

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Adam & Mary Smolinski

Sunday, May 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

LENTEN PIEROGI SALE RESULTS: Deposits \$13,763.00, Expenses \$2,727.14, Profit \$11,035.86. A total of 1,555 dozen pierogis (18,660 individual pierogis) were made. A sincere thanks to all the hardworking volunteers who made this year's sale such a success.

There will be a Latin Mass, next Sunday, May 12th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church. Reconciliation at noon; social after Mass.

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their annual Polish Open on Saturday, June 8th, at the Manor Golf Club, Sinking Spring. 1:00PM Scramble. \$75. per golfer includes golf, cart, gift bag, lunch, refreshments, famous Polish Open buffet, desserts and prizes. To register contact Toni at 484-333-2838. Deadline is May 31.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This weekend we kick off the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA). I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and Deacons, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BAA and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,
Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL ON PENTECOST SUNDAY:

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 to register.



Mother's Day-May 12th

Please support the annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale to support Lifeline of Berks County. Lifeline offers life affirming alternatives to pregnant girls and women in Berks County. Flowers will be sold after Mass on Mother's Day weekend for \$2.00 per carnation. Additional donations are also accepted.



Celebrate Mothers' Day next week by bringing a baby gift to Church to help a new mother give her baby a good start to life. Gifts can be dropped off at the tables located at the back of the Church. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Filled bottles can be returned to the tables at any time during the month. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Catholic Charities and Mary's Shelter.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41: With a strong faith the Apostles persevere in the mission that Christ gave them.

Rv 5-11-14: The power and the glory of God are acclaimed by His creation.

Jn 21:1-19: Again the risen Savior appears to His disciples in a very human way. Peter in three affirmations rejects his triple denial and again hears the call "Follow me."

Today's Message – Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailing love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 5

HEALTH FAIR - 8 –12 –noon - Social Hall
VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights Room

MONDAY, MAY 6

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
GUITAR CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church
BIBLE STUDY - 8:00 p.m. - Parish Center

TUESDAY, MAY 7

MAY PROCESSION - 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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

SATURDAY, MAY 11

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center
SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER - 5-7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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

Now accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Please note that at the time of this printing, there is only 1 spot left in the Kindergarten class, and 4 spots left in the PreK class. Transfer grants available for students transferring in from public school (Grades 1-7 only). Call today to schedule a tour or to receive more information: 610-779-5810.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 6

6:30 Natalie Tylka
8:00 Marilyn Clifford

TUESDAY, MAY 7

6:30 Orlando & Bruno Families
8:00 Barry Morris

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

6:30 Hilda Evans Benzel (35th Anniversary)
8:00 Wanda Myslinski

THURSDAY, MAY 9

6:30 Diane Cerra
8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, MAY 10

6:30 Charles Wettstein
8:30 Emelyn Nestler

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:00 George C. Krick
4:30 Sarah DiFulvio (7th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 12

7:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
9:00 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
10:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
12:00 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

THE BANS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

II Beth Nussbaumer & Paul Cerra
II Brittany Keller & Tim Nyman

Readings for the Week of May 5, 2019

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Online registrations are still being accepted!! Take advantage of our Early Bird special and register before June 1st. This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. TO REGISTER OR FOR INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email dfowler@berkscatholic.org

Please kindly remember in your prayers all of the living and deceased priests and deacons of our Diocese. Please also pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations - O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom he has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Serran Prayer for Vocations - O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



May Procession will be held at the Church on Boyertown Pike, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

The Diocese of Allentown is alerting parishioners about an apparent scam.

In the last week a number of people from several different parishes have notified the Diocese that they received a text message on their cell phone from someone pretending to be a Diocesan priest asking them to purchase gift cards for him. These are not legitimate requests and are not from a Diocesan priest. No Diocesan priest will ever solicit funds by text message. The Diocese is not aware that anyone has fallen victim to this scam. But it does want to remind everyone if you are concerned about a text message you receive, always verify it before you take any action.

Please note: There is also a scam with emailing. Please block sender and do not reply if you get any suspicious emails from any Diocesan priests.

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

May 11th - 4:30 p.m.

Lector - Dorothy Bixler

Cantor - Kim Kostival

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - M. Schneider

Eucharistic Ministers - Mark Abramowicz & Marica Wert

May 12th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Paul Essig

Altar Servers - M. Woodward - R. Griffin - M. Griffin

Eucharistic Ministers - Joanne Loeper & Mike Balla

May 12th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - John Vogel

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - K. Vagnoni - M. Vagnoni - M. Schneider

Eucharistic Ministers - Mary Murphy - Mary Anne & Mike

McCarthy

May 12th - 10:30 Mass

Lector - Michael McCarthy

Voices In Praise Choir & Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - C. Griffith - N. Griffith - E. Schodowski

Eucharistic Ministers - Judy McMahan, Myra & Bill Headen

May 12th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - John George

Cantor - Michele Feeney

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Stratton - M. Stratton - K. Amey

Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente & Trish & Tom McNelis

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: SPC Specialist 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.

