#### ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26: Peter discusses the question of Judas and his replacement. Two were nominated and all prayed. They drew lots and the choice fell to Matthias.

**<u>1Jn 4:11-16</u>**: Christians must have love for one another since the God of love dwells in them. When Jesus is acknowledged, God dwells in that person. God is love.

<u>Jn 17:11b-19:</u> Jesus prays for His followers. They have been looked after and have heard the gospel message from Jesus. He prays that His Father will continue to look after them and guard them from the evil one.

<u>Today's Message</u> - As a witness of Jesus' Resurrection, Matthias is chosen to replace Him "who was destined to be lost". Let us bless the Lord who has so loved us and in whom we are called to love another.

**Exciting news for our Parish** – We just launched an upgraded website with all of your Parish resources and information at your fingertips. Come and visit us at <u>http://</u> <u>www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/</u> Also be sure to find and LIKE us on Facebook too!

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M. AND <u>NO EUCHARISTIC</u> <u>ADORATION.</u>

<u>Gethsemane Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass</u> will be held on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. – Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Commander Daniel M. Simon, Airman First Class Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Staff Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, Airman First Class Domenic Martino, Peter Hinsey, LC. Matthew Pawlik, Thomas Bristol, Ltc. Grant Vaughan, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Sergeant Zachary Wendt, Major Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Captain Jeffrey Van Horn, Lt. Cdr. Allison Rosati Martin, Commander Master Chief Marie Rosati Clark, Lt. Brandon Daughtry, David L. Busch, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Major Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig & Lt. Cdr. Brian Blair. Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to dsitler@comcast.net. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

#### VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/ volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER (800) 791-9209. **Parish Nurse News** - Stress can make menopause feel worse. Reduce stress with exercise, good nutrition, adequate sleep and relaxation. Talk with your doctor about how to manage your symptoms, too (RHS, 2014). Find out more about health and wellness at our Health Fair, May 17th, in the in the Social Hall from 8 till 12 noon!

Bishop John O. Barres will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, December 1st at 4:30 p.m.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS ! 2015 ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA FALL FEST OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Friday evening** of the festival is an adult only focused evening of dinner and music. Only individuals 21 and over will be permitted to purchase tickets for this event and there will be a limited number of tickets.

ADULT DINNER & DANCE (21 Years & Over Only) Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 SCS Social Hall, Rte. 562 in Exeter Township

### **DINNER**

FROM 5:30 – 8:00 PM and then music by

THE UPTOWN BAND (7:30 – 10:30 PM)

Featuring Erich Cawalla & Jenifer Kinder

**Fall Fest Saturday** will be centered on more festival related items....carnival and Fall type food items, games, and "Fall-Season" related crafts for the children.

MORE DETAILS TO COME IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH SUNDAY, MAY 17 CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass HEALTH FAIR- 8 a.m.- 12 noon - Social Hall BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – Church PRAISE & WORSHIP -7 p.m.- Church TEEN BIBLE STUDY- 6 p.m.- Conference Rm. **MONDAY, MAY 18** EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-after the 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m. GRIEFSHARE MTG. - 7 p.m. - Parish Center ULTREYA MTG. - 7:30 p.m. - Social Hall **TUESDAY, MAY 19** BIBLE STUDY- 7:15 p.m.- Church Conference Rm. WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 LEGION OF MARY MTG. – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT MTG. - 7 p.m. - Parish Center **THURSDAY, MAY 21** K OF C MTG. - 7:30 p.m.- Social Hall "SIENA STITCHERS" - 10 a.m. -Gathering Area YOUTH CHOIR – 5 p.m. – Church SUNDAY, MAY 24 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - during the 10:30 Mass

**If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor...You are not alone. There is help.** The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, <u>jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org</u> or 610-289-8900 x 245.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING**... memory writes on every page of the calendar. A support group offering caring presence, strength, and wisdom meets two Mondays a month at St. Catharine's of Siena Church, Mt. Penn 19606, at 7 PM. To register call 610 370-1174.

