

Saint Mary's News Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Della Chmielewski
Sunday, February 26th - 10:30 a.m. - Malgorzata Paniak
Saturday, March 4th - 3:30 p.m. - John S. Morawczynski,
(2nd Anniversary)
Sunday, March 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Rev. Zdzislaw Kikowski

The Lenten Pierogi Society will begin making pierogis Monday and Tuesdays 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.

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.



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

LENTEN FISH FRYS - The Knights will be hosting the Lenten Fish Frys at the Social Hall from 5-7 PM on Friday Fish Frys on March 24th and 31st. The cost is \$18.00 per dinner.

NEW LENTEN EVENT - CRAB CAKE DINNER - Father Miller and the Knights will be hosting a Crab Cake dinner on Friday, March 10th from 5-7 PM. The dinner will include the Knights' typical Fish Fry side dishes but with crab cakes. The \$20 meal will include crab cakes, stewed tomatoes, mac & cheese, coleslaw, rolls, a dessert, and drinks (beer & wine available for a small contribution if you so choose). The profit from this event will be used to help offset some of the cost for Church projects. **This event will also be a pre-order only event.**

TO PLACE AN ORDER, FOR EAT IN OR TAKE OUT, UTILIZE THE FOLLOWING CONTACTS BY THE MONDAY PRECEEDING THE EVENT DATE. For the tech savvy individuals, you can use the QR Code shown below or please feel free to do it the old-fashioned way, by directly contacting through phone or email to place your order. **Payment will be expected at the entrance of the event being attended.**

Tom Goerner at (484) 288-0174 or email: tcantiquers@verizon.net
Tom Trainer at (484) 333-4312 or email at
ThomasA.Trainer@gmail.com
EMAIL the Knights: kofc14880@gmail.com
OR USE THE QR Code Below to submit your order



Lenten Reconciliation: During the Season of Lent, parishioners will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass on Saturday. It is our hope that the parishioners of St. Catharine's & St. Mary's will use this as an opportunity to better prepare themselves during their Lenten journey.

Stations of the Cross: will be celebrated every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. at the Church on Boyertown Pike.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS Please join us every Wednesday during Lent after the **7:15 a.m. Mass.**

Eucharistic Adoration: is held every Monday: the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from after the 7:15 AM Mass until 8:00 PM. All are invited and encouraged to spend some quality prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament. **(Confessions from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)**

SECOND COLLECTION - "ALMSGIVING" - "...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret." (Ash Wednesday's Reading) - During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs : - March 5th, Clare of Assisi; March 12th - St. Francis Home; March 19th - Catholic Charities; March 26th - Earthquake Relief for Turkey & Syria; April 2nd - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fraternal Benefits night at St. Catharine of Siena parish (4975 Boyertown Pike Reading PA 19606) on March 1st, 2023. The seminar will be held from 7pm-8pm. Light refreshments will be offered.

Open to ANYONE including current Knights, their families, and anyone who wishes to learn what Benefits the Knights have to offer:

- Recent changes to IRA's and the SECURE ACT
 - Long Term Care and Estate Planning
 - Possible Ways to avoid inheritance tax
- Charitable gifting

RSVP by Sunday, Feb 26th to Thomas McKeon 484-343-8711 or Thomas.McKeon@KofC.Org

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7: God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the luxurious Garden of Eden. They could eat fruit from every tree except one. After being tempted by the devil, Eve - then Adam - disobeyed God's command. Immediately their lives changed.

Rom 5:12-19: From the fall of Adam, sin came into the world. God, however, gave the gift of his Son, Jesus. Through him justice was restored. Through the obedience of Jesus, justice comes to all.

Mt 4:1-11: The devil tempted Adam; he also tempts Jesus three times, making lavish promises. Jesus rebukes Satan, for only God is to be adored.

Today's Message: Like Adam and Eve, Jesus was tempted, but did not sin. Our sinfulness is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center
FATHER MILLER'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

MARY'S WAY TO THE CROSS - After 7:15 Mass
50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall
PREP – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel
SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Church Gathering Area
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Knights' Room
RCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00 p.m. - Church

SATURDAY March 4

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 26, 2023

Sunday First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

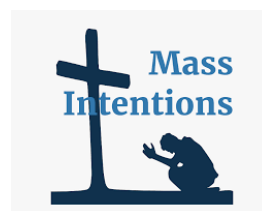
Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:30 Theodore Borek

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30 Deceased Members of the Kulak, Nardo, Meyers & Yourkavitch Families

