

Saturday, March 5th - 3:30 p.m. - John Morawczynski,
(1st Anniversary)
Sunday, March 6th - 10:30a.m. - Andrew Glutz (33rd
Anniversary)

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE- There will be
an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, March 2,
2022.**

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**March 2nd – Saint Catharine's
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE-2022**

Chapel : 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

School - 9:30 a.m.

Church: 12 Noon & 7 p.m.

Ashes that are blessed and distributed on Ash
Wednesday are processed by burning the palm
distributed on Palm Sunday last year and displayed
in homes throughout the year.

We invite you to bring any palm you may have in
your home to Church and deposit it in the
containers marked “Palm” which will be located in
the Church vestibule and Chapel on Ash
Wednesday.



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.**



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!

Sir 27:4-7: The sage indicates that our speech reveals what we really are. In this way, he anticipates the Gospel maxim: "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks".

1 Cor 15:54-58: The Risen Christ is the source of our new life that will produce in us all its fruits at the time of our resurrection. We must never stop working toward that goal.

Lk 6:39-45: We must receive the Word of God with complete openness. Only then can we draw from our hearts words that will lead others to Christ.

Today's Message: The fruit of our speech and actions will wither and die unless we first recognize the plank in our own eye. By humbly admitting our own sins, we can more fruitfully persevere in the work of the Lord.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY FEBRUARY 28

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

FISH FRY - 5:00 -7:00 p.m. -Social Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00 P.M. - Church

AHG – 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Knights' Room

SUNDAY, March 6

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. - Social Hall

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 Dennis Sadlowski

8:00 George D. Edmunds, Jr. (37th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

6:30 Don Leard (13th Anniversary)

8:00 Anna McDonald (28th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

6:30 Gerry Ostrowski (Chapel)

8:00 Gregory Heifer (Chapel)

9:30 Marianne Patricia Schmid Doyle (School)

12:00 noon Jay Yohn (Church)

7:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Messer, Schultz, McGovern & Purcell Families (Church)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Ken Higo

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

7:15 Mark Leo Kuna

8:30 Karen B. Bentz

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 Stephen Leshko

4:30 Michael Reid, Jr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

7:30 Edward Bayer

9:00 Susan Wolf

10:30 Baby Isabella George

12:00 Anna Boucher

Cooks with Collars! Don't forget to vote! www.cookswithcollars.com All proceeds go directly to our Church.

Readings for the Week of February 27, 2022

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

Monday

1 Pt 1:3-9/ Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 & 10c/

Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/ Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17/

2 Cor 5:20-6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20/ Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6/ Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b/ Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10/ Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15/

Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/28	Rev. Franklin K. Arockia-Dass M.S.C.
Tuesday 3/1	Rev. Achilles Ayaton
Wednesday 3/2	Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Baddick
Thursday 3/3	Rev. Msgr. Andrew R. Baker
Friday 3/4	Rev. Msgr. William T. Baker
Saturday 3/5	Rev. Francis J. Baransky

Parish Nurse News - February is heart health month! A special heart fact is that self-care, gratitude, and doing for others are good for your heart! These practices help to decrease stress and promote good quality of life. Be sure to purposefully select one practice to do every day!

Good For The Soul Music Presents - Dave Kauffman Song & Story - Lenten Mission will be held at St. Columbkille Church, 200 Indian Spring Road, Boyertown, PA one night only! March 16th at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. Love offering will be collected. For more information, contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkille.org.

16th Annual Divine Mercy Retreat weekend will be held at the Malvern Retreat House on April 22-24th 2022, culminating with the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday! Rev. Stephen De Lacy and Rev. Dermot Roache will be our retreat directors. This is a 3 day, 2 two night retreat, you can also register for a virtual retreat. Registrations is \$250 in person or \$75 virtual. To register call 610-644-0400 or login into www.DivineMercyRetreat.com.

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!**

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Joseph's Church located on 1018 N. 8th Street, on first Friday, March 4th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our blanket and sock drive. With your help, we were able to collect 146 blankets and 613 pairs of socks. Combined with other items we received we collected a total of 866 items. We were able to donate them to St. Mary's Shelter and Hope Rescue Mission. Thank you again,
Madeline and Alice Walton

Ossa's Corner



This burger is safer to eat than the one my Dad cooked!!





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: Carol Cepeda Rodriguez, Anderson Lloyd & Oliver Meyer

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 Hinnersthit, Michael Hivner, Nikki Lyn Kells, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, 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 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:** Catherine Krick, (mother of Patricia McNeil, granddaughter Shannon Sauppee & great grandmother of Thomas & Sadie Sauppee), James Curtin, (Brother of Larry Curtin) & 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.



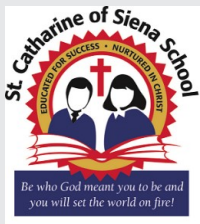
Berks Catholic High School presents:
Friday, March 4, 2022 @ 7:00 PM & Saturday, March 5, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

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're Back, Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Berks Holy Name Society Buffet Breakfast and program will begin at St. Ignatius School Hall hosted by Knights of Columbus Church Council on Sunday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m. For more details please call Dave Krick at 484-336-3632.

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.**



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 Mkraycik@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. A special thank you to Mr. Bill McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shirey, Mrs. Marie Haux, The Hirniesen Family, and Mr. Bernard Burlew for your musical donations.

Congratulations to all our winners in the 2022 CYO County-wide Kitchen Kapers competition!

Liam Trupp 2nd place Soups/ Stew/Chili, Peter Schmel 1st place Death by Chocolate, Sadie Lawlor 1st place Creamy Desserts, Chase Gonzalez 1st place Creamy Desserts, John Kurtas 1st place Appetizers, Liam Atkins 1st place Dips, Mason Mace 1st place Casseroles, Jackson Kozik 2nd place Cakes, Lydia Fries 2nd place Cookies, Chloe Yoder 1st place Cakes, Mackenzie Robinson 2nd place Pastries, Stella Wright 1st place Breads. Honorable Mentions to: Emily Hirneisen & Maddie Kieffer - 1st place winners at in-house competition and County participants in the Casseroles and Dips categories, respectively.



Congratulations to the St. Catharine's 7th and 8th grade CYO Boys Basketball team on winning the 2022 Diocesan Championship this past Sunday! On to the state playoffs! We are so proud of all of you! God bless and good luck!

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who himself recommended it as necessary to His Followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast? - All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain? - All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean? - The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of the fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean? - The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence? - Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill? -

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 6th to June 12th.) Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year. **Catholics are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity.**