

Saint Mary's News

Next Weeks Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 3rd - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Skoraszewski (3rd Anniversary)

Sunday, December 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Chester Chelstowski (7th Anniversary)

Thursday, December 8th - Leon J. Zerkowski

The Polish American Heritage Association will be holding their annual traditional Wigilia dinner on Sunday, December 18th, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Reading. Doors open at 4:15PM. Adult Members: \$65. Adult Non-Members: \$75. For questions or reservations, please call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279 after 7:00PM. **Deadline for reservations is December 9th.**

Pan Z Wami - 2023 Polish Missals are available at St. Catharine's Rectory. The cost is \$15.00 per book.



ENVELOPES can be found today on the altar rail for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Each plant is \$12.00.

Please print names legibly.

Advent Confessions

Mondays 7:00 p.m. - Chapel

December 5th

December 12th

December 19th

Sundays

December 4th - 6:50-7:20 a.m.

December 11th - 8:50-9:20 a.m.

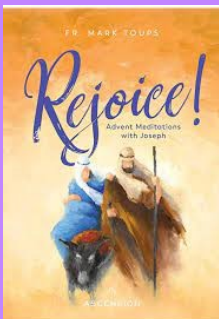
December 18th - 10:50 - 11:20 a.m.

December 18th - 9:50-10:20 - Saint Mary's

Saturdays

2:45 - 3:15 p.m. - St. Mary's

3:30 - 4:15 p.m. - Saint Catharine's



Father Miller's Advent Reflection

Tuesday's December 6th, 13th & 20th. Book is "Rejoice" by Father Mark Toups. The cost is \$10. Please call the Parish office if you want a copy.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

6 P.M. – SAINT CATHARINE'S CHURCH

FEAST DAY –THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

7:15 A.M. –CHURCH

7:00 P.M.– CHURCH

ST. MARY'S - 8:00 A.M.-CHURCH

There is no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, November 28th.

Retired and Infirm Priests Annual Fund, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" Thank you to those who have given so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" annual fund. If you haven't given, it isn't too late to support the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5: In a vision the prophet sees the promise of salvation being fulfilled. The Word of the Lord is personified; he shall judge. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Rom 13:11-14: The Apostle urges us to come out of the darkness of sin into the protective light-Jesus is the light.

Mt 24:37-44: We must always be prepared for the coming of Christ, for no one knows the day or hour. Even though we are prepared, his coming will be unexpected; we must not be caught off guard.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27

BOY SCOUTS NEW & USED TOY DRIVE

PARISH MISSION 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 28

NO ADORATION

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

PARISH MISSION – 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29

PARISH MISSION – 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

THURSDAY DECEMBER 1

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. - Chapel

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. - Church Gathering Area

RCIA 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

LOVED ONE REMEMBERED CROSSES – If you were unable to pick up your cross at the All Souls Day Mass, they are on a table in the Gathering Area. You can take it home with you.

24th ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR SPONSORED by Women's Club of Exeter Township - Sunday, Dec. 4th -1 to 5 PM – Tickets \$15.00 available at Boscov's East, Exeter Community Library and Effie's Restaurant. For information, call FRAN at 610-779-6506.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Say thank you to the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who devoted their lives to serving others. The Diocesan Collection date for the Retirement Fund will be on the weekend of December 10th & 11th.

Knights of Columbus are selling coupons delicious Wawa Shorti® Hoagies. Coupons can be used at any Wawa store in the US and never expire. Cost: \$5.00. Contact dkorch1@comcast.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:15 Rita Kasprzak**and**
Ken Higo

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:15 Mary Ann Matthews**and**
Judy McMahon (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:15 William Borst**and**
Joseph Kabat (23rd Anniversary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:15 Diane Cerra**and**
Esther Hartzell (23rd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:15 Raymond & Elizabeth Korczykowski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 James Hoellman

4:30 Thomas Butch Mathews

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 Mike & Madeline Mullen (53rd Wedding Anniversary)

9:30 John Skopek (1st Anniversary) **and**
Deceased Members of the Anderson Family

11:30 Theresa Stelmach

Scripture Readings

For the Week of, November 27, 2022

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Hearts Come Home at Christmas Mon.
12-5-22, 7-9 PM, a Life After Loss seminar.

