

**Saint Mary's Lent and Easter Schedule**  
**Confessions**

Saturdays in Lent - 2:45-3:15 p.m. - Church

Sundays in Lent - 9:50-10:20 a.m. - Church

**Please note: There will be no confessions  
and no 3:30 Mass on Holy Saturday.**

**Holy Saturday, April 8th**

**Blessing of the Easter Food**

**10:00 a.m. - Church**

**Easter Sunday Mass, April 9th - 10:30 a.m.**

**See St. Catharine's schedule for additional  
Masses and confession times.**



**Easter Plants** for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$12 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. Please print name clearly.

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

Saturday, March 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Albert Gombar (3rd Anniversary)

Sunday, March 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Meunier Family

Saturday, March 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Bridget McDevitt

Sunday, March 26th - 10:30 a.m. - Wanda Matuszak

**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.



**Saint Catharine's Lent and Easter Schedule**

**Additional Confessions**

**through March 26th**

**Saturdays - 3:30- 4:15 P.M. - Church**

**Sundays - Church**

**6:50 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.**

**8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.**

**10:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.**

**Please note: There will be no confessions  
and no 4:30 Mass on Holy Saturday.**

**Additional Clergy Confessions (two priests)**

**Monday, March 27th -**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Chapel**

**Monday, April 3rd -**

**12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Chapel**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Chapel**

**Palm Sunday Masses, April 1st & 2nd -**

**Regular Mass schedule**

**Living Stations - Tuesday, April 4th**

**at 1:15 p.m. - Chapel**

**Holy Thursday, April 6th - Mass of the**

**Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. - Church**

**Night Prayer - 10:30 p.m. - Church**

**Friday Morning Prayer - April 7th -**

**8:00 a.m. - Chapel -**

**Followed by Divine Mercy Novena**

**Good Friday April 7th - Celebration of the**

**Lord's Passion - 3 p.m. - Church**

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 6:00 p.m. -**

**with blessing of new Stations**

**in the parking lot**

**Saturday Morning Prayer - April 8th-**

**8:00 a.m. - Chapel -**

**Followed by Divine Mercy Novena**

**Easter Vigil Mass - April 8th**

**at 8:00 p.m. - Church**

**Easter Sunday Mass - April 9th -**

**Regular Mass schedule**

**7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. - Church**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a:** God directs Samuel to anoint David king. God looks into the heart of each person.

**Eph 5:8-14:** We are to walk in the light that shows goodness, justice, and truth. Christ gives this light whereby we live.

**Jn 9:1-41:** Jesus is the light. He cures a man born blind. Jesus identifies himself as the Son of Man.

**Today's Message:** Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of baptism.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 20**

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

BLESS THE SPACE – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

PREP – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - School

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

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA - 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

FISH FRY -5:00-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

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

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

BLOOD DRIVE – Social Hall

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **For the Week of March 19, 2023**

#### **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

#### **Monday**

##### **Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### **Tuesday**

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

#### **Wednesday**

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

#### **Thursday**

Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

#### **Friday**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### **Saturday**

##### **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

#### **Sunday**

##### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

4:30 Diane Hudson

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

7:30 Geraldine Russo

9:30 Andrew Cassidy

11:30 Margaret Auchter

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 20**

7:15 Jean Burkholder

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

7:15 Natalie & Michael Tylka

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

7:15 Jan & Maria Witek

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 23**

7:15 Felicia Skoraszewski

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

7:15 Cora Nacar

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

8:00 John V. Nowotarski, Sr.

4:30 Frank Saffko (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

7:30 Max Curtin

9:30 Thomas Fry

11:30 George Lynch



### Sanctuary Candle Memorials For the week of March 19th

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

**St. Catharine's Church - Margaret Ehret**

**Saint Catharine's Chapel - Charles Salvo**

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

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/20	Rev. James M. Torpey
Tuesday 3/21	Rev. Msgr. James A. Treston
Wednesday 3/22	Rev. Simone Volavola, M.S.C.
Thursday 3/23	Rev. James J. Ward
Friday 3/24	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wargo
Saturday 3/25	Rev. Zachary R. Wehr



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

**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.



**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.



### **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

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 !*



## FOURTH 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: Arlie Kay Arbelo**

**Please pray for our sick:** Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, 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 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, Gerald Wagner, 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:** & 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.



### Lenten Food Collection "Next Weekend" March 25th & 26th

**It seems everywhere you turn, people are struggling to pay their bills and put food on the tables, but some are struggling even more than others. Could you share some of what you have in your pantry or shelves? Cereal, canned fruit, tuna fish, jelly, peanut butter, etc. etc. are all needed. Every little bit helps. We will and they will be so grateful for your kindness. Also, if you'd rather give a monetary donation for us to help others, the St. Vincent de Paul Society has three wooden poor boxes in the back of Church. If you need more information, call Linda Vogel (610-779-6287)**



### 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.

**FLEA MARKET** - April 22, 2023 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM -Precious Blood Convent, 1094 Welsh Rd, Reading (Shillington) PA, 19607, [Sellers are Welcome] Rain Date: April 29, Call to reserve your space/table by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sr Ann Marie, CPS - 610-777-1624, Food Truck: Knights of Columbus.

**Walking With Women of the New Testament**

Journey with the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters to discover how women in the Bible responded to challenges, took bold actions, and triumphed through adversity. Fr. Philip Maas will join us for Mass and Sacraments. Saturday, April 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. McGlinn Conference and Spirituality Center (adjacent to Alvernia University), 460 St. Bernardine St., Reading, PA 19607 Phone: 610-777-2967 - Email: [FollowFrancis@bfranciscan.org](mailto:FollowFrancis@bfranciscan.org) Cost:\$30. Register by April 8. Make checks payable to: Bernardine Franciscan Sisters. Includes: Mass, Lunch, Adoration, Confession, Reflection, and Activities.

**Parish Nurse News** - These contribute to high blood pressure: Excess salt, excess alcohol, stress, age, family history, physical inactivity, diet high in saturated fats. Thought some of these factors are out of our control, many are easy to fix! Avoid extra salt, alcohol in moderation, and simple exercises may actually reduce your stress! Try it, you'll like it!

*Congratulations to Mrs. Joanne LaGrange Loeper for 45 years of Girl Scouting and still going!*

**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.



**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**

Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 for trip flyers and more detailed trip information.

**April 12, 2023.** Wednesday, Kreider dairy farms tour with a farm to table experience at Mount Hope, \$85. Kreider dairy farm tour, **reservations are closed, waiting list only!**

**May 17, 2023.** Wednesday, Sight and Sound, "Moses" lunch at Cracker Barrel on your own, \$110. Sight and Sound, "Moses", **reservations are closed, waiting list only!**

**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 **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.**

**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).**