

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 4th - 3:30 p.m. - John & Amelia Smolinski

Sunday, January 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Rev. Zdzislaw Kikowski, (20th Anniversary)

Commemorating St. Mary's: We are initiating an effort to create a book commemorating St. Mary's. It will consist of a history of the parish, examples of parish life, and a complete photographic record of St. Mary's Church. As a considerable effort is involved in this effort, we would like to get an idea of how many people would purchase a book in a price range of \$10 - \$15. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of St. Mary's. If you would have an interest in purchasing the book, please sign the sheet or email your interest to Carl Gethmann at cagethmann74@gmail.com.

There will be A New Year's Eve Mass at Saint Mary's at 3:30 p.m. There will be no New Year's Day Mass at Saint Mary's.

May God Bless you abundantly in the New Year for your generous stewardship this past year.



Thank you from Monsignor Domin, & Father Wehr, Msgr. Treston to everyone who sent cards, greetings, gifts, and goodies. May God continue to bless you in the New Year!

A Recipe for a Happy New Year!

Take twelve months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients. Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over a radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. You're bound to have a Happy New Year!

Solemnity of Mary – Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve –

4:30 p.m. Church

3:30 p.m. – Saint Mary's

New Year's Day – 8:00 a.m.

& 10:30 a.m. – Church

NO ADORATION on, Monday, December 30th.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE FROM MONSIGNOR DOMIN, FATHER WEHR, MSGR. TRESTON, DEACONS FRY, STAPLETON, SCHNEIDER AND THE STAFF OF ST. CATHARINE'S PARISH CENTER AND SCHOOL.

THE HOLY FAMILY

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14: Fidelity to Yahweh implies many particular virtues, and among them Sirach gives precedence to duties toward parents. He promises atonement for sin to those who honor their parents.

Col 3:12-21: Paul describes the life a Christian embraces through baptism.

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23: In Christ all the prophecies are fulfilled. He is the Messiah, the dominant one – the Son of God. In all things He carries out the will of His Father.

Today's Message: Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

VOICES IN PRAISE – 9 a.m. – Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

AHG – 6 p.m. – Social Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

VOICES IN PRAISE – 9 a.m. – Church

CUB SCOUTS MEETING – 6 p.m. – Social Hall

Winter is here! St. Vincent de Paul is again asking for donations of children's hats, scarves, and mittens. Bins will be in back of Church.

Parish Nurse News - Time to firm up those New Year resolutions! Additional time for prayer and reflection, attend community events that you usually ignore, give others benefit of the doubt-we don't know the challenges they face. Mother Teresa said the good we do today will often be forgotten, do good anyway. Happy New Year!

New Altar Servers Training!

Father Wehr will be holding altar server training sessions open to all students in 6th grade and up. Sessions are scheduled for Saturday, January 11th and Saturday, January 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Church. All students are welcome! Please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 to sign up.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

NO 6:30

8:00 Mary Jo Brennan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NO 6:30

8:00 Helen Faherty

4:30 Deacon Jack Deturck (VIGIL MASS) (Church)

8:00 Charles Joseph McAndrew (Church)

10:30 Paul Arnold

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

6:30 Living & Deceased of Parish

8:00 Helen Impink

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

6:30 Emma Smith (2nd Anniversary)

8:30 Stanley Ustaszewski (6th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 Bonnie Carrigan

4:30 Samuel Russo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 Bill Carter

9:00 Martha Safko (21st Anniversary)

10:30 Teresa Le Hieu

12:00 Deceased Members of the Polizzi & Clemente Families

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

NEW IN THE AREA? Please see a Priest or Deacon 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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 12/30	Rev. Stephan Isaac
Tuesday 12/31	Rev. Msgr. David James
Wednesday 1/1	Rev. Richard James
Thursday 1/2	Rev. Ronald Jankaitis
Friday 1/3	Rev. Dominik Kalata
Saturday 1/4	Rev. Francis Kaminski, S.J.
Sunday 1/5	Rev. Kiatieta Kanimea, M.S.C.

