



**Saint Mary's News**

**Next Weekends Mass Schedule**

Saturday, March 26th - 3:30 p.m. - The Zimova Family

Sunday, March 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Meunier Family

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**Easter Plants** for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$12 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. **ease print name clearly.**

**KEYSTONE MILITARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Keystone Military is a supplemental food pantry for active and retired veterans located at 331 Main St., Shoemakersville, PA 19555. We are in dire need of the following items for our veterans: Laundry pods/dryer sheets/dish detergent/household cleaners Shampoo/conditioners/Non---aerosol deodorants/toothpaste/bar soap Toilet paper/paper towels/napkins. **The collection will take place this weekend.** If interested in making monetary donation, Checks can be made out to **Keystone Military Families**, if interested in volunteering, contact Ms. Kyle Lord at [keystonemilitary@yahoo.com](mailto:keystonemilitary@yahoo.com). Thank you for your donation!

*Lenten Parish Event*

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With Fr. Isaac



Msgr. Joseph PT Smith Social Hall



7:00 – 8:30pm



Tuesday March 22 - The Eucharist  
Monday, March 28 - Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Tuesday, April 5 - The Resurrection

Light refreshments will be served!

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

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The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday 3/25 in the Social Hall from 5PM-7PM. Adults-\$15. Children -\$10.

In order that we have an accurate count, preorders would be appreciated, 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 3/21.** “



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15:** The Lord God calls Moses to lead his people and reveals his name to Moses.

**1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12:** We must remain steadfast in our faith. We cannot become overconfident even though we are the recipients of God's favor and grace.

**Lk 13:1-9:** Jesus tells us to reform and repent. Time will run out, and no one can ever count on another year. Now is the time!

**Today's Message:** From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience but, on the other, of the urgency of the call to conversion. Like the Hebrews of old.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY MARCH 20

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET– 5 p.m. - Social Hall

#### MONDAY MARCH 21

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

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 22

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

LENTEN EVENING WITH FR. STEPHAN ISAAC – 7-8:00p.m. – Social Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. – School

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS– following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

FISH FRY – 5-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7 p.m. – Church

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

AGH – 8:30-noon – Social Hall

#### SUNDAY, March 27

BLOOD DRIVE - Social Hall

**Parish Nurse News** - Try this sweet secret! Chop sweet potatoes into chunks: roast with olive oil, cumin and ginger. Yum! Add sweet potatoes to salads, and they always make a great side dish. The vitamin C and beta-carotene in sweet potatoes are found to reduce risk of knee and spine osteoarthritis . Enjoy! (Arthritis Today, 2019).

### **Find Healing this Lent by participating in the UNBOUND:**

Freedom in Christ Conference Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. St. Benedict's Church, Mohnton. For more information or to register by March 21, go to <https://register.allentowndiocese.org/unbound-conference-2022/>

### **Saints and Scholars Dinner and Discussion - Various Dates** -

*What is the Real Presence? How do we know it is really Jesus? What does it mean to you in your life?* Come explore the theology of the Holy Eucharist in this free event series featuring dinner, a reflection from a featured speaker, discussion, and fellowship! As we break bread together, we will come to better understand the Bread of Life! Guests can register for the upcoming sessions on March 31 and April 28. [Check the website](#) for presenters, additional information, and to register!

### **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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, MARCH 21

6:30 Marie Mc Gonigal

8:00 Francis Skoraszewski (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 Gerry & Ted Ostrowski

8:00 Scott Marino

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 David Samolewicz

8:00 Cora Nacar

### THURSDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 Suzanne Gumpert

8:00 Josephine Farrell (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

7:15 Dora Kugler

8:30 Rebecca Batastini

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 Charles J. Mc Donald (52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Max Curtin (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27

7:30 Geraldine Russo

9:00 William & Theresa Bryan

10:30 Richard Stasek, Jr.

12:00 Jeffrey Kolb

### Reading for the week of, March 20, 2022

#### Sunday

#### Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

#### Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

#### Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

#### Wednesday

#### Memorial of Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

#### Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

#### Friday

#### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

#### Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

#### Sunday

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5,6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

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**MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS** Please join us every Wednesday during Lent after the 8 a.m. Mass.



**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 3/21	Rev. Douglas C. Burns , O.S.F.S.
Tuesday 3/22	Rev. Christopher S. Butera
Wednesday 3/23	Rev. Msgr. Albert J. Byrne
Thursday 3/24	Rev. Floyd Caesar
Friday 3/25	Rev. Msgr. Aloysius R. Callaghan
Saturday 3/26	Rev. E. Michael Camilli, M.S.C.

**American Heritage Girls Troop PA1111** is collecting worn and tattered American flags in need of a proper retirement. There will be a collection box in the gathering area until the end of April. Thank you for assisting us in this service project.