Parish Nurse News - Sunday, May 5th is our annual Health Fair in the Social Hall from 8am till 12 noon. Great Health and Wellness tips and tricks! Door prizes, free wellness give-aways and helpful information. Well worth it to stop in! This is for you and your family and friends- something for all ages, Everyone Welcome!

DON'T LET SPRING SHOWERS DAMPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP! Watch your love bloom on a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 : & our soldiers in harm's way:

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, Lisa Cole, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Margaret Ehret, Charles Elchlepp, Al Franckowiak, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., David J. Gulati II,, Wayne Hedrick, Catharine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Christine Jenkins, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Louise Knoeller, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mary Leddy, Greg Leinweber, Albert Lellig, Leo Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Helen Long, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jeff McCoy, Jacob McCue, Rodney Moyer, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtl, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Barry Allen Reitnour, David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Mary Scheirer, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Chris Starr, Dean Soltzfus, Andy Strangarity, Kent Styer, Marie Sullivan, Sandy Sullivan, Paul Teske, Alan Wachowicz, Merritt Weidner, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak.... **a time to die: Father Frederick Sattler; Russell Taras, (brother of Eugene Taras); Peter Fantacone, (father of Laurie Hendrickson & grandfather of Eva Marie Hendrickson); Charles McAndrew, (brother of Patricia McNelis) 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.



The Boy Scouts will have a spaghetti dinner fund raiser in the Social Hall, after Saturday Mass, on May 11th. The dinner will be served from 5:30 until 7pm. Tickets can be purchased after each Mass, at a table in the back of Church. The cost is \$8.00 & take out is available. Tickets will also be available at the door, on the day of the event.



[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, June 1st](#) and or [Sunday, June 2nd](#) 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.

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **June 5, 2019** at **1:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **June 4, 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

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

JULY 3, 2019: The Happy Boombadears will entertain us with their musical instrument, it originated in Bavaria-the BoomBa is the instrument played by the group. Ice Cream Treats

AUGUST 7, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT – Our Summer Picnic—will be held in the Social Hall, starting at 12:00 noon, we have a great menu. Entertainment: Act I Productions, Debbie Wahl with Mystery Bingo. Contact Carol Searfoss for further information at 484-236-1016. Cost: \$18.00

SEPTEMBER 4, 2019: Mathew Dobb dresses like an engineer in period clothes, tell stories about the fascinating period of railroads in American history. Lasagna roll-ups along with cake and coffee.

2019 TRAVEL PLANS

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

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

Youth Group News

It's time for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Our theme this year is Miraculous Mission. Vacation Bible School will be held June 24 - June 28 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am at St. Catharine's School. Students ages 5 and up will learn all about the Miraculous Mission of Jesus. Registration forms can be found on the tables in the back of the church.

We are looking for volunteers to help make our Miraculous Mission a success. If you feel called to volunteer, please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org. All materials and plans are provided. College students home for the summer are welcome too!

Youth Group Reunion

We invite all former members of the St. Catharine's Youth Group to a reunion on Sunday, June 30. Home from college? Graduated from college? Come join us for fun and food! We will meet in the Upper Room (formerly the convent for the IHM sisters) on the St. Catharine's School grounds from 6:30 - 8:30. Come reconnect with your friends from your time in our youth group. Please RSVP to Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org

Financial and Estate Planning for Women: When you think about the life you want and deserve for your family does it seem overwhelming to create a financial plan that takes all of your future expenses into account? Are you feeling unprepared to make important financial decisions? Then please join us **May 16th** at DeSales University Center from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for a complementary information presentation in which our panel of female financial and estate planning experts, may have answers you need to make smart decisions about your financial future. Small plates and sweets will be served. Please RSVP by May 9th to Ginny Downey at (610) 871-5200 ext. 2244 or gdowney@allentowndiocese.org

MILITARY RECOGNITION: In an effort to continue to recognize our military troops, changes are underway. The present military board will be removed, and a new display is being created. If you would like any of the pictures on the present board, please let us know. Also, please review the list of names in this announcement and let us know of any updates. If you would like a picture displayed, please drop it off at the parish center. For any questions or concerns please call Beth Pawlik 610-781-2935, David Pawlik 610-781-3093 or Terri Mueller 484-269-7282.

Gethsemane Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 27th, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine. Refreshments will be served after Mass.