**Berks Catholic Summer Camps** - Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camp- 3 Great Camps in June: Berks Catholic will be hosting Saints Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camps for grades 1-8, June 15-19. For more information contact Tony Balistrere at 610-374-8361, ext 224 or tbalistrere@berkscatholic.org. Football Camp- August 3,4,5 Contact bhess@berkscatholic.org. For camp information and registration forms go to www.berkscatholic.org



**SAVE THE DATE !!** The SCS Knights of Columbus annual golf outing will be held on **Friday**, **July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Reading Country** 

**Club**. Details to be released in the coming weeks.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MONDAY, MAY 18 6:30 Florence Grimm (5<sup>th</sup> Ann.) 8:00 Eva & Clifford Hoy **TUESDAY, MAY 19** 6:30 Harry Frey 8:00 Edward Gombeda WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 6:30 Salvatore Marabella 8:00 Mason T. Kosmoski (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.) **THURSDAY, MAY 21** 6:30 Raymond A. Kase 8:00 Mary A. Arnold FRIDAY, MAY 22 6:30 Joann Kulp 8:30 Minnie O'Grattis **SATURDAY, MAY 23** 8:00 Erick Makosch 4:00 Julia & David Heifer 6:00 Anthony Cerniglia (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.) SUNDAY, MAY 24 7:30 Paula Patton 9:00 Peter Luchetta 10:30 Joseph & Anne Lomnychuck 12:00 Joseph Salvatore

Readings for the week of May 17, 2015

Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter
v	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103;
	1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19
Monday	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest,
	and Companions, Martyrs
	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11;
	Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or
	Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
	Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
	Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a,
	16-20b; Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;
	Rom 8:22-27; Ps 104; Jn 7:37-39
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday
	Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104;
	1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
	Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or
	Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** - We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal online at www.2015baa.org. Thank you for your support!

#### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/18 Tuesday 5/19 Wednesday 5/20 Thursday 5/21 Friday 5/22 Saturday 5/23 Sunday 5/24 Father Binoy John Kurakalayil Father Dennet Jung Permanent deacons Father Dominik Kalata Father Kiaeta Joseph Kanimea Father David Karns Father Venantius Karobo

**Tonight, May 17th!** Come to St. Catharine's Church, **Boyertown Pike** and play a game in the Social Hall. Next we will go to the Children's Liturgy Room for snacks and discussion regarding our faith. Drop off is 6:00 pm and Pick up is 7:30 pm. Bring Your Bible and invite a Friend. For those who have been confirmed up to  $12^{th}$  grade. \*Parents if you feel you have a  $7^{th}/8^{th}$ grader who wants to engage in a more meaningful study of their faith prior to confirmation contact Jason Bingaman at bing1989@icloud.com. Please also contact Jason if you have a son or daughter interested in joining the group or with any questions about the teen study. Teen Study led by Jason Bingaman and Susan Kopecky.

Youth and Family Bonfire/Pot-Luck end of the year youth ministry party at the church pavilion. All youth of parish 0-18 are invited to attend with their families Sat. May 30th 5:00pm. Last names beginning A-M please bring a side dish, N-Z bring a dessert or salad. We will supply the hotdogs, beverages, smores fixens and paper products. Consider a lawn chair to sit by the fire with. Bring your friends and come celebrate the end of the academic year with food, fun and fresh air. Questions please contact Jason at bing1989@icloud.com

Have you ever looked at those cute little baby outfits and thought how adorable they were, but had no one to buy one for? Well, there are many needy babies here in our area that could use your help. During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be collecting baby gifts at the tables located at the back of the church. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Please help us support life in its beginning days.

**Put on your dancing shoes, and dust off your suspenders and poodle skirts for the "Salve Sock Hop" Saturday, May 30 at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown.** The 1950s-themed dance will celebrate the one-year anniversary of Salve Catholic Young Adult Group of the Lehigh Valley. Young adults (ages 18 to 35) are welcome to join the group for dancing, great music, food, fellowship and prizes for the best 1950s costumes both male and female. The event will start at 8 p.m., with complimentary dance lessons beginning at 7 p.m. Admission for this event is \$10, with proceeds to benefit Catholic Charities' Ecumenical Kitchen. RSVP is requested by Monday, May 18 on website <u>salveyoungadults.org</u>.

