
2026
CHRISTMAS
BOUTIQUE
Friday, Nov. 20: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Unique Holiday Shopping featuring 50 artists and craftsmen
Angelorum Holiday Concert | Friday at 6:30 p.m.
Impressive Gift Basket Raffle
Boutique Bonanza- Win $1,000 and Great Prizes!
100 Swag Bags Saturday beginning at 8:00 a.m.
DELICIOUS HOMEMADE FOODS & TREATS
Half-Price Basket Raffle Tickets (Sat. from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.)
Traditional Turkey Dinner (Friday Only)
St. Mary's Pierogi
Father JV's Spring Rolls
Homemade Potato Filling
Bake Sale & Homemade Christmas Cookies











The Polish American Heritage Assoc. of Berks County will hold its annual Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia Dinner on Sunday, December 13th, at the YR Club, 1029 Thrush Rd., Wyomissing. Doors open at 4:15pm. Cocktail hour (cash bar) and hor d'oeuvres 4:30-5:30pm followed by the sharing of the Christmas wafer, dinner, koledy, dessert, coffee and tea. Members: $60. ; Non-members: $70. For more information and reservations, call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279. after 7:00pm. The deadline for reservations is Dec. 4th. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be handing out goodie bags to children who visit the Polish American Cultural Center, 201 Washington St., Reading, on Saturday, December 12th from 1-3pm. All are welcome!





THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP - 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. & CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Church
LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room
LEADERSHIP MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
GUITAR GROUP – 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
PREP - 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School
PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:30 p.m. – Church

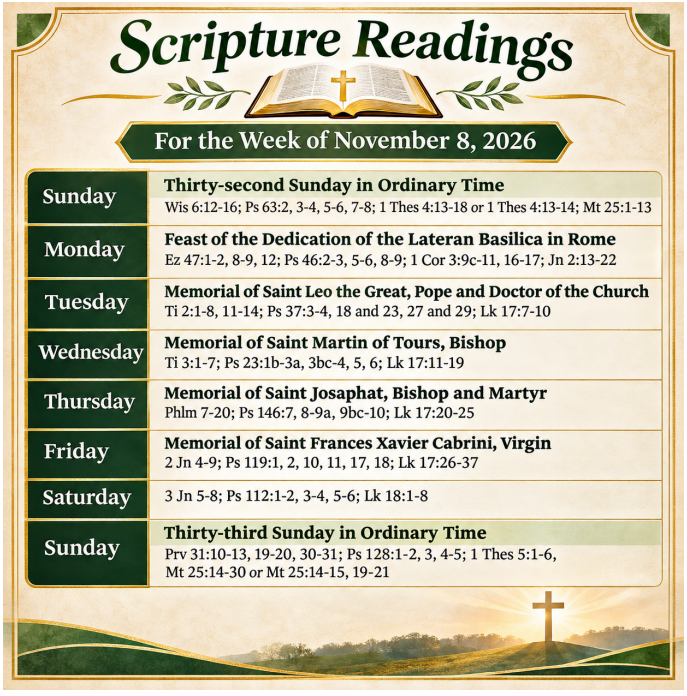
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. -Church
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall
OCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m.- Meeting Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
FAITH & FAMILY COMMITTEE MTG. – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Church
MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 10:15-11:15 a.m. - Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

PROJECT RACHEL HOTLINE: For information and compassionate post-abortion counseling and reconciliation: 1 866-3Rachel.




MAIN CAMPUS 2
JUNE 25-27, 2027
Inviting high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!
Registration is Open
scan the QR code to register
Franciscan University of Steubenville
1235 University Blvd Steubenville, OH 43952
steubenvilleconferences.com/mc2
Registration closes November 30
Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org for more information about attending with your Youth Group!
MINISTRY TEAM
Dcn. Bob Rice
Joel Stepanek
Fr. Brian Fallon
Lauren Wright
John Paul von Arx
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STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCES


THE SCS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ARE HOSTING
ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 6th
(at the SCS SOCIAL HALL)
Visits with Santa and Breakfast will be after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses and will conclude at 11:30 AM
Santa will have a small gift bag for each child visiting with him
BREAKFAST MENU:
Scrambled Egg Casseroles (Plain Egg, Ham & Cheese, and Western Style) • Creamed Chipped Beef • Bacon • Sausage • French Toast Stix
Home Fries • Toast • Coffee • Milk • Juice
The SCS Knights thank you all for your support through the year and wish you and your families all the blessings of this joyous Christmas Season!


DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE
MEN ALIVE IN CHRIST
COME HOME TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
Saturday November 21, 2026
8:00am - 4:00pm
DeSales University Center
2755 Station Avenue
Center Valley, PA 18034
SPEAKERS
FR. DAVE PIVONKA
President, Franciscan University
NATHAN CRANKFIELD
Author & National Speaker
MARK HOUCK
Apologist & Founder of The King's Men
HOLY MASS 4PM W/ BISHOP SCHLERT
CONFESSION AVAILABLE
BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED
Catholic men, renew and strengthen your faith at our annual Men's Conference at DeSales University.
What does it mean to "come home" to Mary?
In a world that often feels chaotic and uncertain, we all long for a place of belonging, peace, and hope. As our spiritual mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary leads us to her Son and invites us to find refuge in the heart of the Church.
Join us for a day of inspiring speakers, prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal as we discover what it means to come home to Mary.
REGISTER HERE
menaliveinchrist.org/events
CONTACT: Mark McDevitt | Email: markmcd@outlook.com | (610) 334-0330


Weekly Collections
October 4, 2026 $23,039
October 11, 2026 $22,620
October 18, 2026 $19,084
October 25, 2026 $19,473
Thank You
to our Parishioners
for your continued generosity and support of our Parish Community!


FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8TH
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of
Madeline & Ben Belltiere
and
Michael Gantert
May they rest in God's eternal peace.

PARISH PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENT



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: **Jaxon Miceli**

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way:

Karin Acuna, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzjewski, Anthony Antonucci, David Austin, Baby Lanzo, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Dolores Bertoti, Joseph Bezak, Jason Beshore, JoAnne Biscanti, Jodi Bixler, Elizabeth Bochenek, Susan Bolognese, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Sandra Brobst, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Connie Burkhart, Jennifer Burrell, Patty Burrell, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Linda Christ, Richard Cunnius, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Amy Dougherty, Alivia, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Harriet Dombrowski, Cory Doyen, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Joe Essig, Bob Finley, Robert Flipping, Kathleen Formando, Deane & Ann Foster, Jocelyn Franek, Geraldine Gamby, Charles Gierschick, Todd Gladfelter, Tom Goerner, Theresa Grabowski, Lillianna Greenberg, Joe Grippe, Charlotte Grauf, David J. Gubernot, Doris Harner, Clara Hartline, Marie Hartranft, Terry Hayward, William M. Hedl, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Carole Hess, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Carolyn Hoffman, John Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Margaret Iuso, Michael & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Lesley Kaminski, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Mary Klick, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Christine T. Kuzio, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Marilyn Leap, Ann Lewandowski, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Donald Ludwig, Aleigha Manderbach, Peter Manolakis, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinozzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Irm Guard & Bill Maxwell, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Susan Miller, Kyle Moore, Christine Motley, Michael Mullen, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Trudy Oliver, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Louise Orlando, Luis Osorio, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, Chris Plue, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Antonio Mark Ramos, Lorraine Ransom, Phyliss Rathman, Peggy Reid, Dave Rickert, Virginia Rivera, Dave Robertshaw, Raven Robinson, Gloria Lynn Romanski, Pat & John Russell, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Barbara Schock, Melvin Schucker, Faye Schultz, Edward Senkowski, Mark Serino, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Shaun Sisk, Joan Skoczen, Anne Smith, Clarence Smith, Amy Spiker, Patricia Soto, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, ***Father Leo Stajkowski***, Andy Strangarity, Jerry Stricker, Marty Strunk, Earl Suchomelly, Laura Sullivan, Kimberly Trigstead, Tom Testa, Danielle Trout, Richard Uliasz, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Roger Wertman, Pat White, Frank White, Marcia Willman, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman

A time to die **Joan Davis**
& 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.

