



Saint Mary's News

Saturday, January 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Rita Kasprzak (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, January 23rd - 10:30 a.m. - Jermac Family

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.

\$17,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS - On Saturday, April 23, 2022, the Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding ten college scholarships totaling \$15,000 to Berks County high school seniors of Polish-American descent. Deadline for acceptance of applications for this scholarship is Saturday, March 26, 2022. In conjunction with the PABEBC scholarship awards program, the Polish-American Heritage Association of Berks County is awarding a \$2,500 project scholarship to a Berks County high school senior of Polish-American descent. Deadline for acceptance of applications for this scholarship is March 6, 2022. Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the guidance counselor in all Berks County high schools. They are also available in the Polish-American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington St., Reading, and they can be downloaded from the PABEBC website at www.pabeberks.org, or by contacting Sandy Lubas Hummel, Scholarship Chair for both organizations, at 610-207-7065, email sahummel@ptd.net.

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.

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your **giving record for tax purposes**, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. **If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at dsitler@comcast.net. If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement. Statements will be not be ready until the week of the 24th of January.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005.

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'. Scheduling will be based on your availability.

- **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 to everyone who has cooked a meal or dropped off goodies!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5: “Zion,” “Jerusalem,” is the people of God and God describes his love and concern for us in terms of the joy of a bridegroom.

1 Cor 12:4-11: The gifts of God come from the same Spirit. The gifts are diverse but the Spirit is one; and the gifts are given to unite not separate us.

Jn 2:1-11: Christ the Lord reveals his glory, and the kingdom of God is at hand.

Today’s Message: At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples, and later to the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, January 16

CUB SCOUTS 5 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY January 17

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8:00 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 18

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

WEDNESDAY, January 19

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

THURSDAY, January 20

Siena Stitchers 10:00 a.m. - Church

FRIDAY, January 21

AHG 5-8 p.m. -Social Hall

SATURDAY, January 22

Synod Listening Session – Parish Hall after the 4:30 Mass
Life After Loss Seminar – Parish Center Basement 2-4 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 23

CUB SCOUTS 5 p.m. – Social Hall

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!**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

6:30 Cindy Farley

8:00 Charles J. McDonald

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 Anna Sottosanti

8:00 Dick Horrigan (9th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 Mary Ellen Paciulli

8:00 Joseph Robert Cole

THURSDAY, January 20

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Marge Lonergan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

7:15 Cecilia Glembocki

8:30 Jeffrey Young

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 Thomas Fry

4:30 Deceased Members of the Skowron & Silka Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30 John V. Nowotarski, Sr.

9:00 Anna Harner

10:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

12:00 Sandra Bibbo (3rd Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62: 1

-5/ Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/

1 Cor 12: 4-11/ Jn 2: 1-11

Monday

Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot 1 Sm

15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mk 2: 18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk
2: 23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51/ Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9
-10/ Mk 3: 1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12

Friday

Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and

Martyr 1 Sm 24: 3-21/ Ps 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and
11/ Mk 3: 13-19

Saturday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of

Unborn Children 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19,
23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3: 20-21

Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8: 2-

4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12: 12-30 or 1 Cor
12:12-14,27/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

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 at the Church! All proceeds go to Saint Vincent de Paul.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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| Monday 1/17 | Rev. Juan E. Rodriguez |
| Tuesday 1/18 | Rev. Paul L. Rothermel |
| Wednesday 1/19 | Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Sacks |
| Thursday 1/20 | Rev. Msgr. Walter T. Scheaffer |
| Friday 1/21 | Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert |
| Saturday 1/22 | Rev. Msgr. Francis P. Schoenauer |

Kennedy House. Want to volunteer and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the **Kennedy House** in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either **Saturday, February 19th and/or Sunday, February 20th or both days!** Times are from 9:30-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270 or sk1699@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there. Also if you are unable to help but would be willing to **donate** food or other supplies we would need, please use the sign up genius link or contact me directly. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ACA823A4FA7-kennedy3>

The COVID-19 pandemic forced Miller-Keystone Blood Center to cancel several hundred drives in 2020 and 2021. The community blood supply typically increases in September when our regional high schools and colleges are back in session. With many schools still not scheduling blood drives coupled with the holiday's and our continued staffing shortage, making mobile drives difficult, our blood supply continues to be compromised. Thank you to St. Catherine's of Siena for sponsoring an Adopt A Week Blood Drive from January 17 until January 29 (closed Sundays) Please call 1.800.223.6667 or visit www.giveapint.org to schedule. Please remember to place #3164 in the appointment notes. Anyone who is in good health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more, may donate whole blood every 56 days. *(16-year old donors require parental consent). Only you can help!* Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 29 hospitals served by the blood center.

