

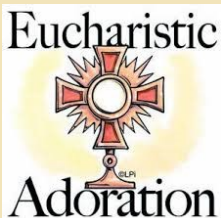
Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 21st - 3:30 p.m. - Roseann Simpson
Sunday, January 22nd - 10:30 a.m. - Jermac Family
Saturday, January 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Kochmanski Family
& Monica Kochmanski
Sunday, January 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Della Chmielewski

The Lenten Pierogi Society will begin making pierogis Monday and Tuesday January 30th and 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will continue to meet each Monday and Tuesday through Lent until March 28th. Pierogis will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use parking lot Chapel entrance. New members are always welcome.

Scholarships – On Sunday, May 21, 2023, the Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding \$17,000 in scholarships to Berks County High School seniors of Polish American descent. Deadline for submitting the form for this scholarship is April 1, 2023. In conjunction with the PABEBC scholarship awards program, the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County is awarding a \$2,500 project scholarship to a Berks County high school student of Polish American descent. For this scholarship, the student is required to submit a project on Polish history, culture, and/or traditions. Projects are due on Sunday March 19, 2023.

Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the Guidance Counselor in all Berks County high schools. They are also available in the Polish American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington St., Reading, and they can be downloaded from the PABEBC website at www.pabeberks.org or by contacting Sandy Lubas-Hummel, Scholarship Chair for both organizations, at 610-207-7065. Any questions? Telephone Sandy Lubas-Hummel.



By looking at Him and adoring Him, we are saying: yes, love exists and because it exists things can change for the better and we may hope" (Pope Benedict XVI, June 14, 2009).

How does one spend an hour before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament? This hour Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent any way you wish. Bring your prayer book, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. You may feel that you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you take time out at a specific time each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him very much and is in itself a prayer of great faith. Eucharistic Adoration is held every Monday after the 7:15 a.m. Mass till 8:00 p.m.

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your **giving record for tax purposes**, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. **If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at dsitler@comcast.net. If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .

There will be no confessions on Monday, January 30th.

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 8:23-9:3: Isaiah tells of the land in the west where there is no gloom, for the people see a great light. They are to rejoice that the yoke that bound them is to be smashed.

1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17: Paul warns the people of Corinth that there must be unity among the people of God. There is only one Gospel message. Jesus cannot be divided, no matter who preaches about him.

Mt 4: 12-23: Jesus preached reform. At the Sea of Galilee he called Peter and Andrew, James and John, to become fishers of people. At once, they left their nets to follow him. Jesus taught and worked miracles.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

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

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. - Chapel

RCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

HSO SOCIAL - ART SHOW - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

SCS ART SHOW - After 4:30 Mass - Social Hall

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - Catholic Schools Week

Scripture Readings - For the Week of January 22, 2023

Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

Monday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Feast of the Conversion of Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

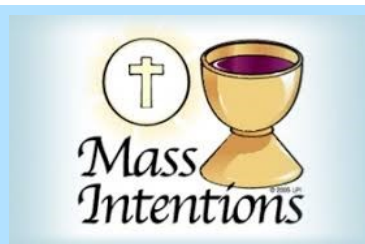
Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:30 Kasimera & Konstany Skowron

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

7:30 John V. Nowotarski, Sr.

9:30 Earl Heintz (12th Anniversary)

11:30 Mario Ucci

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

7:15 Joseph Daly

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:15 Kevin J. Martin

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:15 Collin Bollendorf

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

7:15 Elizabeth J. Loeper (6th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

7:15 Virginia Laczowski & Peter Shepos

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 Francis Peter Lloyd (35th Anniversary)

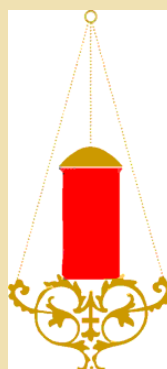
4:30 Bernie Ryan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30 Mary Firth

