1Kgs 17:10-16: Elijah asks a poor widow for food and water. Regardless of her dire want, she baked a cake for him. The Lord rewarded her and her son with oil and food for a year.

<u>Heb 9:24-28</u>: Christ entered into heaven to appear before God, not for sacrifice again, but to take away sin by His sacrifice. Christ will not die again but He will come to bring about salvation for those who wait for Him.

Mk 12:38-44: Jesus exposes the scribes who have betrayed their office. The wealthy contribute much to the collection from their surplus but the two coins from the widow are of more value before God.

<u>Today's Message</u> - The Lord provides for Elijah's needs as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege, or excess. In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering Himself to take away our sins.



Our traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. Please gather together with your fellow parishioners and friends in giving thanks to God for His many blessings. There will be songs of praise before Mass, so feel

free to come early and join the singing. Our guitar group will offer the music.

THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-November 23rd - 6:30 & 8 a.m. - Mass

Tuesday, November 24th - 6:30 & 8 a.m.- Mass

Wednesday, Nov., 25th - 6:30 & 8 a.m.-Mass

Vigil of Thanksgiving Mass – 7:00 p.m.- Church

Thanksgiving Day - 9 a.m. Mass in Chapel

No 6:30 or 8 a.m. Mass

Friday, November 27th - 8:30 a.m.. Mass

NO 6:30 A.M.

Please note:

In 2014, there was new legislation enacted changing how Pennsylvania responds to child abuse. In order to be compliant with these many new laws, specifically with Act 153 of 2014, the Diocese of Allentown had to change its policies and procedures.

The new policies require three background checks:

Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check

Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Certificate Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Fingerprint Check

**** Please note that all of these background checks are required for <u>ALL</u> volunteers who have direct contact with children. Each background checks must be repeated every five years.

Also, The Diocese of Allentown requires every volunteer to take a Mandatory Reporters Training Course on online through www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu

Here are some examples but not limited to: CCD/Prep Directors, Coordinators & Teachers CYO Coaches, assistant coaches & team chaperones

Coordinators Youth Ministry & related volunteers

Parents/Guardian/ Grandparents volunteering at school

Knights of Columbus School cafeteria volunteers Girl Scouts/Boys Scouts Leaders American Heritage leaders & volunteers Sunday school teachers

You also are required to attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop if you have not attended one.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

INSCRIPTION SERVICE-12 Noon Mass (Grade 2)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION- after 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.

PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:45 p.m. – School

GRIEFSHARE MTG. -7 p.m.- Parish Center

GUITAR CHOIR - 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

RCIA - 7 p.m. -Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

PREP (LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 PM. -School

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

YOUTH CHOIR -5 p.m. - Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

AMERICAN HERITAGE MTG. - 5:30 p.m. - Parish Center

CUB SCOUTS PACK MTG. - 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

BAPTISM WORKSHOP - 10 a.m. - Parish Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. - Church

2016 Sunday Missals and Advent Supplies are now available in the **Church Store.** Included with the Advent supplies are candles, wreaths, calendars, and the "Little Blue Books" – daily meditations for the Advent/Christmas season. The 2016 Sunday Missals are also available at the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can pick up their Missals in the Priests' Sacristy.

To all those with loved ones buried at Gethsemane Cemetery.

Cemetery personnel will be cleaning the cemetery Monday, November 16th, 2015. By this date, please take all plants, containers, flowers, etc. that you would like to keep. Please refrain from bringing any new decoration out until after Friday, November 20th, 2015.

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.

Do you need help? St. Catharine of Siena, in coordination with Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) wishes to present financial remind evervone that if your circumstances are such that you have the need for some basic needs of help or if you are in need of food for your family, please call SVDP at 610-779-4005. You may also contact the local food pantries in our area. Exeter Food Bank at Reform Lutheran Church, 3670 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606 on the 3rd Friday of the month. Call 610-572-2344 to arrange appointment time. In His Name Pantry, 705 Friedensburg Road, Reading, PA 19606 and call 610-779-4030 to arrange appointment for the 1st Wednesday of the month.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:30 Rita Franco

8:00 Joan Cunningham (1st Ann.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 Neil T. Rieder

8:00 Herb Wetzel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

6:30 Sara & Peter Salino

8:00 Carmen & Rose Ventimiglio

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 William Bryan

8:00 Dick Horrigan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish

8:30 Cora Nacar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 Howard Lins

4:30 Adam Calvaresi (3rd Ann.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 Dr. Paul Flamm (3rd Ann.)

9:00 Loretta A. Domin

10:30 Josephine Lebeduik (2nd Ann.)

