

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, November 27th - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Skoraszewski, (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday, November 28th - 10:30 a.m. - Stella & John Smolinski

Attention: Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion please call the office at 610-779-4005.

Pan Z Wami - 2022 Polish Missals are available at St. Catharine's Rectory or at St. Mary's Sacristy. The cost is \$15.00 per book.

The Commemorating St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish, Reading, Pa, 1888 - 2016 Books are on sale for \$15.90 which includes the sales tax. If you require shipping, the shipping and handling are \$3.60, charged only once regardless of the number of books requested. If you contact me for copies and attend Mass at St. Mary's, you can pick them up after the 10:30 Mass in the vestibule. If you usually go to the 3:30 PM Mass, let me know and I will deliver it after that Mass. Cash and checks only; no credit or debit cards. If you want a copy of the book, contact Carl Gethmann at cagethmann74@gmail.com or call 610-374-9215.



ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Who: All Saint Catharine's & Saint Mary's Parishioners and their families

What: We, Knights of Columbus Council #14880, will be hosting our 5th Annual Breakfast with Santa. Again, we gather in Advent to celebrate the arrival of our Savior with a pancake breakfast. The breakfast has a Christmas theme with a manger and even a special visitor, Saint Nicholas.

Where: Saint Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall, Boyertown Pike

When: Sunday, December 5th (8:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

Why: Together we will gather as parish community to keep Christ in Christmas

Cost: Free will offering



OUR THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, You are the giver of all gifts
Fill our hearts with thanks for Your loving care.
Often we are like the ungrateful lepers
who forgot to thank You for their cure.

Today we give special thanks
for all Your blessings: for our country, our family,
and our friends-all those through whom
You show us Your kindness and love.

Help us to pray, like Mary, Your Mother.
In joy and sorrow, Mary's heart was
always filled with gratitude.
We ask you Lord to bless those
who can't be with us today. Keep them close to You.
Fill us with gratitude and help us pray daily:

For all that has been: Thank you, Lord!
For all that will be: Yes, Lord!
Amen.

**THIS THANKSGIVING DAY
WE WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU
for all you do...
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**

**THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED
ON NOVEMBER 25th & 26th THE
PARISH CENTER WILL REOPEN ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH . There is
no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday,
November 29th.**

CHRIST THE KING

Dn 7:13-14: Daniel foresees the coming of the Son of Man. He receives all honor and glory. All peoples of every nation serve Him. His kingship shall last forever.

Rv 1:5-8: By the shedding of His blood, Jesus has made us a royal nation of priests to serve God. The Lord God is the Alpha and Omega – the beginning and the end. He is Almighty.

Jn 18:33b-37: Before Pilate, Jesus admits that He is a king but that His kingdom is not of this world. Jesus says that He came into the world to testify to the truth.

Today's Message: To Jesus Christ be glory and power for ever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and His kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

VIGIL OF THANKSGIVING MASS – 7:00 p.m. -Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

THANKSGIVING DAY – PARISH CENTER CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

Boy Scout New & Used Toy Drive - Boy Scout Troop 358 will hold their annual New and Used Toy Drive on November 27 and 28. We are looking for new or used toys that are clean, have all or most of their parts, and are in good condition. No plush toys please. The scouts will be cleaning the toys and delivering them to the Opportunity House who will then deliver them to children in need. Toys will be collected at the beginning of Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Please be on the lookout for an altar server schedule arriving in the mail this week. The schedule will cover November 27, 2021 to February 22, 2022. Thank you for your continued service to this important ministry.

Real Presence Book Study Series - You are invited to join Dr. Timothy O'Malley and Fr. Stephan Isaac for a five-week, guided book study, as they unpack the content of O'Malley's book and explore the meaning of the Real Presence. The five-part book series is available on the [Year of Real Presence website](#) featuring a video interview with Dr. O'Malley and questions for reflection. Please contact Alexa Smith at asmith@allentowndiocese.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:30 Craig Quiqley

8:00 Luz Gomez

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:30 Alberta Lutz

8:00 Margaret Ehret

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:30 Patricia Slimmer

8:00 Angelo Porcaro

VIGIL OF THANKSGIVING MASS (Church)

7 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 (THANKSGIVING DAY)

NO 6:30 AM MASS

8:00 Curtis Buie (Chapel)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NO 7:15 AM MASS

8:30 Rose Jennings

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 Martha & Daniel Trout III

4:30 John S. Bankert, Jr. (12th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:30 Donald & Dorothy McAdams

