

## Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Sr. M. Erasma Smolinski

Sunday, May 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Elizabeth Milanek


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.

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

**ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 30TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.** Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.



*There are times when only a Mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints  
And calm all of our fears.  
There are times when only a Mother's love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.  
There are times when only a Mother's faith  
Can help us on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.  
For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith  
And a Mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the Angels  
And sent from God above.*



**Attention:** All information for the bulletin of **June 2nd** must be in the office by Wednesday, May 22nd. Also, all information for the bulletins of the **June 16th & 23rd** must be in the office by Wednesday, June 5th.

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP to Franciscan Univ. Jul 26–28: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope—1 Peter 3: 15”. This is a WONDERFUL opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith & spiritual growth with over 1,200 other attendees. The conference includes theologians and apologists who are bestselling authors and renowned speakers. 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 very informative and a significant impact on their spiritual lives. Call Deacon Bruce for information at (610) 468-9506 or [b@swist.us](mailto:b@swist.us).

## Saint Catharine's Mass Schedule

**ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 30TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**  
**Masses will be as follows:**

**Wednesday - May 29th -**  
**Vigil of Ascension Thursday**  
**6:00 p.m. ( Church)**  
**Ascension Thursday - May 30th**  
**6:30 a.m. ( Church)**  
**8:00 a.m. ( Church)**  
**9:30 a.m. (School)**  
**7:00 p.m. (Church)**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 13-14, 43-52:** As missionaries, Paul and Barnabas meet with some success and encounter strong opposition. Steadfastness in faith is a source of joy.

**Rv 7:9, 14b-17:** Those who remain faithful despite severe persecution will find their reward is to be with God and restored to peace.

**Jn 10-27-30:** Jesus proclaims His oneness with the Father. His love for us is so great that He brings us eternal life.

**Today's Message:** Know that Jesus is the Lord, the Lamb on the throne who will shepherd his flock and give them eternal life. In His name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

### WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, MAY 12

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

#### MONDAY, MAY 13

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

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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

#### THURSDAY, MAY 16

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Gathering Area– Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 7:30 p.m. - Knight's Room

#### FRIDAY, MAY 17

8th GRADE DINNER DANCE - 6:00 - p.m. - Social Hall

#### SUNDAY, MAY 19

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

BAPTISMS - After noon Mass

YOUTH GROUP - 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.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL ON PENTECOST SUNDAY:**

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Newly Ordained Priest Reception and Dinner-** The Serra Clubs of the Diocese of Allentown are sponsoring this event for our three newly ordained priests : Giuseppe Esposito, John Maria, and Zachary Weir. The dinner will be held on Monday, June 17 (reception 5:30PM and dinner 6:30PM) at St Mary's Church Social Hall in Hamburg, PA. Tickets are \$42 and can be purchased by calling John Magee (610-779-9714).

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, MAY 13

6:30 Mary Wright & Catherine Didyoung

8:00 Carmen Romero

#### TUESDAY, MAY 14

6:30 Michiko Aderhold

8:00 Barbara Malecki

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

6:30 Anne Hiryak

8:00 Russel Hartman (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### THURSDAY, MAY 16

6:30 George Del Collo (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

8:00 Lucy Schott

#### FRIDAY, MAY 17

6:30 Jackie Cramer (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

8:30 Sara Madl

#### SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:00 Thomas Franey

4:30 Joseph F. Kabat

#### SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:30 Harry Frey

9:00 Charles Harhigh

10:30 Matilde Velez (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

12:00 Maria Cuesta (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**THE BANS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:**

**III Mary Baro & Phillip Hruska**

**III Beth Nussbaumer & Paul Cerra**

**III Brittany Keller & Tim Nyman**

### Readings for the Week of May 12, 2019

#### 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

#### Monday

#### Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

#### Tuesday

#### Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;

Jn 15:9-17

#### Wednesday

#### Saint Isidore

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8;

Jn 12:44-50

#### Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27;

Jn 13:16-20

#### Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday

#### Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

#### Sunday

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13;

Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### **BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND**

### **CHEERLEADING-** Online registrations are still being accepted!!

Take advantage of our Early Bird special and register before June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac) For any other questions

contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email [dfowler@berkscatholic.org](mailto:dfowler@berkscatholic.org)

## 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

### 2019 TRAVEL PLANS

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

**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**

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](mailto: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.



Have you ever looked at those cute little baby outfits and thought how adorable they were, but had no one to buy one for? Well, there are many babies in need here in our area that could use your help. During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be collecting baby gifts 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. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter and Catholic Charities. Please help us support life in its beginning days.

