

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 29th - 3:30 p.m. - Francis Skoraszewski

Sunday, March 1st - 10:30 a.m. - Andrew Glutz (31st Anniversary)

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.

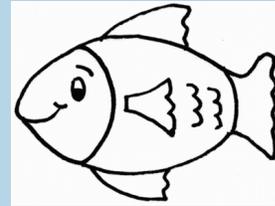
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Commemorating St. Mary Parish: Sufficient interest has been shown in purchasing the book. Carl Gethmann will begin writing it on February 10th. Still looking for additional people who would be interested in purchasing the book.. Carl estimates that it will take six months to complete the book. Estimated selling price is still in the \$10-\$15 range. Carl is interested in any photos parishioners may have for inclusion in the section of the book pertaining to parish life. He will have them scanned and returned to you. If you mail them to Carl at 514 Heine Street, Reading, PA 19606-1811, make sure you include a return address.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**



**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.

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. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 - Our inner attitude before God has a fraternal dimension. We must be holy because God is holy.

1Cor 3:16-23 - The Christian community is the temple of God and so is each Christian. Hence, respect is owed the community and each member.

Mt 5:38-48 - We are called not to encourage another's injustice but to avoid vengeance. We must desire good things for others in spite of any evil they may do us.

Today's Message - Offer no resistance to one who persecutes you. Rather, love your neighbor as you love yourself. As the Lord is gracious and merciful, treat others in the same way, humbling yourself before the Lord.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

CHOIR REHEARSAL - 9:00 a.m. - Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

GRIEF SHARE - 7:00 p.m. - PARISH CENTER

GUITAR PRACTICE - 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

ASH WEDNESDAY - See Mass Schedule for Mass Times

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

BAPTISMS - After noon Mass - Church

CHOIR REHEARSAL - 9:00 a.m. - Church

DEN MEETING - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

***St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville** is hosting its 29th Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 15th 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.*

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) or by contacting our Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at 610-779-5810 or via email at 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. (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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:30 Richard Walsh (11th Anniversary)

8:00 Theodore Borek

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25

6:30 Mary Verbosh

8:00 Carleen Rozzi (7th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 Denise M. Smith - (Chapel)

8:00 Julia Calabrese, (26th Anniversary) - Chapel

9:30 Eugene Hracho (School)

12:00 James & Dorothy O' Malley - (Church)

7:00 Victor Gonzalez - (Church)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 George D. Edmunds, Jr. (35th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 Denise M. Smith

8:30 Peter Quattrocchi

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:00 Dennis Sadlowski

8:30 Stanley J. Szurgot

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 Edward & Lillian Baver

9:00 Baby Isabella Rose George (12th Anniversary)

10:30 Anna McDonald (26th Anniversary)

12:00 Anna Boucher (1st Anniversary)

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 23, 2020

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

Monday

Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23;
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;
2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

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

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/24	Rev. Dominic Thao Pham
Tuesday 2/25	Rev. Quyet Pham
Wednesday 2/26	Rev. Alexander Pocetto, OSFS
Thursday 2/27	Rev. Msgr. Stephen Radocha
Friday 2/28	Rev. Msgr. James Reichert
Saturday 2/29	Rev. Eugene Ritz
Sunday 3/1	Rev. Philip Rodgers

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

Parish Nurse News - Health Snacking? You can do it! Plan ahead for those hunger pangs when you may reach for a fast and unhealthy snack. Keep good snacks in the car and in the kitchen! A healthy snack bag includes unsalted nuts, baby carrots, apples, bananas, whole grain crackers and low-fat cheese sticks. Enjoy! (2011 HealthAdvice Networks, LLC)

Please note: In order for St. Catharine's School to get the credit for “Redners Save the Tape” the store number, and store address must be on the receipt.

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

February 29th - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Helen Veet
Cantor – Not available
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - P. McCullough, R. Stoudt - K. Swavely
Eucharistic Ministers - Bryan Scollick & Lorraine Simon

March 1st - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector– Melissa Woodward
Altar Servers - A. McElderry - M. Partsch - M. Pawlik
Eucharistic Ministers – Mike Jurasinski & Linda Fetterman

March 1st - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Vince McDevitt
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - S. Cortes & N. Lamp
Eucharistic Ministers – Cheryl Willman - Pat McNeil - Cassie Sedlack

March 1st - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector – Chris Marabella
Voices & Praise Choir
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - O. Chiarelli - C. Kominick - N. Barbera
Eucharistic Ministers - Dr. Peter Will - David Drezek - Ed Smith

March 1st - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Gretchen Wentling
Cantor - Not available
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - B. McNish & A. Renninger
Eucharistic Ministers - Trish McNelis - Tom McNelis - Milton Vincente

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING-
Registration is now open- This year you can register online by going to [HTTPS://GO.TEAMSNAP.COM/FORMS/223292](https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/223292). For those not wishing to register online there will be one in person registration held on: DATE: Wednesday – March 11, 2020
PLACE: Berks Catholic High School- Cafeteria- Please enter through the John R Post entrance
TIME: 6-8 P.M.

This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC
For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG

Join us for a Mass in support of those suffering from addiction. All are invited.

Please join St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 3640 Schuylkill Road, Rt 724, Spring City, PA 19475 will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Celebrant Rev. Charles R. O'Hara, Pastor. Healing blessing offered after Mass. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of faith.

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, Stanley Andrzejewski, 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, 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: Joseph Schaeffer; Jim McGinnis, Father Edmund Brennan, Charles Robertson & Anna Tomasi, (wife of James Tomasi) & 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.

BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Performing Arts Program Presents

“GODSPELL”

FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

WWW.TINYURL.COM/BCTHEATER

RESERVED SEATS: \$15 ADULTS \$13 SENIORS
\$9 STUDENTS

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$11 ADULTS \$9
SENIORS \$5 STUDENTS

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ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE-2020

Chapel : 6:30 a.m., 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 till Palm Sunday.



MANY MANY THANKS

On behalf of the "shut-ins" who received their BASKETS OF LOVE, thank you so much. They were excited, surprised and tearful to think their parish remembered them. Their Valentines was a lot brighter because of you. Thank you again to all who donated countless items, helped put the over 100 baskets together and to our Eucharistic Ministers who delivered them. God Bless You All for your kindness. New members are always welcome to our St Vincent De Paul meetings the 1st Monday of month, 7pm at the parish center downstairs. (Sept-May)



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

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.

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

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 Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.