

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy A. LaSota

Sunday, February 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Regina Wrobel

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

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. 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. 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 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

St Vincent De Paul

Final Week, "Baskets of Love"

We are almost ready to put together our "Baskets of Love" for our many shut-ins. Over a hundred again this year. With that being said, we can still use medium size baskets to place items in. Also ladies/men's socks, lotions, shampoos, small tissues, and dental items will be appreciated. The donation tables are at both exits of church. If you'd like to help with assembly, come to the old preschool room down at Church on Thursday Feb.6th at 1pm. For more information call Linda Vogel at 610-779-6287.

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. If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

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

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 Perotto, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 8:23 – 9:3: Isaiah tells of the land in the west where there is no gloom, for the people see a great light. They are to rejoice that the yoke that bound them is to be smashed.

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17: Paul warns the people of Corinth that there must be unity among the people of God. There is only one gospel message. Jesus cannot be divided, no matter who preaches about Him.

Mt 4:12-23 Jesus preached reform. At the Sea of Galilee He called Peter and Andrew, James and John to become fishers of people. At once, they left their nets to follow Him. Jesus taught and worked miracles.

Today's Message: We have seen a great light: Jesus the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Social Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

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

GRIEFSHARE – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

GUITAR PRACTICE – 7 p.m. – Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

PREP LEVEL 1-7- 6:30 p.m. - School

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – After 12 noon Mass - Church

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Church

DEN MEETING – 6 p.m. – Social Hall

St. Paul's R.C. Church, Reading, will hold its Fourth Annual Gala, on Sunday, February 23, 2020, at the Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Rd., commemorating Gethsemane Cemetery's 125th Anniversary. Featured Speaker will be Very Rev. Thomas P. Bortz, Pastor, St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Reading. Our One Family Award will be awarded to English, Vietnamese and Spanish Pioneers of St. Paul's Church. Ticket price is \$50 each, available from St. Paul's Rectory 610-372-1531 or stpaulsrcchurch@comcast.net. Reservation deadline is Monday, February 10th. No tickets sold at the door.

Parish Nurse News - Make healthy food choices a habit and you'll soon notice that it's easy to find and enjoy the best foods for you! Limit processed, packaged, and "fast" foods. Cook with oils that have healthy fats, like olive oil. Drink plenty of water. Avoid soda-diet or regular- and enjoy flavored water as a great alternative to sugary drinks!

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 if interested.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30 Elizabeth J. Loeper (3rd Anniversary)

9:00 Gerry Sullivan (2nd Anniversary)

10:30 Jennie J. Palkon

12:00 Sandra Bibbo (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

6:30 Intentions of the Batastini Family

8:00 Charles D. McDonald (20th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30 Monica Lissauer

8:00 Virginia Laczkowski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

6:30 Mary Firth

8:00 Matthew Cahill (10th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Andy Spalding

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

6:30 Edward Zabinski

8:30 Pete Fabriziani (At School)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 Kenneth C. Finney

4:30 Paul T. Bassler (12th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 Anthony & Patricia Waldman

9:00 Caterina Cirulli

10:30 Mary & Harry Wright

12:00 Cecilia Ospina (1st Anniversary)

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 26, 2020

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

Monday

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26;

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10;

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30;

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,

6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,

16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County will hold a meeting on Sat. Feb. 8 at 1:00 at St. Ignatius School. The speaker will be Michelle White from Heart for the Nations. Open to all Catholic women.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/27	Rev. David Loeper
Tuesday 1/28	Rev. James Lofton
Wednesday 1/29	Rev. Lucien Longtin, S.J.
Thursday 1/30	Rev. Stephen Maco
Friday 1/31	Rev. Leo Maletz
Saturday 2/1	Rev. Msgr. John Martin
Sunday 2/2	Rev. Keith Mathur

St. Catharine of Siena Parish Welcomes All - No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.

NOW THAT THE **WINTER** IS REALLY UPON US, WE WANT TO REMIND THE **SENIOR MEMBERS** OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COME TO MASS ON DAYS THAT ARE STORMY, ICY OR BITTER COLD. ONE DAY OF HEROICS COULD LEAD TO MANY MONTHS IN BED RECOVERATING.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL TODAY! Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to find essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

TURNING TAXES INTO SCHOLARSHIPS: If you are paying Pennsylvania state income taxes, why not turn your tax dollars into need based scholarships for schools? Pennsylvania provides a 90% tax credit to individuals who donate funds for Catholic School Education. The gift of a Catholic Education is an investment in our youth, our future, and our faith. To learn more, please inquire at your school or contact: John Fierro (Diocese) 610-866-0581 (ext. 2344)

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in our Chapel, (St. Catharine's.) The holy hour of Adoration will be on first Friday, **February 7, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.** Everyone is welcome!

