

**Saint Mary's News**  
**Next Weekends Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, July 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Robert & Mary Shaaber**

**Sunday, July 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Francisek Bronislawa Banas**

If you do not own a computer and missed viewing, *Polish-American Food, Traditions and Fun*, you can view an edited showing of the program on Victor Merinsky's **International Folk Show** on BCTV Comcast Channel 15 and Service Electric Channel 19. It will be shown on Sunday, July 12 at 9 PM, Monday at 8 AM, and Wednesday, July 15 at 2 PM. The **International Folk Show** can also be viewed on

You Tube.com. The original video of *Polish-American Food, Traditions and Fun* can still be viewed on your computer at your leisure on Dave Kline's production of **Pennsylvania Americana Region Festival** at [www.facebook.com/AmericanaFest](http://www.facebook.com/AmericanaFest).

**Memorial Plaques - From time to time, when someone dies the family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Catharine of Siena's Church Memorial Fund. When these donations amount to \$300 or more we put the name of the deceased on the plaque. These plaques are located in the vestibule of the Church and the Chapel.**

**We also memorialize those who have remembered St. Catharine's in their estates. These plaques are located in the Church. The various categories are: Willed Donations-Builders- \$1,000-\$4,999; Benefactors=\$5,000-\$19,000; Special Benefactors - \$20,000-\$49,000; Distinguished Benefactors - over \$50,000.**

*Bishop Alfred Schlert will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, October 15th at 4:30 p.m.*

You still do not have to attend Mass in the current **Green Phase** if you feel uncomfortable, worried about crowds, ill, or at high risk, etc. The obligation to attend Mass at Church will remain suspended until further notice.

**Masks still will be required**, and social distancing will continue to be enforced. Parishes will continue to sanitize pews and other common surfaces after each Mass.

The new capacity limit means that parishes will be permitted to admit up to 50 percent of the Church's seating capacity, provided that adequate social distancing can be maintained.

**The dispensation from the Mass obligation will remain in place for the time being, and many parishes will continue to offer livestream Masses on their websites or Facebook pages.**



**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. I let this gentle yet powerful invitation touch my heart. As I listen to its echoes, I try to get in touch with my weariness, the heavy burdens I am carrying, and respond with trust that I will find rest.

**A PRAYER TO COMBAT COVID-19 MOST MERCIFUL AND TRIUNE GOD**, we come to you in our weakness. We come to you in our fear. We come to you with trust. For you alone are our hope. We place before you the disease present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need. Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a love one. Welcome those who have died into your eternal home. Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in your care. Jesus, I trust you. Jesus, I trust you. Jesus, I trust you.

Is 55:10-11: Isaiah uses the example of rain and snow seeping into the ground to make it fertile to show how the word of God filters into the hearts of men. It shall not be void and empty.

Rom 8:18-23: The sufferings and trials of the present are destined to be only a prelude to the glorious future of the children of God. During this life we await the redemption of our bodies.

Mt 13:1-23: Jesus teaches in parables that can be easily understood. He speaks of sowing the message of salvation which by some is heeded for a while, or ignored. Others, however, listen intently and try to live according to the will of God. Jesus explains this parable in detail.

Today's Message: "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit.

### Contribution Reminder...

If you submit multiple envelopes with one check, please mark each envelope with the amount of your donation. This will ensure that your contributions are recorded accurately and will be helpful to our collection counters.



**THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE** are announced as follows:

**III Michelle Serino & Joseph Steinmacher**

*Congratulations to Michele Serino & Joseph Steinmacher who will be married this weekend.*



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, JULY 13

7:15 Thomas Jurasinski

#### TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:15 Leon Grim & Family

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

7:15 Worrall-Hrankowski Families

#### THURSDAY, JULY 16

7:15 Edward Alston (8th Anniversary)

#### FRIDAY, JULY 17

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

#### SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:00 Dawn Negri

4:30 Dominic Martino, Jr.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 19

7:30 Anna Sajdak

9:00 Irene McCullough (14th Anniversary)

10:30 Sean J. Wertman

12:00 Margaret Ehret

### Scripture Readings for the Week of July 12, 2020

#### Sunday

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14;

Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

#### Monday

**Saint Henry**

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;

Mt 10:34—11:1

#### Tuesday

**Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8;

Mt 11:20-24

#### Wednesday

**Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15;

Mt 11:25-27

#### Thursday

**Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

#### Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16;

Mt 12:1-8

#### Saturday

**Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

#### Sunday

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;

Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 7/13	Rev. Thomas Bortz
Tuesday 7/14	Rev. Ronald Bowman
Wednesday 7/15	Rev. Edmund Brennan
Thursday 7/16	Rev. Richard Brensinger
Friday 7/17	Rev. Thomas Buckley
Saturday 7/18	Rev. George Bur, SJ
Sunday 7/19	Rev. Douglas Burns OSFS

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.

