

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, April 29th - 3:30 p.m. - Francis & Jane Skoraszewski
Sunday, April 30th, 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Skimski Family

Saturday, May 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Vince Baro
Sunday, May 7th 10:30 a.m. - Martha Lubas - (39th Anniversary)

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.

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 14th annual. Polish Open Golf Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30pm. The cost is \$90. per golfer and includes. greens fees, cart, refreshments, lunch and dinner, gift and prizes. Proceeds support the Polish American Cultural Center at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. For questions call 610-779-5523. Deadline is June 7, 2023

Consider Giving by Direct Withdraw - Simplify your tithing! Did you know that St. Catharine's offers a Pre-Authorized Direct Contributions program; where you can make your contributions directly on a weekly or monthly basis? We currently have 105 parishioners taking advantage of this program. Their regular contribution is withdrawn, at the interval they choose & deposited into our parish account. This option eliminates paperwork and ensures regular giving. Many of these parishioners still drop an envelope in the basket, and simply check "direct deposit." To enroll or get more information, **contact Diane Sitler at the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.**

Our parish community warmly welcomes those visitors who are attending Mass with us this weekend. All are always invited to join our faith family in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are glad you chose to worship with us, and we look forward to seeing you again!

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

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal*. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41: Peter states that Jesus is the Messiah who was crucified. Peter admonishes the people to reform and be baptized to receive The Holy Spirit.

1 Pt 2:20b-25: Jesus gave an example. He suffered for us. He did no wrong; He did not answer with insults or threats. He died for our sins. By His wounds we are healed.

Jn 10:1-10: Jesus is the "Good Shepherd." He knows His sheep and they know Him. Whoever enters His sheepfold will be safe.

Today's Message: God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through His wounds we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd. Let us listen to his voice and follow Him.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 1

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, MAY 2

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 4

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Church Gathering Area

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING 7:00 p.m. – Knights' Room

FRIDAY, MAY 5

AHG – 5:00-8:00 – Social Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 6

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 30, 2023

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18 or Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

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)

MONDAY, MAY 1

7:15 Florence M. Russo (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, MAY 2

7:15 Bernie Ryan (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:15 Kathleen A. Harris

THURSDAY, MAY 4

7:15 Rickert, Verbosh, Platko Families

FRIDAY, MAY 5

7:15 Nikolas Janezic (12th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MAY 6

8:00 Robert J. Loeper (14th Anniversary)

4:30 Marilyn Clifford

SUNDAY, MAY 7

7:30 Gerald S. Showalter, Jr. (7th Anniversary)

9:30 Edward Jagielski (1st Anniversary)

11:30 Joanne Brenner



For the week of April 30th

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Kathleen A. Harris

Saint Catharine's Chapel - The Deceased Members
of the Wertz & Henry Families

St. Mary's - Leon & Stella Zerkowski

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday, 5/1	Rev. Christopher S. Butera
Tuesday, 5/2	Rev. Msgr. Albert J. Byrne
Wednesday, 5/3	Rev. Floyd Caesar
Thursday, 5/4	Rev. Msgr. Aloysius R. Callaghan
Friday, 5/5	Rev. E. Michael Camilli, M.S.C.
Saturday, 5/6	Rev. Msgr. John S. Campbell

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!

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.

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 **May 10, 2023** at Saint Theresa Church, Hellertown to pray for your loved ones. No registration required. For more information, visit: www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry.

Women's Easter Retreat - 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. To register for this free event, please call 570-874-0610.

Parish Nurse News - Spring is a great time to renew health in mind and body! Strive to be more prayerful, more appreciative, more kind, more smiling, more active, and less stressed. Congratulations to all who embark on new journeys, soon-to-be-graduates, and our First Communicants!

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.

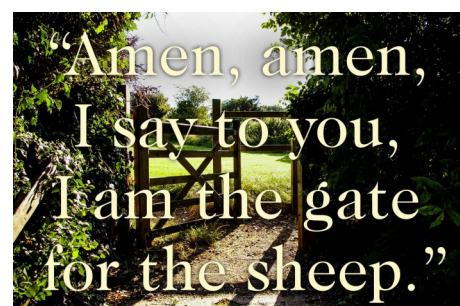
Holy Family Senior Living Golf Outing - All are invited to support Holy Family Senior Living on June 26, 2023 for a day of golf, fun & fellowship. The outing will be held at Southmoore Golf Club (235 Moorestown Road, Bath, PA 18014). The four-person scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 8:00AM. 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! Scency-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.

Ministry to the Sick - Anointing of the Sick Visits to the hospital are made on a regular basis. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or home and would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick. The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all in need of healing.





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: Hazel Franco

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, Del Long, 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, Madeline Mullen, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Frank Pingitore, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, 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, Janet Ustaszewski, Milton Vicente, Betty Vilardo, Rex Voelker, Mark Walter, MaryBeth Werner, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, 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.

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 !
Registration forms will be available soon!

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Paul's Church, on 9th & Walnut Street. The one hour Adoration will be held on first Friday, May 5th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Feed the Priests

This ministry allows you to provide a complete ready-to-eat meal for our Parish Priests by bringing: a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evening meal as your schedule allows.

Through the grace of God our Priests are ordained so that they may bring us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a service to them for these beautiful gifts they bring us, we are starting this new ministry, 'Feed the Priests'.

- On the day you signed up to bring a meal to the Parish Center by 4:00 p.m.
 - Meal will be for 2 priests.
 - Fully cooked ready-to-eat meal.
 - We ask that you put the meal in a disposable container.
 - Include heating instructions if necessary.
 - Example of a full meal would include a salad, meat, starch, vegetable and possibly a dessert.
- Please call Diane at the Parish Center if you can help at 610-779-4005.

**THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR
PARISH AND OUR PRIESTS!**



We would like to thank all the parishioners, SCS Families and staff and Father Miller and Father Kuna and Jeremy Lutz for supporting our 8th Grade fundraisers!!

Sunny's Car Wash allowed all car washes from SCS families to be donated to the 8th Grade Dinner Dance and the Bake Sale was beyond successful.

So many smiling faces as they shopped for their sweets and generous hearts to just give the kids cash donations!!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
Class of 2023 SCS Students and parents!



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, Hurlock, 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.**