9:00 Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski

10:30 Alfred Myatt

12:00 David & Mary George

Readings for the Week of November 21, 2021

Sunday

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday

Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr;

Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel

Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk

21:12-19

Thursday

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday

Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

II Jordan Neiheiser & Peter Lundgaard

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/22	Rev. Odemary Bahatia Kisaka, A.J.
Tuesday 11/23	Rev. Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger
Wednesday 11/24 (Father Johnson)	Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil
Thursday -11/25	Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons
Friday 11/26	Rev. David J. Kozak
Saturday 11/27	Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel

THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-November 22nd – 6:30 & 8 a.m. – Mass

Tuesday, November 23rd – 6:30 & 8 a.m.- Mass

Wednesday, Nov., 24th - 6:30 & 8 a.m.-Mass

Vigil of Thanksgiving Mass – 7:00 p.m.- Church

Thanksgiving Day – 8 a.m. Mass in Chapel

****No 6:30 Mass on Thanksgiving Day****

Friday, November 26th – 8:30 a.m.. Mass - Chapel

*****NO 7:15 A.M. on Friday, November 26th *****

Our traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. Please gather together with your fellow parishioners and friends in giving thanks to God for His many blessings. There will be songs of praise before Mass, so feel free to come early and join the singing. Our guitar group will offer the music.

LOVED ONE REMEMBERED CROSSES – If you were unable to pick up your cross at the All Souls Day Mass, they are still on the back wall of the Church. You can take it home with you.

Holiday Cookie Sale sponsored by Exeter Women's Club. The cost is \$10.00 per pound. Please call 610-779-6506. The order deadline is November 30th. All proceeds benefit the community.

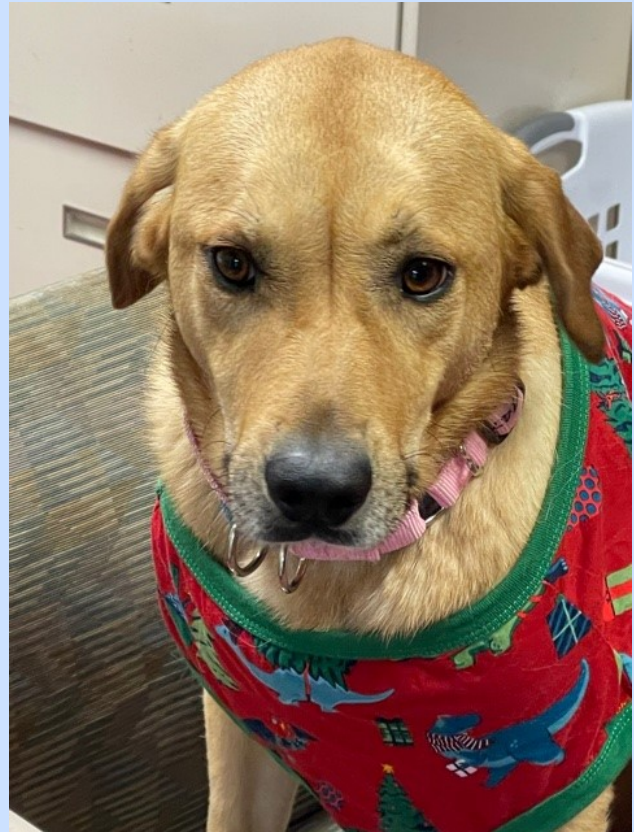
Berks Catholic News

Berks Catholic High School is accepting applications for the second semester of this school year as well as next Fall. Please contact Nicky Smith – nsmith@berkscatholic.org with your questions. All inquiries are confidential.

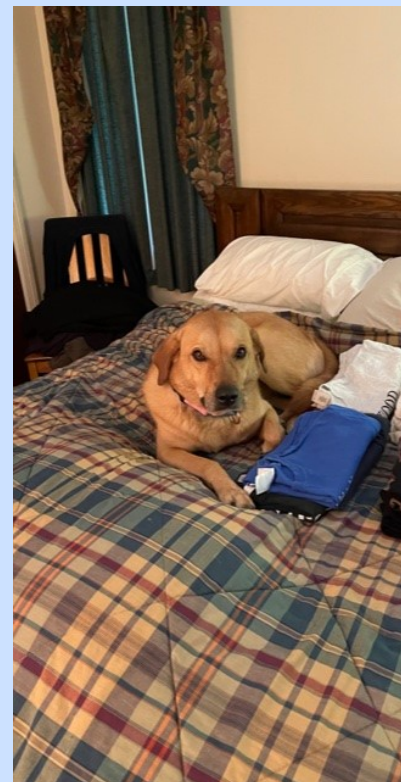
12/19- Christmas Vesper: Berks Catholic High School invites you to celebrate the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ with our Christmas Vesper Prayer Service on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, West Reading. Admission is free and open to the public.