9:30 Adam Gajewski (6th Anniversary)

11:30 Sandra Bibbo (4th Anniversary)



Sanctuary Candle Memorials For the week of January 29th

The Sanctuary Candle will burn In
Loving Memory of

Saint Catharine's Chapel - John Stapleton, Sr. (49th Anniversary)

St. Catharine's Church - Mary Konopelski

St. Mary's - David & Rita Kasprzak

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/23	Rev. Msgr. John B. Mc Cann
Tuesday 1/24	Rev. Robert J. Mc Conaghy
Wednesday 1/25	Rev. Brian M. Miller
Thursday 1/26	Rev. Ronald J. Minner
Friday 1/27	Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski
Saturday 1/28	Rev. Anthony P. Mongiello

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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!**

Starting the week of March 15, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries. If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of March 15.

Kennedy House. Want to volunteer and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to again run the **Kennedy House** in Reading. We would LOVE to have you come and help out either **Saturday, February 18th and or Sunday, February 19th** or both days! Times are from 9-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270 or sk1699@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there.

Also if you are unable to help but would be willing to **DONATE** food or other supplies we would need, please contact me as well.

SPEAKERS
Reverend Bishop Alfred Schickel
Fr. Stephan Isaac
Fr. Thomas Dalley

DIocese of Allentown Commission for Men PRESENTS
MEN'S LENTEN MORNING REFLECTION
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"MEN CARRYING THEIR OWN CROSSES IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST"
FEBRUARY 25TH 2023
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www.MenAliveInChrist.org

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: Matthew Drager, Jr.

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, Robert Moyer, Jerome Nigh, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Peggy Reid, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Barry Scheirer, Carolyn Schott, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Henry and Mary Jane Skowron, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Jan Tomalis, Kimberly Trigstead, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Frank White, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Wanda Matuszak**, (wife of Joseph Matuszak & mother of Kayla Matuszak); **Joy Kramlich** (sister of Joan Dreher) & 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.

Introducing... The My Journey Sessions!

Are you in, or are you considering a job change? Join us for a special Joseph's People 6-session virtual series that starts on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 running through March 14, 2023. The six sessions will cover:


February 7: Preparing for Your Job Search - John Senick & Kurt Walser
February 14: Identifying Accomplishments & Goals - Sue Kaiden
February 21: How to Use Social Media - Jasmine Omorogbe
February 28: Developing a Stellar Resume - Sue Kaiden
March 7: Networking in a Post-Covid World - Amy Dinning
March 14: Ace the Interview - Alan DeBack

To register, click on the link below.

<https://lnkd.in/ehMXh6VN>

For help with registering, please call the helpline at 610-873-7117

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.





COOKS WITH COLLARS
starting January 20!

Fr. Miller needs your help!

Fr. Miller will represent St. Catharine and St. Mary's in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown.

Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see Fr. Miller and your other favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often! (deadline February 20) for our Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Fr. Miller and St. Catharine and St. Mary's a winner!



Come With A Grateful Heart
Sr. High Youth Retreat



When: February 24-26, 2023

Where: Camp Manatawny

JOIN US FOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP!
FOOD, MUSIC, GAMES, PRAYER



Permission Slips available at
www.scsyouth.weebly.com

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, February 1, 2023: Music by Michael Krupp, cake, coffee/tea water served

Wednesday, March 1, 2023: Feel free to bring an appetizer to share with members, play bingo. Dessert and drinks will also be 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, \$110

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

July 14th, 2023(Friday), Riverboat 'all you can eat crab feast' Cruise, Hurlock, MD \$135

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 **Pat White** at 610 582 1437 for information about any of 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 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.**

Parish Nurse News - Food Health benefits continued! Eggs may lower risk of macular degeneration (causes vision loss) and curb appetite. Great protein source to add to casseroles or salads. Check with healthcare provider if high cholesterol is a problem. (K. Sherman, RD for Positive Promotions, Inc.)