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Visit the narthex and grab a bottle or two.



### *Fill It Up*

Fill the bottle with loose change and cash. Checks can be made payable to "Lifeline of Berks County".



### *Return the Bottles*

Check out the return date below and return bottles to the narthex at the specified date.

**Pick up: Sept. 7th & 8th**

**Return: Sept. 14th & 15th**



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Saint Mary's News

Saturday, September 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Diane Cibroski  
Sunday, September 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased of the Szot, Niedzwiecki & Baranowski Families  
Saturday, September 14th - 3:30 p.m. - Lindsey Wagner  
Sunday, September 15th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Sowizdral Family

The Polish American TV Show - Tom Gajewski interviews people from the Polish American Community on BCTV about topics of interest, events and activities every month. The program airs on Comcast Ch 15 and Service Electric Ch 19 as follows: First Tuesday of every month - 7:30 pm - First Wednesday after First Tuesday - 7:30 pm - First Friday after First Tuesday - 1:30 pm - First Monday after First Tuesday - 10:30 am - Second Tuesday - 3:30 pm. Your feedback and/or ideas for future programs is welcome- Call Tom 610 -698-8731.



**Grandparents Day  
September 8, 2024**

**Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents**

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits  
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end.  
Amen!



*St. Catharine of Siena Knights  
of Columbus Presents a*  
***"KNIGHT AT THE RACES"***



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**DINNER STARTING 5:30 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> RACE POST TIME: 6:15 PM**

**St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall  
- 4975 Boyertown Pike**

**COST: \$30.00 per person**

**(Admission includes: Hot Roast Beef & Roast  
Turkey Sliders, French Fries, Cole Slaw,  
Tossed Salad, Homemade Desserts, Snacks, Beer,  
Wine, Soda, Coffee & Water)**

**NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED**

**10 Horse Races - Opportunity to Name a Race Horse-\$5.00**

**Money Wheel - 50/50 Drawing Door Prizes**

**CALL BRYAN SCOLLICK@ 610-823-5193**

**OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW**



***ALL EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCS  
KNIGHTS' CHURCH AND COMMUNITY  
BASED CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS***

*The SCS Knights are grateful and very blessed for your  
historical support of our Council's events. Because of you,  
we are able to contribute to and satisfy many needs within  
our Church and local community. Many thanks !*

**Is 35: 4-7a:** Isaiah speaks of the Messiah's coming. At that time God will come to save His people and bring many blessings to them.

**Jas 2:1-5:** James warns the Christians about showing favoritism to the rich. No one is in a position to judge. God chose those who were poor according to worldly standards to become rich in faith.

**Mk 7:31-37:** The people brought to Jesus a deaf and dumb man to be cured. Taking him aside, Jesus cured him, asking him to keep this a secret. But the man proclaimed the cure all the more. The people were amazed at this power.

**Today's Message:** The advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

**CONFESSIONS -- 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

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

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

PREP OPENING MASS 6:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 7:00 p.m. - Grotto

OCIA (formerly RCIA) – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

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



For the week of September 8th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Marshall &  
David LaGrange & Leo Loeper

St. Mary's - David J. Hafer

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 James Gaffney

4:30 Deceased of the Scarpaci Family

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 Genevieve Fura & Michael C. Fura

9:30 Michael C. Fura & Genevieve Fura

11:30 Jorge Romero (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:15 Dorothy Lins-Wisniewski

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:15 John Kiedeisch

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:15 Michele DiMartino

6:30 p.m. Anthony Pugliese

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:15 Mary Firth (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:15 Barbara A. Sturgis

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 David A. Zoschke (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Pauline Giershick (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:30 Anna Corso (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 William Schott

11:30 William E. Kelleher, Jr. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 8, 2024

#### Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

#### Monday

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

#### Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 6:12-19

#### Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

#### Thursday

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

#### Friday

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

#### Saturday

Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

#### Sunday

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



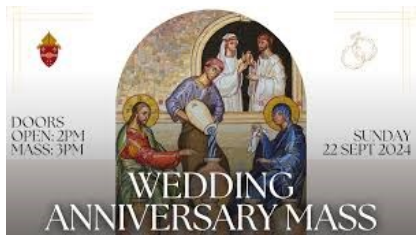
**Bring a chair and meet fellow parishioners at the Grotto to pray the Patriotic Rosary each Thursday evening at 7pm. We will continue this up to the election in November. All are welcome. Rain or shine.**

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 9/9	Rev. Brian M. Miller
Tuesday 9/10	Rev. Ronald J. Minner
Wednesday 9/11	Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski
Thursday 9/12	Rev. Anthony P. Mongiello
Friday 9/13	Rev. Joseph T. Muller, M.S.C.
Saturday 9/14	Rev. Michael E. Mullins

**The 2025 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 24th. In person requests will not be taken during 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 **the weekend of September 21st and will be also available online.** If possible, indicate an alternate date in case your first choice is not available. 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.**

**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.**



**Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** - Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Albert Schlert, will take place in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Doors open at 2 p.m. Please visit the following link to register and for more info: <https://allentowndiocese.org> Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage and Family Life, with questions: [rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org).



