## Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule Saturday, March 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Alfred Szymborski Sunday, March 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Edward F. Krufka

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.

<u>Pierogi Sale</u>: 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.

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.

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, March 8th, at 12:30 PM in the Church. Reconciliation at noon; Social after Mass.

The Second Collection next weekend will be for The Claire of Assisi House. The Claire of Assisi House provides transitional residential living and important life skills training to non-violent women with a history of domestic violence, substance abuse and/or prostitution upon their release from prison. While living in a safe, sober and home-like environment, residents find the encouragement and support they need to help put the pieces of their life back together.

<u>SECOND COLLECTION - "ALMSGIVING" - "....When you</u> give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret." (Ash Wednesday's Reading) - <u>During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs</u>: March 8th - Claire of Assisi; March 15th - St. Francis Home; March 22nd - Catholic Charities; March 29th - Mary's Shelter; April 5th - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

#### **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.

<u>Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/ or abstinence?</u> - 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.

Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS Please join us every Wednesday during Lent after the 8 a.m. Mass.

**Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7**: God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the luxurious Garden of Eden. They could eat fruit from every tree except one. After being tempted by the devil, Eve - then Adam — disobeyed God's command. Immediately their lives changed.

Rom 5:12-19: From the fall of Adam, sin came into the world. God, however, gave the gift of His Son, Jesus. Through him justice was restored. Through the obedience of Jesus, justice comes to all.

Mt 4:1-11: The devil tempted Adam; he also tempts Jesus three times, making lavish promises. Jesus rebukes Satan, for only God is to be adored.

<u>Today's Message</u> – Like Adam and Eve, Jesus was tempted, but did not sin. Our sinfulness is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.

St. Vincent DePaul collected about 350 cold weather items for needy children this winter thanks to the generous hearts of our parish community!

SCS track and field registration now open!

Open to students in grades 4 through 8, including prep students.

Practices begin Monday, March 16, mainly held at Exeter HS.

Please contact Cristina at XCTrackAndFieldSCS@gmail.com for more information. To register and be added to TeamSnap where you will see our schedule, please use this link: <a href="https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/224295">https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/224295</a>

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – After 12 Noon Mass – Church CHOIR REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Church

DEN MEETING - 6 p.m. - Social Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 2

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

GUITAR PRACTICE - 7 p.m. - Church

SVDP MEETING – 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - 8 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

50 PLUS BOARD MEETING - 10 a.m. - Parish Center Basement

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4** 

50 PLUS GENERAL MEETING – 1 p.m. – Social Hall

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5** 

SIENA STITCHERS – 10 a.m. – Church Gathering Area

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 7:30 p.m. - Knights Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 p.m. - Church

AGH - 6 p.m. - Social Hall

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8** 

CHOIR REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Church

PREP LEVEL 7 CONFIRMATION INSCRIPTION SERVICE -

Following Noon Mass - Church

#### MASS INTENTIONS MONDAY, MARCH 2

6:30 Thomas O'Donnell 8:00 Gene Wentling TUESDAY, MARCH 3

6:30 William D'Andrea, Jr.

8:00 Betty Sobotka WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

6:30 Thomas Tiehl 8:00 Michael Wisniewski

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Mary Deegan FRIDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 The Dawson Family

8:30 Thanh Bui

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7** 

8:00 Diane Cibroski (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Edward Caffrey, Jr.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8** 

7:30 John Leier

9:00 John Edward Wertz10:30 Sarah Di Fulvio

12:00 Mary Pizzuto (13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### Scripture Readings for the Week of March 1, 2020

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

**Monday** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Saint Casimir

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab,

2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;

2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

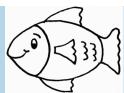
We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Captain Steffen E. Lis, SPC Specialist Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Lance Corporal Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, Captain 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 <a href="mailto:dsitler@comcast.net">dsitler@comcast.net</a>. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

# PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/2
Tuesday 3/3
Rev. Paul Rothermel
Wednesday 3/4
Rev. Msgr. Edward Sacks
Thursday 3/5
Rev. Frederick Sattler
Friday 3/6
Rev. Msgr. Walter Scheaffer
Saturday 3/7
Rev. Msgr. Francis Schoenauer

Sunday 3/8 Rev. Mark Searles

# KNIGHTS of columbus



St. Catharine of Siena Council 14880 The Annual Fish Fry dates are: March 13, 2020 March 27, 2020 April 3, 2020

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

\*\*\*No Pre-sales \*\*\*

All tickets can be purchased at the door.

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.

