

Jer 23:1-6: Woe to those who sow evil. Their evil deeds will be punished. Good shepherds will be appointed. There will come a shoot to David in whose days Judah will be saved.

Eph 2:13-18: Paul tells the Ephesians that Christ has brought them together. Jesus has brought peace and reconciliation through His cross.

Mk 6:30-34: Jesus called the apostles aside to rest. Still the people came, so Jesus and the apostles went to a deserted place. Yet the people came.

Today's Message - Jesus, Our Shepherd, nourishes and strengthens us, guiding us in right paths. He is the righteous shoot of David, the peace between Jews and Gentiles, between God and all humanity.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations that offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation today helps restore the Church in the region and build the future in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous in today's Collection. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more about the important projects funded by the collection.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

**2015 ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA FALL FEST
OCTOBER 16th & 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 !

It's Time to Schedule Your Free Portrait Session For The New Parish Directory!

Portrait sessions with Legacy Church Directories will take place at the Church on **August 11-15 & 18-22, September 15-19, October 13-17 & 20-24, November 24-25 & 27-28, and December 1-5.** Scheduling for the November and December dates will begin in September. Each family who sits for a photo session will receive a complimentary portrait and copy of the new directory. Schedule your session online at **www.Church-Directories.com**.

Alternatively, you may sign up after the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass and from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Sunday this weekend & 26th, September 20th, and October 4th. Email karin.36@live.com with questions.

Volunteers Needed!

The ceiling tiles in the Church social hall and kitchen are in need of replacement. We need volunteers to remove/discard the old tiles and help install the new tiles.

Removal of ceiling tiles: Saturday., August 1st at 8:00 a.m.

Installation of new tiles: Saturday, August 15th at 8:00 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus along with McElderry Construction are organizing this project. In addition to the ceiling, we will be painting the walls in the social hall/kitchen and invite any parishioner to help. Many hands make light work.

Breakfast sandwiches, coffee & donuts will be served at 7:45 a.m. for volunteers.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JULY 19

BAPTISMS- 1 p.m. - Church

TEEN BIBLE STUDY – after 12 Noon Mass – Liturgy Rm.

MONDAY, JULY 20

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

ULTREYA – 7:30 p.m. – Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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

FRIDAY, JULY 24

K OF C GOLF TOURNAMENT – 1 p.m.- Reading Country Club

SUNDAY, JULY 26

TEEN BIBLE STUDY- after 12 Noon Mass- Liturgy Rm.

Did you know that Christians are the most persecuted religious group worldwide?

An average of at least 180 Christians around the world are killed each month for their faith (Source: Open Doors USA). The Orange Ribbon campaign has begun to raise attention to the Christians executed at the hands of ISIS. The cause draws on the color orange to represent the jump suits worn by captives of the terrorist group. The campaign comes on the heels of remarks by Pope Francis calling attention to the modern-day persecution of Christians around the world. The Rev. Frank Karwacki, of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Mount Carmel, PA hopes to draw attention to the plight of persecuted Christians by encouraging all to wear orange ribbons and dress in the color. "We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. It's so sad how they are being tortured — we need to get prayer power going" Rev. Frank Karwacki. Orange ribbons and prayers cards will be distributed after all Masses on the weekend of **August 1st & 2nd**. Ribbons for Rescue ribbonsforrescue.com/ is an ecumenical group that was started to show solidarity with the ISIS victims and persecuted everywhere. Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq assyrianaid.org/About_AAS-Iraq.html and The Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena-Iraq are Catholic groups that have been able to take care of more than 200,000 displaced Christians and the Iraqi Christian Relief Council has been able to help more than 130,000 of them through donations. Visit iraqichristianrelief.org/ for monetary donations to assist in their efforts of humanitarian relief, advocacy, education, and prayer. May God bless all those persecuted for their faith.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 20

7:15 Elizabeth Troilo

TUESDAY, JULY 21

7:15 Marilyn Olshefsky

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

7:15 Jim Wolff

THURSDAY, JULY 23

7:15 Dorothy McNaughton (1st Ann.)⁴

FRIDAY, JULY 24

7:15 Joseph & Regina Kastenmaier

SATURDAY, JULY 25

8:00 Lucilee A. Santos (1st Ann.)

4:00 James Szczepanek (5th Ann.)

SUNDAY, JULY 26

7:30 Sydney Long (1st Ann.)

9:00 Irene McCullough (10th Ann.)

10:30 Michael Pelachick (11th Ann.)

12:00 Anna Zmroczek (1st Ann.)

Readings for the week of July 19, 2015

Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
Monday	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	Saint Mary Magdalene Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Saint Bridget, Religious Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

July 5th, 2015

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,662	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 21,662	\$ 23,421
Year to date deficit		\$ 1,759
Last Year	\$ 22,417	

July 12th, 2015

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,927	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 43,589	\$ 46,842
Year to date deficit		\$ 3,253
Last Year	\$ 21,556	

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 7/20	Seminarians
Tuesday 7/21	Father James Morgan
Wednesday 7/22	Msrgr. David Morrison
Thursday 7/23	Msrgr. John Mraz
Friday 7/24	Father Joseph Muller
Saturday 7/25	Msrgr. James Mulligan
Sunday 7/26	Father Michael Mullins



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

- 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.

