

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

Saturday, March 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Rick Zaorski  
Sunday, March 12th - 10:30 a.m. - William Stevens  
Saturday, March 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Albert Gombar (3rd Anniversary)  
Sunday, March 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Meunier Family

**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.

**The Polish American Connection TV Show** hosted by Tom Gajewski is on Comcast Ch 15 and Service Electric Channel 19 on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The show features interviews with interesting people in, or connected with, the Polish Community, topics of interest and information on upcoming events and activities. The program is re-broadcasted on the same channels on these days immediately following the show: Friday 1:30 p.m., Monday 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday 3:30 p.m. If you have an idea for a program, call Tom at 610-698-8731.

All information for the bulletin of March 26th must be in the office by **Monday, March 13th.**

**Please note:** The Parish Center will have modified hours for the week of March 20th. We will be open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 till noon. Normal hours will resume on the week of the 27th.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE LEFT THE FAITH** - On Friday, March 31, our Stations of the Cross (7:00 PM) will be celebrated with special prayers for loved ones who have left the Church or are struggling with their faith. It is powerful for us to unite our prayers with our Lord's on the Cross, especially for this intention. Please join us, whether you are praying for a family member, a friend, or a person that you do not even know.



**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Our parish will be praying the Novena to the Divine Mercy leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. The times will be:

Good Friday — Following 8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
Holy Saturday — Following 8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
Easter Sunday — Privately Prayed  
Easter Week, Monday through Saturday — Following Daily Mass.

The novena will conclude with a 3:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, with the novena prayers, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance. Any person who participates in the devotions on Divine Mercy Sunday may obtain a plenary indulgence.

**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 19th - Catholic Charities; March 26th - Earthquake Relief for Turkey & Syria; April 2nd - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.



Our parish just purchased six new ciboria. If anyone would like to memorialize them, please see Father Miller.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Ex 17: 3-7:** The Israelites murmured against God in their thirst. God directs Moses to strike a rock with his staff, and water issues forth.

**Rom 5:1-12, 5-8:** Through Jesus we have received the grace of faith. The love of God has been poured upon us. Jesus laid down his life for us while we were still sinners.

**Jn 4:5-42:** Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman at the well. He searches her soul, and she recognizes him as a prophet. Jesus speaks of the water of eternal life. He also notes the fields are ready for harvest.

**Today's Message:** Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Through his Spirit his grace has been poured into our hearts. God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### MONDAY, MARCH 13

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, MARCH 15

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

PREP – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - School

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

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 16

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. – Social Hall

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

AHG - 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

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

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

ULTREYA 10:00 a.m. – Knights' Room

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of March 12, 2023

##### 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

**Monday** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9;

Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

##### Friday Saint Patrick, Bishop

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34

##### Saturday Saint Cyril, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

##### Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41



#### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

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 (16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### MONDAY, MARCH 13

7:15 Mark Lundquist (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:15 Merritt Weidner

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

7:15 Joanne Brenner

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:15 Robert & Catherine Doyle

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

7:15 Margaret A. Scott

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 Frances Bambrick

4:30 Diane Hudson

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 Geraldine Russo

9:30 Andrew Cassidy

11:30 Margaret Auchter



### Sanctuary Candle Memorials For the week of March 12<sup>th</sup>

The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of

**St. Catharine's Church** - Poor Souls In Purgatory

**Saint Catharine's Chapel** - Deceased Members of the Trout & Franckowiak Families

**St. Mary's** - The Vaccarelli Family

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 3/13	Rev. Jonas Tandayu, M.S.C.
Tuesday 3/14	Rev. Jerome A. Tauber
Wednesday 3/15	Rev. James P. Thomas
Thursday 3/16	Rev. Joseph F. Tobias, M.S.C.
Friday 3/17	Rev. Eric N. Tolentino
Saturday 3/18	Rev. Andrew Torma, M.S.C.

**Women Religious/Sisters and Lay Women's Retreat, August 6 - August 13 - Arrival time 3-4:30pm** - This is an eight-day retreat open to both religious and lay women. Take time from your busy schedule to slow down and open your mind and heart through prayer and reflection. Anita Woods will help you delve prayerfully into what it means to love God, yourself, and neighbor. Daily talks and silent prayer, as well as optional conversation, form the rhythm of this retreat in Mariawald's peaceful and beautiful setting. To register call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email [mariawaldcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mariawaldcenter@gmail.com) Register before 7/30/2023 - Cost: \$550.00 - Mariawald Renewal Center, 1094 Welsh Road, Reading PA 19607.

**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). **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.

**Parish Nurse News** - The Surgeon General recommends 30 minutes of walking per day. Working around the house or yard is excellent exercise. Physical activity keeps us healthy and reduces risks of diabetes and heart disease. Check with your healthcare provider before starting any strenuous routines (<https://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/sgr/index.htm>).

**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).**



**KNIGHTLY NEWS  
& EVENTS**

**SAVE THE DATE:  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**SCS Knights 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$300 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$200  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$100

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

**REMAINING LENTEN FISH FRYS**

MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> - FISH FRY - **Order Deadline:** Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> - FISH FRY - **Order Deadline:** Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:tcantiquers@verizon.net)

Tom Trainer at (484) 333-4312 or email at  
[ThomasA.Trainer@gmail.com](mailto:ThomasA.Trainer@gmail.com)

EMAIL the Knights: [kofc14880@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14880@gmail.com)  
OR USE THE QR Code Below to submit your order



*Thanks for your continued support !*





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: Antonio & Isabella Ramos**

**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 Cunnus, 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:** **Thomas Blekicki** (brother of John Blekicki) & 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.



**Save the Date!**  
Vacation Bible School is back! At Stellar VBS, kids celebrate God's Greatness!

Stellar is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-fun gizmos, team building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how they can shine Jesus' light in everyday life.

VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 19, 2023 thru June 23, 2023 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2023. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available on the tables in the back of the church or at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com). Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) with questions.



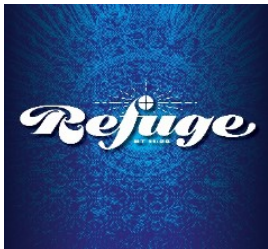
**March 25th & 26th - Two more weeks till St. Vincent dePaul Food Drive**

- Won't you help us help them? Jesus said, "Love One Another" What better way this Lenten season than to help feed those who are struggling right now in their lives. Cereal, canned fruit, tuna, peanut butter, and jelly seem

so simple and yet when you bring these and other non-perishables to the St. Vincent de Paul food drive, you help families here in your parish and community put food on their table. We know its been hard for many with food prices going up and so any donation large or small of food is so very appreciated. God bless you for "Loving one Another."



The Senior high Youth Group had a very successful retreat at the end of February. 25 teens, 7 teen leaders, and 12 adults took part in the weekend retreat titled "Come With A Grateful Heart". We are grateful for the prayerful support of the parish! Please continue to pray for the teens of our parish.



### 2023 Steubenville Youth Conference

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at

Steubenville Youth Conference Main Campus 4 on July 14-16, 2023 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group. Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) or check out the youth website at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) for more information.

### 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.**

**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](http://www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac) For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email [dfowler@berkscatholic.org](mailto:dfowler@berkscatholic.org)