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

#### Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

March 7th - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Elizabeth Edmunds Cantor - Kim Kostival Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Wentling - N. Wentling - D. Schmehl Eucharistic Ministers - Mark Abramowicz & Lorraine Simon

March 8th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector- Mike Lee

Altar Servers - M. Vagnoni & K. Vagnoni Eucharistic Ministers – Beth Pawlik & Mike Balla

March 8th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Sandi Llovd

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - S. Wright & C. Wright

Eucharistic Ministers – Mary Murphy - Mary Anne & Mike

McCarthy

March 8th - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector – Ed Smith Voices & Praise Choir Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Beaver - A. Beaver - E. Fries Eucharistic Ministers - Myra & Bill Headen

March 8th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Joe Samolewicz Cantor - Haley Zambito Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Davis - B. Davis - M. Griffin

Eucharistic Ministers - Helen Veet - David Drezek - Milton Vincente

## 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 <a href="www.scsyouth.weebly.com">www.scsyouth.weebly.com</a> Contact Marci Zambito at <a href="maxambito@scsreading.org">mzambito@scsreading.org</a> with questions.

Berks Catholic High School Annual Grandparents Day. Saint Grandparents are invited to celebrate Holy Mass with their grandchildren on April 22, 2020 at 8:30 am in the Franco Post Auditorium followed by light refreshments. RSVP requested. RSVP form can be found at berkscatholic.org. For more information please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext. 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

**April 1St Benedict Prime Timers, Mohnton** – invite you and your friends to join us on May 18-20, 2020 for a trip to the *Finger Lakes, New York*. Cost is \$430 per person (double occupancy). Deadline for reservations is **, 2020**. For information call Marie Blimline at 484-332 -3241 or Jeanie Hauck at 610-856-7575.

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 Andrzjewski, 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, Jr., John Mercadante Jr., Joanne Mierzwinski, Dolores Miravich, Cathy Motznik, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtl, Jennifer R., Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Christine Salvatore, David Samsel, John Sausen, Loretta Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, Gloria Schmeck, 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, Gerald Young, Ann Marie Zawislak, Allyson Ziemba, Molly Ziemba, Mary Ann A time to die: Verna Faye Pyron Maner, (grandmother of Sharon D'Andrea) & 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.

AVCP Annual Community Dinner - Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 11-2 pm Antietam High school Cafeteria - Chili or Golumpki dinner with dessert. Eat in or take out - \$10 in advance \$12.50 at the door. Please contact Geoff Ermentrout for tickets 610 763 5486

THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF EXETER TOWNSHIP presents "SPRING INTO FASHION" on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, 701 Penn St. Doors open – 12:00; Lunch – 1:00. Fashion Show 2:00. For info, call Maria at 610-582-4632. Deadline for Tickets – March 1.

The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County will hold a meeting on Sat. March 14 at 1:00 in the school at St. Ignatius. The speakers will be Margaret and John Hueski. All Catholic women are invited.

<u>Save the date</u>: 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 <u>Shirley.dominick@towerhealth.org</u>. Please note, no products may be sold.

#### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MISSION TRIP

The youth group will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Saturday March 7 from 8am - 10am at Applebee's in Exeter. Cost is \$7 per person. All proceeds will support our mission trip to Virginia Beach with Catholic Heart Work Camp.

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 (<a href="www.scsreadingschool.org">www.scsreadingschool.org</a>) or by contacting our Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at <a href="mailto:610-779-5810">610-779-5810</a> 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 <a href="www.scsreadingschool.org">www.scsreadingschool.org</a>. (Click on the Pay It Forward Reception flyer on the homepage for more information.) For more information, contact Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at <a href="mailto:aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org">aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org</a>

## 50 Plus 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. T: \$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 SCOUNDRALS. COST: \$80.00

<u>SEPTEMBER</u> 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.

<u>Please note</u>: 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.

I will honor Christmas, in my heart, and try to keep it all year." Charles Dickens

Well Christmas is over and here we are now in Lent and on into Easter. Can we keep the Spirit of gifting with those in mind who need a little help? A little can go a long way!\$

| \$3.00 one day bus pass            | job interview!            |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$5.00 two one day bus pass        | first week at work        |
| \$10.00                            | help with medication      |
| \$15.00 _ to invest in work boots  |                           |
| \$20.00 water flowing! (utilities) | Keep lights on and        |
| \$30.00 first pay check - WOW!     | 10 one day bus passes -   |
| \$                                 | Other . For those in need |

Make check out to Catholic Charities. Make a note on your check how you want it used, and we honor your gifting wishes. Mail to Catholic Charities, 400 Washington Street, Suite 100, Reading, PA 19601

Beginning Friday the 13th, fall under the spell of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "The Phantom of the Opera" at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford. Show dates: Fri. and Sat., March 13 and 14, 7 p.m.; Sun., March 15, 5 p.m.; Fri., March 20, 7 p.m.; and Sat. March 21, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are available at ticketleap.com and at the door.

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

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. 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- TIME: 6-8 P.M. This program is open to girls and in Berks County hovs enrolled Parochial SchoolsGo to WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC For any other questions Fowler 610-374-1695 contact: Danielle 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 Schuykill 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.