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

May 23rd - 4:00 Mass (Church ) Lector– Ursula Pledger Cantor - Kim Kostival **Organist - Dave Kostival** Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - D. O'Hara - S. O'Hara May 23rd - 6:00 Mass (Chapel) Lector - Charles Simcik Cantor- Bryan Scollick Organist - Dave Kostival Altar Servers - H. Paris - C. Paris - M. Partsch May 24th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church) Lector- Paul Essig Altar Servers - E. Pawlik - M. Pawlik - V. Pfeiffenberger May 24th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church) Lector - Sandi Lloyd Guitar Choir Altar Servers - M. Ream - G. Reed - J. Scoboria May 24th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church) Lector - Vince McDevitt **Voices In Praise Organist - Dave Kostival** Altar Servers - E. Simms - C. Simcik - E. Solecki May 24th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church) Lector – Edrie Watson **Cantor - Joseph Schwartz Organist - Dave Kostival** Altar Servers - A. Smith - A. Smith - N. Smith

<u>ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS</u> <u>Week of - May 18th - 23rd</u> 8:00 a.m.– C. Wasievelski & S. Wasievelski - (Mon - Wed.) 8:00a.m.–C. Lavanga & A. Munter - (Thurs–Sat)

The Legion of Mary's Annual Day of Prayer will be on Saturday, June 6th at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville. The theme is contemplating the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. There will be presentations by members of the Legion, time for individual prayer, group discussions, and more, The cost is \$15 and lunch will be served. All are welcome. For more information, please call Lan Nguyen at 484-269-7568 or Joe Akkara at 610-301-5139.

#### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

	May 3	, 201	5	
	Actual	I	Budget	
This Year	\$ 24,749	\$	23,421	
Year to date	\$ 940,442	\$	1,030,344	
Year to date deficit			89,902	
Last Year	\$ 23,106			
	<u>May 10</u>	), 201	5	
	Actual	Budget		
This Year	\$ 19,454	\$	23,421	
Year to date	\$ 959,896	\$	1,053,765	
Year to date deficit			93,869	
Last Year	\$ 19.438			

A sincere "THANK YOU" to our parishioners and visitors who choose to contribute to St. Catharine's. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven"

"a time to be born..."

