

## Saint Mary's News

### Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Theodore Kazmierczak

Sunday, November 24th - 9:00 a.m. - Henryk Kalinowski - (Polish Mass)

Sunday, November 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Andrew Kazmierczak

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

**SCHOLARSHIPS** – During 2020, the Polish-American Board of Education of Berks County (PABEBC) will celebrate its 75th Anniversary. As of 2019, the organization has awarded 321 scholarships totaling almost \$700,000. A reunion of scholarship recipients is being planned in conjunction with the PABEBC annual scholarship awards dinner to be held at the Inn of Reading on Saturday, April 25, 2020. If you were the recipient of a scholarship please mark your calendar and plan to attend. If you know someone who was a recipient of a scholarship please share this information with him/her. In addition, we would like to compile information about the activities of our scholarship recipients. Scholarship recipients should visit our Facebook Page at Polish American board of education Berks County or our website at [www.pabeberks.com](http://www.pabeberks.com).

*There will be a Polish Mass next Sunday, November 24th at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.*

### THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-November 25th – 6:30 & 8 a.m. – Mass

Tuesday, November 26th – 6:30 & 8 a.m.- Mass

Wednesday, Nov., 27th - 6:30 & 8 a.m.-Mass

Vigil of Thanksgiving Mass – 7:00 p.m.- Church

Thanksgiving Day – 9 a.m. Mass in Chapel

**\*\*No 6:30 or 8 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day\*\***

Friday, November 29th – 8:30 a.m.. Mass - Chapel

**\*\*\*NO 6:30 A.M. on Friday, November 29th \*\*\***

Our traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. Please gather together with your fellow parishioners and friends in giving thanks to God for His many blessings. There will be songs of praise before Mass, so feel free to come early and join the singing. Our guitar group will offer the music.



*Congratulations to Edrie J. Watson for her induction into the Exeter High School Academic Hall of Fame on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Edrie began her career with the Exeter School District by teaching sixth grade at Jacksonwald Elementary School. She taught sixth grade at the former M. Luther Lausch Elementary School for 25 years before retiring from a 32-year career in 1992.*



*Congratulations to Geraldine Hydock who will celebrate her 101st Birthday on November 21st!!*

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Mal 3:19-20a:** The time of judgment is coming. For the faithful, it will be a day of glory.

**2 Thes 3:7-12:** We must all work together and cooperate with one another. No one can sit back and enjoy the fruits of another's labor.

**Lk 21:5-19:** Nothing in this world will last forever and we can be sure of trials and tribulations. But if we put our trust and hope in Christ, we will find life.

**Today's Message:** Jesus teaches that His disciples will be persecuted as a necessary prelude to the parousia. Through their perseverance, they will emerge victorious when the Lord comes again. As we await the Day, let us conscientiously fulfill our Christian obligations.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – After 12 noon Mass – Church  
VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights Room

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

ULTREYA – 7 p.m. - Parish Center

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

RCIA - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30 p.m – School

YOUTH GROUP – 6:30 p.m. – Upper Room

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

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 7:30 p.m. – Knights Room

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE – 5-9 p.m. – Social Hall

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE – 8 a.m – 3 p.m. – Social Hall

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETING & FRIENDSGIVING – 6:30 p.m. –

Upper Room



**BOY SCOUT NEW & USED TOY DRIVE:** Boy Scout Troop 358 will hold their annual new and used toy drive November 30 and December 1st. We are looking for new or used toys that are clean, have all or most of their parts and in good condition. No stuffed animals please. The scouts will be packing up the toys to be delivered to local children in need. There will be a toy collection box at the entrance. **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

#### **Retired and Infirm Priests Annual Fund, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared"**

Thank you to those who have given so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" annual fund. If you haven't given, it isn't too late to support the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail or from the brochures in the narthex. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese!

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 Ken Coffey

8:00 William Vath

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 Catherine Duggan

8:00 Gerald Impink

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 Natalie Tylka

8:00 Sister Mary Ann Liddy

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Kenneth Goodman

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:30 Intentions of Dolores Miravich

8:30 Edith Hinnershitz

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 Eileen & John Anderson

4:30 Adam Calvaresi

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 Curtin, Gantert, Kroener & Wagner Families

9:00 Alberta Lutz

10:30 Richard Stratton

12:00 Michael Fura

#### Readings for the Week of November 17, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
<b>Monday</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin</b> 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 <b>Proper Readings for Peter and Paul</b> Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 14:22-33
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</b> 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr</b> 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**Parish Nurse News -** Remember your friends who have experienced the death of a loved one- especially over the upcoming holiday season. A visit, a note, an invite out to eat are especially helpful and appreciated! Be aware of the needs and sadness of young children also when they have lost a parent or loved one. A kind word or small gift goes a long way!

