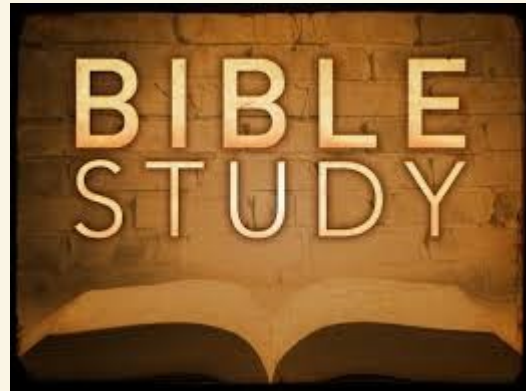


Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Max Tomczyk
Sunday, February 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Dorothy A. La Sota -
(5th Anniversary)
Saturday, February 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Jack Cardoza
Sunday, February 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of
the Kompa Family

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.



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.



Pierogi Sale! Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including March 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pierogis will be sold in the Church basement. Please use the side entrance from the parking lot. Potato,

sauerkraut and cheese pierogis will sell for \$9.00 a dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 a cup. (weather permitting). Volunteers are needed to help sell pierogis on Fridays.



Polish American Connection TV Show - Special guest - Father Brian Miller! He will be on the show on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30 p.m. Comcast channel #15 & Service Electric channel #19.

Cooks with Collars

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 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! **You can also put a check in the collection basket and mark it for "Cooks with Collars"**

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 58: 7-10: The Lord promises that those who share their food with the hungry and their clothing with the naked shall find true favor with him. A light shall shine for them.

1 Cor 2:1-5: Paul preached to the Corinthians in weakness and fear. He preached Jesus crucified, but through the working of the Holy Spirit, these people came to be believers.

Mt 5:13-16: The faithful followers of Jesus are the salt of the earth and a light to the world. Being true Christ-believers, they become an example for others.

Today's Message: Through the power of God, we can be a light to the world by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

INTO THE BREACH – 8:00-11:00 a.m. – Social Hall

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 5, 2023

Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20 □□.2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

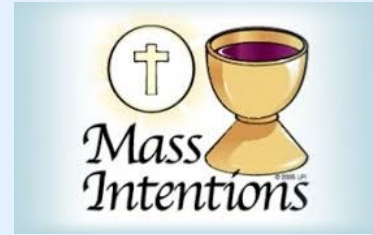
Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10;

Mt 5:17-37



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:30 Francis & Mildred Itle

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 Paul T. Bassler

9:30 Angelo Porcaro (2nd Anniversary)

11:30 Richard Keller

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:15 Bob Wright

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:15 Alverta & Frank Gantert

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:15 Nancy Razzano

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:15 Violet Rouse (23rd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:15 Dolores Vozella

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 Frank Russo

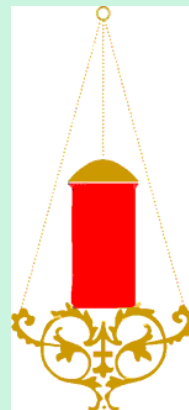
4:30 Joseph Daly

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30 Marie Bassler

9:30 Skopek & Hrezik Families

11:30 Luz Gomez (2nd Anniversary)



Sanctuary Candle Memorials For the week of February 5th

**The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Bambrick Family

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Guy & Rita Arnold

St. Mary's - Ralph Joseph Pingitore

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/6	Rev. Richard O. O’Nyamwaro, A.J.
Tuesday 2/7	Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Orsulak
Wednesday 2/8	Rev. Luigi Palmieri
Thursday 2/9	Rev. Gregory Pendergraft, F.S.S.P.
Friday 2/10	Rev. John S. Pendzick
Saturday 2/11	Rev. Dominic Thoa

AVCP Antietam Valley Community Partnership -
10th annual community dinner. Proceeds from this event provide partial scholarships to 6 local high school seniors from Antietam, Exeter, and Berks Catholic. When: Sunday March 5th 11-2, Antietam High School, Chili, Golumpki, or Kielbasa/Haluski dinners \$13 each. Family size dinners (feeds 4) \$45 each. Please contact Larry for tickets 610 779 6973

Parish Nurse News - Spice of life-Health benefits of Turmeric are worth adding this spice to baked dishes and recipes. May decrease risk of cancer and cognitive decline, also known to reduce inflammation and promote heart health (Positive Promotions, Inc. K. Sherman, RD).

The Allentown Diocese "Fertility Awareness and NFP Task Force" invites you to *Designed with Purpose: Understanding Fertility Awareness & NFP,* an evening of learning and conversation about women's health and fertility. This is the time to learn and ask all your questions about NFP as we touch on the importance of fertility to women, couples, and the Church and share the many blessings and challenges involved. This event will be on February 19th at Blessed Sacrament in Bally, 5pm-8pm. It's open to all single, engaged, or married individuals 21 or older and is free to attend.

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.

February 22nd – Saint Catharine & Saint Mary's Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

All Masses will be held at the Church on Boyertown Pike
7:15 a.m.
12:00 noon
6:30 p.m.

Ashes that are blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday are processed by burning the palm distributed on Palm Sunday last year and displayed in homes throughout the year.

We invite you to bring any palm you may have in your home to Church and deposit it in the containers marked "Palm" which will be located in the Church vestibule and Chapel on Ash Wednesday.



*"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 **this Sunday** 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.

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 in running it on **Saturday, February 18th and or 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 sign up genius 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.

SPEAKERS

Reverend Bishop Alfred Schler

Fr. Stephan Isaac

Fr. Thomas Dille

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MEN'S LENTEN MORNING REFLECTION

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"MEN CARRYING THEIR OWN CROSSES IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST"

FEBRUARY 25TH 2023
8AM - NOON
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www.MenAliveInChrist.org



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: Lily Budock

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, Tom Franek, Chris Fry, Connie Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Lydia Griffith, David J. Gulati II, Al Heck, Mary & 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, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Henry and Mary Jane Skowron, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Jan Tomalis, Kimberly Trigstead, Milton Vicente, Betty Vilardo, 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:** **Joseph Mraz**, (husband of Betty Mraz, father of Kathryn Marr, grandfather of Kira, Gavin & Collin Marr & brother of Marian Valleau) & *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.



Ready to put your Faith in Action?

The Knights of Columbus invites all men of our parish to a powerful program that outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. To outline the

challenges we face and devise a plan of battle, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted has written the groundbreaking document, *Into the Breach* is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to wholeheartedly embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. We will be examining this document over 2 consecutive Saturdays, February 11 and February 18 from 9:00 till 11:00 a.m. in the Church Social hall on Boyertown Pike. We look forward to being able to have you join in the discussions about the enemies of our faith, both spiritual and temporal. Light refreshments will be served at both sessions. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Bryan Scollick at (610) 823-5193 or at bscollick@berkscatholic.org.

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.**

Come With A Grateful Heart
Sr. High Youth Retreat



When: February 24-26, 2023

Where: Camp Manatawny

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www.scsyouth.weebly.com

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

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

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

Wednesday, April 5, 2023, Everybody's Birthday celebration, at Victor Emmanuel's. More info to follow.

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 \$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.**



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