

## Saint Mary's News

**Next Weekends Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, February 8th - 3:30 p.m. - Craig Miller**

**Sunday, February 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Walter R. Zerkowski**

**Second Collection** - We are all aware of the plight of the residents of Puerto Rico after recently experiencing a serious earthquake followed by numerous aftershocks. This new round of destruction comes upon the heels of the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Maria that has still not been totally repaired and has only intensified the conditions created by the hurricane. In response to this disaster, His Excellency, Bishop Schlert, has asked that each parish in the Diocese of Allentown take up a collection, which will be on the weekend of February 15 & 16th

**The Lenten Pierogi Society** will continue its labors 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.**

There will be a Latin Mass next Sunday, Feb. 9th , at 12 :30 PM in the Church. Reconciliation at noon; Social after Mass.

## 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.**

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

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**To our homebound parishioners, those in nursing homes, rehab facilities, hospitals or in their own homes, who are unable to join us each weekend for our Eucharistic celebration: Please know that you are thought of and prayed for regularly, and next weekend, you will be remembered in a very special way, as the 7:30 Mass on Sunday, February 9, will be offered for your intentions.**

*May the Lord be your strength,  
may he always be your guide.  
May our God bring you comfort,  
may he forever be by your side.*

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**Mal 3:1-4:** Malachi speaks of God's great intervention in sacred history – God's speaking to the patriarch and to Moses, and God's leading the way through the Red Sea. These wondrous ways in which God is manifested will be applied to messianic messengers.

**Heb 2:14-18:** In the biblical sense, "flesh" means human nature considered in its weakness. It is contrasted with "spirit" and God. Because of the connection between sin and death, Christ overcame the power of death through His priestly work.

**Lk 2:22-40:** Mary is seen here, united with Jesus and Joseph in the Temple ceremony. Jesus is formally recognized as a member of God's chosen people through whom world salvation was to be achieved.

**Today's Message:** Jesus, the King of glory, yet like us in all things, comes to His temple to be a light for all the nations.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### 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

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.  
SVDP MEETING – 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement  
BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 8 p.m. – Parish Center Basement  
GUITAR PRACTICE – 7 p.m. – Church

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

50 PLUS BOARD MEETING – 10 a.m. – Parish Center Basement  
RCIA - 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

50 PLUS GENERAL MEETING – 1 p.m. - Social Hall  
PREP LEVEL 1-7- 6:30 p.m. - School

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SIENA STITCHERS – 10 a.m. – Church Gathering Area  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – 7:30 p.m. – Knights Room

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

NOCTURNAL ADORATION – 4 -5 p.m. – Chapel  
AGH – 6 p.m. – Social Hall

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Church  
PINWOOD DERBY – 1:30 p.m. – Social Hall  
GRIEF SHARE REFLECTION – 2-4 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

**Save the date:** *St. Catharine Annual Health Fair to be held Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 800-1200. Do you have health related information that you would like to share? Contact Shirley Dominick at [Shirley.dominick@towerhealth.org](mailto:Shirley.dominick@towerhealth.org). Please note, no products may be sold*

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 Anthony & Patricia Waldman  
9:00 Caterina Cirulli  
10:30 Mary & Harry Wright  
12:00 Cecilia Ospina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 Aleida Arechabala  
8:00 Mary Collini

#### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4

6:30 Intentions of Batastini Family  
8:00 Marge & Chet Wotman

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:30 Clara Wertz  
8:00 Roy G. Monde, Jr. (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:00 Bill Carter

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30 Bobby Ritchie  
8:30 Deborah Bilinski (At School)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 Robert A. Denby, MD  
4:30 Deceased Members of the Sauppee & Speece Families

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 Intentions of Homebound Parishioners  
9:00 John Edward Wertz (26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
10:30 Ann Schweitzer  
12:00 John Gerhard (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Scripture Readings for the Week of February 2, 2020

#### 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

#### Monday

##### Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ;  
Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3;  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday

##### Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday

##### Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,  
11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

#### Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51;  
Mk 6:14-29

#### Saturday

##### Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;  
Mk 6:30-34

#### Sunday

##### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16

**Parish Nurse News** - February is Healthy Heart Month! As you continue making healthy choices for food and exercise, the routine becomes effortless and you'll notice the benefits! Smile often! Smiles release powerful messages to your brain for a healthy psychological lift as well!

