

## Saint Mary's News

Sunday, April 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Saturday, April 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Donna Wrobel

Sunday, April 16th, 10:30 a.m. - Bogdan Janiszewski

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 Mary's Website will not be updated for the near future. We will keep you posted when it will resume.**

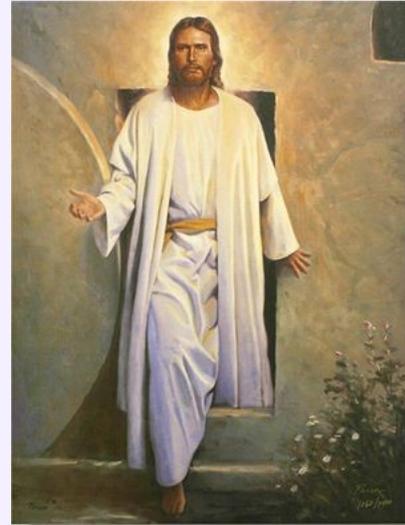
### BLESSING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.  
Heavenly Father,  
accept this Easter candle,  
a flame divided but undimmed,  
a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.  
Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue  
bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night!  
May the morning Star which never sets find this flame  
still burning:

Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the  
dead,  
and shed his peaceful light on all humanity,  
your Son who lives and reigns forever and ever.  
Amen.

Blessed are you God, Father of all nations. You are the  
God of light, and in you there is no darkness. As we  
gather to rejoice in the risen life of your Son Jesus may  
our home, and those of our brothers and sisters, be  
bright with laughter and warm with love. We ask this in  
Jesus' name.

Amen.



## EASTER

It is a great joy for us, at the conclusion of the long Lenten weeks of preparation, to extend to everyone in our Parish Family the best wishes from all your priests and deacons, that you enjoy a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

This commemoration of the Lord's victory over sin and death is too big to grasp in one day, so the Church wisely celebrates it during the entire week. Each day of this week, the readings of the Mass contain yet another account of the events of Easter Sunday and the risen Lord's appearances to His followers.

All of this to help bolster our faith and belief in that central fact of salvation history: that Jesus suffered, died and then rose again. May the ever growing awareness of this tremendous divine act fill your heart with new hope and peace.

## EASTER SUNDAY

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43:** In his sermon Peter sums up the good news, the Gospel. Salvation comes through Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, the anointed of the Holy Spirit.

**Col 3:1-4:** Look to the glory of Christ in which we share because our lives are hidden in him (through Baptism) and we are destined to share in the glory.

**Jn 20:1-9:** Let us discover the empty tomb and ponder this mystery, and like Christ's first followers be strengthened in our faith.

**Today's Message:** On this day of days, we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 10**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m. – Chapel

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY – following the 7:15 Mass - 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, APRIL 11**

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass - Chapel

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass – Chapel

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass – Chapel

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass - Chapel

AHG – 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

PRAY THE ROSARY 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY – FOLLOWING THE 7:15 A.M. Mass - Chapel

ULTREYA – 10:00 a.m. – Knights' Room

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAKE SALE – following the 4:30 Mass - Social Hall

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAKE SALE – following all Masses– Social Hall

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

8:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

7:30 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

9:30 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

11:30 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 10**

7:15 Vincent Stubler (16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 11**

7:15 Deceased Members of the Curtin, Haggerty, Kroener & Wagner Families

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

7:15 Alois & Alice Koch

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

7:15 Adelaide Parks (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) & Dick Horrigan

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

7:15 Anna L. Finley

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

8:00 Irma Farina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 George & Mary Edmunds

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

7:30 Deceased of William & Anna Bollendorf Family

9:30 Lori Ann Rears

11:30 Allen & Anita Barber (60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)



For the week of April 9th

The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Nicholas D'Alonzo, III

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Poor Souls In Purgatory

St. Mary's - Deceased Choir Members of St. Mary's

**St. Joseph in the Hills Retreat for Men -** Men in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to period of refreshment, release, calming, learning, concentrating on the most important gift: your life, a gift from God. The retreat called 'St. Joseph in the Hills' will take place at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. The Lehigh Valley men's retreat group, dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, would like to invite you to experience the same excitement and awe that we feel on our yearly weekend. Learn, reflect, and increase your personal communion with the Lord. Join us on the weekend of **August 25, 26, & 27, 2023**, Friday night to Sunday morning. To register, contact Anthony Scarselletti of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group by phone (610-393-4671) or by email: [OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com](mailto:OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com).

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 4/10	Rev. Eric R. Arnout
Tuesday 4/11	Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Baddick
Wednesday 4/12	Rev. Msgr. Andrew R. Baker
Thursday 4/13	Rev. Msgr. William T. Baker
Friday 4/14	Rev. Francis J. Baransky
Saturday 4/15	Rev. Msgr. Algimantas A.

**Scripture Readings - For the Week of April 9, 2023**

**Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

**Monday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**Knights of Columbus Community Service Award** – Our St. Catharine of Siena Council#14880 will again be providing a \$1000 cash award via its Community Service Award Program, intended to award student's dedication to and performance of charitable service. The program is open to St. Catharine of Siena School, public school, and home-schooled students currently in the eighth grade and planning to attend Berks Catholic High School this fall. Applications are being sent to parents/guardians of eighth grade students at St. Catharine's School. In addition, public and home-schooled students can secure applications by contacting Bill Wertz at [pakettle629@aol.com](mailto:pakettle629@aol.com). Please see the application form for additional details.

