

## **Saint Mary's News**

**Next Weekends Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, February 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Gloria Kompa  
(8th Anniversary)**

**Sunday, February 16th - 10:30 a.m. - Edward Loomis**

**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.**

## **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 .**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Is 58:7-10:** The Lord promises that those who share their food with the hungry and their clothing with the naked shall find true favor with Him. A light shall shine for them.

**1 Cor 2:1-5:** Paul preached to the Corinthians in weakness and fear. He preached Jesus crucified, but through the working of the Holy Spirit, these people came to be believers.

**Mt 5:13-16:** The faithful followers of Jesus are the salt of the earth and a light to the world. Being true Christ-believers, they become an example for others.

**Today's Message:** Through the power of God, we can be a light to the world by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.  
GRIEFSHARE – 7 p.m. – Parish Center  
GUITAR PRACTICE – 7 p.m. – Church

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

PREP LEVEL 1-7- 6:30 p.m. – School

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – After 12 Noon Mass – Church  
CHOIR REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. – Church  
DEN MEETING - 6 p.m. – Social Hall

**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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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)

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:30 NO MASS  
8:00 Gerry Sullivan

#### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

6:30 NO MASS  
8:00 Theresa Koch (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 NO MASS  
8:00 Thomas Jurasinski

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30 NO MASS  
8:00 Louise Pettyjohn (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 NO MASS  
8:30 Deborah Krafczek (At School)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 William & Irene Frey  
4:30 Frank J. Mierzwinski, Jr. (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 Ricky Ricketts  
9:00 Kathleen Jablonski (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
10:30 Joseph Calabrese (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
12:00 Elias Cuesta (31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### Scripture Readings for the Week of February 9, 2020

#### 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

#### Monday

#### Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;  
Mk 6:53-56

#### Tuesday

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11;  
Mk 7:1-13

#### Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;  
Mk 7:14-23

#### Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40;  
Mk 7:24-30

#### Friday

#### Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,  
14-15; Mk 7:31-37

#### Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20,  
21-22; Mk 8:1-10

#### Sunday

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a,  
27-28, 33-34a, 37

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 2/10	Rev. Msgr. David Morrison
Tuesday 2/11	Rev. Joseph Muller, M.S.C.
Wednesday 2/12	Rev. Michael Mullins
Thursday 2/13	Rev. Elias Munyaneza, A.J.
Friday 2/14	Rev. Msgr. John Murphy
Saturday 2/15	Rev. Kevin Nadolski, O.S.F.S.
Sunday 2/16	Rev. Frank Natale, M.S.C.

**Save the Date! The Third Annual Pay It Forward Reception will be held March 28,** at the GoggleWorks, from 5-8 pm. Tickets will be available after all Masses the weekend of February 22, but **TICKET PRESALE** is ongoing now! Check out the school website for more details at [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org).

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville is hosting its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Discover why St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is truly a special place for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please visit [www.stjosephctr.com](http://www.stjosephctr.com).

***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.*

**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 15th - 4:30 p.m. Mass**  
Lector - Dottie Bixler  
Cantor - Tracy Scheirer  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - E. Nguyen - A. Gillner  
Eucharistic Ministers - Helen Veet & Lorraine Simon  
**February 16th - 7:30 a.m. Mass**  
Lector - Paul Essig  
Altar Servers - H. Keperling - T. Keperling  
Eucharistic Ministers - Donna Weidner & Beth Pawlik  
**February 16th - 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
Lector - John Vogel  
Guitar Group  
Altar Servers - M. Vagnoni - K. Vagnoni - J. Dempster  
Eucharistic Ministers - Marcia Wert - Vince McDevitt - Pat McNeil  
**February 16th - 10:30 a.m. Mass**  
Lector - Mike McCarthy  
Voices & Praise Choir  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - J. Wentling - N. Wentling - E. Oscar  
Eucharistic Ministers - Diane Luchetta - Ernie Kovacs - Ed Smith  
**February 16th - 12:00 p.m. Mass**  
Lector - John George  
Cantor - Jeff Tomczyk  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - E. Simms & K. Amey  
Eucharistic Ministers - Edrie Watson - Maria Post - Milton Vincente

**Parish Nurse News** - Vary your activity to keep exercise interesting and enjoyable! Try walking, jogging, dancing, cycling, and playing a sport. Check with your doctor before trying a new strenuous activity. (2011 *HealthyAdvice* Networks, LLC).

**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)

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

**Date: This Sunday!  
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.

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:** Karin Acuna, 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, 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, John Mercadante Jr., Joanne Mierzwinski, Dolores Miravich, Cathy Motznik, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon PrechtI, 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, 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:** *Thomas Klick ( husband of Joan Klick & father of Rosalyn Neiheiser & grandfather of Jordan Neiheiser) & Lillian Van Note & 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.



*SCS Designer Purse Bingo*

*Saturday, March 21, 2020*

*Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.*

*BYOB Event*

*Raffle Baskets, 50/50, Gift Card Free,*

*and a lot of great food*

*Tickets are \$30.00*

*Can be purchased at*

*St. Catharine of Siena School office*

*or by contacting us at [scsbingosquad@gmail.com](mailto:scsbingosquad@gmail.com)*



*St. Catharine's & Saint Mary's 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.*

### 50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on March 4, 2020 at 1:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on March 3, 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.

**Reminder:** Membership Dues for 2020 is due now, \$5.00 for the year

#### MEETINGS

**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. COST: \$86.00

**MAY 14, 2020:** Riverview Inn, REMEMBERING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR. COST: \$91.00

**JUNE 10, 2020:** ESTHER at SIGHT & SOUND. COST: \$93.00

**JULY 18, 2020:** Lyndhurst, N. J., MEDIEVAL TIMES. COST: \$94.00

**AUGUST 19, 2020:** Pines Dinner Theatre, DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS. COST: \$80.00

**SEPTEMBER 14 TO 18, 2020:** SIGHTS & DELIGHTS OF KENTUCKY & CLEVELAND OHIO. COST: \$1180.00 Double, \$1125.00, Triple, \$1490.00 Single

**OCTOBER 14, 2020:** MYSTERY TRIP, both men & women will enjoy. COST: \$105.00

**NOVEMBER 18, 2020:** Hunterdon Hills CHRISTMAS SHOW. COST: \$100.00

**CONTACT:** Pat White 610-582-1437 for any information concerning the trips.

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.

### Women's Day of Reflection for Lent

His Wounds, Our Healing

A Lenten Reflection on our identity as beloved

March 14 | 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux, Nesquehoning, PA

With Fr. John Frink, Pastor, St. John XXIII Parish,

Tamaqua, PA

You're invited to receive healing and refreshment with other women from the Diocese of Allentown. Fr. John Frink will share with us his rich and practical insights on the topic of healing and 5 Keys to Freedom: a message of hope and healing found in the Heart of the Father and revealed in the Five Wounds of Jesus Christ. Registration: \$15 (includes breakfast) | [allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality](http://allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality) . or call Michele: 484-515-5281. Deadline: March 7. Sponsored by the Commission for Women of the Diocese of Allentown

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.

**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))