

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, December 18th, - 3:30 p.m. - Chester Garszczynski
Sunday, December 19th, - 10:30 a.m. - Alex & Agnes Lascoski

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.

We will be decorating the **Chapel** for Christmas on Saturday, December 18th after the 8:00 AM Mass. If you have a little time, please come help!

Parish Nurse News - It can often be a challenge to manage blood sugars. Prepare healthy meals-it's worth the sacrifice and extra effort. Take steps each day to manage stress, which can elevate blood sugar. Focus on positives, smile, enjoy a favorite movie or book, walk, deep breathe- which is helpful to lung function as well!

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Due to the Holidays, all information for the bulletin must be received in our office as follows: **December 26th, and January 2nd by Friday, December 17th by noon!** Information for the bulletin can be emailed to dsitler@comcast.net.

The poor can never take a holiday. Please remember them by your contributions in the poor boxes. **The "Poor Box"** is located at the main entrance of the Church. The money is used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the needy families of our parish. Thanks to all those who have been using it.



Christmas Confession Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th -
3:30 - 4:15 p.m. - Church

Saturday, Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th -
2:45- 3:20 p.m. - Saint Mary's

Monday, December 20th &

Tuesday, December 21st -
4:00-5:00 p.m. &

7:00-8:00 p.m. - Chapel

Wednesday, December 22nd -

6:00-6:45 p.m. - Saint Mary's

Christmas - Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m. - Church
(*Incense)

& 4:00 p.m. - Chapel

7:00 p.m. - Guitar Group

& 12:00* Midnight - Choir
Church (*Incense)

9:00 p.m. - Saint Mary's

Christmas Day - 8:00 a.m. &

10:30 a.m. - Church

10:30 a.m. - Saint Mary's

Solemnity of Mary - Mass Schedule

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve - Friday, December
31st - 4:30 p.m. - Church

New Year's Day - 9:00 a.m. - Chapel

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule of
January 1st & 2nd

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a: Zephaniah writes that Israel should shout for joy. Her King, the Lord, is in her midst. The Lord is a mighty savior. Israel should not be discouraged.

Phil 4:4-7: Christians should rejoice in the Lord. They should take their prayers and petitions to Him. God will watch over His children.

Lk 3:10-18: John preached a law of sharing. He baptized and admonished all to be just and loving and to pray. John tells the people about the majesty of the Messiah.

Today's Message: Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is He whom John foretold; it is He who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

CUB SCOUTS CHRISTMAS PARTY, - 5 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

PREP LEVFEL 1-7 – 6:30 – 8 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

AHG - 5-8 p.m. – Social Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. – Social Hall

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 Alois & Rosa Sager

8:00 Albert Lellig

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 Wright, Didyoung Family

8:00 Maria Mac Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:30 Christine Szurgot

8:00 Dominick Pisano, Jr. (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 Martha Thomas

8:00 Roger Lengel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:15 Evan Eckel

8:30 Earl Heintz

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 Roger Lengel (22nd Anniversary)

4:30 Doris Masters Kerr

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 Robert Greelish

9:00 Martha Safko

10:30 Anthony Ettaro

12:00 Steve Bibbo

Readings for the Week of December 12, 2021

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Monday Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab,

6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,

19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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 12/13	Rev. Philip J. Maas
Tuesday 12/14	Rev. Stephen L. Maco
Wednesday 12/15	Rev. Leo J. Maletz
Thursday 12/16	Rev. John C. Maria
Friday 12/17	Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
Saturday 12/18	Rev. Keith A. Mathur

FeedThePriests



This ministry allows you to provide a complete ready-to-eat meal for our Parish Priests by bringing: a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evening meal.

Through the grace of God our Priests are ordained so that they may bring us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a service to them for these beautiful gifts they bring us, we are starting this new ministry, 'Feed the Priests'.

- *On the day you signed up to bring a meal to the Parish Center by 4:00 p.m.*
 - Meal will be for 3 priests.
 - Fully cooked ready-to-eat meal.
 - We ask that you put the meal in a disposable container.
 - Include heating instructions if necessary.
 - Example of a full meal would include a salad, meat, starch, vegetable and possibly a dessert.
- Please call Diane at the Parish Center if you can help at 610-779-4005.

THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR
PARISH AND OUR PRIESTS!