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 2/3	Rev. Msgr. John McCann
Tuesday 2/4	Rev. Robert McConaghy
Wednesday 2/5	Rev. Thomas McDonnell
Thursday 2/6	Rev. Brian Miller
Friday 2/7	Rev. Ronald Minner
Saturday 2/8	Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski
Sunday 2/9	Rev. Anthony Mongiello

**VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING! DO YOU HAVE A "HEART" FOR ROMANCE?** A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend provides a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you've decided to spend your life with! For information call 610-449-1859 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

**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!

**NUNS AT NOON!** March 12 at Sacred Heart Villa 11:45-1:00 PM- **MSC Sisters invite you to share lunch with them in celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week 2020. All are welcome!** Cold lunch buffet is \$10 pp at the door. All are welcome! RSVP by March 9 to [cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org](mailto:cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org) or 610-929-2802.

**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, 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.

**Next Weekend's Mass Schedule**

**February 8th - 4:30 p.m. Mass**  
Lector - Sue Hissick  
Cantor - Sophie Stankiewicz  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - S. Wright - C. Wright - E. Fries  
Eucharistic Ministers - Mark Abramowicz & Lorraine Simon  
**February 9th - 7:30 a.m. Mass**  
Lector- Russ Jirik  
Altar Servers - B. McNish C. Kominick - N. Lamp  
Eucharistic Ministers - Donna Weidner & Mike Balla  
**February 9th - 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
Lector - Al Worrall  
Guitar Group  
Altar Servers - K. Zambito - M. Griffin - S. Robinson  
Eucharistic Ministers - Mary Murphy - Mary Anne & Mike McCarthy  
**February 9th - 10:30 a.m. Mass**  
Lector - Ed Dougherty  
Voices & Praise Choir  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - J. Howard - M. Feeney - D. Schmehl  
Eucharistic Ministers - Judy McMahon - Myra Headen - Bill Headen  
**February 9th - 12:00 p.m. Mass**  
Lector - Collen Kelly  
Cantor - Kate Bobb  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - J. Davis - B. Davis - K. Nguyen  
Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - David Drezek - Helen Veet

**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!

**Upcoming Youth Group Events**

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)

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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, 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, , 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, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, David C. Lellig, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jim McGinnis, Joanne Mierzwinski, John Mercadante Jr., Dolores Miravich, Cathy Motznik, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtel, Jennifer R., Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Loretta Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, 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, 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:** *Tammy Scrobe, (sister of Greg Swavely); John George, (brother of Johanna Goheen); Kazimieria Skowron, (mother of Elizabeth Chioli & Henry Skowron); Dorothy Kosikowski, (mother of Patricia Andrzejewski, grandmother of Carl Andrzejewski & Amy Dougherty, great grandmother of Dustin & Emilee Andrzejewski & Matthew & Brenna Dougherty) & William D'Andrea, Jr. ( husband of Yvonne D'Andrea, father of William D'Andrea, III & grandfather of William D'Andrea IV) & 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.



### St Catharine's Cub Scout Pack Annual Pinewood Derby Race

**Date:** 02/09/2020  
**Location:** Church Social Hall  
**Race Time:** 1:30 pm

SCS Pack 358 would like to invite you to attend our annual Pinewood Derby Race. Snacks can be purchased at our Pit Stop Snack Shop.

Parents: If you would like more information about Scouting (boys ages: 6-18), visit us at the Scrips table on Sunday or contact: Beverly Ferrante @ 610-212-2159.

## School News:

At this weekend's Masses, you will hear Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, speak about the Pennsylvania state tax credit program that allows qualified taxpayers to re-direct tax dollars to our school. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Amy at [aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org](mailto:aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org) or 610-779-5810.

**Save the Date! The Third Annual Pay It Forward Reception** will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at the GoggleWorks. A limited number of tickets will be available soon!



## 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 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**.

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.**

**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.

**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.

**L[E]A[D]: 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 Schlerf 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](http://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](mailto:kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org))

The Exeter Township School District invites all **SENIOR CITIZENS** (resident and non-resident) to a dress-rehearsal performance of the **Senior High All-School Musical Mamma Mia! Thursday, March 12, 2020, 9:00 a.m.- Exeter Township Senior High School Auditorium, 201 East 37th Street, Exeter Township School District Senior Citizens are also invited to attend a free BREAKFAST prior to the show in the SHS Cafeteria at 8:15 a.m. To attend the breakfast, Exeter Township and St. Lawrence Borough residents must have a district-issued SENIOR CITIZEN PASS. To reserve a seat for breakfast and/or obtain a PASS, telephone 779-0700 (Ext. 1001) no later than March 5. Reservations are ONLY NEEDED for district residents who want to attend the breakfast. Non-resident seniors are cordially invited to attend the show at 9 a.m. and reservations are not necessary.**

**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.

**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.