

## Saint Mary's News

Saturday, February 5th - 3:30 p.m. - Kaminski & Chelstowski Families

Sunday, February 6th - 10:30 a.m. - Dorothy A. LaSota (4th Anniversary)

**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.

**Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in our Chapel on Perkiomen Avenue in Mount Penn. The holy hour of Adoration will be on the first Friday, February 4th, from 4:00 to 5:00m p.m. All our welcome!**



### **COOKS WITH COLLARS starting January 28!**

**Msgr. Ed & Father Isaac need your help!**

**Msgr. Ed & Father Isaac will represent Saint Catharine's & St. Mary's in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown.**

**Visit [www.cookswithcollars.com](http://www.cookswithcollars.com) to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often (January 28, 2022-March 1, 2022) for our Diocesan top chef! Each vote is just \$10.00. All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Msgr. Ed & Father Isaac and St. Catharine's & St. Mary's a winner!**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Jer 1:4-5, 17-19** : Jeremiah is called by the Father to be his spokesman. He will be rejected by the people but receives the promise of God that he will support him against his adversaries.

**1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13**: Love, the virtue of charity, surpasses all. It rises above everything. All gifts will pass away, but the supernatural virtue of love will never fail.

**Lk: 4:21-30**: Jesus is rejected by his own neighbors. They resented his strong reminder of the past rejections of the prophets. In Baptism and the Sacraments we are united to Jesus. Like him we must bear our crosses.

**Today's Message**: "No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." Thus did Jeremiah and Jesus encounter opposition and lack of faith; thus did both place their hope in the Lord. Paul speaks eloquently of the greatest of all the gifts: love.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, January 30

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ART SHOW – Social Hall after all Masses

#### MONDAY January 31

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

#### TUESDAY, February 1

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

#### WEDNESDAY, February 2

50 PLUS CLUB GENERAL MEETING 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Chapel

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. – School

#### FRIDAY, February 4

NOCTURNAL ADORATION 4:00-5:00 p.m. - Chapel

AHG 5-8 p.m. – Social Hall

#### SUNDAY, February 6

SCOUT SUNDAY

PINEWOOD DERBY 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ' love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need, Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholicrelief](http://www.usccb.org/catholicrelief)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 31

6:30 Patricia Wenrich

8:00 Marie Briand

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 John Stapleton, Sr. (48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

8:00 Peter Carusone

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:30 Susie Rost

8:00 Paul Bomba

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Roy G. Monde, Jr. (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:15 Frances J. Itle

8:30 Anthony Marino

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 Bob Wright

4:30 Frank J. Mierzwinski

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30 John Gerhard

9:00 Paul T. Bassler (14<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary)

10:30 Jane Boyle

12:00 Luz M. Gomez (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### Readings for the Week of January 30, 2022

#### Sunday

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/  
1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/  
Lk 4: 21- 30

#### Monday

**Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest**  
2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Ps 3:2, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/ Ps 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
Mal 3:1-4/ Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Heb 2:14-18/  
Lk 2:22-40

#### Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/ 1 Chr 29:10, 11 ab, 11d -12a, 12bcd/ Mk 6:7-13

#### Friday

Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 & 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

#### Saturday

**Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,14/  
Mk 6:30-34

#### Sunday

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/ Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8/  
1 Cor 15:1-11/ Lk 5:1-11

### Celebrating God's Goodness!

The Bernardine Franciscan invite you to Bernardine Bonanza on Friday, March 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the at Plex Alvernia University. For more information about this fun-filled event, which will support their many retired and infirm Sisters, visit [brfranciscan.org/Bernardine-bonanza](http://brfranciscan.org/Bernardine-bonanza) or call Sister Maria Bartos at 484-334-6815.

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 1/31	Rev. Msgr. Joseph P.T. Smith
Tuesday 2/1	Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Sobiesiak
Wednesday 2/2	Rev. Leo S. Stajkowski
Thursday 2/3	Rev. Jason F. Stokes
Friday 2/4	Rev. Jonas Tandanyu, M.S.C.
Saturday 2/5	Rev. Jerome A. Tauber

**PARISH NURSE NEWS** - Remember to include exercise in your New Year resolutions. Short blocks of activity count in the total picture! Walk briskly for 10-15 minutes two or three times per day. Be sure to warm up with movement before and cool down with stretches after exercise!

**NUN RUN 2021 IS BACK – IN-PERSON!** - Saturday, April 23, 10:00 AM at St. Michael's Convent (Sacred Heart Villa) 51 Seminary Ave., Reading, PA 19605. You can help support the mission and lives of our MSC Sisters! Become a **SPONSOR**, a **RUNNER/WALKER** or a **VIRTUAL RUNNER/WALKER!** All registrants receive a Nun Run t-shirt if registered by April 1. For details visit [MSCreading.org](http://MSCreading.org) or email [CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org](mailto:CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org).

**Youth Group 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!

**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!

*Sincere thanks to my Choir Family for the beautiful planter sent to me on the passing of my husband.*

*Peggy Pacharis*

**Ossa's Corner**



**Ossa was a big help with Cooks with Collars! Don't forget to vote! [www.cookswithcollars.com](http://www.cookswithcollars.com) All proceeds go directly to our Church!**





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, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Melody Bechtel, Michele Boucher, Jacques Briand, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, 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, Chuck Greisser, David J. Gulati II, Doris Harner, 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, Jane O'Malley, James O'Malley, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtel, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Warren C. Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Jackie Romyne, 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: Dante DeSiderio**, (husband of Dolores DeSiderio) ; **Eugene Wisniewski**, (step-father of James Scheibner) & 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).**

**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.

### 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 Colebrookedale 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.



**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.

**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!**

**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>