

**Saint Mary's News**

**Next Weekends Mass Schedule**

Saturday, February 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Angelina Talarico  
February 23rd- 9:00 a.m. - (Polish Mass) - Florian & Anna Marczak  
Sunday, February 16th - 10:30 a.m. - Michael & Lottie Solecki  
February 26th - 8:00 a.m. - Adam & Mary Smolinski

**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).

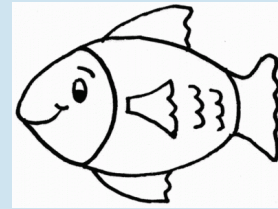
**The Lenten Pierogi Society** will continue its labors from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will meet each Monday & Tuesday through Lent. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use parking lot Chapel entrance. **New members are always welcome.**

**Pierogi Sale:** Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including April 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pierogis will be sold in the Church Basement. Please use the side entrance from the Parking Lot. Potato, Sauerkraut & Cheese Pierogis will sell for \$8.00 per dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 per cup. (Weather permitting) Volunteers are needed to help sell Pierogis on Fridays.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE- There will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, February 26, 2020.**

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*There will be a Polish Mass next Sunday, February 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.*



St. Catharine of Siena  
Council 14880

**The Annual Fish Fry dates are:**

**February 28, 2020**

**March 13, 2020**

**March 27, 2020**

**April 3, 2020**

Tickets for adults is \$13.00  
and children is \$5.00.

Time is from 5pm to 7pm at the  
Church Social Hall.

All are invited to join the Knights in support  
of our charitable mission.

As always, we thank everyone  
for your generosity.

**February 26th – Saint Catharine's  
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE-2020**

**Chapel : 6:30 am., 8:00 a.m.**

**& 9:30 a.m. - School**

**Church: 12 Noon & 7 p.m.**

Ashes that are blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday are processed by burning the palm distributed on Palm Sunday last year and displayed in homes throughout the year.

We invite you to bring any palm you may have in your home to Church and deposit it in the containers marked "Palm" which will be located in the Church vestibule and Chapel on Ash Wednesday.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sir 15:15-20:** God is all-knowing, always aware of everything that we do. All persons are free to choose to do God's will, for God uses no force.

**1 Cor 2:6-10:** Out of wisdom that is beyond our imagination, God has revealed the Divinity through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit knows the inner workings of God.

**Mt 5:17-37:** God revealed the divine law to the Israelites, and Jesus came to bring it to perfection. Those who obey God's laws will become great in the kingdom of God. Jesus explains more fully the laws of God.

**Today's Message:** In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom, a new law, a new way of living. Happy are they who choose to keep His commandments and follow His ways.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### 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

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

ULTREYA - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

GUITAR PRACTICE – 7 p.m. – Church

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

PREP LEVEL 2 Only - First Reconciliation— 7:00 p.m. - Church

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

PREP LEVEL 1-7- 6:30 p.m. – School

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Gathering Area

KOF - 7:30 p.m. - Knights Room

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

AHG - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

BLOOD DRIVE - 8:00 a.m.– 2 p.m.– Social Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. – Church

**Holy Guardian Angels Parish** is sponsoring an Adult Chili Cook– Off on Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. - Details can be found at the HGA website at [www.hgaparish.com](http://www.hgaparish.com) or call 610-921-2729.

**The Women's Club of Exeter Township presents "Spring Into Fashion"** Sunday, March 15th at the Doubletree by Hilton, 701 Penn Street, Reading. Doors open at 12:00 noon and lunch is at 1:00 p.m. Fashion Show is at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call Maria at 610-582-4632. Deadline for tickets is March 1st.

**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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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)

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:30 Patsy Durham

8:00 Michael P. Mieczkowski (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

#### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18

6:30 Anne Backus

8:00 Henry & Loretta Stork

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30 Denise M. Smith

8:00 Forgotten Souls

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Jane Skoraszewski

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 Victoria Youse

8:30 Paula Matthews (At School)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 Timothy R. Loeper (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Chiara Rugolo (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30 Solecki & Foley Family

9:00 Catherine Duggan

10:30 Jacquelyn Stenavage

12:00 Cecilia Ospina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### Scripture Readings for the Week of February 16, 2020