**Recently Baptized: Camilla Rose Zappacosta** 

**Recently added:** 

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

Paula Abel, Sara Abraham, Anita Adamo, Mike Alfiero, Tony Angello, Anthony & Genevieve Antonucci, Tara Arnold, Barbara Ash, Kathy Barnes, Kailee Baxter, Rev. David Beebe, Harrison Bergstresser, Stella Bickleman, Val Billings, Karen Bird, Catherine Blanchard, Michael & Kim Blair, Charles Bobb, Christina Boehning, Adolph Bomba, Edward Boris, Thomas Brady, Robin Briand, Frank Broga, Kathryn Brubaker, Robert Bruno, Robert Bryden, Emily Buelow, Glenn Burnish, Frances Byrne, Jeannine Caffrey, Peg Cappel, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, John Cavallino, Mark Christ, Nancy Ciccone, Kevin Cleary, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Alycia Cook, Anna Corso, Lisa Costello, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Robin Cuzner, Linda D'Alessandro, Yvania Dawson, Tony DeAngelis, Theresa De Georgio, John Demangone, Julie Denunzio, Melissa DeWees, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, Henry Dolinski, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, Father Michael Drury, Becky & Chuck Drennen, Lu Ann Eyre, Jack Farrell, Pearl Fillman, Jennifer Flook, Frances Ford, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Jean Freeze, Margaret Frisbee, Donny Fry, Kim Furtow, Jeanne Goodwin, Hall, Ken G., Anna Mae Gantert, Helen Gaunt, Jessica Gaydos, Donna Gentry, Grace Gerace, Pat Gerace, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Johanna Goheen, Claire Griffith, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Linda Hall, Beverly Hannahoe, Bob Hamer, Eva Hare, Jason Heckman, Debbie Heberling, William Hedl, Robyn Hefferan, Diane Herbein, Dolores Hildebrand, Melissa Himmelberger, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Michael Hoover, Jeannie Hope, Siegried Hosey, Allison Howard, Jim & Joan Hunsburger, Karen Irey, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Erick Jefferson, Elizabeth Kase, Blake Kauffman, Brad Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehlor, Trey Kelly, Jill Kemp, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Joyce Kleckner, Dolores Klein, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Benjamin Kline, Ginny Koch, Judy Koch, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Konopelski, Mary Koren, Jim Kowalczyk, Jack Kuhn, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Louis & Madeline LeBlanc, Kathleen Light, Sandra Loden, Olivia & Liam Lynch & family, Harriet Madara, Francis Madl, Eleanor Majka, Petrina Mangino, Julia Marason, Bill March, Megan Marino, Tony Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Mathews, Patricia Mc Anally, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Gary McGee, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Edward McKeaney, Charles McMenamin, Rosemarie McMenamin, Abbie McKinney, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, Nicholas Messica, Joseph W. Miller, Kate Mims, Jacob Mower, Goup Toy Moy, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, Cora Nacar, Gordon Newmoyer, Joseph Nicholas, Bill Norquist, Bernie Nowotarski, Virginia O'Brien, Jean Olsefsky, Grace Oliver, William Orth, Sr., Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Peter Pietrzyk, Dolores Pikula, Pat Pinto, Doreen Piscotty, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Ursula Pledger, Anne Poserina, , Potts Family, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Sandra Rambo, Michelle Edythe Ray, Ricky Ricketts, Jack Ritz, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mario Salvatore, AJ & Eddie Scargill, Anne Schaeffer, Gladys Schell, Ann Schweitzer, Beth Serafin, Tom Shaaber, Garth Shannon, David Sharpley, Sr., Rosemary Shollenberger, Albert Shore, Dawn Siderowicz, Janet Smith, Patricia Smoyer, Tyson Snader, Gene Sock, Julie Staber, Pam Stribbling, Helen Strohecker, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Earl Suchomelly, Cullen Sullivan, Carolyn Taraba, Hilda Thomas, Lou Thomas, Grace Thompson, Mary Thorne, John Tittle, Bella Tomalis, Jan Tomalis, Robin Trate, Michael Trivel, Wendy Tustin, Luanna Uhler, Jane Valeriano, Rex Voelker, John Vogel, Henry Von Spreckelsen, Alan Wachowicz, Marie Weber, Christine Wendt, Dave Wentling, Vera & Warren Wert, Leo Woelkers, Hana Yago, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr., Bob Zeiler, Jr. & Mary Zettlemoyer.

...and a time for peace."

#### ...a time to die: Johann Po & 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. <u>Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and prayers are still requested.</u> 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.

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP to Franciscan Univ. Jul 24-26: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope- 1 Peter 3: 15". This is a WONDERFUL opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith & spiritual growth with over 1,200 other attendees. The conference includes bestselling authors and renowned speakers who not only teach, but also motivate, including many EWTN personalities, such as, Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Patrick Madrid, Mike Aquilina and other familiar Catholic Theologians and Apologists. Also includes: Daily Mass, confession and a joyful bus ride. More info on the conference can be found at: http:// www.steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/defending-the -faith-conference#. Previous attendees found this conference to be a significant lift in their spiritual lives. Call Bruce & Alice Swist for information at (610) 468-9506 or b@swist.us.



A New Beginning As you make a new beginning in your life, graduate, Be aware of important things you didn't learn in school: As you pursue your dreams, Remember to take time to help and serve others Even if doing so slows you down a little. As you explore and develop your unique talents, Remain humble. Realizing that your special abilities Are gifts from God. As life hands you challenges, welcome them As ways to become smarter and stronger. As you acquire material things, Know that your most important possessions Are honesty, integrity, And the desire to make a difference. Congratulations, Graduate! May your new path take you where you want to go And also bring you pleasant surprises!