**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.**

**Calling all high schoolers!** Throughout the Bible, the Lord tells us over and over again, "Be not afraid," and he continues to speak these words to us today. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Main Campus 5 on July 15 – 17 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group. Learn more at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) and contact Mrs. Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. Register by April 1, 2022 to save your spot!

**Save the Date!**

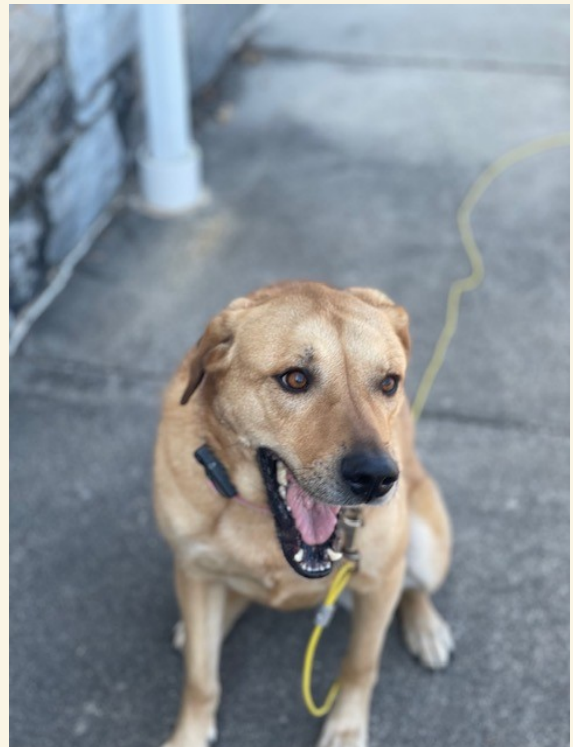
**Vacation Bible School is back!** At Monumental VBS, kids celebrate God's Greatness! Monumental is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-fun gizmos, team building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see the evidence of God in everyday life.

VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 20, 2022 thru June 24, 2022 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2022. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available on the tables in the back of the church or at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) . Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) with questions

**Ossa's Corner**



**Ossa wants to go to Disney!  
She is loving the nice weather.**



## THIRD 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:**

**Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way:**

Karin Acuna, Howard Albright, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Marie Bassler, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, 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, 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, Carolyn Schott, 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: Stanley Grabowski**, (husband of Theresa Grabowski) & 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).**

### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing.

May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. Amen.

**Pasta for Ukraine** – Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Nativity BVM Church Hall - Meal includes Spaghetti & Meatball platter, Salad, Bread & Butter, non-alcoholic beverage. \$15 Alcohol beverages & Dessert available for purchase (Cash only) Tickets for sale: online @ [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com): **search Pasta for Ukraine**, Tickets in person: @ Mimmo's restaurant, Nativity BVM food Sales (Friday 3-6pm) or You can also Call Cindy 610-914-5785 for advanced sales. In this time of crisis, we want to help Ukraine. All sales from this event will be donated to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine.



Spring has sprung! Show your School Spirit with a St. Catharine of Siena Wildcats Garden Flag available for purchase through Sunday, April 3. Proceeds benefit St. Catharine of Siena HSO - <https://www.storessimple.com/cblcustomapparel/15683>



**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.**

May 4, 2022, meeting will feature guest speaker, Jill Marie. She will detail the history of Tom Sturgis pretzels. Cake/coffee, tea, water will be provided

**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

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.

**Financial Stewardship**

**December 26, 2021**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 14,704	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 479,487	\$ 608,946
Year to date deficit	\$ 129,459	
Last Year	\$ 16,365	

**January 2, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,591	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 496,078	\$ 632,367
Year to date deficit	\$ 136,289	
Last Year	\$ 21,413	

**January 9, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,965	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 513,043	\$ 655,788
Year to date deficit	\$ 142,745	
Last Year	\$ 17,965	

**January 16, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,201	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 532,244	\$ 679,209
Year to date deficit	\$ 146,965	
Last Year	\$ 20,396	

**January 23, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,950	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 551,194	\$ 702,630
Year to date deficit	\$ 151,436	
Last Year	\$ 19,791	

**January 30, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,549	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 567,743	\$ 726,051
Year to date deficit	\$ 158,308	
Last Year	\$ 26,966	

**February 6, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,703	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 589,446	\$ 749,472
Year to date deficit	\$ 160,026	
Last Year	\$ 21,565	

**February 13, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 15,401	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 604,847	\$ 772,893
Year to date deficit	\$ 168,046	
Last Year	\$ 19,207	

**Our Christmas Collection for 2021 was \$ 32,982**

**Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish!**