**Card Shower!  
Birthday Celebration  
Msgr. James Treston  
turns 90! on  
September 24th**

**Please mail cards to:  
Holy Family Villa  
1325 Prospect Avenue  
Bethlehem, PA 18018**

**Sunday Collection:**

August 4, 2024 -	\$17,488.00
August 11, 2024 -	\$17,870.00
August 18, 2024 -	\$17,590.00
August 25, 2024-	\$16,346.25

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Pennsylvania March for Life** - Assemble on the steps of our state capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, September 23 for the 2024 PA March for Life. There will be a concert at 10am, a rally at 11am, and marching will begin at 12. For more information or to register for updates, visit [marchforlife.org/penns](http://marchforlife.org/penns)

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 & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Richard Albelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Joan Antush, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Steven Barber, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Jason Beshore, Jodi Bixler, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Bruce Brandfon, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhardt, Maria Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Therese (Brenner) Cooney, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Barbara D'Augustino, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Jocelyn Franek, Abby Franey, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Rita Gethmann, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Chuck Holt, Barry Kreisher, Margaret Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Jackie Kopicki, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Bruce Rapp, Nada Rathkey, Phylliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Barbara Schock, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman A Time to die: George Mihalcik & 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: Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, LTJG Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Captain Anthony Bennett, 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 Spiess, 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 [dsidler@comcast.net](mailto:dsidler@comcast.net).***



St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus #14880 understands that times are still difficult for many living here in our community. We feel that no child should be without a warm coat this winter. Over the past several years we have donated cases of coats to students at St. Catharine School and want to continue this charitable event. We are conducting our 2024

Coats for Kids campaign at St. Catharine's and with your help we can keep our youth warm this winter. Through a matching gift from our state council, your donation of \$10.00 will provide coats for 2 children. Please help us with this endeavor. Send your check, made payable to the Knights of Columbus #14880, to: Knights of Columbus #14880, 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606.

**September Food Drive Collection** to support the Kennedy House. The Kennedy House is asking St Catharine's parish as a whole to donate as much food as possible to restock their food pantry for the most needy families here in Berks County. The collection will take place for the month of September. Collection boxes to be located at all exit doors for easy drop off. God bless you all & thank you.

## Join Our Altar Servers at St. Catharine of Siena Parish



50 Plus News

Please call, Acting 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

October 2, 2024: Bingo and hoagies! Refreshments will be served.

Trips

October 21, 2024: Dutch Apple, Music of Patsy Cline \$120 per person.

November 20, 2024: Hunterdon Hills N. J. , Christmas Show \$120 per person.

Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654. For trip information.

Please call Bev Gallo, 610-763-7058 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 Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events months of April, August, and December.

**STAND UP FOR LIFE  
AND LIBERTY**



**At the Berks County Life Chain**

**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

**2:00 to 3:30 PM**

**Penn Avenue, West Reading**

**For more information, contact Pam Snyder at  
610-790-9197**

**Now more ever, please consider taking a public stand, in prayer, with hundreds of like-minded individuals at this critical juncture in our nation's history; before our 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights are stripped away!! Prayer walk takes place Sat. evening Sept. 30, beginning at 5:45 PM at St James Church. Come out to ask for God's blessing on the Chain. Understand that the Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful activity, committed to presenting the truth about abortion and the healing power of Jesus Christ.**



Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?  
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

**The Children's Liturgy is returning!!!**

We are happy to let you know that the Children's Liturgy will return to St. Catharine's in mid-September. This will take place during the 9:30am Mass. We are looking for a few volunteers to be part of a team to help lead the Children's Liturgy once a month. This is a great way to serve our parish, especially if you regularly attend the 9:30am Mass. For more information contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org)

**HELP US BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE**

Baby bottles are available at all church exits this week. Please fill with loose change (or checks can be made out to "Lifeline of Berks County") and return next week. Donated funds will be used to provide free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, parenting classes and more to women and families in need.

**NO BOTTLE?  
NO PROBLEM!**



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