Parish Nurse News - It's difficult to keep moving when the sky is gray and temperatures cold, but reach for the sky anyway! Do stretches for stronger back and arms. Raise arms above your head, palms forward, elbows straight. Cross wrists above your head, and lower arms again. 6 repetitions, 3 times a day, if you can. (Arthritis Today,2019).

Ossa's Corner



Ossa is the cutest pup!





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, Melody Bechtel, Michele Boucher, Jacques Briand, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Alan Budgeon, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Della Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Bryan DeMarco, 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, 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, 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, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtl, 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: Thomas Kupres, Jr.**, (brother of Michele Mace); **Edward Gallagher**, (husband of Wanda Gallagher) & 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.

A New Years Resolution for Teens! The Senior High Youth Group meets at the Upper Room (former convent on SCS school grounds) every other Sunday from 6:30-8:30pm. All students in grades 9 – 12 are invited to join us each week for fun, fellowship, and food!

Upcoming Youth group meetings:

January 16

January 30

Retreat Registration - All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to our 2022 youth retreat on February 25 - 27 at Camp Manatawny. The theme of the retreat this year is "The Beatitudes". This retreat is run by teens from the St. Catharine's and St. Benedict's Youth Groups. Cost is \$50. Registration forms can be found in the back of the church or from the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Register now to reserve your spot. You will not be disappointed!

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, 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.**

50 Plus News

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1st at 10:00 AM. Please call Maria Bunch, Vice President of the 50+ Club at **610-914-7005** with any questions or concerns. You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

MEETINGS

February 2, 2022: **Due to Covid precautions, the 50+ members WILL NOT be asked to bring an appetizer. Bingo will be played and cake/coffee will be served.**

If ever there is inclement weather, or other reasons for cancellation, please check any of the following:

1. Tune in to channel 69 news/WFMZ
2. Go to the website: 830weeu.com, click on cancellations
3. Call WEEU Radio station, 610-376-7335, press #8, newsroom/Dave Langley, ask for St. Catharine's 50+ Club Meeting cancellation updates.

TRIPS

Wednesday April 13 Murder Mystery Interactive Dinner
Theater Mt Hope Estates & Winery \$90

Wednesday May 18 David at Sight & Sound Cracker Barrel
lunch on your own \$115

Wednesday June 15 Baltimore Dine Around with Narrated
cruise Eat at different area's in Baltimore \$160

Wednesday July 13 Silver Birches Shake Rattle & Roll
Show Tunes from 50's to the 80's \$95.

Wednesday August 24 Mystery Tour HINT: Sightseeing
Boat Ride \$150

September 19th - 24th Monday - Saturday Charleston &
Savannah Double \$1645 Triple \$1645 Quad \$1410 &
Single 2185

Friday October 21 American Treasure Tour Lunch & 2 hr
Train Ride with Colebrookdale RR price yet to be determined

Wednesday November 16th National Christmas Center
Tour Cracker Barrel lunch on your own & American Music
Christmas Show \$120

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.

RETRouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage -
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages
through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit
from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to
build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It
provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or
crises. The next program begins the weekend of February
11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For
more information, or to register,
visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800
-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis, Bishop Schlert, and your
parish priests want to hear from you! In preparation for
the upcoming Synod of the Universal Church, our parish
will be hosting Listening Sessions which will be open to
Catholics and non-Catholics in order to gather honest
feedback for the Church and Her leaders. Please consider
attending one of these listening sessions and offering open
and honest feedback on how the Catholic Church can better
serve the faithful and fulfill Her mission of proclaiming the
Gospel to all people. All of the feedback given in person
and online will be totally anonymous, meaning that
nobody's name will be attached to the feedback. In order to
foster an environment where everyone can speak freely and
provide open and honest feedback about anything, the
clergy of St. Catharine's (priests and deacons) will *not* be
attending the listening sessions. However, the clergy of St.
Catharine's will receive all of the feedback given at these
listening sessions. So please feel free to spread the word and
invite family and friends, especially those who may feel
distant or alienated from the Catholic Church.

Here is the schedule of Synod Listening Sessions held
at St. Catharine of Siena Parish:

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Location: St. Catharine of Siena Church, 4975 Boyertown
Pike, Reading, PA 19606

Immediately after the 4:30 PM Mass in the Parish Social
Hall- Pizza will be available - **Listening Session will not
exceed 2 hours

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Location: St. Catharine of Siena Chapel, 2427 Perkiomen
Avenue, Reading, PA 19606

6:30-7:30 PM in the Chapel

**Snow date of February 9, 2022

Friday, February 18, 2022

Location: St. Catharine of Siena Church, 4975 Boyertown
Pike, Reading, PA 19606

1-3 PM in the Parish Social Hall

For those who may not be able to attend one of the
Listening Sessions or may not feel comfortable
attending a Listening Session in person, here is the
link to an online survey you can complete in order to
provide anonymous, open, and honest feedback to the
Church:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AllentownSynod>