

Saint Mary's News



Saturday, February 26th - 3:30 p.m. - Adam & Mary Smolinski

Sunday, February 27th- 10:30a.m. - John Morawczynski

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.

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.

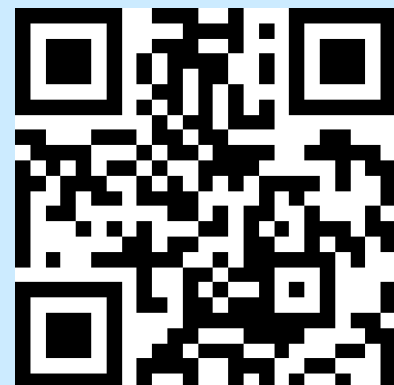
Please call Diane at the Parish Center if you can help at 610-779-4005.

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



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.**



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23: King Saul has condemned David and is trying to capture him. David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but refuses to harm the king because Saul is anointed by the Lord.

1 Cor 15:45-49: Grace builds on nature. In Christ we are formed in the spiritual order.

Lk 6:17, 20-26: The supernatural virtues go beyond the natural virtues which even sinners practice.

Today's Message: In Baptism we are called to mirror and image the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us. As David would not harm Saul his enemy, so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20

YOUTH GROUP – 1:30-4:30 p.m. – Social Hall

CUB SCOUTS – 5 p.m. - Social Hall

MONDAY February 21

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

TUESDAY, February 22

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

CYO MEETING – 7:00 p.m.- Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, February 23

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. – School

SUNDAY, February 27

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. - Social Hall

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.

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 brfrancisan.org/Bernardine-bonanza or call Sister Maria Bartos at 484-334-6815.

Berks Catholic High School is hiring!
Part-time maintenance.

Please email mricco@berkscatholic.org with questions.
Come be part of something great!!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 Robert Bechtel

8:00 Richard Graver

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:30 Carol Heller

8:00 Timothy R. Loeper (3rd Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:30 Anthony Rearden

8:00 James McCarron

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Marguerite Arthur

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:15 David G. Borst

8:30 Theodore Borek

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 Mr. & Mrs. James W. O'Malley, Sr.

4:30 Mildred C. Itle

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Puwalski

9:00 Regina Italia

10:30 Julia Calabrese

12:00 Wetzels/Donagan Families

Readings for the Week of February 20, 2022

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
Monday	Jas 3:13-18/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/ Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr Jas 4:13-17/ Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/ Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Jas 5:1-6/ Ps 49-14ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/ Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Jas 5:9-12/ Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/ Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Jas 5:13-20/ Ps 141:1-2, 3-8/ Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:4-7/ Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45



PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/21	Rev. George R. Winne
Tuesday 2/22	Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky
Wednesday 2/23	Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York
Thursday 2/24	Rev. Christopher M. Zelonis
Friday 2/25	Rev. Msgr. Edward S. Zemanik
Saturday 2/26	Rev. Eric R. Arnout

AVCP (Antietam Valley Community Partnership) 9th annual community dinner- Golumpkis, Chili, Haluski & Kielbasa. Date March 6th from 11-2 pickup @ Antietam High School. For tickets call Larry 610 779 6973.

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 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.

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! μ

Ossa's Corner



Ossa is chilling! She is tired from the weekend.





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, 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, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, 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 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: Sister Maria Patris, IHM & 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.



Berks Catholic High School presents:
Friday, March 4, 2022 @ 7:00 PM & Saturday, March 5, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Tickets are available online www.tinyurl.com/BCTheater or by scanning the QR code or visit www.berkscatholic.org
Reserved Seats: \$16 Adults \$11 Students
General Admission: \$11 Adults \$6 Students



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.**



Congratulations to the St. Catharine's 7th and 8th grade CYO Boys' Basketball team on winning the county championship this past Sunday! Awesome job boys!



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!**

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

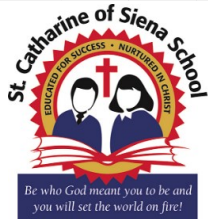
September 19th - 24th Monday - Saturday Charleston & Savannah Double \$1645

Friday October 21 American Treasure Tour Lunch & 2 hr Train Ride with Colebrookedale RR - Cost\$135

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.



Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for the **2022-2023** school year.

Are you looking to return to the classroom after being home on family leave? Looking to return to the classroom from retirement? Then

Saint Catharine of Siena is the place for you! Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators.

Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for: Part-Time/ Full Time Contracted Special Education Teacher - Full-Time Contracted Teachers - Classroom Substitutes - Classroom Aides

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

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.