12:00 Diane Scollick

Wednesday

Readings for the week of November 8, 2015

Sunday Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28;

Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;

Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday Saint Leo the Great, Pope and

Doctor of the Church

Wis 2:23—3:9;Ps 34; Lk 17:7-10 **Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82;Lk 17:11-19

Thursday Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119; Lk 17:20-25 Friday Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105; Lk 18:1-8 Sunday Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18;

Mk 13:24-32

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Pvt. Erin Pawlik, 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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/9
Tuesday 11/10
Father Joseph Becker
Wednesday 11/11
Father J. Michael Beers
Thursday 11/12
Msgr. Thomas Benestad
Friday 11/13
Father Frans Berkhout
Saturday 11/14
Father Clifton Bishop
Sunday 11/15
Permanent deacons

December portrait appointments for the parish directory are now open. To make an appointment for Nov $24^{\text{th}}-25^{\text{th}}$, $27^{\text{th}}-28^{\text{th}}$ or Dec $2^{\text{nd}}-5^{\text{th}}$, or to change/cancel an existing appt, call 1-888-227-6072 or schedule online at www.church-directories.com. If unable to sit for a portrait, submit your own photo with name caption to support@legacyinspiration.com or Karin.36@live.com by December 1st. Families/individuals who sit for a photo session receive a free directory and portrait. Contact Karin at 610-779-3642 with questions.

Parish Nurse News - If you are grieving the death of a loved one, take extra time for <u>yourself.</u> It will help you cope, and calm and strengthen your emotional well being (Dr. Patti Anewalt, Pathways of Lancaster, 2015).

<u>Local Poverty Relief Collection</u> — the Annual Collection will be taken up on the weekend of November 21-22. The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the Diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ALL INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN OF THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29TH MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirmed Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support for the retired priests of our Diocese by helping for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

MASS TIME CHANGE: Saturday, Mass will be at 4:30 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. Confessions will be at 3:30 until 4:15 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

November 14th - 4:30 Mass (Church)

Lector- Joanne Pumariega

Cantor - Kate Bobb

Organist - Joe Schwartz

Altar Servers - I. Fries - E. Fries - E. Fries November 15th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Melissa Woodard

Altar Servers - M. Feryo - D. Ermentorut - M. Feeney

November 15th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - John Vogel

Guitar Group

Altar Servers- H. Gorman - R. Griffin - M. Griffin November 15th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Ed Smith Voices In Praise

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - N. Griffith - W. Griffith - C. Griffith

November 15th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

 $Lector \hbox{ -} Mike \hbox{ McC arthy}$

Cantor - Haley Zambito

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Hahn - J. Headen - A. Gillner

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of -November 9th- 14th

8:00 a.m.- M. Feeney & G. Donato (Mon - Wed.) 8:00 a.m. - D. Formando & L. Formando - (Thurs., - Saturday) 8:30 a.m. - D. Formando & L. Formando - (Friday Only)

<u>OPEN REGISTRATION</u>- Berks Catholic is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact Nicole Smith to find out all the great opportunities a Berks Catholic education offers. 610.374.8361 nsmith@berkscatholic.org



St. Catharine of Siena School OPEN HOUSE DATES

Open House will be held on Tuesday, November 10 from 9am till 11am and Monday, December 14th

from 9am till 11am. There are some spots open in Kindergarten thru 6th Grade for this school year and New Registration for Pre-K thru 8th Grade for 2016-17 School Year. Please contact the Main Office at 610-779-5810. Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by 10/15/15 and 1st Grade students must be 6 years old by 10/15/15.

TRANSFER GRANTS: An public, private or charter school student who transfer into St. Catharine of Siena School, grades 1 through 7, will receive a Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant of \$1,500 over two school years (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second year).

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven" "a time to be born..." Recently added: Baby Jessica Jara 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, Bob Bates, Kailee Baxter, Diane Becker, Rev. David Beebe, Harrison Bergstresser, Stella Bickleman, Michael Billings, 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, Frances Byrne, Gina Cady, Jeannine Caffrey, Peg Cappel, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Mark Christ, Nancy Ciccone, Kevin Cleary, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Anna Corso, Lisa Costello, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Robin Cuzner, Jean Czapka, Yvania Dawson, Kathy DeAngelo, Tony DeAngelis, Theresa De Georgio, John Demangone, Julie Denunzio, Melissa DeWees, Paula DiBuilda, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, Henry Dolinski, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, Kathy Doyle, Father Michael Drury, Becky & Chuck Drennen, Dick Dunn, Lu Ann Eyre, Peter Fanticone, Jack Farrell, Josie Farrell, Pearl Fillman, Devona Fisher, Jennifer Flook, Laurie Flynn, Frances Ford, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Jean Freeze, Margaret Frisbee, Kim Furtow, Adam Gajewski, Anna Mae Gantert, Helen Gaunt, Donna Gentry, Grace Gerace, Pat Gerace, Joseph Gierschick, Jr, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Ken Goodman, Johanna Goheen, Claire Griffith, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Jeanne Goodwin 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, Siegried Hosey, Allison Howard, John Hull, Karen Irey, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Erick Jefferson, Randy Johns, Blake Kauffman, Beth Kase, Blaine Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehlor, Trey Kelly, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Joyce Kleckner, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Jean Kline, Benjamin Kline, Ginny Koch, Judy Koch, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Kolakowski, Mary Konopelski, Jim Kowalczyk, Jack Kuhn, Mary Kusek, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Kathleen Light, Sandra Loden, Harry Logan, Olivia & Liam Lynch & family, Harriet Madara, Eleanor Majka, Petrina Mangino, Julia Marason, Bill March, Megan Marino, Tony Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Mathews, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Sarah Mc Mahon, Charles McMenamin, Rosemarie McMenamin, Rosemary McNish, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, Nicholas Messica, Joseph W. Miller, Jacob Mower, Goup Toy Moy, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, Madeline Mullen, Patrick & Louise Murtagh, Gordon Newmoyer, Joseph Nicholas, Bill Norquist, Bernie Nowotarski, Virginia O'Brien, Jean Olsefsky, 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, Ursula Pledger, Anne Poserina, Lisa Poslock, 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, Rosalie Snyder, Julie Staber, Pam Stribbling, Helen Strohecker, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Earl Suchomelly, Cullen Sullivan, Carolyn Taraba, Paul Teske, Hilda Thomas, Mary Thorne, John Tittle, Bella Tomalis, Jan Tomalis, Robin Trate, Michael Trivel, Wendy Tustin, Jane Valeriano, Henry Von Spreckelsen, Alan Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Marie Weber, Vera Wert, Leo Woelkers, Julia Wolff, Lana Worrall, Hana Yago, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr., Bob Zeiler, Jr. & Mary Zettlemoyer.

