

Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 4th - 3:30 p.m. - John S. Morawczynski,
(2nd Anniversary)
Sunday, March 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Rev. Zdzislaw Kikowski
Saturday, March 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Rick Zaorski
Sunday, March 12th - 10:30 a.m. - William Stevens

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.

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 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 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 Tomezyk, 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.



Lenten Reconciliation: During the Season of Lent, parishioners will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass on the weekends. 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.

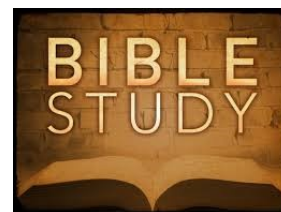
Stations of the Cross: will be celebrated every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. at the Church on Boyertown Pike.

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.)**



Saint Catharine's & Saint Mary's just purchased six new ciboria. If anyone in the parish would like to memorialize them, please see Father Miller.



Father Miller's Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, March 8th & 15th at 6:30 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 12: 1-4a: God calls Abraham and promises to make him a leader of a great nation respected by all.

2 Tm 1:8b-10: God has saved us. He has called us to a holy life. He has brought life to us through the good news of the Gospel.

Mt 17:1-9: Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. God acknowledges his Son and bids the disciples to listen to him. Jesus asks them not to reveal this vision until after the Resurrection.

Today's Message: Abram places trust in God's promise of making his name and descendants great on the earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MARCH 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

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

FIRST RECONCILIATION – 7:00 p.m. -Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

FATHER MILLER'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 p.m. - Church

PREP – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - School (No Level 2)

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS – following the 7:15 Mass - Chapel

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

CRAB CAKE DINNER -5:00-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 5, 2023

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

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Memorial of Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Saint John of God, Religious

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43. 45-46

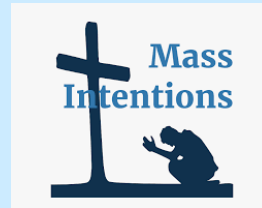
Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42



SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:30 Michael Reid

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

7:30 Edward Bayer

9:30 Bernice Paul

11:30 Stephen Bohner

MONDAY, MARCH 6

7:15 Mario Ucci

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:15 Patricia Chamberlain

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

7:15 Howard Albright

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7:15 John Leier

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

7:15 Richard E. Puwalski

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 Joseph Lintz

4:30 Mary & Sam Pizzuto

SUNDAY, March 12

7:30 Deceased Members of the Ertel & Krick Families

9:30 Raymond Tessier

11:30 Baby Isabella George (16th Anniversary)



Sanctuary Candle Memorials For the week of March 5th

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

St. Catharine's Church - Michael Kevin Reid

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Henry Skowron (Good Health)

St. Mary's - Sowozdral Family

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/6	Rev. Barnabas Shayo, A.J.
Tuesday 3/7	Rev. Joseph A. Sheehan
Wednesday 3/8	Rev. Msgr. Joseph P.T. Smith
Thursday 3/9	Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Sobiesiak
Friday 3/10	Rev. Leo S. Stajkowski
Saturday 3/11	Rev. Jason F. Stokes

Catholic Charities 50/50 Raffle tickets are selling fast and the jackpot is growing! Get yours before they're gone! Have you reserved your spot yet for the 15th Annual Gala? This year's Gala Honorees are Rev. John M. Gibbons and Paul & Patty Huck. Join us Sunday, March 12 at DeSales University. You will not want to miss this year's "celebrity" auctioneers!! For details, visit our website at <https://www.catholiccharitiesad.org/gala/> Or contact Julie Scheck at jscheck@allentowndiocese.org, 610-435-1541, ext. 342 or 610-871-5200, ext. 2216.

Parish Nurse News - Pumpkin seeds are known as healing aids! Rich in zinc, manganese, Vitamin K, antioxidants, and magnesium, they can help with cuts, lowering blood sugar, and even insomnia. High in protein, also high in fat content so enjoy in moderation. Check with your healthcare provider for interactions with medication, particularly Vitamin K. (WebMD,2022).

Easter Food & Craft Festival to held at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg, Saturday, April 1st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast & lunch served. For more information, please call 610-562+7657, ext. 6.

Enhance your Lenten/ Easter Season - Come and join the "Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend" on March 18th & 19th at St. Christopher Catholic Newman Center, Kutztown University. Cost is \$20.00 which includes lunch. Registration deadline is March 7th . To register, please call 610-217-1739.

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.

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING- 2023 Season Registration is now open- You can register by going to <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/361889> This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. **FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST:** Go to www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email dfowler@berkscatholic.org



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, 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. **Everybody's Birthday Celebration; reservation deadline will be March 24, 2023.**

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Ann Hendrix from Reading Dermatology will speak about "Getting our Skin ready for Summer". Desserts and drinks will be served.

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, Hurlock, 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.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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 Gladfelder, 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 Robinson, Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Henry and 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, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman

A Time to die: **Suzanne Wilde**, (sister of Dottie Bixler), **Paul Monte** (father of Liz Lloyd) & 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.



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me to drink"

Most people in life think they'll never need help with food for their family. Illness, layoffs, etc., can hit very hard and so that is why the

St. Catharine's St. Vincent de Paul Society has their **Annual Lenten Food Drive**. If we can just ease one of the burdens these families are going through, they would be very thankful. Won't you think of them this Lent and begin gathering items for our food drive on the weekend of March 25th & 26th. They and you will be Blessed by your kindness in His Name this Lenten Season.

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.



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE:
May 6th, 2023

SCS Knights 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament

Held at SCS Church Grounds (near the pavilion)
Limited to First 30 Teams Registered.
Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am - Play Starts at 11:30 am

Cost: \$50 per Team

(includes hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional burger & dog fixings and snacks)

Prizes: 1st Place = \$300 2nd Place = \$200
3rd Place = \$100

**MORE INFO TO BE ANNOUNCED
IN COMING WEEKS**

REMAINING LENTEN FISH FRYs

MARCH 10th - CRAB CAKE DINNER - **Order Deadline:**
Monday, March 6th

MARCH 24th - FISH FRY - **Order Deadline:** Monday,
March 20th

MARCH 31st - FISH FRY - **Order Deadline:** Monday,
March 27th

TIME: 5:00 – 7:00 PM for each event

COST: \$18 /Fish Fry Dinner \$20 /Crab Cake Dinner

Payment will be expected at entrance of the event being attended.

ONLY MEAL PRE-ORDERS WILL BE SERVED

REMINDER: We have reverted to pre-orders only to aid us controlling our cost. Accordingly, there will be very little to no product available for us to service walk-in patrons. Our apologies to those who have become accustomed to that.

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



Thanks for your continued support !

Saint Catharine School News



Come support the SCS Boys Varsity Basketball Team as we head to the PA STATE CYO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT for the second consecutive year.

Thursday, March 9th

5-10 pm

PJ Whelihans

15% of all food and drink sales will be donated to the team. Thank you for your support.

School Towers
Enrolling Now
Pre-K through 8th grade

- Faith-based STEM program
- Award-winning accelerated math program, grades 5th - 8th
- Robust extracurriculars & enrichment

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