9:30 Charles Okpokwu

11:30 Chiara Rugolo (10th Anniversary)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:15 Julia Calabrese

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:15 George D. Edmunds, Jr. (38th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:15 Merritt Weidner

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

7:15 Nicholas A. Floriani

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

7:15 Andrew Glutz (34th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 John Meehan

4:30 Michael Reid

SUNDAY, March 5

7:30 Edward Bayer

9:30 Bernice Paul

11:30 Stephen Bohner



Sanctuary Candle Memorials For the week of February 26th

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Homebound Parishioners

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Deceased Members of the Skimiski Family

St. Mary's - Special Intention

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/27	Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert
Tuesday 2/28	Rev. Msgr. Francis P. Schoenauer
Wednesday 3/1	Rev. Mark R. Searles
Thursday 3/2	Rev. Adam C. Sedar
Friday 3/3	Rev. William N. Seifert
Saturday 3/4	Rev. Thomas G. Shanfelt

A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit csrcicebowl.org to learn more.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Saint Catharine of Siena is starting to look forward to summertime TLC duties for our beloved school. If you would like to donate some time painting or enhancing classrooms, and/or helping with outside beautification projects, please contact Mrs. Marcella Kraycik at mkraycik@scsreading.org. Thank you!

Employment Opportunities - Looking to return to the classroom after family leave or teaching retirement? Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators. Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year for: **FT and PT Teachers, STEM/Innovation Teacher, Learning Support Teacher, Classroom aides, Classroom Subs, After care workers.** Please send resume, all clearances, references, and certifications to Mkraycik@scsreading.org or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606.

Parish Nurse News - Take care of you! Physical and mental health often affect each other. Depression symptoms, such as new aches, sleeping too much, or not enough, can develop when you are dealing with chronic illness or loss. Talk to a friend, and your healthcare provider. Walking can relieve stress and lighten your mental outlook too!

Mass for Homeschool Families - There will be a Mass for Homeschool students and families offered by Father Pendzick at St. Thomas More Church in Allentown on **February 27, 2023** at 10:00AM followed by refreshments and fellowship. For more information, please contact Kristin Osenbach at kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org.

Stations of the Cross with Bishop Schlert - All are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday, **March 31, 2023** at 7:00PM at the St. Francis Friary in Easton. Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert will Preside and Reverend James D. Paradis, O.S.A. will be the Homilist. In a special way, we will remember those who have been hurt by sexual violence and abuse. As we walk the way of the Cross with Jesus, we also walk with our brothers and sisters who carry crosses of their own. Questions? Please contact Pam Russo at prusso@allentowndiocese.org.

Saint Catharine School News

SCS will raise our "voice" to the heavens, we're making a Joyful Noise... Saint Catharine of Siena School will be participating in Joyful Noise, a diocesan video fundraising competition. Our video and the funds raised in the friendly competition will help to fund, stock, and support an Innovation Room with appropriate collaborative furniture and various STEAM supplies.

Joyful Noise is similar to Cooks with Collars; however, the *Joyful Noise* video will showcase Saint Catharine of Siena and will incorporate video shoots, upbeat music, lip syncing, fancy dance moves, students, staff, parents, grandparents, and alum. More details will follow; however, we need your help immediately with these first few tasks: Please save Friday, March 3, 2023, to celebrate Mass with us. Mass begins at 8:20 am. We are shooting the last scene of the video this day after Mass. We would LOVE for all students, parents, grandparents, and alumni to celebrate Mass with us and be a part of our video. Please spread the word! Everyone will have a special, collaborative part. Stay tuned for more details.



Please join us in SCS's FIRST EVER COLOR RUN sponsored by SCS Student Council, SCS HSO, and SCS CYO! All participants will receive an entry bag with some swag: Googles, Tee, and lots of colorful fun! Please click on the link <https://forms.gle/Sny2tGBXLPutSjpi7> to RSVP interest in participating to assist with the committee's planning. If you'd like to be a part of the event and help with organizing, please reach out to Mrs. Danielle McCue with Danielle McCue danielledidio@aol.com or Mrs. Kraycik Mkraycik@scsreading.org

3D printing gives our Saint Catharine of Siena Students the opportunity to create, problem-solve, develop visual spatial awareness, and support career readiness through innovation and entrepreneurial thought processing. In our Science Lab, our 4th graders are growing our trout and helping them to thrive with their care and diligent water testing. Hold your cell phone's camera up to the QR code and click to open to watch what our students are learning!



