

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 21st - 3:30 p.m. - Francis Skoraszewski, (7th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 22nd, 9:00 a.m. - Deceased Janiszewski Family - Polish Mass

Sunday, March 22nd - 10:30 a.m. - Alvah Schaeffer

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. Pierogies 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: Carl has finished *Part I - The History of St. Mary's Parish*. He is starting *Part II - Parish Life*. This part will be a photo essay covering the life of parishioners and the various groups in the parish. I'm interested in any photos parishioners may have for inclusion in this section of the book. Carl will have them scanned and returned to you. If you mail them to Carl Gethmann at 514 Heine Street, Reading, PA 19606-1811, make sure you include a return address. Estimated selling price for the book is \$15; there will be sales tax so the total price will be \$15.90.

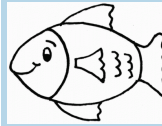
Easter Plants for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$10 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. Please print name clearly.

There will be a Polish Mass next Sunday, March 22nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

Catholic Charities (Reading) is a private nonprofit social service agency operating under the auspices of the Diocese of Allentown. We offer services to meet the needs of people in our community who need support, care and compassion.

- Infants and children in need of a home
- Families in need of counseling and support
- Pregnant women in search of assistance
- Immigrants seeking a new home
- Elders in need of care and special services
- Those in need who face homelessness, hunger and unemployment

SECOND COLLECTION – “ALMSGIVING” - “...When you 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) - **During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs** : March 22nd - Catholic Charities; March 29th - Mary’s Shelter; April 5th - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.



St. Catharine of Siena
Council 14880
The Annual Fish Fry dates are:

March 27, 2020-Live Music

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.

**Please note: Pierogies will be sold on March
27th & April 3rd . Price is \$8.00 a dozen**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Homemade Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs

The Knights are making home-made chocolate covered peanut butter and coconut Easter eggs. The cost is \$12 per box (same as last year). Net profits from this event will benefit the EXETER FOOD PANTRY & other SCS Knights Charities.

ADVANCE ORDERS WILL NOT BE TAKEN. EGGS WILL BE SOLD AFTER EACH MASS BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 21st and MARCH 22nd ON AN FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS UNTIL SOLD OUT.

The SCS Knights are extremely thankful for your continued patronage of our events and fundraisers and because of your patronage we are able to support needy causes within our SCS Parish community as well as the area our Parish serves. God Bless you.

Our parish community warmly welcomes those visitors who are attending Mass with us this weekend. All are always invited to join our faith family in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are glad you chose to worship with us, and we look forward to seeing you again!

If you have been regularly worshipping with us and have not yet joined our parish, we warmly invite you to see either Msgr. Domin or Fr. Wehr after Mass and they will be happy to register you as a member of St. Catharine of Siena. All are welcome to join our parish community.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7: The Israelites murmured against God in their thirst. God directs Moses to strike a rock with his staff, and water issues forth.

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8: Through Jesus we have received the grace of faith. The love of God has been poured upon us. Jesus laid down His life for us while we were still sinners.

Jn 4:5-42: Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman at the well. He searches her soul, and she recognizes Him as a prophet. Jesus speaks of the water of eternal life. He also notes the fields are ready for harvest.

Today's Message: Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Through his Spirit his grace has been poured into our hearts. God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Church

MONDAY, MARCH 16

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

GUITAR PRACTICE – 7 p.m. – Church

ULTREYA – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30 p.m. School

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 p.m. – Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

PURSE BINGO – 5:30 p.m. – Social Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Church

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 Eugene Orlando, Sr.

8:00 Evelyn Thren

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 Deceased Members of the Curtin, Kroener, Wagner & Gantert Families

8:00 Patrick & Winifred Graham

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

6:30 Edward J. Domin

8:00 Alice K. Brennan

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

6:30 James "Tim" McCarn

8:00 Michael A. LaScala (2nd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 Bill Carter

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 Francis & Jane Skoraszewski

4:30 Joseph Lintz (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 Theresa Fiorini (9th Anniversary)

9:00 Justine M. Walsh (11th Anniversary)

10:30 Herman Karnbaum

12:00 Caterina Cirulli (1st Anniversary)

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 15, 2020

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Saint Patrick, Bishop

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Parish Nurse News - Lighten up in your approach to life! There is so much to be serious about. A coping strategy, such as personal humor, will help ease you when the burdens become too heavy. Smile! (Hartness & Eskelin, *The 24-Hour Turn Around*, 1993).