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 11/18	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Derzack
Tuesday 11/19	Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeSantis
Wednesday 11/20	Rev. Msgr. Edward Domin
Thursday 11/21	Rev. Bruno Dongo
Friday 11/22	Rev. Walter Downs
Saturday 11/23	Rev. Anthony Drouncheck
Sunday 11/24	Rev. Ladislaus Dudek

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE NEXT WEEKEND!**

We urge everyone to attend the Christmas Boutique this Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23.

- One-of-a-kind gifts for Christmas with over 50 vendors.
- A roast beef dinner will be served on Friday beginning at 5 p.m. Dinners will be available for take-out or eat-in. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the boutique table or at the parish center.
- St. Mary's Pierogis will be available for \$8 a dozen. There will be a limited supply, so don't miss out.
- Homemade potato filling will be available for \$10 a pan. Great for Thanksgiving Dinner!
- Do NOT MISS your chance to win one of our incredible gift baskets with valuable gifts and gift cards. A sampling of baskets is on display near the scrip table.
- **On Saturday morning, Nov. 23 -for one hour only from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.- you can purchase DOUBLE raffle tickets for the gift baskets. The first 100 guests on Saturday will receive swag bags.**

We will feature a cookie bar at the bake sale where you can select from a wide variety of holiday cookies to create a custom cookie package. Two sizes will be available.

ALSO, please note that, if you are baking items for the bake sale, you may bring them to the social hall anytime during the day or evening on Thursday or Friday morning. (We would like to have all baked items by noon on Friday to allow for pricing and display to be ready at 5 p.m.)

**ALL INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN OF THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1ST MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH .**

**22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR** will be sponsored by Women's Club of Exeter Township, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00, available at Boscov's East, Exeter Community Library and Effie's Restaurant.

**The cold weather has arrived!** Please check your closets for children's clean, gently used or new warm hats, scarves, mittens or boots. St. Vincent DePaul will distribute these to needy children in Reading. Bins will be at exits through the winter.

**Next Weekend's Mass Schedule**

**November 23rd - 4:30 p.m. Mass**

Lector - Todd Tomczyk

Cantor - Kate Bobb

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - D. Formando - L. Formando - M. Pawlik

Eucharistic Ministers - Marcia Wert & Linda Fetterman

**November 24th - 7:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector - Kathy Lavanga

Altar Servers - C. Wright - S. Wright - C. Griffith

Eucharistic Ministers - Vince Essig & Steve Gribb

**November 24th - 9:00 a.m. Mass**

Lector - John Vogel

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - A. Gillner

Eucharistic Ministers - Judy McMahon - Jim Snyder - Ed Smith

**November 24th - 10:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector - Edrie Watson

Voices & Praise Choir

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - S. Cortes - J. Howard - D. Perez

Eucharistic Ministers - Helen Veet - David Drezek - Cassie Sedlack

**November 24th - 12:00 p.m. Mass**

Lector - Rose Ann Uhrig

Cantor - Jeff Tomczyk

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - N. Wentling - J. Wentling - E. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente & Michele Boucher



**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA -**  
**Sunday, December 8th, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**WHAT:** Join us for a hot hearty breakfast with Santa. He is flying in to celebrate with the St. Catharine of Siena and St. Mary's Parish children.

**WHERE:** St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall

**COST:** A free will offering

**Open to all Parishioners**

**Berks Catholic Homecoming 2019**

**Berks Catholic Christmas Vespers -** Berks Catholic High School invites you to celebrate the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ with our Christmas Vesper Prayer Service on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, West Reading. **Admission is free and open to the public.**



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 & soldiers in harm's way:** Anthony Antonucci, Beverly Bansner, Marie Bassler, Becky Batistini, Melody Bechtel, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Nancy Cassidy, Mary Christ, Larry Curtin, Joan Davis, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Luke Gilbert, David J. Gulati II, Roberta Hedl, William Hedl, Jr., Wayne Hedrick, Catherine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Christine Jenkins, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Sharon Kieffer, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Rosemarie Kovacs, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, David C. Lellig, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jim McGinnis, John Mercadante Jr., Dolores Miravich, David Mourman, Anthony Myers, Jerome Nigh, Anna Nowotarski, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtel, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, Tammy Scrobe, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Sandy Sullivan, Kim Trois, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Merritt Weidner, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Elaine Woudstra, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: Marie Sullivan**, (mother of Gerard Sullivan, Mary Davis & Claire Blaise) ; **Stella Albrecht**, (mother of Greg Albrecht) & **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.



