

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, May 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Vince Baro
Sunday, May 7th 10:30 a.m. - Martha Lubas - (39th Anniversary)
Saturday, May 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Blessing & Good Health for the Lapa Family
Sunday, May 14th, 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
Thursday, May 18th - 8:00 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Wulkiewicz Family

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

CYO Golf Tournament



**Friday, May 26th
1:00 p.m.**

Reading Country Club

\$95.00 (includes lunch)

Registration forms are on the tables in the Gathering Area.

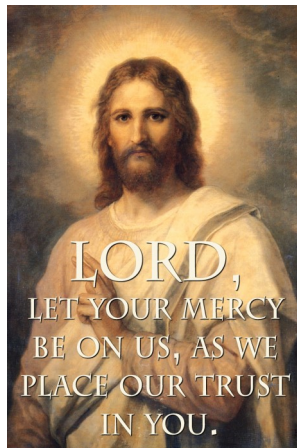
We are need of "Gift Baskets" If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift cards to be included in a basket, please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005. We are also looking for sponsors!

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 18TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Masses will be as follows:

**Wed.- May 17th - Vigil of Ascension Thursday
6:30 p.m. (Chapel)
Ascension Thursday - May 18th**

**7:15 a.m. (Chapel)
8:00 a.m. (St. Mary's)
6:30 p.m. (Chapel)**

PLEASE NOTE: ALL MASSES FOR ASCENSION THURSDAY WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL EXCEPT THE 8:00 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S.



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.

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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7: Since the number of faithful was growing, seven men were proposed as ministers to help in the work of the Church.

1 Pt 2:4-9: Jesus is the cornerstone of the Church. The People of God are living stones. We are a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to proclaim Jesus' good works.

Jn 14:1-12: Jesus assures his Apostles that He is the way, the truth, and the life. The Father lives in Him and He in the Father. Whoever has faith in Jesus will do the works of God.

Today's Message: We are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood" called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 8

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

TUESDAY, MAY 9

MAY PROCESSION – 1:00 p.m. - Chapel

THURSDAY, MAY 11

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SATURDAY, MAY 13

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 7, 2023

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

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Feast of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, and St Damien of Molokai, Priest

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Feast of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs, and Saint Pancras, Martyr

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 6

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

MONDAY, MAY 8

7:15 Lewis Ianni & All Firefighters

TUESDAY, MAY 9

7:15 Charles Wettstein (5th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

7:15 Diane Cerra

THURSDAY, MAY 11

7:15 Angeline Arnidis

FRIDAY, MAY 12

7:15 Puwalski Family

SATURDAY, MAY 13

8:00 Sarah Di Fulvio (11th Anniversary)

4:30 Deceased Members of Cipar-Maslar Families

SUNDAY, MAY 14

7:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

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For the week of May 7th

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Arlene Orlando & Dorothy Milstead

Saint Catharine's Chapel - Doug Kroener

St. Mary's - David & Rita Kasprzak

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/8	Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Chaback
Tuesday 5/9	Rev. Msgr. John G. Chizmar
Wednesday 5/10	Rev. Msgr. Donald W. Cieniewicz
Thursday 5/11	Rev. Richard Clement
Friday 5/12	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Coll
Saturday 5/13	Rev. Remy Coly, M.S.C.

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, 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, Hurluck, 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 Bev Gallo at 610-763-7058 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.**

**JOIN US FOR OUR SCS
RITA'S WEEK IN
MT. PENN**



**MAY 15TH - MAY 18TH
EVERY DAY**

12NOON - 9PM!!!

**PLEASE BRING SLIP WITH YOU.
PUT HOMEROOM TEACHER'S
NAME ON SLIP.**

**% of proceeds will be donated
back to school.**



**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.

FIFTH 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:

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, Gina Ebright, 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, 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, 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: **Father George Winne; John Iswalt**, (husband of Margaret Iswalt); **Joy Strouse** & 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.

Emergency Vehicle Access

We have been reminded to keep the driveway area immediately in front of the main Church free from parked vehicles. This includes the area under the portico as well as the driveway approaches to and from the portico. **Of course, this area will remain available for pick up and drop off**, but vehicles should proceed to designated spaces in the parking lot immediately thereafter. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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.**

Thank You

Financial Stewardship

January 1, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 15,502	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 489,096	\$ 632,367
Year to date deficit	\$ 143,271	
Last Year	\$ 21,413	

January 8, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,544	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 509,640	\$ 655,788
Year to date deficit	\$ 146,148	
Last Year	\$ 17,965	

January 15, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,910	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 529,550	\$ 679,209
Year to date deficit	\$ 149,659	
Last Year	\$ 20,396	

January 22, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,438	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 545,988	\$ 702,630
Year to date deficit	\$ 156,642	
Last Year	\$ 19,791	

January 29, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,447	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 563,435	\$ 726,051
Year to date deficit	\$ 162,616	
Last Year	\$ 26,966	

February 5, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 22,663	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 586,098	\$ 749,472
Year to date deficit	\$ 163,374	
Last Year	\$ 21,565	

February 12, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,242	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 604,340	\$ 772,893
Year to date deficit	\$ 168,553	
Last Year	\$ 19,207	

February 19, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,344	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 621,684	\$ 796,314
Year to date deficit	\$ 174,630	
Last Year	\$ 19,778	

February 26, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,197	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 638,881	\$ 819,735
Year to date deficit	\$ 180,854	
Last Year	\$ 16,444	

March 5, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,225	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 660,106	\$ 843,156
Year to date deficit	\$ 183,050	
Last Year	\$ 23,005	

March 12, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,551	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 679,657	\$ 866,577
Year to date deficit	\$ 186,920	
Last Year	\$ 17,669	

Parish Nurse News - May is Mental Health Month. Promote awareness, help friends and loved ones by advocating for mental health and wellness, seeking assistance and professional help when needed, and decreasing stigma associated with mental health challenges by showing love and support. For more information, see <https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/psychiatry/events/202305/may-mental-health-awareness-month>.

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.

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.