#### 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

#### Monday

##### The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76;  
Mk 8:11-13

#### Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:14-21

#### Wednesday

Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5;  
Mk 8:22-26

#### Thursday

Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33

#### Friday

##### Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Mk 8:34—9:1

#### Saturday

##### Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

#### Sunday

##### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;  
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**Parish Nurse News** - Eating healthy and maintaining a good weight can prevent heart disease and diabetes down the road. Pay attention to portion size. Dining out? You can box up a portion of your meal before you begin eating! (2011 *Healthy Advice Networks*, LLC)

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 2/17	Rev. Msgr. Edward O'Connor
Tuesday 2/18	Rev. Richard O'Nyamwaro, A.J.
Wednesday 2/19	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Orsulak
Thursday 2/20	Rev. Luigi Palmieri
Friday 2/21	Very Rev. John Paul MSC
Saturday 2/22	Rev. Gregory Pendergraft
Sunday 2/23	Rev. John Pendzick

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***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).*

Attn: All Scouters! The Allentown Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting will have its annual Scout Activity Weekend on April 17 - 19, 2020 at Camp Trexler. Join us for a **FUN-Filled camping weekend** that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass. You don’t have to be working on a religious emblem to join us – all Catholic Scouts are welcome. For more information and registration, please visit us at [www.adccos.org/bsr.htm](http://www.adccos.org/bsr.htm)

**SCS School News:** We are currently enrolling students for all grades PreK-8. A limited number of spots are available. Waitlists for many grades, including PreK and Kindergarten are anticipated. Request a registration packet through the school website ([www.scsreadingschool.org](http://www.scsreadingschool.org)) or by contacting our Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at 610-779-5810 or via email at [aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org](mailto:aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org).

**Save the date!** The Third Annual Pay It Forward Reception will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at the GoggleWorks. Tickets are available to order NOW on the school's website homepage at [www.scsreadingschool.org](http://www.scsreadingschool.org). (Click on the Pay It Forward Reception flyer on the homepage for more information.) Tickets will also be available after all Masses the weekend of February 22-23. For more information, contact Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at [aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org](mailto:aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org)

**Next Weekend’s Mass Schedule**

**February 22nd - 4:30 p.m. Mass**  
Lector - Mary O’Leary  
Cantor – Jay Yohn  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - D. Formando & L. Formando  
Eucharistic Ministers - Marcia Wert & Linda Fetterman  
**February 23rd - 7:30 a.m. Mass**  
Lector– Jim Keane  
Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - M. Woodward  
Eucharistic Ministers – Vince Essig & Steve Gribb  
**February 23rd - 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
Lector - Barry Hannahoe  
Guitar Group  
Altar Servers - V. McDevitt - S. McDevitt - M. McDevitt  
Eucharistic Ministers – Ed Smith - Lisa Ianni  
**February 23rd - 10:30 a.m. Mass**  
Lector – Amanda Drinker  
Voices & Praise Choir  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - M. Stratton & M. Stratton  
Eucharistic Ministers - Cassie Sedlack - David Drezek - Helen Veet  
**February 23rd - 12:00 p.m. Mass**  
Lector - Jim Snyder  
Cantor - Leah Rile  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - G. McElderry - M. McElderry - B. Truong  
Eucharistic Ministers - Edrie Watson - Maria Post - Milton Vincente

**UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

**February 16 - Jr and Sr High Movie Night**  
**February 21 - 23 Senior High youth retreat**  
**March 8 - Upper Room Meeting**  
**March 22 - Mary's Shelter Bowl-a-Thon**  
**March 28-29 - Soup Kitchen Weekend**

**Information and permission slips can be found on the youth website at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) with questions.**

**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.

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: Theodore Henry

**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, 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 Prechtel, Jennifer R., Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Christine Salvatore, 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: Ronald Drager, ( husband of Ann Drager); Leona Toole & Joseph Brahler & 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.



*Congratulations to Henry & Elaine Woudstra who recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary. May God continue to Bless them!*



*SCS Designer Purse Bingo  
Saturday, March 21, 2020  
Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.  
BYOB Event  
Raffle Baskets, 50/50, Gift Card Tree,  
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)*

### OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who himself recommended it as necessary to His Followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**Who must fast?** - All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60<sup>th</sup> year on his/her 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Who must abstain?** - All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

**What does fasting mean?** - The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of the fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

**What does abstinence mean?** - The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

**Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/ or abstinence?** - Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

**Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?** - Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 1st to June 7th.) Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year. **Catholics are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity.**

### *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: \$95.00

**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.*

**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 .