

## **Saint Mary's News** **Mass Schedule**

Saturday, January 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Kochmanski Family & Monica Kochmanski

Sunday, January 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Della Chmielewski

Saturday, February 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Max Tomczyk

Sunday, February 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Dorothy A. La Sota - (5th Anniversary)

**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](http://www.pabeberks.org) or by contacting Sandy Lubas-Hummel, Scholarship Chair for both organizations, at 610-207-7065. Any questions? Telephone Sandy Lubas-Hummel.

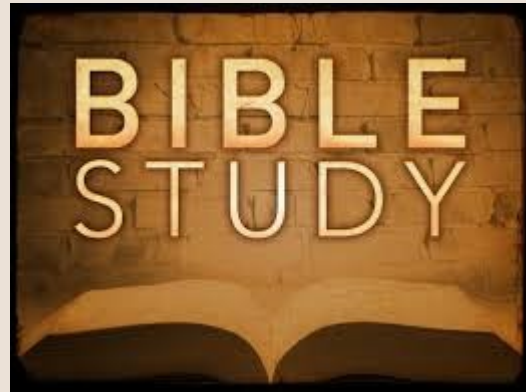


By looking at Him and adoring Him, we are saying: yes, love exists and because it exists things can change for the better and we may hope" (Pope Benedict XVI, June 14, 2009).

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.

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



Father Miller's Bible Study on the book of Exodus will resume, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. No book required. It will also be live streamed.



**COOKS WITH COLLARS**  
Don't forget to vote!

**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](http://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!



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Zep 2:3; 3:12-13:** The Lord is to be found among a people who are humble and lowly. Those who are humble seek after God. They shall find repose in him.

**1 Cor 1: 26-31:** Contrary to worldly standards, God chooses those who are weak, lowborn, and despised. To these God has given his own Son, Jesus, for sanctification and redemption.

**Mt 5:1-12a:** Jesus says that the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, those thirsting for holiness, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who suffer for holiness' sake are "blessed" – their reward awaits them in heaven.

**Today's Message:** Blessed are the humble of the earth, blessed are the poor in spirit! Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

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

### NO CONFESSIONS

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

50+ BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

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

RCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Knights' Room

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

AGH – 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

PINEWOOD DERBY – Noon-5:00 p.m. – Social Hall

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of January 29, 2023

#### 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

#### Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday

##### Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday

##### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

#### Friday

##### Memorial of St Blaise, Bishop

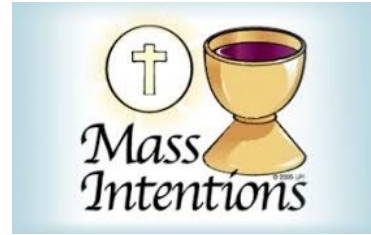
Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

#### Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

#### Sunday

##### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### SATURDAY, January 28

4:30 Bernie Ryan

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30 Mary Firth

9:30 Adam Gajewski (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Sandra Bibbo (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7:15 Beth Goodwill

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:15 Eddie Stutz

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:15 Helen Stroud

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:15 Joyce Kleckner (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:15 Joseph Nguyen

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 Helmut Makosch

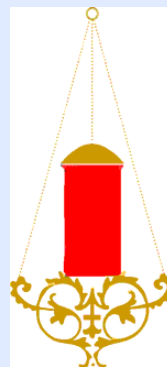
4:30 Francis & Mildred Itle

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 Paul T. Bassler

9:30 Angelo Porcaro (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Richard Keller



### Sanctuary Candle Memorials For the week of February 5th

The Sanctuary Candle will burn In  
Loving Memory of

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Bambrick Family

St. Catharine's Church - Guy & Rita Arnold

St. Mary's - Ralph Joseph Pingitore

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/30  
Tuesday 1/31  
Wednesday 2/1  
Thursday 2/2  
Friday 2/3  
Saturday 2/4

Rev. Msgr. David J. Morrison  
Rev. Joseph T. Muller, M.S.C.  
Rev. Michael E. Mullins  
Rev. Elias D. Munyaneza, A.J.  
Rev. Msgr. John P. Murphy  
Rev. Kevin M. Nadolski, O.S.F.S.



The Senior High Youth Group is on INSTAGRAM. Follow us at **youth\_of\_scs** to see all the exciting events as well as our prayers for you!

**Parish Nurse News** - As we may know, death of a loved one is a terribly painful experience. Support friends and family with prayers and thoughts and food. If not sure what to say, just offer your sympathy and quiet presence. Just a few words, like "I'm sorry" can offer love and care when someone needs it most.

**Mary's Shelter Bowl-A-Thon being held at:** Berks Lanes, 3190 Shillington Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608 Date: Sunday, March 19, 2023. There will be only (1) one session – starting at 3PM to 5PM 40 lanes will be available. You can register online at [www.marysshelter.org](http://www.marysshelter.org) or email Amy at [amy@marysshelter.org](mailto:amy@marysshelter.org) for additional information

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**Kennedy House.** It is St. Catharine's turn to again run the **Kennedy House** in Reading. One thing we love to do is give lots of options to those that are struggling. St. Catharine's is running it on **Saturday, February 18th and on Sunday, February 19th.**

**Thanks** for all those that have signed up to volunteer!!!! We have plenty of volunteers for both day but **WE STILL NEED SUPPLIES/FOOD.**

If you can donate, please see the signugnienus link below or look on the parish Facebook page for the link. Please call, text, or email if you have any questions - Sara Miller 484-459-0270 or [sk1699@hotmail.com](mailto:sk1699@hotmail.com).

### 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). **If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement.**

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

SPEAKERS

  
Reverend Bishop Alfred Schliert

  
Fr. Stephan Isaac

  
Fr. Thomas Dailly

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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, 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: Zelda Marcinkowski** (mother of Jan Tomalis) & 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.

**“Loved into New Life” - Six-day Retreat - June 18 to June 24/2023 – Arrival Time: 3-4:30pm** - This is a guided retreat based on a 12 Step Spirituality theme. It will include times for conferences, sharing, and quiet reflection. Sr. Christa Mary Jones, CPS and Sr. Margaret Conlon, SC will guide you as you explore and reflect on the 12 Step Spirituality in the challenging realities of daily living. To register, call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email [mariawaldcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mariawaldcenter@gmail.com) Register before 6/10/2023. Cost: \$550.00 Mariawald Renewal Center, 1094 Welsh Road, Reading PA 19607



Is that a bird, a plan, or a Tesla?!? No, it's a Cub Scout racing a wooden car! Please join us in cheering on the Cub Scouts of Pack 358 as

they race in their annual Pinewood Derby. A cash concession stand selling hot dogs, drinks, and snacks will be open to all parishioners immediately following the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. The races will begin at 12:30 PM in the parish social hall.

**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, 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, Hurllock, MD \$135

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

**September 19-23,** Niagara Falls \$895 per person for double occupancy, \$1095 for single occupancy.

**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.**

### 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](mailto: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.

**Come With A Grateful Heart**  
**Sr. High Youth Retreat**



**When: February 24-26, 2023**  
**Where: Camp Manatawny**

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