Ossa's Corner



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, Betty Beatty, Melody Bechtel, Michele Boucher, Jacques Briand, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Carol Buddell, Alan Budgeon, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Charles DeNaples, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Robert Flipping, Coleen Foltin, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Stanley Grabowski, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, 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, Bernie McGuirk, John Mercadante Jr., Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Jerome Nigh, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Precht, 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, Andy Strangarity, Kimberly Trigstead, Alan Wachowicz, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Leo Woelkers, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** **Rebecca Batastini**, (wife of Chris Batastini & mother of Jacquelyn Batastini); **Thomas Boland**; **Veronica Stoss** (sister of Al Franckowiak) ; **John Skopek** (brother of Patricia Hrezik & Carol Herr); **Candy Forster**, (mother of Tammy Partsch & grandmother of Mac Kenzie & Grant Partsch) & 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.



Fellow Parishioners
St. Catharine's Knights of
Columbus Council 14880
has purchased and is
donating to the parish 250
books. There is 125 titled
"The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen", and 125
titled "Life is Messy". These books are
published by Dynamic Catholic Publishing.
We are asking that once you read the book,
to pass it on, if you would. The books will
be available the weekend of December 18th
and 19th. May you enjoy the book and
Merry Christmas from the Knights of
Columbus.
Keep Christ in Christmas.

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.**

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACT PERSONS
AND RESOURCES**

Altar Servers – (Father Stephan Isaac – 610-779-4005)
American Heritage Girls - (Julia Wright - 610-370-9290)
Boy Scout- (Terry Wade - 610-478-1200)
Bereavement Support - (Judy Cameron– 610-370-1174)
Catholic Charities - (610-376-7144)
Catholic Soup Kitchen (Sara Miller 610-404-1590)
Choir- (Dave Kostival – 484-332-8695)
Church Library - (Genevieve Samolewicz 610-779-1660)
Cub Scouts – (610-914-1680– Sahnnon Sauppee)
Cursillo – (Bill McMahon 610-779-8654)
CYO President & CYO Athletic Director - (Cristina Schmehl- 610-779-1513)
Disability Advocates -(Carol McCullough 610-370-1660)
Eucharistic Ministers-(Deacon Greg Schneider - 610-929-0386)
Exeter Food Bank - (Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein - 610-779-6045)
Girl Scouts - (Adrienne Evans - 908-872-6105)
Guitar Choir – (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
Home School Organization- (Elizabeth Kieffer - 610-310-7842)
Knights of Columbus - (John Castagna - 973- 219-2785)
Lectors – (John Vogel 610-779-6287)
Maintenance - (Elisha Robinson - (610-779-4005)
Marriage Preparation - (610-779-4005)
Ministers of Hospitality- (Deacon John Stapleton 610-779-4005)
Parish Nurses - mjauman@verizon.net
Parish School – (Mrs. Marcella Kraycik - 610-779-5810)
Saint Catharine's Pre-School – (610-779-5810)
PREP (CCD) – (Coordinator - Marci Zambito, 610-779-8535)
Protecting God's Children Coordinator - (Marci Zambito - 610-779-8535)
RCIA – (Deacon John Stapleton) - (610-779-4005)
Religious Store - (Bill Wertz - 610-779-5283)
Saint Vincent de Paul Society- (Carol Cinelli 610-779-3113)
School Board - Michele Weber (610-779-8406)
Scrip – (Cristina Schmehl - 610-779-1513)
Senior Citizen Group (50+Club)- (Carol Buddell - 610-401-0600)
Serra Club – (Bob Wright 610-779-9040)
Siena Stitchers - (Anita Barber - 610-779-1571)
Youth Group - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
Parish Office- (610-779-4005) ; Fax: 610-779-0859
Church Website - <http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/>
Saint Catharine's Parish Center - 610-779-4005
Saint Catharine's School - 610-779-5810

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.**

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.

Do you have a relative, friend, neighbor or colleague who has been away for a while? Please let them know that the door is always open and a seat is always available at our church. All are always welcome at St. Catharine of Siena and St. Mary. How wonderful would it be for someone to return home for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord!

With the holidays approaching Catholic Charities is in need of donations to fulfill the requests they receive from the people in need of help. Please consider taking an envelope from our Angel Tree and sending in your contribution. The information is inside the already addressed envelope. God bless you for sharing and making their holidays a bit brighter.