...and a time for peace."

...a time to

& 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.

Church & Chapel Cleaning Crews



Monsignor Domin would like to take a few moments to express our heartfelt thanks for the terrific job our cleaning crews do. From vacuuming to cleaning windows, to dusting pews and straightening hymnals, you give us the gift of your time, week in and week out. Your tireless commitment to make this Parish a better place is a very special gift indeed. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS FROM CATHARINE'S TO BE SAID AT ST. **MARY'S CHURCH**

Saturday, November 14th Wernicki - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 28th - Marie lezzi -3:30 p.m.

CHANGE

CHANGE IN MASS
SCHEDULE FOR ST.
MARY: The Saturday Mass
will be at 3:30 p.m. until further
notice.

50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting (Christmas Party) for the 50+Club will be held on **December 2, 2015.** The board meeting will be held on **December 1, 2015** at 10:00 am.

DECEMBER 2, 2015 - Christmas Party at the Reading Country Club. Doors open at 11:00 AM, dinner served around 12;00, live entertainment from 1:30-3:00

<u>JANUARY 6, 2016</u> - New Year Celebration – Snacks & Appetizers for your table. Speaker: Pat White – Will discussion all the travel trips for 2016

<u>FEBRUARY 3, 2016</u> - <u>Souper bowl</u>, donation of your favorite soup and bread. CAKE and COFFEE, BINGO - BINGO - BINGO, Wear Your Team Colors

MARCH 2, 2016 - St Patrick Day Celebration. Wear your green. Entertainment: Keyboard music to entertain us CAKE and COFFEE, Irish crème for the coffee.

2015 TRAVEL PLANS

Mount Airy Casino: Monday, November 9, 2015, Barbra and Frank Show Cost: \$80.00

<u>Sands Casino</u>: Wednesday, December 9, 2015, Tony Orlando Show Cost: \$75.00

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



The American Heritage Girls Scout Troop will be taking orders for beautiful evergreen Christmas wreaths, garlands and centerpieces. They will arrive just in time for your holiday decorating! See our sample wreath after Mass and

place your order this weekend.

18TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR will be presented by the Women's Club of Exeter Township Sunday, December 6th from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00. For more information, please call 610-779-6506.

National Bible Week begins November 15 through November 21, 2015, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Dei Verbum. This year's theme, "The Bible: A Book for the Family," builds on this year's Synod of Bishops on the Family and Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. Resources for families, e.g., Enthroning the Bible in the Family, Making the Word of God Part of your Home; Resources for parishes, How to Start and Sustain Parish Bible Study; plus various articles and Key Church documents on Sacred Scripture are available at http://www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/

Exeter Township School District has positions available for substitute and regular—part time special education aides (learning support, life skills) in our schools. There are also bus driver positions, van driver positions and full time custodial positions. If interested please apply on the Human Resources page of the district website at www.exeter.k12.pa.us



My name is Debbie Alfireo and on October 14-16, 2016, thousands of women and men will unite and walk 60 miles through our community. The Susan G. Kormen 3-Day is a weekend of hope, as we honor lives lost, celebrate survivors , promote breast cancer research and help bring breast cancer to

those who so desperately need it.

I am walking 60 miles and raising a minimum of \$2,300 in donations. I am determined to meet this personal challenge because too many women and men, and their families, have had to battle this disease.

Please consider making a donation. No donation is too big or too small. If you would like more information on how to make a donation, please email me at alfierod@yahoo.com