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/16	Rev. Leo Stajkowski
Tuesday 3/17	Rev. Jason Stokes
Wednesday 3/18	Rev. Michael Stone
Thursday 3/19	Rev. Jerome Tauber
Friday 3/20	Rev. James Thomas
Saturday 3/21	Rev. Frank Timar, M.S.C.
Sunday 3/22	Rev. Joseph Tobias, M.S.C.



Join us for a Lenten reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation titled "Forgiven". "Forgiven" is a three night series that will be led by Father Wehr. It will be a wonderful opportunity to dive deeper into the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to spend time in fruitful discussion. Whether you go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis or haven't been for years, "Forgiven" will not disappoint! Light refreshments and snacks will be provided at each of the sessions. "Forgiven" sessions are open to all members of the parish and families are encouraged to attend together. The sessions will take place on Monday March 23rd, Monday March 30th and Sunday April 5th from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Social Hall. If possible, please call the Parish Center to RSVP at 610-779-4005 so that Father Wehr knows how many snacks to buy! "Forgiven" might just be the way that God is calling you to make this your best Lent ever!

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

March 21st - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Dottie Bixler
Cantor - Haley Zambito
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - M. Stratton - M. Stratton - J. Howard
Eucharistic Ministers - Marcia Wert & Linda Fetterman

March 22nd - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Paul Essig
Altar Servers - P. McCullough & R. Stoudt
Eucharistic Ministers - Vince Essig & Steve Gribb

March 22nd - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Cassie Sedlack
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - D. Perez
Eucharistic Ministers - Jim Snyder & Lisa Ianni

March 22nd - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Mike Lenhart
Voices & Praise Choir
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - K. Nguyen
Eucharistic Ministers - Maria Post - David Drezek - Helen Veet

March 22nd - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Mike McElderry
Cantor - Leah Rile
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - G. McElderry - M. McElderry - K. Swavely
Eucharistic Ministers - Edrie Watson & Milton Vincente

The Diocese of Allentown is monitoring the impact of the coronavirus, also known as COVID 19, in the United States, including closely following reports and advice from public health agencies. The Diocese already has taken steps that limit the spread of disease at Masses. Because of Flu Season, the Diocese previously suspended hand shaking and other physical contact during the Sign of Peace at Mass. Parishioners are urged to consider refraining from handshaking after Mass as a way to help limit the spread of germs. **Parishioners who are ill, especially if they are having flu-like symptoms, are encouraged to stay home from Mass for their own health and the health of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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, Della Chmielewski, 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, Michael Hievner, Christine Jenkins, Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, David C. Lellig, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Thaddeus A. Malecki, 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 Prechtel, 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, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Carol Woolston, Elaine Woudstra, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Gerald Young, Ann Marie Zawislak, Allyson Ziemba, Molly Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die:** *Wolfgang Licht*, (son of Katharina Licht) & *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.

LIFELINE BANQUET: Father Ed Domin would like to invite four couples from St. Catharine's who haven't attended past Lifeline Banquets to sit with him and possibly Msgr. Treston this year. If you are interested, please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

EASTER FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL will be held at St. Mary's in Hamburg on Saturday, April 4 from 8 AM to 1 PM. For more information, call 610-562-7657, Ext. 0 or email: stmaryhamburg@aol.com.

DIVORCE SURVIVAL- bringing hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. A new session will begin in early October. Please watch the bulletin for updates including a Come and See evening. For more information contact Deb Kelly at dakelly831@comcast.net or 610-763-6528.

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.



Two more weeks till Lenten Food Drive

Won't you help us, help them? Jesus said "Love One Another".

What better way this Lenten season than to

help feed those who are struggling right now in their lives. Cereal, canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, all seem so simple and yet when you bring these nonperishables to our food drive, you help families put food on their table that week. God bless you for loving others. **Won't you think of them this Lent and begin gathering items for our collection on the weekend of March 28th & 29th. They and you will be Blessed by your kindness in His name.**

50 Plus News



Everybody's Birthday Celebration for the 50+ Club will be held on **April 1, 2020** at **12:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **March 31, 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

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

JULY 1, 2020: Joyce Churchill will discuss and show us how the mats are made for the homeless. Ice Cream Treats

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

2020 TRIPS

APRIL 18, 2020: Saturday, American Music Theatre, SPRING DO WOP CAVALCADE
COST: \$86.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER 18, 2020: Wednesday, 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.

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 _____ Keep lights on and
water flowing! (utilities)

\$30.00 _____ 10 one day bus passes -
first pay check - WOW!

\$ _____ 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, 234 Grace Street , Reading, PA 19611

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](tel: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.) For more information, contact Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org



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