**Lifeline of Berks County is in need of nursing pads, summer maternity clothes in all sizes, and newborn summer outfits and onesies for boys and girls. We would greatly appreciate any of these items that you are able to donate to us for our clients.**

### Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

**May 18th - 4:30 p.m.**

Lector - Mary King

Cantor - Tracy Scheirer

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - H. Keperling - T. Keperling - J. Iswalt

Eucharistic Ministers - Ann Claire McNish & Lorraine Simon

**May 19th - 7:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector- Jim Keane

Altar Servers - J. Konopelski - M. Partsch - B. Truong

Eucharistic Ministers - Donna Weidner & Beth Pawlik

**May 19th - 9:00 a.m. Mass**

Lector - Barry Hannahoe

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - N. Lamp - G. Reed - R. Stoudt

Eucharistic Ministers - Marcia Wert - Vince McDevitt - Lisa Ianni

**May 19th - 10:30 Mass**

Lector - Amanda Dooley

Voices In Praise Choir & Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - K. Nguyen - M. Ream - J. Howard

Eucharistic Ministers - Diane Luchetta - Maria Post - David

Drezek

**May 19th - 12:00 p.m. Mass**

Lector - Jim Snyder

Cantor - Carol McDevitt

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - A. Kline - H. Paris N. Barbera

Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente & Helen Veet

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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

**Parish Nurse News** - Have an occasional drink? Keep it to one or two a day; more could lead to heart problems, reports Portland, OR cardiologist James Beckerman, MD. ([bcbsil.com](http://bcbsil.com), 4/2019).

**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.

## FOURTH 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, Dolores Lamp, 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 PrechtI, 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: **Kathleen Beisswanger**, (wife of Raymond Beisswanger) 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.

**His & Her Bingo** - Sunday, May 19th @ 1:00 pm. - Crown Plaza, Reading . Tickets are \$25.00 per person . All proceeds benefit Hope Rescue Mission. Men's & Ladies prizes! Advance tickets, call 484.706.2425 x501.

### Saint Catharine's School News

**Congratulations to SCS 5th grade student, Sadie Lawlor**, whose poster was the 2nd place winner of the 4-6 grade category of the Berks County Conservation District's Poster Contest. This year's theme was: Life in the soil: Dig Deeper. Congratulations Sadie!

**Congratulations to Eddie Oscar**. Eddie finished in the top 14 in the state out of approximately 5500 original contestants who took part in You Be the Chemist. It was a tremendous event. Thank you, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds for your guidance in Eddie's achievement in Chemistry. Job well done!

### **Congratulations to Saint Catharine of Siena's Advanced Instrumental Band Members!**

Peter George, Kaden Grauert, Abbee Fries, Alex Nerney, Julianna Nerney, Isaiah Whittaker and Lucien Kraycik competed in the Catholic Band Festival this March. The Festival was held at Devon Preparatory School. Our Advanced Band Members achieved a SUPERIOR Rating at the festival and were presented with their award at their Spring Concert by Mr. Daryl Baserio, the Festival's Director. Their score was only two points away from the highest rating possible. Thank you, Mrs. Brooke Horne, for all you do for our band members.

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.



## KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

### Thank you from the St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus !

Our St. Catharine's Council was honored by Lifeline of Berks County last week at their annual fundraising dinner by being awarded the **2019 Life Award**.

The Council's volunteer and economic support provided to Lifeline of Berks County would not be possible without the unwavering support we receive from our Parish priests and parishioners. There can be no greater cause than the preservation of and the respect for God's gift of life. The persistent dedication of all of our efforts supporting this moral cause must continue. May God continue to bless everyone's efforts to restore this respect and honor everyone's right to life from conception to our natural death.



## *First Holy Communion Class of 2019*

*Miranda Adame  
Alicia Albu  
Rose Alejandra-Rodriguez  
Emilee Andrzewski  
Alejandro Beltran  
Miles Bollendorf  
Brianna Boyles  
Victoria Burnish  
Cullan Cogan  
Joseph D. Angelo  
Andrew Dauble  
Cole Dealin  
Colin Dougherty  
Zachary Druzba  
Gianluca Esposito  
Vera Foreman  
Juleen Fortney  
Roman Franckowiak  
Thomas Gierlich  
Veronica Griffith  
Jackson Harron  
Makenzie Higgins  
Carly Hill  
Nicholas Kozik  
Caroline Lawlor  
Chandler Lutz  
Madelyn Lynch  
Luis Mejia  
Alexander Miller*

*Gage Morra  
Callen Murphy  
Lucy Myers  
Zachary Natale  
Familynn Okumu  
Vaughn Oswald  
Mikayla Perez  
Myla Priambolis  
Ruby Pavean  
Conor Quigley  
Sophia Redding  
Cayden Reinert  
Emily Rivera  
Gavin Rugg  
Eric Russell  
Tate Sanchez  
Giovanni Santos  
Lucas Snyder  
Kirra Tanaka  
Cecilia Vogel  
Alice Walton  
Robert Wiegand  
Logan Wiegand  
Sara Wisniewsk  
Eva Wunsch  
Sara Zabinski*