

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, January 1st - 3:30 p.m. - The Choborova Family
Sunday, January 2nd - 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.

May God Bless you abundantly in the New Year for your generous stewardship this past year.

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.

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.

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



A Recipe for a Happy New Year!

Take twelve months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients. Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over a radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. You're bound to have a Happy New Year!

The Parish Center will be closed from December 27th and will reopen January, Monday, January 3rd.

NO ADORATION on, Monday, December 27th.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE FROM MONSIGNOR DOMIN, FATHER ISAAC, MSGR. TRESTON, DEACONS FRY, STAPLETON, SCHNEIDER AND THE STAFF OF ST. CATHARINE'S PARISH CENTER AND SCHOOL.

All contributions for 2021 must be received by Friday, December 31, 2021

to be included on your statement. Thank you for your generosity during the past year. If contributions are received after December 31st they will be applied to your 2022 statement.

1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28: This reading teaches us that motherhood and life are a gift of God. The presence of children in a family signals the continuation of life and manifests the newness of God's love, which gives origin to ever new creatures.

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24: Every family must be a mirror of the divine love because the root of every genuine love is God. Therefore, members of a family should deal lovingly with one another.

Lk 2:41-52: Jesus and His parents go to Jerusalem for the Passover. Upon returning, Jesus is separated from them. Mary and Joseph find Him in the temple teaching. When Mary asked why, Jesus replied that He must be doing His Father's work. Jesus returned with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth.

Today's Message: Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

BOY SCOUTS – 7 p.m. – School

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION – After 10:30 a.m. Mass – Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 Keith Strahin (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 Sean J. Wertman (6th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 Salvatore J. Corso (8th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30 George Kostick - (Church)

4:30 Jay Yohn - (Church)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 Paul Arnold (Chapel)

4:30 Chester & Dorothy Sychterz`

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

7:30 Martha Safko (23rd Anniversary)

9:00 Casey & Gloria Zielinski

10:30 George Kostick

12:00 Di Ann Wanner

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

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 12/27	Rev. Msgr. David J. Morrison
Tuesday 12/28	Rev. Joseph T. Muller, M.S.C.
Wednesday 12/29	Rev. Michael E. Mullins
Thursday 12/30	Rev. Elias D. Munyaneza, A.J.
Friday 12/31	Rev. Msgr. John P. Murphy
Saturday 1/1	Rev. Kevin M. Nadolski, O.S.F.S,

St. Catharine's & St. Marys' Parish Welcomes All

- No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.

Prayer For Healing

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

Parish Nurse News - Sometimes the thought of a new year approaching is stressful! Music and back massage help to decrease anxiety and blood pressure when you are feeling stressed or anxious (McCaffrey & Taylor, Holistic Nursing Practice, Mar/April, 2005). Play a few favorite tunes for yourself daily, and schedule an occasional back massage for great self-care in 2021! Happy New Year!

NOW THAT THE **WINTER** IS REALLY UPON US, WE WANT TO REMIND THE **SENIOR MEMBERS** OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COME TO MASS ON DAYS THAT ARE STORMY, ICY OR BITTER COLD. ONE DAY OF HEROICS COULD LEAD TO MANY MONTHS IN BED RECUPERATING.

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

Ossa's Corner



Ossa and Msgr. Domin wish you a Happy New Year! Ossa is exhausted from all the parties & presents!



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, Andy Dykie, 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, Margaret May, 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 Prechtl, 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, 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.

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!

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.**

Feed the Priests - 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!

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 4, 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.

Thank you from Monsignor Domin, & Father Isaac, Msgr. Treston to everyone who sent cards, greetings, gifts, and goodies. May God continue to bless you in the New Year!



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 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!**

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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.