

Saint Mary's News

**Next Weekends Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, March 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Albert F. Gombar  
- (2nd Anniversary)**

**Sunday, March 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Rich Zaorski**

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As war continues in Ukraine, Bishop Alfred Schlert invites the faithful to join him in a special prayer for peace.

***Oldest Ukrainian Prayer to the Blessed Mother (1037 A.D.)***

**We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God.**

**Despise not our prayers in our needs,  
but deliver us from all dangers,  
since you alone are pure and blessed.**

**O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers  
and present them to Your Son and our God,  
that for the sake of You, He enlighten and save our  
souls.**

**Parishes around the Diocese will take up a special collection on the weekend of March 12 and 13.** The money donated will be given to Catholic Relief Services.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday 3/18 in the Social Hall from 5PM-7PM. Adults-\$15. Children -\$10.

If you prefer to preorder and take out, please email your order to [kofc14880@gmail.com](mailto: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 3/14.**



**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!**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Dt 26:4-10:** The fruits of our labors are gifts from God. Before we use and enjoy them we should first acknowledge his bounty with dedication and thanks.

**Rom 10:8-13:** Holiness is rooted in faith. Believe in your heart that Jesus is raised from the dead.

**Lk 4:1-13:** Jesus is fully human and overcomes the temptation of Satan. As Messiah he will not resort to expediency.

**Today's Message:** Moses recounts great events of salvation history which find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. We confess him to be Lord, for God raised him from the dead. He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake his Father's mission, trusting in God's love.

### MONDAY MARCH 7

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS - After 8:00 Mass

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-7:00 p.m. – School

### FRIDAY, MARCH, 11

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m. - Church

### SUNDAY, March 13

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. - Social Hall

**Berks Catholic Wrestling Team** will be selling discount tickets for a variety of local businesses after all Masses the weekend of March 12-13, 2022. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Your support of the Berks Catholic Wrestling Team is greatly appreciated.

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 Jennie Weber

8:00 Magrowski & Da Damio Families

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 Edna Druzba

8:00 Peter J. & Regina M. Shepos

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 R. Mark Lundquist (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

8:00 John Leier

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

6:30 Stanley J. Lubas

8:00 Richard E. Puwalski

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

7:15 Charles Joseph Youse

8:30 Jeannette & Matthew Diana

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 Baranowski/Szot Family

4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Kline

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 Walt & Betty Yourkavitch (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

9:00 Larry Lubas

10:30 Mary Deegan

12:00 Beatriz Acuna

### Scripture Readings for the Week of March 06, 2022

#### 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

#### Monday

##### Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday

##### Memorial of Saint John of God, Religious

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19; Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday

##### Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

#### Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

#### Sunday

##### Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3: 20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

**WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?** It is simply adoring and honoring the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity under the appearance of bread in the Consecrated Host. During Eucharistic Adoration, we remain “silent” in His presence and open ourselves to His graces which flow from the Eucharist. The Lord draws us to Himself and transforms us. **Please consider spending some time with the Lord this Lent. Adoration is held every Monday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 3/7	Rev. Msgr. Algimantas A. Bartkus
Tuesday 3/8	Rev. Msgr. William F. Baver
Wednesday 3/9	Rev. Henry Beck, O.F.M.
Thursday 3/10	Rev. Joseph P. Becker, O.S.F.S.
Friday 3/11	Rev. Frans J. Berkhout
Saturday 3/12	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Biszek

**Good For The Soul Music Presents - Dave Kauffman Song & Story** - Lenten Mission will be held at St. Columbkil 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@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:debm@stcolumbkil.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](http://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](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!**

**Parish Nurse News** - Cherries for life! Osteoarthritis patients who drank tart cherry juice twice daily had a significant reduction in inflammation in 3 weeks. Toss tart cherries into your oatmeal, cereal, or salad and add a few walnuts. Enjoy feeling healthier with less inflammation! (Arthritis Today, 2019).

**Gethsemane Cemetery** is happy to announce we will host a live Memorial Day Mass & Celebration on Mon., May 30, 2022 at 10:00 am., Rain or Shine. Food & beverages will be served after the Mass. We hope to see you there!!

**Ossa's Corner**



**Ossa is ready for some baseball!**



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**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: Michaela Yourkavitch**

**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, Cecelia Godek, Stanley Grabowski, Chuck Greisser, David J. Gulati II, 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, Dorothy Kulak, Darryl Larish, Melanie Lintz, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Joan Lubas, Joanne Marnell, Charles E. Mathews, Mindy Mattes, 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, Helen Platko, 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, John Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman ***A Time to die: James Hoellman***, (grandfather of Father Daniel Kravatz), ***Sophia Samolewicz***; ***Mario Bisbano***, (husband of Maria Bisbano) & *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: Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**



**Dine and donate fundraiser!  
Come Support the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys  
Basketball Team as they continue  
"On to States".**

**Tuesday, March 8th  
5-10 pm**

**PJ Whelihan's -**

**1101 Rocky Drive, West Lawn, PA 19609  
15% of all food and drink sales  
will be donated to team.**

### 50 Plus News

The St. Catharine of Siena's 50+ Club Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5th 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.**

**"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.**

**Are you looking for a way to get involved with parish events? Do you enjoy social activities? Are you looking for ways to enrich your Catholic faith?** If you answered YES to any of these questions, then The Columbiettes may be just what you're looking for! Columbiettes Light of Christ #8726 is based at St. Ignatius Parish, but we are looking to expand our membership to other parishes and our presence in the surrounding communities. Please contact Tracey Lamoreux at 215-901-6395 (call or text) or email at traceyllyn30@yahoo.com.

### Saint Catharine's Blood Drive will be held on Sunday March 27th in the Social Hall.

Please call 1.800.223.6667 or visit [www.giveapint.org](http://www.giveapint.org) to schedule. Please remember to place #3164 in the appointment notes. The COVID-19 pandemic forced Miller-Keystone Blood Center to cancel several hundred drives in 2020 and 2021. The community blood supply typically increases in September when our regional high schools and colleges are back in session. With many schools still not scheduling blood drives coupled with the holiday's and our continued staffing shortage, making mobile drives difficult, our blood supply continues to be compromised. Anyone who is in good health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more, may donate whole blood every 56 days. *(16-year old donors require parental consent). Only you can help!* Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 29 hospitals served by the blood center.

**Here are a couple of little-known facts to liven up your next discussion of Lent with family and friends: Lent is not really 40 days.** When the Church designated a season of prayer and penance to mirror Christ's 40-day fast in the desert before His public ministry, it set aside six full weeks, Monday through Saturday (Sundays are not part of Lent) plus Ash Wednesday and the three days that follow, for a total of 40 days. But Lent ends just prior to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, when the Easter Triduum begins, so Lent does not last the full 40 days.

**One Friday in Lent is not an abstinence day.** Church Law makes an exception to the abstinence obligation for solemnities that fall on a Friday. **This year, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, is Friday, March 25. It's okay to eat meat on that day.**