1/27/22- 5-7 p.m.- Open House and Registration event- It's a great time to Be A Saint! Join us and feel the energy of our community. For more information please contact Nicky Smith @ nsmith@berkscatholic.org

Ossa's Corner



Ossa in her Pj's & trying to nap!



CHRIST THE KING



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: Maxen James Lloyd

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Betty Beatty, Melody Bechtel, Michele Boucher, Jacques Briand, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Charles DeNaples, Amy and R. Michael Dougherty, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Robert Flipping, Coleen Foltin, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Maryann Gawel, Stanley Grabowski, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Jesse Hill, Dolores Hinnershitz, Michael Hivner, Nikki Lyn Kells, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Darryl Larish, Melanie Lintz, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Joan Lubas, Joanne Marnell, Charles E. Mathews, Mindy Mattes, Mary Ann Matthews, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, John Mercadante Jr., Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Jerome Nigh, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Warren C. Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romy, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Pat Sarro, John C. Sauer, Jr., Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, Harvey Snyder, Barbara Spatz, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Kimberly Trigstead, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Jay Yohn, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A Time to die: Elizabeth Ferreri**, (wife of John Ferreri & sister of Leo Loeper) & 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.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Captain Chelsea Pellicano, Airman Ethan Kosmoski, Ensign Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Captain Steffen E. Lis, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, 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, Staff Sgt. 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. **Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to dsitler@comcast.net.**



Knights News

Tour of Poland with Fr Isaac

Come join the Knights of Columbus and Fr. Stephan Isaac for dinner and a photo tour of Poland and its historic and religious sites. December 10, 2021, at 6:00PM. St. Catharine's Hall, 4975 Boyertown Pike. Cost - \$10.00 - Menu Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread. Reservation required by December 6, 2021: call 610-775-8954 and leave your name and number attending.

Knights of Columbus are selling coupons delicious Wawa Shorti® Hoagies. Coupons can be used at any Wawa store in the US and never expire. Cost: \$5.00. Contact a Knight or email dkorch1@comcast.net

50+ CLUB NEWS

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 11:15 AM, the Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 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

December 1, 2021: Christmas Party at the **Double Tree** in Reading, plenty of free parking, menu options are: Braised Beef, Grilled Salmon & Seasoned Chicken. Please pick up a flyer at the meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to attend the Christmas Party, please contact Kathleen at 610-698-3289. **Reservations must be made by November 17, 2021.**

January 5, 2022: Pat White will discuss trips for the year 2022. Cake & Coffee

February 3, 2022: Bring your favorite appetizers and snacks to share, play Bingo

NOTICE: Anyone coming to the meetings or going on trips with the 50+ club and the day of the event you are not feeling well, **PLEASE** stay home. We realize times are still very tough, even if you were vaccinated, you can still get Covid. **All future 50+ club events, we require you to be vaccinated.**

TRIPS 2021

December 8, 2021 – Wednesday – Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show - \$100.00. Due to the change of date, we have a few openings left.

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.

Healing Mass -The Catholic Charismatic group, led by Fr. George Winne, will be hosting a Healing Mass at the Cathedral on November 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown. All in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing we invited to attend. Questions? Contact Jeff via email at: adignitethefire@gmail.com

Retirement Fund for Religious - Say thank you to the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who devoted their lives to serving others. The Diocesan Collection date for the Retirement Fund will be on December 12, 2021.

Parish Nurse News - Studies show a link between gratitude and giving and how giving promotes health. This cycle makes sense: we feel good when we are grateful, we feel great when we help others. Feel grateful, give to others, and Smile! (Hazlett, L. et al., 2021)



Congratulations to Sharon & Al Heck who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on November 19th. May they be blessed with many more years together!

Financial Stewardship

	<u>October 17, 2021</u>	
	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,994	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 294,795	\$ 374,736
Year to date deficit	\$ 79,941	
Last Year	\$ 17,398	

	<u>October 24, 2021</u>	
	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,650	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 312,445	\$ 398,157
Year to date deficit	\$ 85,712	
Last Year	\$ 18,181	

	<u>October 31, 2021</u>	
	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,833	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 329,278	\$ 421,578
Year to date deficit	\$ 92,300	
Last Year	\$ 18,479	

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish!