

## Saint Mary's News

### Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Margaret Ehret  
Sunday, January 26th - 9:00 a.m. - Gregory & David Heifer— **Polish Mass**  
Sunday, January 26th - 10:30 a.m. - The Jermac Family

**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](mailto:cagethmann74@gmail.com)

**The Lenten Pierogi Society** will continue its labors on Monday, January 27, from 9:00 A.M. to 12 :00 P.M. and will meet each Monday and Tuesday through Lent. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use parking lot Chapel entrance. New members are always welcome.

**\$26,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS** - On Saturday, April 25, 2020, the Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding ten college scholarships totaling \$25,000 to Berks County high school seniors of Polish-American descent. Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the guidance counselor in all Berks County high schools. They are also available in the Polish-American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington St., Reading, and they can be downloaded from the PABEBC website at [www.pabeberks.org](http://www.pabeberks.org). Completed application forms are due no later than Saturday, March 28, 2020, to the PABEBC Scholarship Secretary, Ronald Savitski, 159 Texter Mountain Road, Wernersville, PA 19565-9442. Tel. 610-693-9792 or email him at [rsavitski@msn.com](mailto:rsavitski@msn.com). In conjunction with the PABEBC scholarship awards program, the Polish-American Heritage Association of Berks County is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a Berks County high school senior of Polish-American descent. The guidelines for obtaining this scholarship are also available in the office of the high school guidance counselors, the Polish-American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks or by contacting Sandy Lubas Hummel, the scholarship chair for PAHABC at [sahummel@ptd.net](mailto:sahummel@ptd.net) or by calling her at 610-207-7065.

**Anyone wishing to receive Gluten Free Hosts should go to the Celebrant's communion line and indicate to him that you need a Gluten Free Host.**



**Baskets of Love** - Our parish family is more than those of us who are blessed to be able to attend Mass on Sunday. We are also the "shut-ins", they are often times, the ones who taught, song, led groups at our Church and more. Please help us tell them we still care. Bring your medium size baskets, small lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. to our "Baskets of Love" table in the back of the Church. We will be taking the made-up baskets to them with love from you their parish family. **We will be collecting these items until the weekend of February 1st & 2nd.**

### TAX STATEMENTS

**Please note:** If you would like a copy of your giving record for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. **If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at [dsitler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement. Statements will not be ready until the week of the 23rd of January.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Is 49:3, 5-6:** Through Israel the Lord will show forth His glory and splendor. Israel is to be a light for all nations whereby salvation will come to all people.

**12 Cor 1:1-3:** Paul and Sosthenes greet the people at Corinth. They are to be a holy people as are all who call upon the name of Jesus, acknowledging Him as Lord.

**Jn 1:29-34:** John the Baptist recognized Jesus: The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. This is God's chosen one upon whom the Spirit descended and came to rest.

**Today's Message:** Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the light of the nations who came to do the Father's will. In Christ we have been called to be a holy people.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – After 12 noon Mass - Church  
CHOIR REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Church  
DEN MEETING – 6 P.M.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.  
GUITAR PRACTICE – 7 p.m. - Church  
ULTREYA – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

PREP LEVEL 1-7- 6:30 p.m. - School  
LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Social Hall  
CHOIR REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Church

Parish Nurse News - Healthy Eating contributes to feeling good in so many ways! Examples of good food choices include: Fruits and Veggies- a variety of colors will provide the most nutrients, Protein-lean portions, seafood twice a week, and serve nonmeat foods such as beans, Dairy-choose 1% milk, low-fat yogurts and cheese, or use almond milk instead.

**The next Blood Drive is Sunday, February 23rd** in the Social hall 8:15 to 1:15 pm. Please contact Miller Keystone at 800-223-6667 or email [David.Sheehan@med.ge.com](mailto:David.Sheehan@med.ge.com) for an appointment.

