



## Saint Mary's News

**Saturday, January 29th - 3:30 p.m. - John & Helen Otto**

**Sunday, January 30th - 10:30 a.m. - David Hoch**

**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](http://www.pabeberks.org), or by contacting Sandy Lubas Hummel, Scholarship Chair for both organizations, at 610-207-7065, email [sahummel@ptd.net](mailto: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](mailto:cagethmann74@gmail.com) or call 610-374-9215.

**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!**

### 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10:** The people of God return to their homeland, rebuild the temple, and now listen to the proclamation of the law of God.

**1 Cor 12:12-30:** By Baptism we begin to become Christians, Christ unites himself to us, and we must grow with him.

**Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21:** Jesus proclaims the “good news” to the poor, and announces the fulfillment of the prophetic vision of Isaiah.

**Today’s Message:** Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In him we have become one body with many members.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, January 23**

CUB SCOUTS 5 p.m. – Social Hall

**MONDAY January 24**

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

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

**TUESDAY, January 25**

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

**WEDNESDAY, January 26**

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. - School

**SATURDAY, January 29**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ART SHOW – Social Hall after the 4:30 Mass

**SUNDAY, January 30**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ART SHOW – Social Hall after all Masses

**Exeter Township Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner**

Saturday - January 29th - 4 - 7 P.M. Schwartzwald UCC Church - Adults \$9.00 - Children \$4.00 (4-12) Eat in or take out.

**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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24**

6:30 Theresa Hieu Le

8:00 Joan Laubach

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25**

6:30 Maria Carannante

8:00 Margaret Smith

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26**

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Elizabeth J. Loeper (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**THURSDAY, January 27**

6:30 Virginia C. Laczkowski (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

8:00 Charles D. McDonald (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28**

7:15 Matthew Cahill (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

8:30 Rundle & Rudolff Families

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29**

8:00 Adam Gajewski (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Dianne Hunson

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**

7:30 Jennie J. Palkon

9:00 Angelo A. Porcaro (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

10:30 Lois Leard (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

12:00 Earl Heintz

**Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor</b> 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 25-26/ Mk 3: 22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle</b> Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16: 15-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b> 2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/ Mk 4: 1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29/ Ps 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4: 21-25
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor</b> 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/ Mk 4: 26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17/ Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4: 35-41
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/ 1 Cor 12: 31 13: 13/ Lk 4: 21- 30

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 1/24	Rev. Mark R. Searles
Tuesday 1/25	Rev. Adam C. Sedar
Wednesday 1/26	Rev. William N. Seifert
Thursday 1/27	Rev. Thomas G. Shanfelt
Friday 1/28	Rev. Barnabas Shayo, A.J.
Saturday 1/29	Rev. Joseph A. Sheehan

**Parish nurse news** - Some studies have shown that when we smell peppermint, the attention and energy centers of the brain are stimulated. Sniffing peppermint also helps us feel less fatigued. Great to try before working on a project or learning something new. (Arthritis Today, 2019).



**Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby on Feb. 6. at 1:00 at the Social Hall.**  
We will be selling food and invite the parish members to stop by, watch and enjoy some lunch.

**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](http://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.

**Ossa's Corner**



**Ossa is ready for some football!**





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: Olivia Pawlik

**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 Prectl, 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:** **Nicholas Nowotarski**, (son of Gerry Nowotarski); **Kate Cogan**, (wife of Connor Cogan, mother of Cullan, Declan & Vivian, daughter of Barry & Beverly Hannahoe & sister of Amy Wright), **Lawrence Pacharis**, (husband of Margaret Pacharis) & 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, 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).**

**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 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](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com). Register now to reserve your spot. You will not be disappointed!

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:

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>

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](mailto: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>

## 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 **610-582-4632** with any questions or concerns. You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

**Anyone attending the 50+ meeting will be asked to show proof of Covid Vaccination. If an attendee does not have proof of vaccination, he/she will be asked to wear a mask.**

### 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

**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.**