

Bar 5:1-9: Baruch tells Jerusalem of God's favor. God will gather the people together that Israel may grow secure in the glory of God. He leads in joy, mercy, and justice.

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11: Paul rejoices in the progress of faith among the Philippians. He is sure that God who began this good work will help it grow. Paul prays that their love may even more abound that they may be rich in harvest.

Lk3:1-6: Luke outlines some historical facts at the time of John the Baptist's preaching. It is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. John prepares the way for the Lord.

Today's Message - The Lord has done great things, leading His people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.

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.

Last chance to have your photo taken for the Church directory will be December 30th and 31st. Appointments are available now at 1-888-227-6072 or www.church-directories.com. Contact Karin with questions at 610-779-3642 or karin.36@live.com.

CHURCH DECORATIONS - VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED, ESPECIALLY MEN, TO BRING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AFTER THE 12 NOON MASS.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Chapel on Saturday, December 19th after the 8 a.m. Mass.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Due to the Holidays, all information for the bulletin must be received in our office as follows: **December 20th, 27th and January 3rd by Friday, December 11th by noon! THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS! Information for the bulletin can be emailed to dsitler@comcast.net.**

45th Annual Carol Pilgrimage at the Churches in Mount Penn Sunday, December 20th - The Pilgrimage begins at 7PM at Pennside Presbyterian, 253 North 25th Street, Mount Penn, proceeds to Faith Lutheran, Trinity UCC, and St. Catharine's RCC. Advent candles are lit at each Church, as prayers are offered and carols are sung. Nativity figures join the procession with each stop along the way, and each Church resents special music. Refreshments follow the event at St. Catharine's school cafeteria. The public is invited.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 7 P.M. -
SAINT CATHARINE'S CHAPEL**

ST. MARY'S VIGIL - 5 P.M.

**FEAST DAY - TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
6:30, 8, 9:30 A.M. - SAINT CATHARINE'S CHAPEL
7 P.M. - CHURCH**

ST. MARY'S - 10 A.M.

Christmas Confession Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 12th & 19th -

3:30-4:15 p.m... - Church;

Monday, December 21st &

Tuesday, December 22nd

4-5 & 7-8 p.m. - Chapel

Christmas Masses

Christmas Vigil - 4 p.m. Church &

4 p.m.. - Chapel ; 7:00 p.m. - Church

***12 Midnight- * Incense - Church - This is the
Choir Mass music starting at 11:30 p.m.***

9:00 p.m. - Saint Mary's

Christmas Day - 8 a.m. - Church

10:00 a.m. - Saint Mary's

***10:30 a.m.* Incense - This is the Guitar Choir
Mass - Church***

Solemnity of Mary - Mass Schedule

New Years Eve - 3:30 p.m. -

Saint Mary's

New Year's Eve- 4:30 p.m.. - Church;

New Year's Day - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. -

Church

New Years Day - 10:00 a.m.- Saint Mary's

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. -Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-7 p.m. Chapel

GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. – Knights' Rm.

SERRA MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

NO RCIA

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION -7 p.m.-Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

YOUTH CHOIR – 5 p.m. – Church

VOICES IN PRAISE – 7 p.m. – Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

CUB PACK MTG. – 6:30 p.m.- Social Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

YOUTH MTG. -(Grades 6-12) 6 p.m.-Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 James E. Kerns (1st Ann.)

8:00 Fern Goheen (1st Ann.)

7:00 Verbosh, Platko, Rickert Fam. - Chapel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30 Jesse Arnold

8:00 Living & Deceased of the Parish

9:30 Sisters of IHM

7:00 Marie & Dan McBride -Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 Raymond T. Kase (3rd Ann.)

8:00 John & Eileen Anderson

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 Joseph, Mary Ann & Mary O'Donnell

8:00 Sophie Parslar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:30 Arthur W. Hill (1st Ann.)

8:30 Jesse Arnold

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 Alois & Rosa Sager

4:30 Nicholas Oliver (11th Ann.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30 Jesse Arnold (1st Ann.)

9:00 Tina & Harley Hayward

10:30 Mary & Harold Reaser

12:00 Evelyn Thren

LIFE AD CAMPAIGN of 2016

Please demonstrate your support for the **Life Ad 2016 Campaign** sponsored by the Catholic Community of Berks County by signing your name to St Catharine's list of supporters. This Life Ad will be published in the Reading Eagle on Friday, January 22, 2016, the anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the United States.

Your donations not only publish this Ad but also provide financial support to St. Mary's Shelter/home. If you are unable to donate at this time, Please consider giving us your signature support. It is important to raise the awareness that many people support the homeless pregnant woman.

Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.