Email judyacameron@comcast.net to register.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/28	Rev. Kevin M. Gualano
Tuesday 11/29	Rev. Abraham Ha
Wednesday 30	Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
Thursday 12/1	Rev. James M. Harper
Friday 12/2	Rev. John G. Hilferty
Saturday 12/3	Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban

50 Plus News

Please call Maria Bunch, acting President for any 50+ club inquiries. Her phone number is 610 582-4632. 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.**

Trips for 2023

Wednesday, April 19-21st, Virginia International Tattoo Military Bands, including Drill Teams and much more. Double occupancy, \$865 per person.

Wednesday May 17, "Moses", Sight n Sound. Cracker Barrel on your own. \$140.

Thursday June 22, Pines Dinner Theater "Route 66" \$100 per person Call Pat White 610-582-1437 for more information.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME! If you have been regularly worshipping with us and have not yet joined our parish, we warmly invite you to see either Father Miller or Fr. Kuna after Mass and they will be happy to register you as a member of St. Catharine of Siena. All are welcome to join our parish community.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa on

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

From 8:30 – 11:30 AM in the Social Hall

Breakfast for all and child visits with Santa will begin immediately following the 7:30 AM Mass in the Social Hall and will end at 11:30.

The Knights will be offering various scrambled egg casseroles, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, coffee, milk, and juice.

A free will offering will be available to cover the cost of breakfast.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE DONATE BLOOD

December 5th - December 10th

St. Catharine of Siena R C Church is hosting a special blood drive to save lives. Our only source of blood is from blood donors like you.

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER
2745A Leisch's Bridge Road, Reading
(for GPS, use 1047 Old Bernville Road)

SCHEDULE TODAY!

Call **800-223-6667** and mention **Group ID 3164**, visit **GIVEaPINT.org**, or scan the QR code below with your phone's camera. Be sure to include your **Group ID 3164** under the notes section of the form.



1-800-B-A-DONOR | GIVEaPINT.org



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Jo Ann Bechtel, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Connie Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Lydia Griffith, David J. Gulati II, Al Heck, Mary Hedrick, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Carol Hess, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Nikki Lyn Kells, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Marniece Lepore, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Joanne Marnell, Angela Marroccoli, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Madeline Mullen, Jerome Nigh, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Precht, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Peggy Reid, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Barry Scheirer, Carolyn Schott, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Jan Tomalis, Kimberly Trigstead, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** & 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, SPC, 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.**



Emergency Vehicle Access

We have been reminded to keep the driveway area immediately in front of the main Church free from parked vehicles. This includes the area under the portico as well as the driveway approaches to and from the portico. Of course, this area will remain available for pick up and drop off, but vehicles should proceed to designated spaces in the parking lot immediately thereafter. Thank you for your cooperation.

FeedThePriests



This ministry allows you to provide a complete ready-to-eat meal for our Parish Priests by bringing: a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evening meal as your schedule allows.

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'.

- On the day you signed up to bring a meal to the Parish Center by 4:00 p.m.
 - Meal will be for 2 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 YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR PARISH AND OUR
PRIESTS!



It's that time of year again!

The annual Operation Milk and Cookies drive we be held once again this holiday season. We ask if you could help us spread Christmas cheer to those less fortunate in our community. If you are interested in participating in the drive we ask that you either bake or buy a batch of cookies to donate to our drive so we can deliver them to places such as Mary's Shelter, Opportunity House, Hope and Rescue Mission, and many more! The cookie drop off dates will be: December 10th from 4pm-8pm & December 11th from 7am-2pm at St. Catharine of Siena Social Hall. If you are participating we ask that you email affraney@gmail.com or rachfraney@gmail.com and let us know how many cookies you are planning on donating.



Employment Opportunities

Looking to return to the classroom after family leave or teaching retirement? Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators. Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for:

FT and PT Teachers
STEM/Special Education Teacher
Arduino Board Hobbyist/Enthusiast
Classroom aides
Classroom Subs
After care workers

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

Calling All SCS Alum

Our alumni provide the roots of our school family tree. We are deeply invested in your success and take pride in your accomplishments, knowing that your education at SCS has prepared you well for the years that follow. Please continue to stay in touch. We are so grateful for any and all support you can provide to your alma mater, including vocation and career day visits. To learn more about how to stay connected, please see <http://www.scsreadingschool.org/alumni-corner.html>

SCS Endowment

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To learn more visit <http://www.scsreadingschool.org/scs-endowment-fund.html>

