: Berkleigh Golf Course

New Day: "Saturday"

1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Anthony & Beverly Calvaresi who recently celebrated their 60th Anniversary. Many more years of happiness!



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: Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Patricia Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Lisa Cole, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Roseanne Dougherty, Susan Dolinski, Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Margaret Ehret, Peter Fantacone, Al Franckowiak, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Gowel, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Catharine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Patricia Herber, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Jean Kline, Louise Knoeller, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mary Leddy, Greg Leinweber, Albert Lellig, Daniel Lonergan, Helen Long, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jeff McCoy, Jacob McCue, Betty Mesisca, Nicholas Milanek, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon PrechtI, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Mary Scheirer, Margaret Scott, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Chris Starr, Dean Soltzfus, Andy Strangarity, Kent Styer, Marie Sullivan, Sandy Sullivan, Paul Teske, Alan Wachowicz, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Donna Yohn, Ann Marie Zawislak.

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.

Saint Catharine's School News

Now registering for the 2019-2020 School Year. Limited openings still available for Pre-K and Kindergarten. To request a registration packet and/or to schedule a tour, contact Amy Impellizzeri, Advancement Director at 610-779-5810 or by email: aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org

"Pay It Forward envelopes containing special offers and a ticket to the Thank You Reception at the Goggleworks on April 6 are available after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds benefit St. Catharine of Siena School. If you reserved an envelope last weekend, you can both pay for it and pick it up in the back of Church this weekend. Thank you for your support of our school."



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me to drink"

Most people in life think they'll never need help with food for their family. But layoffs, illness,

can hit very hard. And so that is why, we have our Annual Lenten Food Drive. To ease one of the burdens these families are going through during hard times. **Won't you think of them this Lent and begin gathering items for our collection on the weekend of April 6th & 7th. They and you will be Blessed by your kindness in His name.**

Attention 2019 Confirmation Class – Inscription Service will be March 31. Students and at least one parent are asked to attend the 12 Noon Mass and remain for a short meeting.



St Catharine's 5th Grade Girls Basketball Team has just completed a perfect season (12-0) including winning the LaSalle Tournament. Team members are: Ryland Hollinger, Miara McCartin, Juliana Nerney, Prudence Barbera, Morgan Gilbert, Cailin Dempster, Leah Donato, Brianna Devine, Grace Impellizzeri, Lillie Keperling, Victoria Caccese, and Molly Giering. Coaches Emily Dempster and Rich Vukmanovich. Prudence Barbera was awarded the LaSalle Tournament Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations everyone. GO CATS

KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Catharine of Siena
Council 14880

The Annual Fish Fry dates are:

March 22, 2019

April 5, 2019

April 12, 2019

Tickets for adults is \$13.00,
and children is \$5.00.

Tickets will be available
before and after all Masses.

Time is from 5pm to 7pm at the
Church Social Hall.

All are invited to join the Knights in support of our
charitable mission.

As always, we thank everyone
for your generosity.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Homemade Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs-

The Knights are making home-made chocolate covered peanut butter and coconut Easter eggs. The cost is \$12 per box (same as last year). Net profits from this event will benefit the **EXETER FOOD PANTRY**. **ADVANCE ORDERS WILL NOT BE TAKEN. EGGS WILL BE SOLD AFTER EACH MASS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS UNTIL SOLD OUT.**

50 Plus News

The **Special Event** Everybody's Birthday for the 50+ Club will be held on **April 3, 2019 at 12:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **April 2, 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

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

MAY 1, 2019 Let's play **Boom Box Bingo** with Rich Weilacher, will get hints from music to fill the board, so brush up on your tunes. Italian sandwiches and cupcakes & coffee

JUNE 5, 2019: Maria Damone, a wonderful singer, will be singing all types of music, some patriotic and others. Coffee & cake

2019 TRAVEL PLANS

April 10, 2019 - Wednesday, Mt Hope Murder Mystery with Family Style Meal. Cost: \$85.00

May 8, 2019 - Wednesday, Adams Co Wine Around, Tour Historic Round Barn - Family Style lunch at Hickory Bridge Farm Wine Tastings & Apple Dumpling Demo. Cost: \$95.00

June 12, 2019 - Wednesday, Pines Dinner Theatre **ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK**. Cost: \$85.00

July 10, 2019 - Wednesday, York -- Kreider Farms, Red Brick Bakery, Haines Shoe House & Turkey Hill Experience Cost: \$95.00

August 21, 2019 - Wednesday, Atlantic City Air Show Cost: \$45.00

September 16th - 20th, 2019 - Monday thru Friday, Inn at Crumpin Fox ---New Hampshire Vermont & more Cost: \$950 Double, \$870 Triple & \$1120 Single

October 23, 2019 - Wednesday, Mystery Trip- Hint both Men & Women will enjoy this Cost: \$95.00

November 20, 2019 - Wednesday, Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn "Christmas Show" Cost: \$85.00

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**

WORK IN OUR SCHOOLS! Join the Diocese of Allentown Catholic Schools at a Regional Career Fair on Sunday, March 24, 2019 to learn about how you can work in our schools! Come to either the Berks/Schuylkill County Career Expo at Berks Catholic High School 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. or the Lehigh/Northampton/Carbon Career Expo at Bethlehem Catholic High School 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

God's Remedy for Our Sins A Lenten Reflection by Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM from the **Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.** - Join us **Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Orefield** for an evening of reflection on the Divine Mercy with Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM. Sr. Gaudia will give a moving presentation about God's infinite mercy during an evening centered in prayerful Adoration of Our Lord. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this incredible event! Questions, contact cle@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.