Kennedy House. These past months have been a challenge, but the doors of Kennedy House have stayed OPEN and the number of patrons has gone up dramatically. It is St. Catharine's turn to run the Kennedy House in Reading July 18th and 19th. **We need your help.** There are lots of supplies we need in order to serve those in need.

Please see the sign up genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ACA823A4FA7-kennedy> if you can help.

Email me at [sk1699@hotmail.com](mailto:sk1699@hotmail.com) to get the link sent to you directly. Please call, text, or email if you can help in anyway- Sara Miller 484-459-0270.

**CHILDREN OFTEN TALK** about what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister or brother? You are the hand of God — encourage your children to consider Church ministry.



Even though we are leaving the Church immediately after receiving Holy Communion, it is so very important in our spiritual lives for us to pause and recognize Christ's Eucharistic presence within us. Traditionally, the period after communion is a time of intense personal prayer for the believer. We invite you to take that time in your cars before leaving the Church parking lot. Below are two prayers that can be used, either individually, or they can be prayed aloud in a group or as a family: Prayers after communion:

Anima Christi Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malignant enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come unto Thee, That with all Thy saints, I may praise thee Forever and ever. Amen.

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what is given to us in time, be our healing for eternity.

May Your Body, O Lord, which I have eaten, and Your Blood which I have drunk, cleave to my very soul, and grant that no trace of sin be found in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have renewed. Who live and reign, world without end. Amen.

We humbly beseech You, almighty god, to grant that those whom You refresh with Your sacraments, may serve you worthily by a life well pleasing to You. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.



**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: Benjamin Gardecki**

Bill Abramowicz, Karin Acuna, Stanley Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Kathy Brendlinger, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Nancy Cassidy, Della Chmielewski, Lisa Coins, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Luke Gilbert, Ken Green, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Thomas Healy, Roberta Hedl, William Hedl, Jr., Wayne Hedrick, Catherine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Michael Hivner, Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Rosemarie Kovacs, David A. Lellig, David C. Lellig, Melanie Lintz, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., John Mercadante Jr., Joanne Mierzewski, Johnna Miller, Kathy Mills, Cathy Motznik, Charles Mountz, Bill Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtel, Lisa R., Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, Loretta Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Gloria Schmeck, Michael Shadday, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Louise Snell, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Sandy Sullivan, Kim Trois, Betty Vilardo, Chad Vogel, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Frank White, Theresa White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: Gerald Bacon & Ralph Martin & 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.**

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville is hosting its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic tournament on August 14<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).

**Eucharistic Adoration will be held in our Chapel Mondays from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.** This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canae)



***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, 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.

## 50 Plus News

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

**July 1, 2020 & AUGUST 5, 2020: ARE CANCELLED**

**WE WILL RESUME HAVING MEETINGS WHEN WE WILL ALL BE SAFE TO RETURN.**

We hope all of our members and families are staying safe & that we will see each other soon.

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2020:** Kasey from **The Mystic Mind** will speak to us about her shop, she creates homemade items (candles, oils & stones) that are good for the soul.

**OCTOBER 7, 2020:** Charlie Adams will entertain us telling "Ghost Stories, Legends, and Lore of Berks County. Cake & Coffee

**NOVEMBER 4, 2020:** We will be entertained by Craig Caltagirone, he sings all types of music, tap dances and will have a sing along. Cake & Coffee

**DECEMBER 2, 2020:** SPECIAL EVENT - CHRISTMAS PARTY, Crowne Plaza.

### 2020 TRIPS

**\*\*Update\*\***

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we will be cancelling ALL of the scheduled trips for 2020, except the November trip.**

**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 **NORMALLY** 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.

**School News: Re-enrollment for all Grades, PreK through 8th, is currently on-going. A limited number of spots still available in PreK and Kindergarten. For more information, including a Virtual Tour Link, go to [www.scsreadingschool.org](http://www.scsreadingschool.org), or contact our Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at [aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org](mailto:aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org).**

*The Angel Tree - Catholic Charities sends a big thank you for all who have sent in a donation from our Angel Tree. In light of the "Christmas All Year Round" theme, we hope to continue this aide throughout the year. We hope you can find it in your heart to make a donation periodically. The envelopes are already addressed. Just add a stamp and mail it. God Bless you! Saint Vincent de Paul Society.*

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Please inform the Parish Office if you have a change in name, address, marital status, telephone number or any other change that may effect your Church registration. We are trying very hard to keep our data base current. Thanks for your help! Any time you do not receive your Church envelopes in the mail, please contact Diane Sitrler at [dsitrler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitrler@comcast.net) or call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.