

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, December 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Rickert, Platko, Verbosh Families

Sunday, December 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Louis Filipek (20th Anniversary)

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.



ENVELOPES can be found today on the altar rail for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Each plant is \$12.00. Please print names legibly.

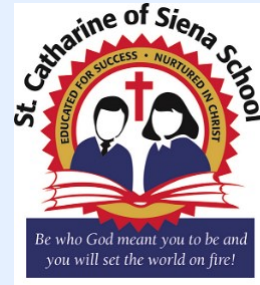
There will be a Latin Mass next Sunday, December 12th, at 12:30 P.M. in the Church. Reconciliation at noon.

The Polish American Heritage Association will be holding their annual traditional Wigilia dinner on Sunday, December 19th, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Reading. Doors open at 4:15PM. Members: \$65. Non-Members: \$75. For questions or reservations, please call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279. after 7:00PM. **Deadline for reservations is December 9th.**

We have the Blest Holy Water for Coronavirus available after Masses December 4th & 5th.

There is no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, November 29th.

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.



St. Catharine of Siena School Endowment Campaign On-Going! Thank you for your generous support. A contribution to our Endowment Campaign is an investment in the future of our school and an affirmation of the success story that is SCS. Look for a mailing with a remittance envelope in your mailbox. Additional envelopes can be found in the back of Church. For more information about the Endowment Campaign, email Amy Impellizzeri at aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org or go to www.scsreading.org.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
6 P.M. – SAINT CATHARINE'S CHURCH

FEAST DAY – WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
6:30 A.M. & 8:00 A.M. – CHURCH
9:30 A.M. - SCHOOL MASS - SCHOOL
7:00 P.M. – CHURCH

ST. MARY'S - 8:00 A.M.-CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16: Jeremiah reveals the promise of the Lord made to the House of Israel. A shoot from David shall do what is right and just. Judah and Jerusalem shall be safe.

1 Thes 3:12—4:2: Paul prays that the Lord will increase his love among the Thessalonians. In turn they must live a life pleasing to God so that they may progress in the way of perfection.

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36: Jesus tells his disciples that there will be signs for His second coming. The sun, moon, stars, anguish among people, fright—these will warn of His coming. They should watch, pray and stand secure before the Son of Man.

Today's Message - We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

BAPTISM 1:00 p.m. - Church

MONDAY, November 29

No Eucharistic Adoration

Life After Loss - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Prep Level 1-7 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.- School

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Siena Stitchers 10a.m. - Church Gathering Area

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

BAPTISM 1:00 p.m. - Church

Breakfast with Santa 8:00 a.m.-noon - Social Hall

Stellar Manual Tilt Wheelchair - Free wheelchair in excellent condition. Ideal for a small adult or child. If interested call Greg at 610-779-6304. Owner's operation manual included.

SUNDAY MISSALS for 2022 are now available. They may be picked up at the Church or at the Parish Center. The cost is now \$4.00 each.

Advent supplies - candles, wreaths and the daily Advent meditation books are available at the Church store.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

6:30 John B. Huls

8:00 Regina Italia

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

6:30 Ted Malecki

8:00 Joseph F. Kabat (22nd Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

6:30 Diane Cerra

8:00 Carol Pasquale

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

6:30 Joseph Mangino

8:00 Charles Chiarelli (35th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

7:15 Carl Falk

8:30 Antoinette Formando (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

8:00 Bogdan Janiszewski

4:30 Chester & Dorothy Sychterz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

7:30 Edward Prince

9:00 Jennie & Fred Mancini

10:30 Cornelia Ahren Fry

12:00 Eugenia May Aufiery

Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021

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

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,

25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Saint John Damascene, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

III Jordan Neiheiser & Peter Lundgaard

Stay in Touch - Do we have your current email address? Phone number? Did your child start a new school? Let us know! Email changes to Diane at dsitler@comcast.net.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/29	Rev. Daniel E. Kravatz
Tuesday 11/30	Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak
Wednesday 12/1	Rev. Thomas J. Kuller, S.J.
Thursday -12/2	Rev. Joseph J. Kweder
Friday 12/3	Rev. Patrick H. Lamb
Saturday 12/4	Rev. Daniel T. Lannen, O.S.F.S.