Advent Doors: A Day of Prayer and Reflection December 12, 2026 – 9:30 AM-3:30 PM - "***Behold I stand at the door and knock, if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come to you, dine with you, and remain with you***" (*Revelation 3:20*). You have looked at so many doors with longing, wondering if your life lay on the other side. Today, choose that door that opens to the inside. Travel the most ancient way of all: the path that leads you to the center of your life. We need to follow where God leads, not with certainty but rather to be present where we are. This is the place our God is waiting to meet us; waiting to show us the doors that will incarnate His promise in us. Sr. Nancy Iampietro, a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood, will guide us in our reflection. To Register call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email mariawaldcenter@gmail.com Register before December 9, 2026 Cost for the day [Lunch included]: $40.00

Parish Nurse News - Balance benefits all ages! Fall risk increases after 65, but daily balancing included with activity and strength training is proactive. Some balance exercises are stand on one foot for a time, during phone calls or brushing teeth. Sit to stand without using hands, walk heel-to-toe on a short distance line. Check with healthcare provider as needed, and have fun! (mayoclinic>healthy lifestyles>balance Aug.2024)

A sincere "Thank You" to all of our loyal sponsors, who year after year, continue to support our parish bulletin. Please say "Thanks" to all our sponsors for their generous support and mention their ad when doing business with them.

Hallow

November 9-18

Parables Mediations:
Join Father Miller and fellow parishioners at St. Catharine's to journey with Jesus through meditations on the parables led by Jonathan Roumie, the actor who portrays Jesus in The Chosen. Starting Monday Nov. 9th we will listen about 10-15 minutes each day taking a deeper dive into ten (10) different parables. Available by clicking the Church tab at the bottom of your home screen in the Hallow app. You don't want to miss it. We look forward to learning more and praying with you!!!

Praying for Our Priests

Please join us in praying for the following priests this week.

Monday 11/9	Rev. Richard O. O'Nyamwaro, A.J.
Tuesday 11/10	Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Orsulak
Wednesday 11/11	Rev. Luigi Palmieri
Thursday 11/12	Rev. Gregory Pendergraft, F.S.S.P.
Friday 11/13	Rev. John S. Pendzick
Saturday 11/14	Rev. Dominic Thao Pham

50 Plus Club NEWS

Please call President Bev Gallo for any 50 Plus Club inquiries.
Her phone number is 610-763-7058.
You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Encore's John and Rosa will be providing Medicare updates.
In addition, Bev Bard, Trip Coordinator, will update our members with the 2027 overnight trips!
Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
The Club Christmas party, will be held at St. Catharine's Social Hall!
The party will begin at 12 noon.
$25 for members $27 for non members
Deadline for reservations is November 20th.
Flyers will be available at the November meeting.

TRIPS



Thursday, November 12, 2026
The Christmas Rush, Bird–In-Hand
$110
Please call Bev Bard, 610-763-5654 for additional trip information.

Please call Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 with the names of members who are sick or who 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 St. 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:

Captain David J. Wentling, IV, First Lt. Nicholas A. Wentling,
Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr.,
Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, LT. Nicholas Tomczyk,
Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC Dylan Einfalt, Staff Sgt. Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka,
First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol,
Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, TSgt. 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, 2nd Lt. Jorge Taveras.

Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to diane@scsreadingparish.org.



The 2027 Mass Book is now open

A beautiful way to remember and pray for your loved ones.

In person requests will not be taken at this time.

Please write out your requests (Include the intention, requested by, and date. Also include your name and contact information and a check for the amount due). You can mail, drop them off at the Parish Center or put them in the collection basket. Requests will be dated upon arrival and will be honored to the best of our ability.

The Mass form will be available on the tables in the Gathering area and online.

The offering for each intention is $10.

You may request **two** Mass intentions per deceased; one of which will may be a weekend Mass.

The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you.

If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Parish Center between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at **610-779-4005.**

If you are handicapped or a shut-in, please call the office and we will help you.

The Mass is the most powerful prayer we can offer for our loved ones, living and deceased.

"In the Mass the same Christ who offered Himself on the Cross is present."
— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1367

Please note: We will do our best to accommodate everyone; however, we will be working with a limited amount of Masses and we ask for your patience.

Thank you and God bless!



11th Annual TOY DRIVE

To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

St. Catharine of Siena has agreed to join all our local churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need.

Parents will select toys for their children on December 11, 2026.

A toy collection box will be placed in your building in October.



We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc.
(for ages infant through age 13) and place them in the box **before December 1st.**



We are also seeking gift sets for the older children (14-18).
Art sets, shaving sets, nail care sets, hair care sets, etc.



This event has brought much joy to the families of the Exeter Area Food Pantry for the past ten years, giving parents an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for their children without compromising their ability to keep food on the table.

Last year gifts were provided for **440+ children.**

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact:
Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or
Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480)