Youth Group News

Retreat Registration - All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to our 2020 youth retreat on February 21 - 23 at Camp Manatawny. The theme of the retreat this year is "Our Father". This retreat is run by teens from the St. Catharine's and St. Benedict's Youth Groups. Cost is \$50. Registration forms can be found in the back of the church or from the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.com Register now to reserve your spot. You will not be disappointed!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

- December 29 – Mission Trip Reunion Party
- January 12 – Upper Room Meeting
- January 24 – March For Life
- January 26 – Upper Room Meeting
- February 21 – 23 Senior High Retreat
- March 28-29 Soup Kitchen Weekend

For More information on these events please go to the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com

This summer, the Senior High Youth Group will attend a Steubenville Youth Conference on the Campus of St. John's University in New York City. This event is open to students graduating grade 8 – students graduating grade 12. The dates for this energizing weekend are July 24—26, 2020. This weekend is filled with talks from nationally renowned speakers and music leaders as well as amazing experiences to be with our Lord in Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Cost is \$100 and includes housing and meals at the conference as well as coach bus transportation. Check out the website www.steubenvilleconferences.com to learn more about this amazing weekend.

The deadline to register for the Steubenville Youth Conference is January 5, 2020. Permission Slips can be found on the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Permission slips and payment can be mailed to Mrs. Zambito at St. Catharine's School 2330 Perkiomen Avenue Reading, PA 19606

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

January 4th - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Helen Veet
Cantor – Bryan Scollick
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - K. Amey - J. Dempster - A. Nguyen
Eucharistic Ministers - Bryan Scollick - Lorraine Simon

January 5th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector– Melissa Woodward
Altar Servers - A. McElderry - O. Chiarelli - S. Cortes
Eucharistic Ministers –Mike Jurasinski - Linda Fetterman

January 5th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Vince McDevitt
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - V. McDevitt - M. Partsch - K. Kintzer
Eucharistic Ministers – Cheryl Willman - Pat McNeil

January 5th - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Chris Marabella
Voices & Praise Choir
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - M. Vagnoni - A. Devlin - B. McAdams
Eucharistic Ministers - Peter Will - David Drezek - Ed Smith

January 5th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Gretchen Wentling
Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - B. McNish - A. Gillner - E. Oscar
Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - Tom & Trish McNelis

EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY will continue to accept PERSONAL HYGEINE products and any non-perishable food item on an on-going basis. Bins are located in the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. For more information, please contact Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein at 610-779-6045.

All contributions for 2019 must be received by Sunday, December 29th, 2019 to be included on your statement. Thank you for your generosity during the past year. If contributions are received after December 29th they will be applied to your 2020 statement.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS will be held at Holy Rosary Church on 3rd & Franklin Sts. The Devotions will be held on First Friday, January 3rd. **Please note that starting in January, the new time is 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Everyone is encouraged to attend.

May God Bless you abundantly in the New Year for your generous stewardship this past year.



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: Scarlett Rose Deak & Serinah Tarabeth Searfoss

Please pray for our sick: Anthony Antonucci, Beverly Bansner, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Charles Beatty, Melody Bechtel, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Gerald Boyer, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, 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, Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Sharon Kieffer, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Rosemarie Kovacs, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, David C. Lellig, Pat Lesig, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jim McGinnis, John Mercadante Jr., Dolores Miravich, Cathy Motznic, Jerome Nigh, Anna Nowotarski, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtl, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, Tammy Scrobe, Michael Shadday, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Sandy Sullivan, Kim Trois, Betty Vilardo, Lillian Van Note, Ian Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Merritt Weidner, Bill Wertz, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Elaine Woudstra, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Edward Zabinski, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. . **A time to die: & 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.

