

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, February 19th - 3:30 p.m. - Regina Wrobel

Sunday, February 20th- 10:30a.m. - Kochmanski Family

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 Knights of Columbus will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday 3/4 in the Social Hall from 5PM-7PM. Adults-\$15. Children -\$10. Live jazz.

If you prefer to preorder and take out, please email your order to kofc14880@gmail.com or call 610.775.8954. You may also scan the QR code below from your phone. This will take you to the order form. **Preorders must be received no later than Monday 2/28.**



*Look who turned the
"Big 60"
on February 8th!*

May God continue to watch over you with love, today and each day to come. Our Lord has blessed us with a wonderful priest in you, and today is a day to celebrate you and everything that you do. Happy 60th birthday to you, Father Ed. Many happy returns to an exceptional parish priest!

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 17:5-8: To put all one's trust in human strength leads to frustration. Let us trust in the Lord and find fulfillment.

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20: If our hopes in Christ are limited to this life only, we are the most pitiable of human beings.

Lk 6:17, 20-26: Happiness and blessing are the rewards of those who accept the Gospel and the Savior. Sorrow and woe await those who take wealth and pleasure as their goal in life.

Today's Message: Blest are they who trust in the Lord. Blest are they who are poor and who endure insult, for their reward shall be great: eternal life.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. - Social Hall

MONDAY February 14

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

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

TUESDAY, February 15

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

WEDNESDAY, February 16

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. – School

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION – 1 p.m. Social Hall

AHG- 5-8 p.m. Social Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

AHG – 9:00-11:00 a.m. Social Hall

Ultreya – 9:45-11:30 a.m. Knights Room

SUNDAY, February 20

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. - Social Ha

Parish Nurse News - Dark chocolate! Rich in flavonols, it's a great dessert for diabetics and others, may help lower blood sugar, ease joint inflammation, and help lose a few of those extra lbs. Add one tablespoon of unsweetened cocoa powder to your smoothie every day. Questions? Check with your family doctor. (<https://www.everydayhealth.com> Feb. 2021; Arthritis today, 2019)

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](https://mscreading.org) or email CWhitmover@mscreading.org.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 Lt. Paul R. Fridley

8:00 Jim McGinnis (2nd Anniversary)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 Sue Wolf

8:00 Josephine & John Graczyk

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:30 Louise Ann Schwambach Gibson

8:00 Joseph Calabrese (20th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 John Burns

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:15 Kathleen Promutico

8:30 Lashana Miranda Williams

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 Deceased Members of the Wetzel & Donegan Families

4:30 Chiara Rugolo (9th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30 Elizabeth Ferreri

9:00 Kathleen Rainey

10:30 Elisa Cuesta (33rd Anniversary)

12:00 Enrique Devoto

Readings for the Week of February 13, 2022

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

Monday Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

Jas 1:1-11/ Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Jas 1:12-18/ Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Jas 1:19-27/ Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Mk 8:22-26

Thursday Jas 2:1-9/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 8:27-33

Friday Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday Jas 3:1-10/ Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/ Mk 9:2-13

Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38

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>

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/14	Rev. Simone Volavola, M.S.C.
Tuesday 2/15	Rev. James J. Ward
Wednesday 2/16	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wargo
Thursday 2/17	Rev. Zachary R. Wehr
Friday 2/18	Rev. Leon Weisenberger, M.S.C.
Saturday 2/19	Rev. Joseph T. Whalen

**Knights of Columbus Council #14880
Brother Knights.** If you are not receiving emails from your council, please contact me, Tom Rochowicz at trochowicz923@comcast.net or 484-269-4601. It is our way of informing you of the programs and events that your council participates in, and share with you the accomplishments of this Council and the good works we perform for the Parish and community. If you do not have access to email, please contact me by phone. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

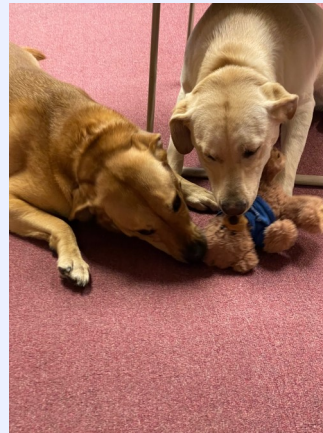
**YOUTH
GROUP**

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.

Ossa's Corner



Luna stopped by for a play date!
Still best friends!



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: Naomi Bahoum

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: Melissa Ebling**, (mother of Elayna & Elyse Ebling) **Joseph Blaum;** **Mary Zaorski**, (mother of Jodi Walter) & 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, 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.**



Cooks with Collars! Don't forget to vote! www.cookswithcollars.com
All proceeds go directly to our Church! If you don't have a computer and would like to donate you can drop it off in the collection basket - Please mark "Cooks with Collars", mail or at the Parish Center. Thank you for all the donations!

50 Plus News

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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.**

March 2, 2022 Meeting: Dave Reinwald will entertain the members with songs. Cake/coffee/ tea will be provided

"Come Join Us" on April 6, 2022, for lunch to celebrate "Everybody's Birthday" at Victor Emmanuel's. For information, contact Kathleen Zagar at 610-698-3289.

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

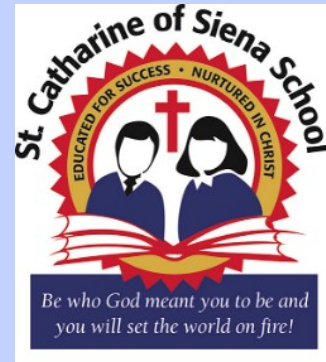
CONTACT: **Pat White 610-582-1437** for any information concerning the trips.

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.



Please be on the lookout for an Altar Server Schedule arriving in the mail this week. The schedule will cover March 2, 2022 to June 5, 2022. Thank you for your continued service to this important ministry.



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

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!**