<u>Ez 2:2-5 -</u> Ezekiel is selected by God to be a prophet and messenger to the Israelites. When resisted, Ezekiel is to say: "Thus says the Lord God!" In this way they shall see that he is a prophet.

<u>2 Cor 12:7-10</u>: Paul is given a "thorn in the flesh." He asks God for relief and God replies that His grace is sufficient.

Mk 6:1-6: Jesus began to teach in His home synagogue. The people, knowing Mary and Joseph, cannot understand the wisdom Jesus shows and Jesus tells them: "No prophet is without honor except in his native place".

<u>Today's Message</u> - Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by His own relations. Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart, rooted in a self-pride which must give way to weakness and powerlessness.

As of today, our parishioners have raised \$112,081 from 523 parishioners representing 19% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at www.2015baa.org.

ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS

We receive many requests from parishioners to be a godparent or sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Part of that request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of St. Catharine of Siena Parish.

An "active member" of this parish is one who:

- •Is properly registered
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- •If married, must be validly married, i.e.-Married in a Catholic Church
- •If single, must be 16 years of age and received the sacrament of Confirmation
- Participates in parish activities when possible
- •Regularly contributes through the Sunday offertory collection by use of the parish envelope system or direct withdrawal.

While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2015 ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA FALL FEST OCTOBER 16th and 17th, 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 16th, 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!

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

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. There are separate sessions for children or youth. 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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JULY 5

BAPTISMS - 1 p.m. - Church

TEEN BIBLE STUDY – 6 p.m. – Liturgy Rm.

MONDAY, JULY 6

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION –after 7:15 a.m. Mass until 9

SERRA MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

LEGION OF MARY MTG. – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center

SATURDAY, JULY 11

BAPTISM WORKSHOP – 10 a.m.-Parish Center

SUNDAY, JULY 12

TEEN BIBLE STUDY – 6 p.m. – Liturgy Rm.

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.

EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY will continue to accept PERSONAL HYGEINE products and any non-perishable food item on an on-going basis. Bins are located in the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. For more information, please contact Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein at 610-779-6045.

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 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.

<u>Catholic Charities is accepting new clients in the Counseling Program</u>. Service sites include Pottsville, Reading and Allentown. Sliding fee scale for those needing assistance. Contact Teri Dakuginow at 610-435-1541 ext. 334.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 6

7:15 Charles P. McGinley

TUESDAY, JULY 7

7:15 Margaret Cipar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

7:15 Diane Scollick

THURSDAY, JULY 9

7:15 Agnes Marino

FRIDAY, JULY 10

7:15 Alice & Jim McCarron

SATURDAY, JULY 11

8:00 Leroy Fick(1st Anniversary)

4:00 Domenic Martino, Jr.

6:00 James Borst Family

SUNDAY, JULY 12

7:30 Josephine Magazzu (1st Anniversary)

9:00 Joseph H. Miller

10:30 William Kostival (11th Anniversary)

12:00 Larry Wentzel (35th Anniversary)

Readings for the week of July 5, 2015

Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Monday Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and

Companions, Martyrs

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Ps 105;

Mt 10:7-15

Friday Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday Saint Benedict, Abbot

Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Ps 105; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10;

Mk 6:7-13

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

June 21, 2015

		Actual	Budget
This Year	\$	19,281	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$	1,069,495	\$ 1,170,870
Year to date deficit			\$ 101,375

Last Year \$ 19,029

June 28, 2015

	Actual		Budget	
This Year	\$	20,658	\$	23,421
Year to date	\$	1,090,153	\$	1,194,291
Year to date deficit			\$	104,138
Last Vear	\$	19 418		

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

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/6
Tuesday 7/7
Father John McCann
Father John McCaslin
Wednesday 7/8
Father Robert McConaghy
Father Edward McElduff
Friday 7/10
Father John McGinley
Saturday 7/11
Father Timothy McIntire
Sunday 7/12
Father John McNamara

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, 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.

Institute for Catechesis and Formation Course Offering -CAT I-The Creed. An overview of fundamental Catholic teachings based on the founding Symbol of our Faith. This course provides catechists with a foundation in the basic tenets of the Catholic Faith, and is a good starting point leading to further study. The course is highly recommended for Catechists; but everyone is invited to learn more about what it means to say, **I believe**. One Great course — Three locations! Saturdays, July 15 & 25 8:30 AM -12:30 PM at St. Ignatius in Sinking Spring, St. Thomas More in Allentown, a n d Nativity BVMHSin Pottsville.

ICF 101 — Christian Anthropology. This course will examine who God is as the One who seeks to share Himself with His creation. A brief survey of Salvation History will be traced to Jesus Christ, the Redeemer who saves humanity, and teaches us what it means to be a human person. One Great course — Three locations! Saturdays, July 15 & 25 8:30 AM — 12:30 PM at St. Ignatius in Sinking Spring, St. Thomas More in Allentown, and St. Ambrose in Schuylkill Haven. Cost: \$30. To register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/icf. *ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.*

Weekend Mass Schedule

July 11th - 4:00 Mass (Church)

Lector- Dorothy Bixler Cantor - Haley Zambito Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - L. Miller - E. Miller - J. Abramowicz

July 11th - 6:00 Mass (Chapel)

Lector - Heather Adame Cantor- Kim Kostival Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - H. Zambito - K. Zambito - J. Albert

July 12th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Bernie Ryan

Altar Servers - C. Ambrosi - A. Atkins - T. Cronan

July 12th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Ed Smith Cantor- Vince Essig Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Bobb - O. Chiarelli - S. Cortes

July 12th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike McCarthy

Summer Chorale

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - R. Bernas - W. D'Andrea - A. D'Archangelo

July 12th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector – Joanne Pumariega Contemporary Group

Altar Servers - J. Davis - A. Dempsey - E. Ehlert

CYO News

GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The 15th Annual St Catharine's Golf Tournament was held a few weeks ago and we had not only perfect weather but a great time and fellowship! Thank you to all the golfers who participated and or sponsored this year!! Thank you to *Lords and Ladies* for your ongoing tournament sponsorship and thanks to *Gage Personnel* for being our Cart Sponsor.