**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, February 15th and or Sunday, February 16th** 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30 Dick Horrigan (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
9:00 Rita M. (Miller) Mierczkowski (13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
10:30 Earl Heintz (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
12:00 Violet C. Maksimowicz

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

6:30 D. Regina Skrincoosky (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
8:00 Marge Lonergan (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

#### TUESDAY JANUARY 21

6:30 Stevie Brenner  
8:00 Connie McMahon

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 Victoria Youse  
8:00 George Krick

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:00 Betty Sobotka

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

6:30 Chequel Key (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
8:30 Teddy Schalk (26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)-**School**

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 Rundle & Rudolff Families  
4:30 Rosemary McNish

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30 Elizabeth J. Loeper (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
9:00 Gerry Sullivan (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
10:30 Jennie J. Palkon  
12:00 Sandra Bibbo (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### Scripture Readings for the Week of January 19, 2020

Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
Monday	Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr
	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
	1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales Bishop and Doctor of the Church
	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 1/20	Rev. Joseph Kweder
Tuesday 1/21	Rev. Patrick Lamb
Wednesday 1/22	Rev. Daniel Lannen, OSFS
Thursday 1/23	Rev. Brendon Laroche
Friday 1/24	Rev. Keith Laskowski
Saturday 1/25	Rev. William Linkhorst
Sunday 1/26	Rev. John Little

**50+ CLUB NEWS**

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **February 5, 2020** at **1:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **February 4, 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**

**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.

**MAY 6, 2020:** Entertainment will be Maya, the belly dancer. Cake & Coffee

**JUNE 3, 2020:** **Italian sandwiches** & then let's play **BINGO**. Cupcakes & 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 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**.

**Children's Liturgy** – We are in need of volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy at the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. No experience needed...just a desire to share our Lord with the future of our church! All materials are provided. Please contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) if interested.

**Next Weekend's Mass Schedule**

**January 25th - 4:30 p.m. Mass**

Lector - Dottie Bixler

Cantor – Bryan Scollick

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - D. Formando - L. Formando - B. Truong

Eucharistic Ministers - Marcia Wert & Linda Fetterman

**January 26th - 7:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector– Paul Essig

Altar Servers - A. McElderry - G. McElderry - M. McElderry

Eucharistic Ministers – Vince Essig & Steve Gribb

**January 26th - 9:00 a.m. Mass**

Lector - Cassie Sedlack

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - P. McCullough - R. Stoudt - E. Oscar

Eucharistic Ministers – Judy McMahon - Jim Snyder - Lisa Ianna

**January 26th - 10:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector –Mike Lenhart

Voices & Praise Choir

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - K. Amey - A. Gillner - K. Swavely

Eucharistic Ministers - Helen Veet - Maria Post - David Drezek

**January 26th - 12:00 p.m. Mass**

Lector - Mike McElderry

Cantor - Jay Yohn

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Pawlik - J. Dempster - A. Nguyen

Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - Edrie Watson

**EVENT SUPPORTS OVER 90 RETIRED NUNS:** The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters in Reading invite you to Bernardine Bonanza, on February 22, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at their Motherhouse. To make a donation for their retired Sisters or to purchase tickets, visit [bfranciscan.org](http://bfranciscan.org) or call Sr. Maria Bartos at 484-334-6815.

**On behalf of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church,** thank you for your generous support of the Toy Give for the Children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. Your collection box filled 4 times!! The total toys collected for the event were 1,832. In addition there were over 700 books, 200 grab bags, and 275 clothing items. Ninety-nine families consisting of 267 children were served. Over 150 people were served lunch. Remaining toys were shared with the Oley Pantry, Keystone Families Pantry and other Exeter and Antietam families in need. We are so thankful for your love and kindness!

**OLEY VALLEY COMMUNITY BENEFIT**

**ASSOCIATION'S 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Pot Pie Benefit Dinner** is right around the corner. This year's dinner is planned for Sunday, March 22, 2020 with March 29<sup>th</sup> set as the snow date. Over the past 29 years, we have benefited so many local families with over \$189,000 in gifts. For more information, please contact Nick Kohut at 610-689-4587.



