



**Saint Mary's News**

**Next Weeks Mass Schedule**

Saturday, December 17th - 3:30 p.m. - Lascoskie Family  
Sunday, December 18th - 10:30 a.m. - Helen Wlazewska

The Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County is accepting memberships for 2023. Part of our mission is to promote and to share public awareness and appreciation of our Polish heritage through cultural, educational and social activities. If interested, please contact Marilyn Wlazewski, President, at 610-779-5523.

**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.**



**Sanctuary Candle Memorial ---**

**NEW for 2023!** You will have the opportunity to request an intention for the sanctuary candle at St. Catharine's Church, St. Catharine's Chapel or St. Mary's Church. Your request can be in memory of or in honor of a loved one or loved ones. The intention will begin with the Saturday vigil Mass and continue through the week. Request forms can be found in the back of St. Catharine's Church or St. Mary's Church. The suggested offering for the intention is \$10.00.



**Advent Confessions**

**Mondays 7:00 p.m. - Chapel  
December 12th & 19th**

**\*\*December 19th Father Miller &  
Father Kuna will be hearing  
confessions.\*\***

**All Sundays before Mass  
(December 11 & 18)**

**6:50-7:20 a.m.**

**8:50-9:20 a.m.**

**10:50 - 11:20 a.m.**

**9:50-10:20 a.m. - Saint Mary's**

**Saturdays**

**December 10th & 17th**

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

**December 10th & 17th**

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

**Christmas - Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m. - Church**

**7:00 p.m. - Church \***

**& 10:00 p.m. - Church \***

**9:00 p.m. - Saint Mary's\***

**(\* Incense used\*)**

**Christmas Day - 8:00 a.m. &**

**10:00 a.m. - Church**

**10:00 a.m. - Saint Mary's**

**Solemnity of Mary**

**New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> -**

**3:30 p.m. - Saint Mary's**

**4:30 p.m. - Church**

**New Year's Day - 7:30, 9:30**

**& 11:30 a.m. - Church**

**10:30 - St. Mary's**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Is 35:1-6, 10:** This vision of the Messiah describes his work – not only in restoring health and well-being to the infirm, but also in bringing mercy and forgiveness of salvation.

**Jas 5:7-10:** Look to the example of the prophets and learn patience under severe hardships.

**Mt 11:2-11:** Jesus applies the words of Isaiah to himself. He proclaims the good news of salvation, freedom, and joy.

**Today's Message:** In the person of Jesus, God has come to heal and save us. Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of his advent.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

OPERATION COOKIES & MILK DRIVE – 7:00a.m.-2:00p.m. – Social Hall

#### MONDAY DECEMBER 12

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. - Church

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

**CONFESSIONS – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Chapel**

#### TUESDAY DECEMBER 13

FR. MILLER'S ADVENT REFLECTION – 6:30 p.m. - Church

#### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14

PREP CLASSES – 6:00-8:00 p.m. - School

#### THURSDAY DECEMBER 15

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. - Chapel

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

RCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 16

AHG – 5:00-8:00p.m. – Social Hall

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 17

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

ULTREYA – 10:00 a.m. – Knights' Room

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:15 Charles Joseph Youse\*\*and\*\*  
Carol & Marie Heine

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:15 Frances Cronan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)\*\*and\*\*  
Norman & Marion Frey & Family

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:15 Sara & Peter Salino\*\*and\*\*  
Carol Buddell (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:15 Fran Leskowicz\*\*and\*\*  
Maria Mac Nguyen

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:15 Bob Wright

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 Roger Lengel (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Steve Bibbo

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 David Kasprzak

9:30 Evan Eckel\*\*and\*\*

Marguerite Arthur (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Carmen Romero (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of December 11, 2022

#### Sunday

##### Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

#### Monday

##### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

#### Tuesday

##### Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

#### Wednesday

##### Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

#### Thursday

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Lk 7:24-30

#### Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

#### Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

#### Sunday

##### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**Help is needed to decorate the Chapel for Christmas on Thursday, December 22 after the 7:15 Mass. Setup usually takes less than an hour. Thanks!**



St. Catharine of Siena Council 14880

We are wishing all our fellow parishioners a Very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. We want to take this opportunity to Thank You for your support throughout the year. As a small token of our appreciation we will distribute this year 375 books. There will be 250 titled "Holy Moments" and 125 titled "The Wisdom of the Saints". We will be distributing them on the tables the weekend of December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. God Bless.

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 12/12	Rev. Msgr. David L. James
Tuesday 12/13	Rev. Richard W. James
Wednesday 12/14	Rev. Ronald V. Jankaitis
Thursday 12/15	Rev. Dominik P. Kalata
Friday 12/16	Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, A.J.
Saturday 12/17	Rev. Shaju J. Kanjiramparayil,
O.S.F.S.	

