

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, April 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Special Intention in Thanksgiving
Sunday, April 23rd, 10:30 a.m. - David Buzalewski
Saturday, April 29th - 3:30 p.m. - Francis & Jane Skoraszewski
Sunday, April 30th, 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Skimski Family

This year's Lenten Pierogi Sale was a huge success! A thank you to the volunteers of the Pierogi Society who worked hard to make this sale such a success. The Pierogi Society made 1,367 dozen pierogis, or 16,404 individual pierogis! The profit from this year's sales was \$11,300.00. A sincere thank you to all who made this year's sale so successful.

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.

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. Please see the application form for additional details.

Gethsemane Cemetery will be hosting its spring Open House on Saturday and Sunday, May 6th and 7th, 12:00 - 4:00. All are welcome to attend to chat with counselors, walk around the grounds, enjoy the day. We hope to see you then!

Bless This Space – our bereavement group was designed to journey through loss with others. This follow-up group fills a need be seen, to be known, to belong, & to flourish and build relationships that help us to live out our God-given purpose. Please email judyacameron@comcast.net for details about our newest group beginning May 1st.



Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the 2023 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal (BWAC). I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative.

I know that there are many obligations and concerns facing each of you and your families, but, as your Pastor, I want you to know that I support this effort. Every year, the Appeal provides the means to continue the mission that Christ has entrusted to us: to serve, to educate, to care for the poor and marginalized, and to be an inspiration of hope. The ministries, seminarians, retired priests, and programs that benefit from this effort allow us to fulfill our Diocesan Mission which is to be a Roman Catholic Family of Faith, centered in the Holy Eucharist, faithful to the Church's teaching, bringing the Light of Christ to each other, and to our community.

I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BWAC and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,
Father Brian Miller

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33: Peter proposes in short summary the name, work, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. The Church teaches that although some of the authorities of Christ's time bear responsibility for carrying out his execution, this charge must not be laid against all the Jewish people of Jesus' day or of our own. We all are responsible for sin and for our Lord's suffering.

1 Pt 1:17-21: As followers of Jesus, we have been ransomed by his Blood. Through him, we are believers in God who raised Jesus from the dead. Our faith and hope are in him.

Lk 24:13-35: Two disciples who do not recognize Jesus walk with him. Cleopas tells about Jesus-his miracles, Passion, Death, and Resurrection, and the hope Israel had in him. Finally, in the breaking of bread they see that Jesus is with them, truly risen.

Today's Message: Through the blood of Jesus, we have been delivered from the power of sin. We recognize him in the breaking of the bread, the one whom God raised from the dead and who now sits at his right hand forever.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, APRIL 24

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Chapel

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. – Church

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT – 6:00 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

FIRST COMMUNION – 10:00 a.m. - Church

Scripture Readings - For the Week of April 23, 2023

Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Memorial of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Memorial of St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr & St. Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

4:30 Deceased Members of the Flay Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 Mario Bisbano

9:30 John Harner

11:30 Ruth & Jackson Yoder

MONDAY, APRIL 24

7:15 Ralph Orlando (23rd Anniversary)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7:15 James Sconzo (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:15 Al & Maria Franckowiak (59th Wedding Anniversary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

7:15 Lou Siciliano

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

7:15 Alfred & Ellen Evans Family & Hilda Evans Benzel

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 Francis X. McCabe

4:30 Dolores B. Jancuska (9th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 Ernest Dietel

9:30 Marie Marthe Briand

11:30 Anne Pratzner (2nd Anniversary)

For the week of April 23rd



The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Vince Baro

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Ralph Orlando

St. Mary's - Leon & Stella Zerkowski

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/24	Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian
Tuesday 4/25	Rev. Thomas P. Bortz
Wednesday 4/26	Rev. Ronald P. Bowman
Thursday 4/27	Rev. Richard C. Brensinger
Friday 4/28	Rev. Thomas R. Buckley
Saturday 4/29	Rev. Douglas C. Burns, O.S.F.S.