**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.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** ~ An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at [carolswavely@ptd.net](mailto:carolswavely@ptd.net). The retreat will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Deadline for Registration is May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



**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**

**St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour** - Are you heartbroken because members of your family have left the Church? Join the St. Monica Ministry in petitioning Our Lord to draw back into the fold our loved ones who have strayed, and to give strength and wisdom to those who await their return. Together we will offer our prayers at a Holy Hour offered monthly. Please join us at 6PM on **April 12, 2023** at Saint Theresa Church, Hellertown to pray for your loved ones. No registration required. For more information, visit: [www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry).

**Please join Our Lady's Missionary of the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16, 2023 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.** Our guest speaker, Antone Raymundo, MD, will do a presentation titled, "Saved by Grace: Stories of Divine Mercy." The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, along with Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us! (Please bring your own brown bagged lunch.) We are located at 640 E. Main Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508.

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

**Walking with Women of the New Testament Retreat** -The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters are hosting a retreat on **April 22, 2023** from 9:30AM to 3:30PM called "Walking with Women of the New Testament" that will feature Mass offered by Father Philip Maas, Adoration, Confession, activities, and lunch. The event will be held at the McGlinn Conference and Spirituality Center (460 Saint Bernardine Street, Reading). The cost is \$30 per person. Kindly register by April 8<sup>th</sup>. Email [followfrancis@bfranciscan.org](mailto:followfrancis@bfranciscan.org) more information.

## EASTER SUNDAY



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, 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 Cunniss, 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, Carl Gethmann, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Lydia Griffith, David J. Gulati II, Doris Harner, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Carol Hess, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Rodger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Nikki Lyn Kells, Judith M. Koch, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, 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, Jeff Trojanowski, Milton Vicente, Betty Vilardo, Rex Voekler, 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: Gene Sterner** (husband of Christine Sterner); **Johanna Goheen**, (mother of David Goheen, Jr.) & 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.

**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).**

Please take note of the businesses advertising on the last pages of our bulletins. We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.

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Pre-K through 8th grade

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

CONTACT: STEPHANIE CONLON, ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR  
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VISIT [WWW.SCSREADING.ORG](http://WWW.SCSREADING.ORG)



A Heartfelt thank you!  
The smiles and hugs  
of thank you were for  
all of you, who helped  
so many. The bags  
and boxes of

groceries were overwhelming to share with the  
needy families. Families who are experiencing  
illness and financial hardship, saw a ray of hope  
from your Christ like example of what giving  
parishioners and students you truly are. Wishing  
you a Blessed Easter from St. Catharine's St.  
Vincent de Paul Society.

## 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, 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** - Call Pat White at 610-582-1437 for trip flyers and more detailed trip information. **As trips are filling up, call Pat to confirm there are openings before you send a check.**

**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, **reservations are closed, waiting list only!**

**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.**

**CHOOSE LOVE**  
**CHOOSE LIFE**

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET**  
Benefitting Lifeline of Berks County  
pregnancy resource center

**TUES. MAY 23, 2023 | DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**  
The DoubleTree | RSVP by April 23rd

Individual and group tickets are available for purchase. Please visit our website for registration information. For sponsorship opportunities please contact Stephanie at 610-374-8545 x 207. We can't wait to see you!

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With featured speaker  
**Abby Johnson!**

**Divine Mercy Concert** - All are invited to join us on the Feast of Divine Mercy for a beautiful hour of song, prayer, and mercy at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena (18th and Turner Streets, Allentown) on Sunday, **April 16, 2023** from 2:00PM-3:30PM. The Angelorum Choir will sing beginning at 2pm with reflections from Diary of Saint Faustina. All gathered will recite Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Confessions will also be available from 2:30pm-3:30pm. No RSVP necessary to attend this free event.

**Saturday Morning Prayer Group** - To meet after the 8am morning Mass in the convent around 8:45am, starting May 6th. Please call Matthew if interested 610-864-2611 or email him at [Mattmalf1@gmail.com](mailto:Mattmalf1@gmail.com). Cenacle will include Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and discussions on Our Lady of Medjugorje and her messages.

**Psalms: A Masterpiece and Guide to Prayer – June 2 to June 4/ 2023** - This is a Five-Session Workshop which aims at presenting the Psalms in a more refreshing and practical way. Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle will help the participants to explore and understand the Psalms as a major prayer for their lives, touching the key elements of joy, praise, belief, power, comfort, and healing. Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle is a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood who was born, raised, and educated in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She was initially trained as a physical therapist and ministered in both Canada and South Africa. Upon her return from the missions in South Africa, Sr. Gabriel Mary did theological studies before taking up her current position as Pastoral Assistant in a poor downtown Toronto Parish where she works with the bereaved, sick, and homeless. Come! Join Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddles and experience the richness of the Psalms. To register, call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email [mariawaldcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mariawaldcenter@gmail.com), Register before 5/28/2023 - Cost: \$180.00

**Parish Nurse News** - Happy and Blessed Easter! In good times and very tough times, we know that prayer, joy, and gratitude help us and guide our attitudes! Boost your mental health with positive thoughts, physical activity, and sharing your time with others, especially friends who have experienced tough times recently.