*Congratulations to Madeline & Michael Mullen who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May they be blessed with many more years together!*



*Congratulations to Eleanor & Dave Hafer who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on November 15th. May they be blessed with many more years together!*

## 50+ CLUB NEWS

The Christmas Party for the 50+ Club will be held on **December 4, 2019 at 12:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **December 3, 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

**DECEMBER 4, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT - CHRISTMAS PARTY**, Crowne Plaza. Choice of meal will be Salmon Picasa, Stuffed Pork Loin and Chicken Cordon Bleu. Great entertainment will be provided by Glenn Miller. Contact: Carol Searfoss 484-236-1016 for more information.

**Reservations must be made by November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**JANUARY 8, 2020: NEW YEARS CELEBRATION** with members to bring appetizers and snacks to share - Cake and Coffee. Let's play BINGO

**FEBRUARY 5, 2020: Valentine Day Celebration** with cakes and coffee. Speaker: Pat White – 2020 trip schedule

**MARCH 6, 2020: Speaker: Cindy Kauffman**, the Manager of the **Pagoda**, she is responsible for the management and development of the Pagoda, Pagoda Cafe and all activities and events at the Pagoda  
Cake & Coffee

**2020 Trip** information will be announced at the **February meeting**.

**Royal Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas on Anthem of the Sea**, leaves **Feb 7<sup>th</sup> to Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**, Balcony-\$840.00, Ocean View-\$748.00 Double Occupancy +\$116.00 Gratuity. This trip is definitely a go, so please call Pat White for more information.

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

Please call **Rosalie Snyder at 610-779-6562** with the name of members who are sick or have died.

**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 at 4975 Boyertown Pike, Rt. 562, Reading, PA.**

**ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION** hosted by our St. Joseph's Youth Group on Sunday, December 1st at 12:15 noon in the Parish Center, 1018 N. 8th Street, Reading, PA 19604. All youth are welcomed from the ages of 14 through 18. If you would like to join us, please contact St. Joseph's Parish at 610-376-2976 to reserve your spot. Invite your friends and enjoy the afternoon for a time of meditation, prayer, music and reflection.

**CYO Mass & Food Drive Date: Sunday, Nov 24, 2019- Time: 11 :00 AM—Location: Berks Catholic Auditorium - CYO participants are request to bring a non-perishable food item/items and wear their team jersey.**

## Saint Catharine School News

### Save the Date!

St. Catharine of Siena presents the 2019 Artisan Showcase and Sale in the Social Hall on December 14, 5:30-8:30. Free admission. Wine sampling, raffle items, and more! (Interested vendors, please contact Amy Chiarelli @ 610-780-9803 or [inspirationbeadsbracelets@gmail.com](mailto:inspirationbeadsbracelets@gmail.com))

**School News:** Thank you to all who supported our Walk-A-Thon Campaign. We have raised \$25,000 to date! Please help us show gratitude to our Corporate Sponsors by patronizing and supporting them:

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Sneaker Villa  
McGinn School Apparel, Knight's Rental  
Bean Funeral Home  
Lawlor Dermatology  
Lifetouch  
Paul Impellizzeri, M.D.  
Working Dog Press  
Midlantic Machinery  
The Egner Group at RE/MAX of Reading

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive (sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church) To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry**

**We are now about half-way through the collection period for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive. Many of you have already placed a toy, book, hat, scarf or gloves into the collection box. We are so thankful for the support of St. Catharine of Siena! There are still a few weeks left in the Toy Drive. The last Sunday to contribute is December 8, 2019. Please consider a contribution to brighten Christmas for children in need in our community.** This event has brought much joy to the families of the Exeter Area Food Pantry for the past three years, providing parents with an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for their children without compromising their ability to keep food on the table. **If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480)**