Sponsored by the Commission for Women, all women are invited to join us for an evening of Mass, Adoration, and reflection during the Easter season. The event will take place at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall in Frackville on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 6:00PM-8:00PM and will include Mass, Adoration, talks, and refreshments.

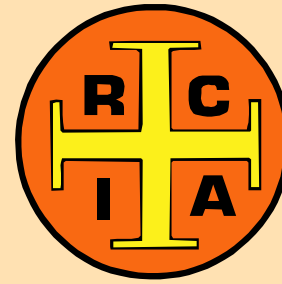
St. Joseph in the Hills Retreat for Men -Men in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to period of refreshment, release, calming, learning, concentrating on the most important gift: your life, a gift from God. The retreat called 'St. Joseph in the Hills' will take place at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, 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.

Holy Family Senior Living Golf Outing - All are invited to support Holy Family Senior Living on June 26, 2023 for a day of golf, fun & fellowship. The outing will be held at Southmoore Golf Club (235 Moorestown Road, Bath, PA 18014). The four-person scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 8:00AM. Golfers can participate for \$125.00 each which includes green fees, cart, food & refreshments on the course, buffet after golf, grab-n-go breakfast, gift for every golfer, and an awards reception.

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. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.

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 Mattmalf11@gmail.com. Cenacle will include Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and discussions on Our Lady of Medjugorje and her messages.

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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Our Parish Family congratulates these "New Catholics" and welcomes them into the faith community of St. Catharine of Siena. God's blessings and heartfelt joy to our new parish members!

Welcome to Our New Catholics!

Catechumens

Araloni Alvarez

Damoni Daglis

Mark Beck

Alivia Watson

Candidates

Isamar Diaz

Paula Padilla

Rosa Laverty

Kaylee Shaye Wadsworth

Dianne Beck

No tickets for the Kentucky Derby? Joins us for A Nite at the Races at Holy Guardian Angels Saturday, May 6th, in the E. Michael Camilli Social Hall. Doors open at 6pm & the races begin at 6:45 pm sharp! Tickets: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door. Be a part of the action - own your own horse for \$20! This is an adult-only event and is BYOB/BYOF. Hats & bowties are optional but encouraged! Sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit www.hgaparish.com for more information, purchase tickets or sponsorships online, or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2216. The deadline for ticket orders is April 28, 2023.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: Charlee Jean & Reese May Ranck

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, Baby Lanzo, 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, 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, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Carolyn Hoffman, Margaret Iuso, Nikki Lyn Kells, Judith M. Koch, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Doug Kroener, 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, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Robert Moyer, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Frank Pingitore, Stella 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, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Milton Vicente, Betty Vilardo, Rex Voelker, 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: Anthony Calvaresi; Monica Zaorski; Jessica Clevestine; Gloria Stoudt** & 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.**

**Save the Date !
CYO Golf Tournament
Friday, May 26th !
More information to follow.**

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.

SCS Knights
1st Annual
Cornhole
Tournament



Saturday, May 6th, 2023

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 Beef BBQ, hot dogs, beer, soda, water,
dog fixings and snacks)

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

**REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE
FOUND AT THE BACK OF THE
CHURCH NEAR THE BULLETINS**

**QUESTIONS ? Contact John Arty
@ (484) 269-4195**

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 or check out the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com for more information.

Parish Nurse News - Sticking to a walking or exercise schedule is challenging. Remind yourself of the many health results-physical and mental-from a good routine! Call it self-care for you and others, including your family. The good example and your improved outlook will positively impact everyone around you!



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, Amy Hendrix, CRNP from Reading Dermatology will speak about "Getting our Skin ready for Summer". Desserts and drinks will be served.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, Pastor, Dave Reinwald will entertain the club with singing and guitar accompaniment. A pizza party is planned in memory of past club president, Carol Buddell.

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.**

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.**