# **50 Plus News**

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on June 3, 2015 at 12:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on June 2, 2015 at 10:00 am.

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JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>: Outdoor Picnic and Bingo at Exeter Community Park from Noon until ???? Cost: \$15.00 members, \$20.00 non-members Contact: Madeline Mullen at 610-370-1298 Deadline for payment is May 28, 2015

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>: Speaker: Cindy Kauffman, History of the Pagoda - enjoy Italian Sandwiches. Dress in Red, White & Blue to celebrate the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

AUGUST 5TH: Singer: Brian Dreibelbis will entertain us, singing and playing the guitar, 50's & 60's music. Make Ice Cream Sundaes

SEPTEMBER 2ND: Chill in the air, make your favorite CHILI recipe to share with all of us. Play Left, Right & Center

#### 2015 TRAVEL PLANS

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE - INSPIRE: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 - Cost: \$75.00

TALL SHIPS, PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN: Friday, June 26, 2015 - Cost: \$76.00

All other trip information is available in the left sided of vestibule of the Church.

For reservations or trip information, please contact Nancy Hoy at 610-779-5409 or Marniece Lepore at 610-603-9023

We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. Our meetings are held at 1:00 P.M. on the first Wednesday of every month at St. Catharine's Social Hall on Route 562 in Exeter Township, dues are \$5.00 per year. ALL ARE WELCOME

Eastern European Food Festival will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 12:00 noon till 6:00 p.m. at Slovak Catholic Sokol Hall, 411 Crestmont Street, Reading. A smorgasbord of tastings food, beer, wine and other delights. Eat in or take out. \*Bring your own containers\*



### School News

Saint Catharine of Siena School has opened enrollment for new students for the 2015-2016 academic year. If you would like a full-time Catholic education for your child, now is the time to visit and register. Call the school office to arrange a tour of our parish school. (610-779-5810)

#### TUITION TRANSFER GRANTS

Saint Catharine of Siena School is excited to announce that the Bishop's Commission on Catholic Schools will offer \$1500 Tuition Transfer Grants to any parishioner who transfers their child into the second to seventh grades from any private or public school. No financial aid forms are required for this two year grant and it is a direct reduction from your school tuition (\$1,000 in year one and \$500 in year two). Saint Catharine of Siena School has been very effective at preparing our children for a successful high school and college experience. Our excellent faculty is dedicated to maximizing the God given potential of each child entrusted to our care in a nurturing family atmosphere. With our small class sizes and many extracurricular activities, your child will have a greater opportunity to participate and lead throughout the year. Saint Catharine of Siena School = Academic Success + Catholic Values - For more information and a tour, please call our Principal Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM or Administrative Assistant Mrs. Maryann Weiser at 610-779-5810.

**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS** - Some scholarships are now available for students who are currently attending a Reading public school and would like to transfer to Saint Catharine of Siena School. In order to qualify, the family's income must meet the requirements of the EITC-OSTC.

Pre-Kindergarten - St. Catharine's Pre-Kindergarten (four-year old program) is located in the school building. Three options are offered: five days full-day, three full-days (M, W, F), or three half-days (M, W, F). The hours are: 8:30 - noon for half-day and 8:30 - 2:30 for full-day. Children can also use the before and after care program if needed. If you are looking for a pre-kindergarten program for your child for the 2015-2016 academic year, call the school office for more information. (610-779-5810)

Age Requirements for Registration.

Pre-Kindergarten: Children must be 4 years of age by October 15, 2015. Kindergarten: Children must be 5 years of age by October 15, 2015. First Grade: Children must be 6 years of age by October 15, 2015 and completed a kindergarten program.

CYO Art Show - The Art Show will be held at the Goggle Works during the month of May. The art will be on display through Friday, May 22. The Goggle Works is open Monday through Sunday 1:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.