First Place: Second Place:
Kevin Walker Jeff Zientek
Walt Wooleyhand Barry Zientek
Brandon Sands Don Kozik
Jason Schlott Austin Zientek

Closest to the Pin for Lords and Ladies Shopping

Spree: Brian McHale

Longest Drive Men: Jason Schlott Longest Drive Women: Bernie Wrobel

<u>Volleyball Coach Needed</u> - St. Catharine's CYO is looking for a girls 6-7-8th grade Volleyball Coach for this Fall. If you are interested or know someone interested, please contact Joe Miller at josephcmiller@msn.com

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven" "a time to be born..."

Recently added: Peter Fanticone & Anita & Dick Dunn 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, Diane Becker, Rev. David Beebe, Mario Belanger, 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, Gina Cady, Jeannine Caffrey, Peg Cappel, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, John Cavallino, Mark Christ, Nancy Ciccone, Kevin Cleary, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Anna Corso, Lisa Costello, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Robin Cuzner, Yvania Dawson, Kathy DeAngelo, 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, Josie Farrell, Pearl Fillman, Jennifer Flook, Laurie Flynn, Frances Ford, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Jean Freeze, Margaret Frisbee, Kim Furtow, Jeanne Goodwin Hall, Anna Mae Gantert, Helen Gaunt, Donna Gentry, Grace Gerace, Pat Gerace, Joseph Gierschick, Jr, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Johanna Goheen, Claire Griffith, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, 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, Siegried Hosey, Allison Howard, John Hull, Jim & Joan Hunsburger, Karen Irey, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Erick Jefferson, Blake Kauffman, Brad Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehlor, Trey Kelly, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Joyce Kleckner, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Benjamin Kline, Ginny Koch, Judy Koch, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Konopelski, 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, Mark May, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, John McHale, 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, Ricky Ricketts, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Rita Rose, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Anne Schaeffer, Gladys Schell, Ann Schweitzer, Beth Serafin, Tom Shaaber, Garth Shannon, David Sharpley, Sr., Rosemary Shollenberger, 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, Mary Thorne, John Tittle, Bella Tomalis, Jan Tomalis, Robin Trate, Michael Trivel, Wendy Tustin, Luanna Uhler, Jane Valeriano, Henry Von Spreckelsen, Alan Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Marie Weber, 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: Shirley Perdoch & 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. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and prayers are still requested. 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.



Summer Vacation Bible School will be held August 3rd - 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at St. Catharine's School. The cost is \$15.00 per student. (Ages 5-12). Registrations forms can be

picked up at the school, parish center or at Church.

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Schedule a check up with your doctor for a maintenance check/well visit and to set your heart healthy goals.

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of more volunteers to help clean the Church on the **1st Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.** This is also a good opportunity for Junior High and Senior High Students to get service hours. Please call the Parish Center (610-779-4005) if you can help.

<u>PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY</u> -- plans for a new parish directory are in progress. Photography sessions will take place from August to December. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.



ST. CATHARINE'S TEEN STUDY 2015 Tonight July 5th from 6-7:30pm.

Ages 8th thru 12th grade. Come to St. Catharine's Church, Boyertown Road and play a game of dodgeball in the Social Hall. Next we will go to the Children's Liturgy Room for snacks and discussion regarding our faith. Bring a Bible and invite a friend. *Parents if you feel you have a 7th/8th 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.

50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **September 2, 2015** at 1:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on **September 1, 2015** at 10:00 am.

AUGUST 5TH: MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

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

OCTOBER 7, 2015 - Italian Festival - Covered Dish, Bryan Driebelbis will entertain us with 50 & 60 music.

NOVEMBER 4, 2015 - Chinese Auction & Gift Exchange

DECEMBER 2, 2015 - Christmas Party, the Reading Country Club

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS: Boscov's shopping passes are for sale, \$5.00.

Shop on **October 20, 2015**, the pass will give you 25% off your purchases.

Contact Pat White at 610-582-1437

2015 TRAVEL PLANS

HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE: Wednesday, July 15, 2015

The show is <u>"Twist and Shout" -</u> It will take you on a musical journey back in time with songs from Burt Bacharach, The Beatles, The Four Seasons to the Four Tops! Delicious food, a great show and wonderful people. Price is **\$95.00**. If interested, call parishioners - Nancy Hoy 610-779-5409 or Marniece Lepore 610-603-0923.

RIVER LADY LUNCH CRUISE: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 Tuckerton Seaport & Baymens Museum – \$100.00

LONG ISLAND – HAMPTON, NY: September 24, 25, 26, 2015 - **Cost: \$455.00 -** \$50.00 deposit required

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. <u>ALL ARE WELCOME</u>.

School News



Saint Catharine of Siena School has space available in some grades 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 first 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.

Age Requirements for Registration.

<u>Pre-Kindergarten</u>: Children must be 4 years of age by October 15, 2015. (Pre-K is full.)

<u>Kindergarten:</u> Children must be 5 years of age by October 15, 2015

<u>First Grade</u>: Children must be 6 years of age by October 15, 2015 and completed a kindergarten program.