



**Saint Mary's News**

**Next Weekends Mass Schedule**

Saturday, April 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - Alexander Lascoskie  
Sunday, April 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Kazimiera & Krzysztof  
Gniadzik (25th Wedding Anniversary)

**SECOND COLLECTION – “ALMSGIVING”** - “...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret.” (Ash Wednesday's Reading) - During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs: April 3rd - Mary's Shelter; April 10th - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

**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. Please print name clearly.



**Save the Date!!**  
**May 13, 2022**  
**CYO ANNUAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Lenten Parish Event*

QA



with Fr. Isaac



Msgr. Joseph PT Smith Social Hall



7:00 – 8:30pm



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

Light refreshments will be served!

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday 4/8 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 4/4.**



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Jos 5:9a, 10-12:** The people of God celebrate the Passover in the promised land, and as a sign that they are “home,” the manna from heaven is no longer provided.

**2 Cor 5:17-21:** Christ, the ambassador, reconciles all to God. Our transgressions find forgiveness in him so that we might become the very holiness of God.

**Lk 15:1-3, 11-32:** Our loving Father is always ready to forgive the truly repentant.

**Today's Message:** Having arrived at the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY MARCH 27

BLOOD DRIVE – Social Hall

#### MONDAY MARCH 28

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

LENTEN EVENING WITH FR. STEPHAN ISAAC – 7-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

LIFE AFTER LOSS -7:00 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 29

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

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30-8 p.m. – School

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

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

FISH FRY – 5-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

AHG – 5-8:00 p.m. – Knight's Room

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

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

CUB SCOUTS - 5 p.m. - Social Hall

**Adult Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, June 5.** There will be a Confirmation prep class on **Saturday May 14th at 11:00 a.m.** at the Parish Center.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 Judy Henry

8:00 John V. Nowotarski, Sr.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 29

6:30 Cynthia Carter

8:00 Joseph Tomalis

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

6:30 Jennie Weber

8:00 Philip Rice

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 31

6:30 Noreen Lawrence

8:00 Deceased Members of the Wolf & Ertel Families

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

7:15 Stephen Mooney

8:30 Sister Eleanor O'Grady

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 Marie Briand

4:30 Deceased Members of the Flay Family

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 Deceased Members of the Buday & O'Rourke Families

9:00 Deceased Members of the Kraft & Heins Families

10:30 Thomas Fry

12:00 Valeriano & Jenny Delle Palme

### Reading for the week of, March 27, 2022

#### 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

#### Monday

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Jn 4:43-54

#### Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

#### Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

#### Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

#### Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### Saturday

##### Memorial Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

#### Sunday

##### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

### Homeschool Families Event - Thursday, March 31, 2022

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on Thursday, March 31 at St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville. An informal social beginning at 6:00pm will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00-8:00 with the opportunity for Confessions. RSVP Fr. Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community ([kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org)).

### Catholic Charities Gala - Sunday, April 3, 2022

Catholic Charities' annual gala is the agency's signature fundraising event enabling staff to continue its crucial work. Save the Date for the 2022 Gala – April 3, 2022, held at DeSales University. This year's honorees will be Frank J. Ford and Monsignor Robert J. Wargo. Both these humble servants set a remarkable example to all of us by generously and compassionately opening their hearts to those in need. More information can be found on the [Gala website](#).



### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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| Monday 3/28    | Rev. Rev Msgr. John S. Campbell |
| Tuesday 3/29   | Rev. William T. Campion         |
| Wednesday 3/30 | Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Chaback   |
| Thursday 3/31  | Rev. Msgr. John G. Chizmar      |
| Friday 4/1     | Rev. Donald W. Cieniewicz       |
| Saturday 4/2   | Rev. Richard Clement            |

**Parish Nurse News** - Therapy! Therapy! Sometimes we are tired of hearing about it, but simple, every-day activities such as walking the dog, saying hello to a neighbor, appreciating the sunlight, gardening, and even raking provide us with therapeutic benefits. Exercise, connection, gratitude, and time to reflect, pray, or thinking about nothing in particular during a task - these are great healers for body and spirit! Happy Spring!

**BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING- 2022 Season Registration is now open- This year you can register online by going to -- <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/309123>**

This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go

to [WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC](http://WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC)

You can also follow us on Facebook by going to: Berks Catholic Youth Football and Cheer-2020 and Beyond

For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email [DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG](mailto:DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG)

**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.**

**Siena Stitchers will be starting again on Thursday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church Gathering Area. Siena Stitchers meet on the first and third Thursday of every month. New members always welcome!

**Nocturnal Adoration Devotions** in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at Holy Guardian Angels located off of Kutztown Road, in Hyde Park on first Friday, April 1st from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

### Ossa's Corner



Enjoying the Spring weather!



## FOURTH 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: Michael Searfoss, Jr.

**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, Mary Hedrick, 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., 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, 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:** *Rita Majeski; Helen Platko*, (mother of Sandra Rickert); *Catharine Jagielski*, (mother of Stanley Jagielski); *Marie Stubblebine* & 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).**



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>



## SCS SCRIP CARD of the WEEK:

### Barnes and Noble, Yellow House

Need a great Easter Basket filler? Look no further! **Barnes and Noble Scrip Cards** are an excellent Easter Basket treat. Barnes and Noble Scrip Cards offer 4% credit on every purchase towards next year's tuition!

A variety of seafood, steak and poultry entrées grace the menu at **Yellow House Hotel** located at 6743 Boyertown Pike Douglassville, PA 19518. Taste the specialty of the house, the Barbecued Spare Ribs, prepared on the grill or the Seafood Sizzler serving up shrimp, scallops and a jumbo lump crab cake prepared in a sherry flavored butter sauce. Yellow house offers 10% towards next year's tuition. Call to make your reservations today! 610-689-9410.

**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! Scency-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.

### 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. **Any-one 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.

### 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.