Berks Catholic News

Saints Annual Shooting Clinic- December 30, 2019- For Boys and Girls Grades K-8. Offensive moves for guards and forwards, dribbling moves, shooting, shooting off the dribble, shooting off the pass, and shoot out contest. Please go to the Berks Catholic Website for a registration form.

www.berkscatholic.org<<http://www.berkscatholic.org/>>

Berks Catholic Open House-Thursday, January 23, 2020 5-7pm

It's a great time to Be A Saint! Visit our new John R. Post Learning Center which features a new STEM Lab, expanded cafeteria, new classrooms, college and career counseling suite and collegiate style learning commons. Come experience the energy of our community and learn more about how we prepare young men and ladies to be college and life ready. For more information please contact Nicky Smith at 610.374.8361 ext. 244 or nsmith@betkscatholic.org<<mailto:nsmith@betkscatholic.org>>

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, Private First Class Connor A. Soja, Lance Corporal Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, Captain Morgan Hissick, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Sgt. 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, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Cdr. 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.

School News - Thank you to all our families who have so generously donated to the many service projects this holiday season. Your charitable donations have reached many families and individuals in need of some extra holiday cheer. Thank you for all that you do.

50+ CLUB NEWS



The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **January 8, 2020** at **1:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **January 7, 2020** 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

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 4, 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

APRIL 1, 2020: SPECIAL EVENT - Everybody's Birthday Celebration at Victor Emmanuel's, starting at 12:00 PM, Happy Boombadears to entertain us.

2020 Trip information will be announced at the February meeting.

Royal Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas on Anthem of the Sea, leaves Feb 7th to Feb 15th, Balcony-\$840.00, Ocean View-\$748.00 Double Occupancy +\$116.00 Gratuity. This trip is definitely a go, so please call **Pat White 610-582-1437** for more 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.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACT PERSONS AND RESOURCES

Altar Servers – (Father Zachary Wehr – 610-779-4005)
American Heritage Girls - (Julia Wright - 610-370-9290)
Boy Scout- (Terry Wade - 610-478-1200)
Bereavement Support - (Judy Cameron– 610-370-1174)
Catholic Charities - (610-376-7144)
Catholic Soup Kitchen (Sara Miller 610-404-1590)
Choir- (Dave Kostival – 484-332-8695)
Church Library - (Genevieve Samolewicz 610-779-1660)
Cub Scouts – (610-888-5595 Kristen Reinert)
Cursillo – (Bill McMahon 610-779-8654)
CYO President – (Kevin Franey - 610-370-5243)
CYO Athletic Director - (Cristina Schmehl- 610-779-1513)
Disability Advocates -(Carol McCullough 610-370-1660)
Eucharistic Ministers-(Deacon Greg Schneider - 610-929-0386)
Exeter Food Bank - (Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein - 610-779-6045)
Girl Scouts - (Adrienne Evans - 908-872-6105)
Guitar Choir – (Ann DelCollo - 610-777-5234)
Home School Organization- (Janet Decembrino - 610-370-9131)
Knights of Columbus - (Fred Nowotarski - 516-509-0190)
Lectors – (John Vogel 610-779-6287)
Legion of Mary - (Joe Akkara - 610-370-5762)
Little Angels – (Heather Keperling - 610-370-2378)
Maintenance - (Elisha Robinson - (610-779-4005)
Marriage Preparation - (610-779-4005)
Ministers of Hospitality- (Deacon John Stapleton 610-779-4005)
Parish Nurses - mjauman@verizon.net
Parish School – (Mrs. Marcella Kraycik - 610-779-5810)
Saint Catharine's Pre-School – (610-779-5810)
PREP (CCD) – (Coordinator - Marci Zambito,610-779-8535)
Protecting God's Children Coordinator - (Marci Zambito - 610-779-8535)
RCIA – (Father Zachary Wehr - 610-779-4005)
Religious Store - (Bill Wertz - 610-779-5283)
Saint Vincent de Paul Society- (Carol Cinelli 610-779-3113)
School Board - Michele Weber (610-779-8406)
Scrip – (Cristina Schmehl - 610-779-1513)
Senior Citizen Group (50+Club)- (Carol Buddell - 610-401-0600)
Serra Club – (Bob Wright 610-779-9040)
Siena Stitchers - (Judy McMahon - 610-779-8654)
Youth Choir– Kate Bobb - (610-689-9816)
Youth Group - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
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