NOTE: Volunteers will be available after Mass this weekend and December 12 & 13 to assist you with your signature information. For an added convenience, you may mail your information to the parish center or drop it in the collection basket. **Please PRINT name clearly. We can only use the following Examples: John Smith, John and Mary Smith or The Smith Family.**

Name: _____

Donation: _____ If you are making a donation by check, please write it to "Life Ad Campaign 2016". Thank you.

Deadline for Campaign: Friday, December, 18, 2015

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2015

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 35:1-10; Ps 89:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;

Mt 11:11-15

Friday Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, an6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7;

Lk 3:10-18

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 12/7	Father Floyd Caesar
Tuesday 12/8	Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan
Wednesday 12/9	Father E. Michael Camilli
Thursday 12/10	Msgr. John Campbell
Friday 12/11	Father Joseph Campion
Saturday 12/12	Father William Campion
Sunday 12/13	Father Thomas Carney

Berks Catholic News

Berks Catholic High School invites you to attend Christmas Vespers, Sunday, December 20th at 4 PM, Franco-Post Auditorium, Admission is Free. Reception with light refreshments will follow in the Wolf Gymnasium.

Immediately following Christmas Vespers, you are welcome to remain with us for a presentation of the Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign, which includes information about our upcoming building projects, by Mr. Tony Balistrere, Principal.

Saints Shoot Out and Cheerleading Clinic- December 29, 2015- For Boys and Girls Grades K-8. Offensive moves for guards and forwards, dribbling moves, shooting, shooting off the dribble, shooting off the pass, and shoot out contest. Please go to the Berks Catholic Website for a registration form. www.berkscatholic.org

Step Up Day, January 28, 2016: 8th Graders are invited to spend the day at BC to get a real feel of what being a freshman will be like. Contact Nicky Smith for more info and to save your spot. nsmith@berkscatholic.org

Open House, January 31, 2016 2-4pm: A terrific opportunity to meet faculty, administration and current students. Our clubs and activities are on display to give you a glimpse into what we are about. It's a real neat experience seeing our community all together.

**Saint Catharine's School
Barnes and Noble Book Fair
Wednesday, December, 9th
from 6:00 till 9:00 p.m.
2571 Paper Mill Road
Wyomissing, PA**

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/9/15 to 12/13/15 by entering Bookfair ID **11772761** at checkout.

Weekend Mass Schedule

December 12th - 4:30 Mass (Church)
Lector- Elizabeth Edmunds
Cantor - Jay Yohn
Organist - Joe Schwartz
Altar Servers - C. Smith - M. Smith - A. Speck
December 13th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Melissa Woodard
Altar Servers - K. Swavely - S. Stratton - M. Stratton
December 6th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John Vogel
Guitar Choir
Altar Servers- S. Stankiewicz- B. Troung - M. Vagnoni
December 13th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Ed Smith
Voices In Praise
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - C. Wasielewski - C. Wasielewski - J. Wentling
December 13th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Chris Marabella
Contemporary Music
Altar Servers - M. Ream - N. Lamp - J. Scoboria

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of - December 7th - 12th

8:00 a.m.- V. Pfeifferberger & K. Amey - (Mon - Wed.)
8:00 a.m. - A. Atkins & M. Griffin - (Thursday - Saturday)
8:30 a.m. - A. Atkins & M. Griffin - (Friday Only)



The Angel Tree

For years the Saint Vincent de Paul Society through Catholic Charities has helped the children with toys and gifts at Christmas. Because of the many other generous organizations, toys are not needed this year. The real necessities for these families to make a better life are needed! So this year in a more practical nature they have asked us to be Angels and provide any monetary gift, large or small for these needs. We will have an Angel Tree in the main gathering area at Church. Anyone can be an angel. Young or old! These donations will go from Catholic Charities to a specific family or individual for anything from a bus token, or shoes, to even help with a water bill or heat. Many are struggling this Holy Season. Please be an "Angel. Your donation will mean so much! Thank you!

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I grateful." Show your appreciation for the Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Recently added: Sue Yapsuga

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, 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, Lisa Costello, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Robin Czner, Jean Czapka, Yvania Dawson, Kathy DeAngelo, Tony DeAngelis, Theresa De Georgio, John Demangone, Julie Denunzio, Melissa DeWees, Paula DiBuilla, 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, Wayne Hedrick, Diane Herbein, Melissa Himmelberger, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Michael Hoover, Siegfried Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Karen Irely, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Baby Jessica Jara, Erick Jefferson, Randy Johns, Blake Kauffman, Beth Kase, Blaine Kegaris, 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 & Amy 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, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Doreen Piscotty, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, 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., Earl Sheetz, 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, John Tittle, Bella Tomalis, Jan Tomalis, 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 die... Dorothy Entzminger; Fabio Gabrielli, (wife of Fran Gabrielli) ; Terence Boyer, (father of Christine Druzba, grandfather of Kendall & Zachary Druzba); Frank Formando, Jr. , (father of Frank C. Formando & grandfather of Dominic & Luca Formando)

& 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.