Are you thinking of volunteering your time to a worthy cause? Do you have teaching experience or a background in education? Are you available in the evening? If so, the Mother Veronica Resource Center at 449 S. 6th Street in Reading is looking for you. We are currently in need of English as a Second Language (ESL) evening class instructors, presently on a substitute basis, to fill in for pre-planned and emergency instructor absences. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact or have them contact Sister Cara Garofalo, OSF at 484-516-2138 or by email at mveronicacenter@gmail.com for further information.

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

February 1st - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Melissa Scollick
Cantor - Jeff Tomczyk
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Beaver - A. Beaver - M. Partsch
Eucharistic Ministers - Bryan Scollick & Lorraine Simon

February 2nd - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Doug McAdams
Altar Servers - V. McDevitt - S. McDevitt - M. McDevitt
Eucharistic Ministers - Mike Jurasinski & Linda Fetterman

February 2nd - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Roxanne Richardson
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - O. Chiarelli - N. Barbera - E. Schodowski
Eucharistic Ministers - Cheryl Willmam - Pat McNeil - Ernie Kovacs

February 2nd - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Amanda Luckenbill
Voices & Praise Choir
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - S. Cortes - K. Kintzer - D. Perez
Eucharistic Ministers - David Drezek - Ed Smith - Peter Will

February 2nd - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Mary King O'Leary
Cantor - Kim Kostival
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - A. Devlin - B. McAdams - A. Renninger
Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - Tom McNelis - Trish McNelis

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!

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



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: Alexandra Miller & Sofie Scartozzi

Please pray for our sick: Anthony Antonucci, Beverly Bansner, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Gerald Boyer, Joseph Brahler, 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, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, David C. Lellig, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jim McGinnis, John Mercadante Jr., Dolores Miravich, Cathy Motznik, 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, Kazimiera Skowros, Margaret Smith, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Sandy Sullivan, Kim Trois, Lillian Van Note, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, 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: Jack Watson**, (brother of Edrie Watson) & **Peter Pelka**, (father of Michael Pelka) & **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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion **March 6-8, 2020** In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness.

For *registration information contact:

Sr. Meg Cole

1-866-3 RACHEL (Toll Free)

610-332-0442 Ext. 2019

mcole@allentowndiocese.org

* **Deadline for Registration is March 1st**

For information about the retreat experience visit the

national website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

LJEAJD: The Four Marks of Fatherly Greatness – This one-day retreat will inspire men to embrace God's purpose and plan for their life. Explore the spirituality of Saint Joseph with presenter Rob Longo at St. Mary, Kutztown on Saturday, February 29, 2020. A Daily Mass will be offered by Bishop Schlert during the retreat and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession as well. This retreat is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for Men. For more information or to register, visit allentowndiocese.org/LEAD

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on Thursday, February 6 at St. Ambrose Church, 201 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm by Father Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community. Mass will be followed by a period of Adoration and Confessions until 7:00 and then an informal social. Please join us for this opportunity to meet each other as we come together for prayer and fellowship. (Questions: Fr. Bobbin: 610-866-0791x332 or kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org)

**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 – (610-914-1680– Sahnnon Sauppee)
Cursillo – (Bill McMahan 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- (Elizabeth Kieffer - 610-310-7842)
Knights of Columbus - (Fred Nowotarski - 516-509-0190)
Lectors – (John Vogel 610-779-6287)
Legion of Mary - (Joe Akkara - 610-370-5762)
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 McMahan - 610-779-8654)
Youth Group - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
Parish Office- (610-779-4005) ; Fax: 610-779-0859
Church Website - <http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/>
Saint Catharine's Parish Center - 610-779-4005
Saint Catharine's School - 610-779-5810

50 Plus 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 cupcakes 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 TRIPS

APRIL 18, 2020: Saturday, American Music Theatre, SPRING DO WOP CAVALCADE. Meal on your own at Cracker Barrel. COST: \$86.00

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.

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 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. Hope to see you there. Also if you are unable to help but would be willing to **donate** food or other