



Saint Mary's News

Saturday, February 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Intentions of Saint Catharine's & St. Mary's homebound parishioners

Sunday, February 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Adam Krafczek

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.

Synod Listening Sessions held at St. Catharine of Siena Parish:

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>

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!



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8: The prophet, aware of his own unworthiness, is fearful. Purged of sin he accepts the call of the Father.

1 Cor 15 1-11: Through God's favor, the Apostle turned from persecution to preaching the "good news" like Isaiah. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lk 5:1-11: Peter confesses: "I am a sinful man," and is reassured by Christ. Then together with James and John he leaves everything to become his follower.

Today's Message: Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the temple and is sent on mission. Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6

SCOUT SUNDAY

PINEWOOD DERBY 1:00 p.m.

MONDAY February 7

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8:00 a.m.

Mass until 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 8

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

WEDNESDAY, February 9

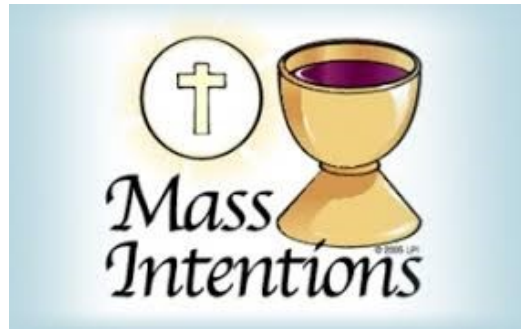
PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. – School

SUNDAY, February 13

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. - Social Hall

This weekend 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

Parish Nurse News - The B vitamins are good energy producers for the body. Find B9, folate, in market fresh spinach eaten shortly after purchase. Frozen spinach is great! It can be stored, eaten anytime, and retains folate, which also helps to reduce blood pressure (Arthritis Today, 2019).



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30 James P. Borst

8:00 Irene & Henry Szymborski

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:30 James J. & Catherine Borst

8:00 David Comey

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30 Carol Heller

8:00 Adam Krafczek

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:30 Earl Fetterman (30th Anniversary)

8:00 Scott Marino

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:30 Katrina Norberg

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 Mary I. Mathews

4:30 Kathleen Jablonski (8th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30 Deceased Members of Horrigan & Kreisher Families

9:00 Miriam & Chester Skopek

10:30 Nancy Mitchell

12:00 Theresa Koch

Readings for the Week of February 6, 2022

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 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11
Monday	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Ps 132: 6-7, 8-10/ Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Ps84: 3, 4, 5 & 10, 11/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kgs 10: 1-10/ ps 37: 5-6, 30-31, 39-40/ Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 11:4 -13/ Ps 106: 3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40/ Mk 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34/ Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/ Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 17:5-8/ Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/7	Rev. James P. Thomas
Tuesday 2/8	Rev. Joseph F. Tobias, M.S.C.
Wednesday 2/9	Rev. Eric N. Tolentino
Thursday 2/10	Rev. Andrew Torma, M.S.C.
Friday 2/11	Rev. James M. Torpey
Saturday 2/12	Rev. Msgr. James A. Treston

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 or call Sister Maria Bartos at 484-334-6815.

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 or email CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org.

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!**

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>

Ossa's Corner



Ossa was a big help with Cooks with Collars! Don't forget to vote! 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: Kellen & Lylah Bowman

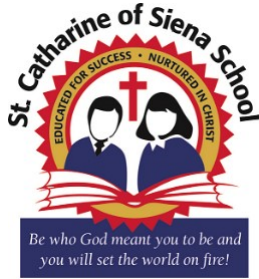
Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Howard Albright, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Melody Bechtel, Michele Boucher, Jacques Briand, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Alan Budgeon, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Della Chmielewski, 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, Catherine Krick, 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 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:** *Adela Swist*, (mother of Deacon Bruce Swist), **Dave Kasprzak**, (father of Carrie Kasprzak & Terry Schaeffer), **Charles Lessig**, (brother of Jim Lessig) **Andy Gorel**, (father of Larry Gorel, grandfather of Michael, Ryan & Alexis Gorel) & 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.



**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.
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.**



In Search of Gently Used Instruments Needing a Good Home

Do you have a gently used keyboard that has earphone capabilities? A gently used guitar with all of its strings? Saint Catharine of Siena would love to give these instruments a "home" and a chance to play again! We are in search of gently used keyboards and acoustic guitars for our music department to provide hands-on engaging lessons for future musicians. Please call 610-779-5810 for more information.



Employment Opportunities

Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators. Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for:

- Classroom aides
- Classroom Subs

Please send resume, all clearances, references, and certifications to Mkraycik@scsreading.org or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606

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.**

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 - Cost\$135

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.