

## Saint Mary's News

Friday, December 24th - 9:00p.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
Saturday, December 25th, - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
Sunday, December 26th, - 10:30 a.m. - Leon & Stella Zerkowski

**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.](#)

**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](mailto:cagethmann74@gmail.com) or call 610-374-9215.

## March for Life 2022 Bus Trip

All are welcome to join parishioners of St. Columbkil Church on this prayerful pilgrimage and witness to life in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 21, 2022**. The theme of this year's national march is "Equality Begins in the Womb". Mass will be celebrated at St. Columbkil church at 6:30am before boarding the bus at 7:15am. Return time is approximately 10:00pm. Participants are asked to dress warmly, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a bag lunch. Cost for the trip is \$50 which includes transportation, light morning refreshments and buffet dinner at Golden Corral on the return trip. Students are ½ price. Sign-up by calling the church office at 610-367-2371. Payment secures your reservation and can be made online: <https://www.parishgiving.org/ParishGiving.html?e=2DDD5F06BC5737FB783F107E3F2C732B4DD14C67518D562C5AE78C40635112AEC88272CCC64EF9CA>  
Questions? contact Candee Holzman at (484) 431-2085.

## Christmas Confession Schedule

2:45- 3:20 p.m. – Saint Mary's  
Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> &  
Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> –  
4:00-5:00 p.m. &  
7:00-8:00 p.m. – Chapel  
Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> –  
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

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
Saturday, December 25 -  
No 3:30 or 4:30 Vigil**

St. Catharine's - Sunday, December 26th -  
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon  
St. Mary's -Sunday,  
December 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary – Mass Schedule  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> -  
4:30 p.m. – Church  
New Year's Day – 9:00 a.m. –Chapel

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule of  
January 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Mi 5:1- 4a: Micah speaks of the glory of Bethlehem, a lone town among the people of Judah. From Bethlehem shall come forth the promised one who shall stand firm and strong in the Lord.**

**Heb 10:5-10: Jesus said the sacrifices, sin offerings and holocausts did not delight the Lord. But He has come to do the will of God – to establish a second covenant.**

**Lk 1:39-45: Mary went to visit Elizabeth who was also blessed by the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth greeted Mary: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”**

**Today’s Message: From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, He will protect and save us, offering Himself once and for all in doing the Father’s will.**

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. – Social Hall

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

ULTREYA -- 7 p.m.- Social Hall

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

**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.

**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.

**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.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:30 Michael Renzi

8:00 John Schwenk

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:30 Michael Renzi

8:00 Thomas (Butch) Mathews

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 Alberta Lutz (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

8:00 Marguerite Arthur (29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Patricia Slimmer

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

8:30 a.m. Robert N. Kerr, Sr. (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

4 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish (Church)

4 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish (Chapel)

7 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish (Church)

12 Midnight Living & Deceased Members of the Parish (Church)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish (Church)

10:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish (Church)

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:30 Richard Heins

9:00 Deceased Members of the Wolf & Ertel Families

10:30 Kathleen Jablonski

12:00 Carmen Romero (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Readings for the Week of December 19, 2021

#### 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

**Monday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

#### Tuesday

#### Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,

20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Wednesday** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Lk 1:46-56

#### Thursday

#### Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;

Lk 1:57-66

**Friday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27

and 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

#### Saturday

#### The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;

Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;

Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

#### Sunday

#### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;

Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;

Lk 2:41-52

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 12/20	Rev. Msgr. John B. McCann
Tuesday 12/21	Rev. Robert J. McConaghy
Wednesday 12/22	Rev. Brian M. Miller
Thursday 12/23	Rev. Ronald J. Minner
Friday 12/24	Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski
Saturday 12/25	Rev. Anthony P. Mongiello



**Valerie (Farrell) Wertman is a long time parishioner. Sixth Annual "Sean Wertman Memorial 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament" on Sunday, March 20th, 2022.** Please help to end addiction "One Basket" at a time...while having fun and displaying good sportsmanship! Where: Exeter Senior High School gyms for boys and girls in 5th

and 6th grades & 7th & 8th. The purpose is to increase awareness of over the counter medicine abuse and a fundraiser for Adult\Teen Challenge Rehab. \$80 per team entrance fee. For sign ups and more info call or text Roger or Valerie Wertman at 610-779-8943. You can also leave a voicemail, or [rogerwertman@yahoo.com](mailto:rogerwertman@yahoo.com) or on Facebook - *(Sean Wertman Memorial BB Tournament. Forms and details can be found on Facebook. Venmo accepted!* Please help this important cause. **Team sponsors and donations are appreciated!**

**Parish Nurse News** - During this blessed season, remember your friends who have experienced death of a loved one. It is helpful to acknowledge their loss with sympathy and understanding. Loving words go a long way in relieving their loneliness, especially at Christmas time. As we prepare for the birth of Our Lord, let's reach out to each other in friendship and caring. Prayers for those who were recently impacted by the tornados.

**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.

**Ossa's Corner**



**Ossa is excited for Christmas!  
She even helped with the tree!**



## FOURTH 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: Hampton Edukugho**

**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, Todd Gladfelter, tanley 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, Gerry & Ted Ostrowski, 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, 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:** & 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: Private 2 Alex Heintz, 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. May you enjoy the book and Merry Christmas from the Knights of Columbus.

Keep Christ in Christmas.



**Siena Stitchers have homemade hand stitched items for sale! All proceeds go to Saint Vincent de Paul.**



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.

### 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.**