



Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 17th - 3:30 p.m. - Lascoskie Family
Sunday, December 18th - 10:30 a.m. - Helen Wlazewska
Saturday, December 24th - 9:00 p.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday, December 25th - 10:00 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Christmas – Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - 9:00 p.m. – Saint Mary's
Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m. – Saint Mary's
New Year's Day – 10:30- St. Mary's

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

Sundays before Mass

(December 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

****December 19th ,**

Monday 7:00 p.m. - Chapel
Father Miller & Father Kuna will be
hearing confessions.**

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 31st -

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14: The words of the prophet spoken to the king are applied to the birth of the Savior.

Rom 1:1-7: The Messiah is a descendant of David according to the flesh and the Son of God according to the Spirit. His salvation is for all humankind.

Mt 1:18-24: Emmanuel means "God is with us." He is conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

Today's Message: Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us", risen from the dead. He is the king of glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Upper Room

MONDAY DECEMBER 19

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 22

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. - Chapel

RCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:30 Steve Bibbo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 David Kasprzak

9:30 Evan Eckel & Marguerite Arthur (30th Anniversary)

11:30 Carmen Romero (10th Anniversary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:15 Deceased Members of the Wright/Didyoung Families & Catherine Krick

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:15 Evan Eckel & Ted Ostrowski (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:15 Alberta Lutz & Thomas "Butch" Mathews

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:15 William D'Andrea, Jr. & Deceased Members of the Curtin, Gantert, Kroener, Wagner Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:15 Vincent Baro (6th Anniversary) & Catherine Wieble

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

7:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

10:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 18, 2022

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

Monday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday

Memorial of Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14 a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14



The Parish Center will be closed from December 23rd and will reopen January 3rd.



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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 this weekend. God Bless.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 12/19	Rev. Venantius T. Karobo, A.J.
Tuesday 12/20	Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn
Wednesday 12/21	Rev. Martin F. Kern
Thursday 12/22	Rev. Simon Kimaryo, A.J.
Friday 12/23	Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka, A.J.
Saturday 12/24	Rev. Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at carolswavely@ptd.net. The retreat will be held February 10, 11 and 12, 2023. Deadline for Registration is February 3, 2023.

Parish Nurse News - Busy holiday season, but don't skip breakfast. Adults and children need the breakfast brain boost! Try oatmeal, still known for health benefits to lower risks of blood pressure, cancer, and heart disease. Add oatmeal to those Christmas cookie recipes too for a healthier treat!

With the holidays approaching Catholic Charities is in need of donations to fulfill the requests they receive from the people in need of help. Please consider taking an envelope from our Angel Tree and sending in your contribution. The information is inside the already addressed envelope. God bless you for sharing and making their holidays a bit brighter.



Siena Stitchers have homemade hand stitched items for sale! All proceeds go to Saint Vincent de Paul.



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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 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.



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

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

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!

Be Not Afraid to say "yes" to Jesus. Answer his call. Consider the priesthood and religious life.



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, Maryann Marino, Joanne Marnell, Angela Marroccoli, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, 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 Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** **Charles Mountz**, (husband of Ruth Mountz & father of Dorothy Braun) & 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.



Valerie (Farrell) Wertman is a long time parishioner. Seventh Annual "Sean Wertman Memorial 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament" on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

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 **3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades**. 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 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!**

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.

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!

You're Invited

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.

50 Plus News

Please call, newly elected President, Kathleen Zagar, for any 50+ club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-698-3289. 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.**

Meetings

Wednesday, January 4, 2023: Pat White will review the 2023 trips, cake, coffee/tea, water served.

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

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 PM on the first Wednesday of most months at Saint Catharine's Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events' months of April, August, and December.**

Christmas Wish List Envelopes will be available this weekend. They will be in the Gathering Areas of Saint Catharine's & St. Mary's.

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