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Pray WITHOUT CEASING

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, 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, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Peggy Reid, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Henry & Mary Jane Skowron, Harvey Snyder, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Jan Tomalis, Kimberly Trigstead, Milton Vicente, Betty Vilardo, Mark Walter, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Lawrence Mullen**, (brother Mike Mullen), **Bishop David O'Connell** & 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.



“You do make a difference” – a box of cereal, chunky soups, jars of peanut butter and jelly are sometimes what families in need often use for their supper. We have people right here in our parish and community who need our help. A way to fulfill your Lenten

almsgiving, would be to gather some of these items and other non-perishable foods and bring them to our Annual St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive the weekend of March 25th and 26th. Please remember the less fortunate this Lenten Season.

“Whatsoever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto Me.” God Bless you for sharing your abundance.

The Saint Catharine of Siena School Advisory Board is looking for parishioners (21 and older) willing to serve a 3 year term beginning in May 2023. If you are looking for a way to give back and are passionate about Catholic Education, we encourage you to apply. Please email Mrs. Marcella Kraycik (mkraycik@scsreading.org) for an application. Questions about this ministry? Email Mrs. Julianne Smith (juliannejs@gmail.com). Thank you for considering this ministry!

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.

TRADITIONAL CHOIR NEWS

Can you help to enhance the music at the 11:30am Masses during the Lenten and Easter Seasons? Seasonal participation in the Traditional Choir is available for those wishing to contribute — without full-time commitment.

NOTE: *Rehearsals are Sunday mornings before Mass (no weeknights, except for special occasions). Thanks for your thoughtful consideration and heartfelt support!*

Contact: Director, David Kostival,
dkostival@comcast.net; OR
Phyllis Rieger, phyrieger@gmail.com
484-509-6257

50 Plus News

Please call, 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. Jeff Krick, Jr., an Elvis impersonator, will be providing entertainment. Reservations required, members \$26 and non-members, \$28. For more information, please call, Janina Ankielewicz at 215-644-7396.

Trips for 2023

April 12, 2023, Wednesday, Kreider dairy farms tour with a farm to table experience at Mount Hope, \$85. Kreider dairy farm tour, reservation deadline, March 8, 2023

May 17, 2023, Wednesday, Sight and Sound, "Moses" lunch at Cracker Barrel on your own, \$110. Sight and Sound, "Moses", reservation deadline, March 16, 2023

June 22, 2023, Thursday, Pines Dinner Theater, "Route 66", \$100. Pines dinner, theater, reservation deadline, May 31, 2023

July 14th, 2023(Friday), Riverboat 'all you can eat crab feast' Cruise, Hurllock, MD \$135. River boat/crab fest, reservation date May 14, 2023

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 **Kathleen Zagar** at **610-698-3289** 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.**

SCAM ALERT - The Diocese of Allentown would like to remind its parishioners to be on alert, and not fall victim, to ongoing scams that are once again popping up at various parishes throughout the area. In the past months individuals have reported getting text messages and/or emails from someone claiming to be their pastor asking for various things, most often gift cards. The Diocese reminds everyone if you are ever concerned about a message that you receive, whether by text message or email, verify it before you take any action.

In the most recent instances, the bogus messages asked each recipient to purchase a gift card for a cancer victim on behalf of the pastor, but the scam can oftentimes take various forms. These requests are fake and should be considered a scam.

Please note: Father Miller & Father Kuna will never text or email you asking for money, gift cards, etc.



St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood

drive on Sunday, March 26. Please call Dave

Gibney at [484.332.1624](tel:484.332.1624), or schedule online

at <https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/>

[drive_schedule/85668](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/85668) . Anyone who is in good

health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more, may donate whole blood every 56 days. (16-year old donors require parental consent). **Did you know:** 40% of the US population is eligible to donate – but only 5% do on a yearly basis. • Statistics show that 25% or more of us will require blood at least once in our lifetime. • Every 2 seconds, someone in the US requires a blood transfusion. • It only takes about 45 minutes of your time to save a life. • Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 27 hospitals served by the blood center .

NUN RUN 5K & 1M Walk - Saturday, April 29, 10:00 AM at St. Michael's Convent (formerly Sacred Heart Villa) 51 Seminary Ave., Reading, PA 19605. Help support the mission and lives of our Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! Become a **SPONSOR**, a **RUNNER/WALKER** or a **VIRTUAL RUNNER/WALKER!** All registrants receive a Nun Run t-shirt if registered by April 1. For details visit MSCreading.org or email CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org.