Sean Wertman Memorial 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, August 8, 2015 @ Exeter Senior High School gyms for boys and girls entering 5th and 6th grades. The purpose is to increase awareness of DXM (cough syrup) abuse and a fundraiser for Teen Challenge Rehab. \$50 per team entrance fee. For sign ups and more info call Roger or Valerie Wertman 610-779-8943 or rogerwertman@yahoo.com Please help this important cause.

Weekend Mass Schedule

July 25th - 4:00 Mass (Church)
Lector- Kathy Brent
Cantor - Jay Yohn
Organist - Joe Schwartz
Altar Servers - J. Hahn - E. Hendrickson - C. Higgins
July 25th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Kathy Lavanga
Altar Servers - J. Iswalt - O. Iswalt - J. Konopelski
July 26th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Bernie Ryan
Cantor- Mollie Ziemba
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - B. Kominick - C. Kominick- P. Kopecky
July 26th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Todd Tomczyk
Summer Chorale
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Headen - N. Krepps - N. Lamp
July 26th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Ursula Pledger
Cantor - Michele Feeney
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Lavanga & D. McAdams

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.

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.

SCRIP generates free money at no additional cost to the buyer. If you shop and use gift cards, purchase them through the SCRIP program. A percent of each sale returns to the parish and school.

Berks Catholic is proud to report that 98 % of the Class of 2015 is going to College. The Admissions Office at Berks Catholic is open all summer for tours, to answer any questions and accept applications. Please contact Nicky Smith at nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 610.374.8361 ext. 244.

St. Benedict 59th Annual Summer Festival will be held on **Saturday, August 1st from 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.** Dinners served from 12 noon till 7:00 pm. There will be fireworks at dusk.

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. Only 350 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on Friday, October 9th during the Extravaganza 2015 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695 or e-mail at Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org

SIXTEENTH 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:

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, Anita & Dick Dunn, Lu Ann Eyre, Peter Fanticone, 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, Siegfried Hosey, Allison Howard, John Hull, Jim & Joan Hunsburger, Karen Irely, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Erick Jefferson, Blake Kauffman, Beth Kase, 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, Madeline LeBlanc, Kathleen Light, Sandra Loden, Michael Lutz, 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 McKeane, 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, Molly Oliver, William Orth, Sr., Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Peter Pietrzyk, Dolores Pikula, Pat Pinto, Doreen Piscotty, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, 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, Julia Wolff, Hana Yago, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr., Bob Zeiler, Jr. & Mary Zettlemoyer.

...and a time for peace.”

...a time to die: Edmund Klatt, (husband of Katharine Klatt)

& 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.

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.

TO HONOR ST. THERESA OF AVILA’S 500th Centenary Anniversary of her birth, The Secular Carmelites are offering an evening on St. Theresa’s Prayer of Recollection will be held on Sunday, August 12th at 7:00 PM at St. Catharine’s. Light refreshments to follow.

Youth News

Interested adults and senior high teens are invited to attend our next planning meeting with Fr. Miller Thurs. July 30th at 7:00 in the Parish Center to discuss the upcoming year’s events and activities. We welcome your input and assistance! **Mark your calendars, get involved and make a difference!**

Kids for Christ (KFC) is a youth ministry within the parish that focuses attention to the 7-11 year old population or roughly 2nd-5th gr youth of the parish. Ideally events and fun activities foster a sense of relationship to Jesus and his Church as well as some service to the community. Events are once a month during the school year. We are currently looking for an interested adult or team of adults to take on this important ministry. We will train and mentor you! You will not be left to do this on your own. If interested please contact Deanna at 610-406-0452 or Julie at 610-370-9290.



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.

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

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.



ST. CATHARINE'S TEEN STUDY 2015

Today, July 19th

****New Time****

Directly after the Noon Mass

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 PLUS 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; **bring some pennies to play.**

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

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

RIVER LADY LUNCH CRUISE: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 – \$100.00. The River Lady is the only true stem wheeler in the state. During this cruise, your captain will present a full historical commentary and a delectable lunch will be served. The River Lady cruises the Toms River and Barnegat Bay of New Jersey. The riverbanks are surrounded by enchanting hills & beautifully manicured lawns & gardens. The homes along the river are uniquely designed, many dating back to the turn of the century. Second part of the trip is to Tuckerton Seaport & Village and Baymen's Museum. This one-of-a kind attraction, in the heart of historic Tuckerton, NJ. brings the maritime traditions of the past & present to life through people, exhibits & hands-on activities. In the Baymen's Museum decoy carvers, boat builders, basket makers, as baymen entertain, educate & delight visitors of all ages. They have a 3/4 mile boardwalk and if you like they have a 1/4 mile nature trail along the Tuckerton "Crik".

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. ALL ARE WELCOME