



Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th - 9:00 p.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday, December 25th - 10:00a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Saturday, December 31st - 3:30 p.m. - Anna & Joseph Mietelski
Sunday, January 1st - 10:30 a.m. - Helen Konkolus

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

The Parish Center will be closed the week after Christmas and will reopen January 3rd.



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



Christmas is a special time for us to give thanks to God for His many blessings to St. Catharine of Siena. As parishioners, you help promote the Gospel with the witness and good example of your lives, and for this, we are grateful in more ways than can be expressed in a letter.

Christmas reminds us to thank you for everything that you teach us about who Jesus Christ is in your lives. We appreciate your good example, your prayers, and your affirming support of our priestly lives. May God bless you for being so generous and cooperative in so many ways to make our parish family the growing community of faith which reflects the presence of the Holy Spirit.

We greet especially our parishioners who are sick, handicapped, or elderly and not able to join us at the table of the Lord each weekend. Thank you for your beautiful example of loyalty to your Catholic Faith and to our Parish Family of which you are a special part.

To those of you who lost loved ones this past year, we want you to know that you are in our prayers and thoughts especially at this time. Our deceased watch over and support us from their heavenly home. May the compassion and healing of our Savior Lord strengthen your family at these holiday times when we feel our losses.

In all our Masses throughout the Christmas Season, we will ask the blessings of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, upon all of you and your families. Again, thank you so much for everything you do for your parish and your priests.

With our love and gratitude,

Rev. Father Brian Miller, Rev. Father Matthew Kuna, Deacon Fry, Deacon Stapleton & Deacon Schneider

CHRISTMAS DAY

Is 52:7-10: The good news is that the Lord comforts his people by announcing our salvation.

Heb 1:1-6: Now God speaks to us more clearly than ever before. His Son is with us- God is with us- we are his people.

Jn 1:1-18: The Word of God is the living Word. The Word became flesh and lives in our midst.

Today's Message: God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY DECEMBER 26

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

NO EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAY DECEMBER 29

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

PRAYER SERVICE WITH FR. MILLER – 7:00 p.m. - Church

RCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 25, 2022

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

Monday Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday

Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;

Wednesday

Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

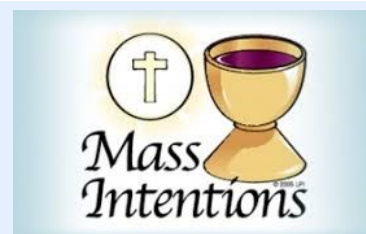
Saturday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21;



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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 Kathleen Jablonski

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 Richard Heins

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 Helen Platko

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 Salvatore Corso (9th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 George Kostick

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 Richard M. Auman (20th Anniversary)

4:30 Sean J. Wertman (8th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, January 1

7:30 Mildred Whitman

9:30 Jeanette Calabria

11:30 Michael Rutkowski

Sanctuary Candle Memorials For the week of January 1st



The Sanctuary Candle will burn In
Loving Memory of

**Saint Catharine's Chapel - Living & Deceased
Members of the Parish**

**St. Catharine's Church - Living & Deceased
Members of the Parish**

**St. Mary's - Living & Deceased Members of the
Parish**

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 12/26 (Father Johnson)	Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil
Tuesday 12/27	Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons
Wednesday 12/28	Rev. David J. Kozak
Thursday 12/29	Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel
Friday 12/30	Rev. Daniel E. Kravatz
Saturday 12/31	Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak



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.



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!**

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.

All contributions for 2022 must be received by December 31, 2022 to be included on your statement. Thank you for your generosity during the past year. If contributions are received after December 31st they will be applied to your 2023 statement.



*please
join us*

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.
In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

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 Prectl, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, 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: **Mrs. Marylou Schlert**, (mother of His Excellency, Most. Rev. Alfred Schlert); **Agnes Klein**; **Betty Mesisca** & 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.**

NEW IN THE AREA? Please see a Priest or Deacon after a Sunday Mass to register in our parish. We would like to meet you and come to know you. Registration takes only 10-15 minutes of your time.

St. Catharine's & Saint Mary's Parish Welcomes All - No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.



NOW THAT THE **WINTER** IS REALLY UPON US, WE WANT TO REMIND THE **SENIOR MEMBERS** OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COME TO MASS ON DAYS THAT ARE STORMY, ICY OR BITTER COLD. ONE DAY OF HEROICS COULD LEAD TO MANY MONTHS IN BED RECUPERATING.

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!**

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.**

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.