Blanket and Sock Drive - Please consider donating lightly used or new blankets and new socks. There are boxes located in the main Church and the school cafeteria. They will be collected and donated to St. Mary's Shelter. Thank you for considering, Madeline Walton 7th grade, St. Catharine of Siena School.

Parishioners with love's devotion for the Holy Eucharist and who would like to assist our Priests in its distribution to the Faithful at Mass and beyond, are welcomed to contact the Parish Center at 610.779.4005 as an interested party, and, leave a contact number. Becoming an "Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist" requires the individual to be a good practicing Catholic respecting the sacredness of the Sacrament, and, live life worthy of the ministry. Screening will be necessary. If you feel Jesus tugging at your heart, please contact us! An information and training session will be arranged. Installation will take place soon thereafter. In the love and peace of Christ, thank you for volunteering!

***Upcoming Senior High
Youth Group Events***

December 5 - Upper Room 6:30pm - 8:30pm
December 19 - Christmas party

Please contact Marci Zambito
at mzambito@scsreading.org or visit the youth
website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com

Ossa's Corner



Ossa has a new hat & she loves her pj's!



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 & 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 Romyn, 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: Carmelletta Petrillo & 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.**



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.



Congratulations, Mathletes!
Congratulations to our illustrious 8th Grade Mathletes Team! They captured first place at the Mathletes Competition hosted by Berks Catholic High School. Congratulations to Mrs. Cieniewicz and our students for a job well done.

Calling all SCS Alumni - Our alumni provide the roots of our school family tree. We are deeply invested in your success and take pride in your accomplishments, knowing that your education at SCS has prepared you well for the years that follow. Please continue to stay in touch. Please visit our website @ scsreading.org and visit our Alumni Corner to learn more about how you can stay connected with your alma mater.

Employment Opportunities

Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators. Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for: Classroom aides. Please send resume, all clearances, references, and certifications to Mkraycik@scsreading.org or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606

OPERATION MILK & COOKIES



WHAT IS IT?

Operation Milk and Cookies is an opportunity to bring happiness and Christmas cheer to people in our community. When you bake (or buy) Christmas cookies this year, please consider donating an extra batch to Operation Milk & Cookies. We will package the cookies in individual containers and take them to people in need through organizations including Opportunity House, Mary's Shelter, Hope Rescue Mission, Kennedy House, Safe Berks, and Life House. **WHERE?**

Cookie dropoff and packaging will be held at: **St. Catharine of Siena Social Hall: 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading PA 19606.**

WHEN? Cookie Dropoff: **Saturday December 11th from 4:00 – 7:00pm & Sunday, December 12th from 8:00am – 2:00pm.**

Contact Info: Please let us know you can participate so that we know how many people we can serve by with your name, the type of cookies, number of cookies, and if you will be able to drop them off at the Social Hall or need other arrangements. If you forget to call, please feel free to just drop off the cookies on either day. We will be there! **Abigail Franey Phone – 484-709-0089 -Email – affraney@gmail.com, or Rachel Franey-Phone – 484-388-0452- Email – rachfraney@gmail.com**

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

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.

23RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

SPONSORED by Women's Club of Exeter Township - Sunday, Dec. 5th -1 to 5 PM – Tickets \$15.00 available at Boscov's East, Exeter Community Library and Effie's Restaurant. For information, call FRAN at 610-779-6506.

Peace, Joy... Advent

Rediscovering the peace and joy of Advent that so often gets lost in Christmas to do lists

Saturday, December 11, 2021

St. Mary's Church, 14833 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, PA 19530. 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. - Peace, Joy...Advent presented by Maggie Riggins— 11:00 a.m. - Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. Kindly respond by emailing stewardship@allentowndiocese.org, or by calling the Office of Stewardship and Development at (800) 831-4443 by December 8th.