**Save the Date!** – The youth Retreat will be held February 24-26, 2023. Look for more information in January.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Due to the Holidays, all information for the bulletin must be received in our office as follows: **December 18th, 25th, January 1st & 8th by Monday, December 12th by noon!** Information for the bulletin can be emailed to [dsitler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).

Siena Stitches have two tables with handcraft clothes for sale. Please place the black envelopes in the Poor Box.



If you would like to send Msgr. Treston a Christmas card his address is: Holy Family Villa, 1325 Prospect Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa 18018. He is doing well and sends all his love!



Sign up to receive text messages concerning weather cancelations for parish liturgical services, and Masses and other events. Please text @9h4ac9 to 81010.

All members of the parish are invited to attend a special prayer service to be held between Christmas and the New Year. On Thursday, December 29th at 7pm in the Church. The service will include evening prayer, exposition, and benediction to be celebrated by Father Brian Miller. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the holiday season and spiritually prepare for the new year.

**Ossa wishes everyone a Blessed Advent Season!**





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, Renee Brzostek, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, 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, Jerome Nigh, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtel, 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, Gerald Young, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** **Freddie (Winifred) Perpetua, (mother of Sue Hlssick)** & 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.



**Congratulations to Henry & Patricia Hart who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 16th! May they be blessed with many more years together!**

**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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**

**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**

April 12, 2023, Wednesday, Kreider dairy farms tour with a farm to table experience at Mount Hope, \$85

May 17, 2023, Wednesday, Sight and Sound, "Moses" lunch at Cracker Barrel on your own, \$140

June 22, 2023, Thursday, Pines Dinner Theater, "Route 66", \$100

July Mystery Trip, date to be determined, \$160

August 16, 2023, Wednesday, Atlantic City, New Jersey Airshow, \$60

September 19-23, Niagara Falls, price to be determined

October 18, 2023, Wednesday, Penn's, Peak, "Dolly, and Kenny Tribute", \$95

November 15, 2023, Wednesday, "Holidays at Mount Hope", \$95

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.



Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., and a group of parishioners. Their intent? To bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Today, our Knights of Columbus council provide meals for the needy though Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter food boxes, support of Helping Harvest food bank and Kennedy House Soup Kitchen. Annually they provide winter coats to those in need at SCS through their Coats for Kids program. Support of Lifeline, John Paul center, Saint Catharine's school, Mary's Shelter, and our parish, through assistance with parish events, are recipients of their support. We're looking for a few good men who want to make a difference and leave that lasting legacy not only to your children and grandchildren but to your parish and your community; regardless if you have children or not. If you are a Catholic male, over 18 years old, and desire to give faith filled service to our parish, communities, and others; or are simply looking for a way to meet other parishioners and get involved in our parish, we invite you to join us as a member, or at any of our service activities as our guest. To learn more - and/or sign up-visit [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join) and request to join council 14880 at St Catharine of Siena. Or simply scan the Q code or call/text Grand Knight Dave Korch at 610-507-7824; or talk to any of our members before or after Mass.

**Financial Stewardship**

**September 4, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,150	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 188,394	\$ 234,210
Year to date deficit	\$ 45,816	
Last Year	\$ 18,568	

**September 11, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,602	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 205,996	\$ 257,631
Year to date deficit	\$ 51,635	
Last Year	\$ 17,741	

**September 18, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 15,611	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 221,607	\$ 281,052
Year to date deficit	\$ 59,445	
Last Year	\$ 17,536	

**September 25, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 14,929	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 236,536	\$ 304,473
Year to date deficit	\$ 67,937	
Last Year	\$ 16,445	

**October 2, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,605	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 255,141	\$ 327,894
Year to date deficit	\$ 72,753	
Last Year	\$ 18,813	

**October 9, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,198	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 273,339	\$ 351,315
Year to date deficit	\$ 77,976	
Last Year	\$ 19,327	

**October 16, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,456	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 290,795	\$ 374,736
Year to date deficit	\$ 83,941	
Last Year	\$ 16,994	

**October 23, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 15,823	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 306,618	\$ 398,157
Year to date deficit	\$ 91,539	
Last Year	\$ 17,650	

**October 30, 2022**

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,099	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 324,717	\$ 421,578
Year to date deficit	\$ 96,861	
Last Year	\$ 16,833	

**Community Carol Festival**  
(formerly the Mt. Penn  
Christmas Carol Pilgrimage)  
Sunday, December 18th - 7:00 p.m.  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
2449 Cumberland Avenue  
Refreshments to follow!

Questions? Call Trinity UCC at  
610-779-4030