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:** Anthony Antonucci, Beverly Bansner, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Gerald Boyer, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Nancy Cassidy, Mary Christ, Lisa Coins, Larry Curtin, Joan Davis, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Joseph Gierschick, Jr, Luke Gilbert, Albert Gombar, Sr., Christine Gubernot, 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, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, David C. Lellig, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jim McGinnis, John Mercadante Jr., Dolores Miravich, Cathy Motznic, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon PrechtI, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Loretta 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, Lillian Van Note, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Merritt Weidner, Bill Wertz, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Carol Woolston, Elaine Woudstra, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Allyson Ziemba, Molly Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: Theresa Ruzowicz; Charles Beaty, (brother of Anne Essig) & 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.**

**Bishop Alfred Schlert has announced that anyone in the Diocese of Allentown who attends the "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. on January 24 will receive a partial indulgence.** A partial indulgence also will be granted to people who are aged, sick or unable to leave their home for the March, but who spiritually unite themselves with those participating in the event. The March for Life is an annual prayerful demonstration against abortion. It has taken place for the past 44 years. Several parishes are running buses. What is an indulgence? After we go to Confession, temporal punishment still remains – not to be thought of as vengeance from God, but rather as a wound from the nature of sin itself. Think of temporal punishment as the time needed to heal the wound of sin. This healing can occur while we are still alive – through works of mercy and charity, prayer, and penance – or after death, in Purgatory. An indulgence helps heal the wound while we are still alive, reducing or eliminating the need for time in Purgatory before we go to Heaven.

To receive the partial indulgence for the March, those eligible also must go to Confession, receive Communion, and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis, all within a reasonable time before or after the event. The partial indulgence can be used by the person receiving it, or it can be applied to a deceased loved one.

**We pray for the Gift of Peace** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Captain Steffen E. Lis, SPC Specialist Mackenzie Adame, Private Lance Corporal 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

## Financial Stewardship

### November 17, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,319	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 388,915	\$ 468,420
Year to date deficit	\$ 79,505	
Last Year	\$ 19,253	

### November 24, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,262	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 410,177	\$ 491,841
Year to date deficit	\$ 81,664	
Last Year	\$ 19,253	

### December 1st, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,515	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 429,692	\$ 515,262
Year to date deficit	\$ 85,570	
Last Year	\$ 19,253	

### December 8th, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,184	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 449,876	\$ 538,683
Year to date deficit	\$ 88,807	
Last Year	\$ 19,253	

### December 15th, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,836	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 468,712	\$ 562,104
Year to date deficit	\$ 93,392	
Last Year	\$ 19,253	

### December 22nd, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,575	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 488,287	\$ 585,525
Year to date deficit	\$ 97,238	
Last Year	\$ 19,927	

### December 29th, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,749	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 506,036	\$ 608,946
Year to date deficit	\$ 102,910	
Last Year	\$ 21,696	

**Our Christmas Collection was \$40,386.**

**THANK YOU!!!!** Thank you for the offerings you have made and are making to St. Catharine's. Your offerings, of your time, of your God-given talents, and of your money, help support all that we do at St. Catharine's. St. Catharine's could do nothing without the faithful offerings of its members. Together, we are the Body of Christ. When we are giving, we are being the faithful people God calls us to be.

## 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](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) Register now to reserve your spot. You will not be disappointed!

The next Upper Room meeting will be Sunday, January 26 from 6:30pm -8:30pm. The meeting is open to all students in grades 9-12. We hope to see you there!

### Upcoming Youth Group Events

January 26 – Upper Room Meeting 6:30p – 8:30pm  
February 9 – Upper Room Meeting 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
February 16 – Jr and Sr High Dinner and a Movie 6pm-9pm  
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](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com)



**If you or a fellow parishioner is hospitalized please contact us at 610-779-4005.**

Recall that in order to protect your privacy (HIPAA rules), it is no longer a regular practice for healthcare facilities to notify your Church or priest that you are in the hospital unless directly instructed to do so by you or your family. Yet we know how important it is for you to have spiritual and sacramental support while hospitalized. Here are some things you can do:

- Have someone, a family member or friend, to give us a call beforehand, so we know when you will be in the hospital.
- During the admission process, be sure to provide both your religion and the name of your Church. If the hospital fails to ask this question, inform your nurse of both your religion and your parish affiliation. If you are hospitalized, ask a member of your healthcare team to contact your clergy or ask to see the chaplain. The hospital spiritual care team will contact us.