SCS SCHOOL NEWS

Open House - Saint Catharine of Siena School will host an “Open House” on Monday, December 14, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. for parents of prospective students. Come, see SCS in action and learn about the many programs available. We look forward to welcoming you!

Long-term Substitute Position - Saint Catharine of Siena School is seeking a qualified substitute for math and computer classes during the second semester. If interested, please email a resume to Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM (altbscs@ptd.net) or call the school office (610-779-5810).

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.

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

Saturday, December 12th - Carl & Marie Heins - 3:30 p.m.

New York City Bus Trip to see the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes Show! -Wednesday, December 16th. Bus departs from Douglassville at 7:45 a.m. and leaves New York at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$112.00 per person for show & bus. Please call Maria Bunch for more information or tickets at 610-582-4632.

Parish Nurse News- Protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu. Flu activity peaks between Dec. and Feb., there is still time to be vaccinated! Check with your doctor or nurse, and ask about the pneumonia vaccine for older adults and those with medical conditions (ReadingHealthSystem, Nov-Dec, 2015).



Special Evening for All Men of St. Catharine Siena
& St Mary's
to
Celebrate Advent

The Knights of Columbus wish to invite all men of both parishes to a Special Event to celebrate the Joy of the Advent Season. The dinner and service will be held on Wednesday December 16th. A not to be missed meal provided by the Knights of Columbus of chicken, meatballs, rigatoni, salad, rolls, soda, beer and coffee with desert will be served. Social Hall : 4975 Boyertown Pike, Dinner @ 6:00 pm - **No Cost** - Service @ 7:30 pm. Msgr. Domin leads the service and homily that will truly get you in the Spirit of the Season. The event will end around 8:15 pm. **RSVP required by 12/13**, please email George Violand at gvioland@ptd.net

50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting (Christmas Party) for the 50+ Club will be held on **January 6, 2016**. The board meeting will be held on **January 5, 2016** at 10:00 am.

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

FEBRUARY 3, 2016 - **Souper bowl**, 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

Sands Casino: Wednesday, December 9, 2015
Tony Orlando Show **Cost: \$75.00**

2016 TRAVEL PLANS

Chesapeake City, MD: Tuesday, March 8th
Progressive Dine Around in Chesapeake City, Md starting with soup & salad at Bakers restaurant in Elton Md. Main course at the Chesapeake Inn with your choice of entrees...a little shopping plus a scenic tour of the surrounding area & tour of Thoroughbred Horse Farms then Kilby Creamy for dessert. **Cost:** \$95.00 per person.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse: Thursday, April 28th, Neil Simons "Rumors" High Society! High Crimes! High Comedy! **Cost:** \$88.50
Call Pat White 610-581-1437 for more information

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**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Upcoming Events

HELP WARM THE HOMELESS! Sunday, Dec. 13th/6-8pm in Social Hall - All Junior and Senior High parishioners (6-12 grade) are invited. Join in the CHRISTMAS GIVING SPIRIT with your friends in creating/making warm blankets and in providing warm socks for those most in need. This event will be **fun** and is **free**! Dinner is provided too. **Sign-up with Sue Kopecky at skjovinhim4life@gmail.com or 610-370-0557.** Bring a friend, a sharp pair of scissors (if you have one) and your Christmas Spirit to make a difference for the needy.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CAROLING PILGRIMAGE! Sunday, Dec. 20th/Starts at 5pm at Parish Center - All Junior and Senior High youth are invited. Come and bring your friends, for dinner and a Christmas movie before the pilgrimage to/ from the Mt. Penn churches begins. Our church always provides the 'Wise Men' for this annual ecumenical event, so we especially look forward to seeing some TALL young men. This is another **fun and free** event and a joy to be part of. Please RSVP to Mrs. Stratton @ 610-406-0452. **SEE YOU THERE**

SENIOR HIGH, D.C., MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP! LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE - Friday, Jan. 22nd / 6:30 am at St Columbkil Church- All youth parishioners, grades 9-12, are invited to an amazing witness of our faith and be a voice for the voiceless. **KIDS** - Midterms are over! So begin your weekend on Friday and join Father Brian and thousands of teens, as you march from 'The Mall' to the Supreme Court building exercising your civil liberties for the rights and the lives of the tiniest among us. A special discounted price of **\$25** provides you the bus ride to D.C. and back again from St. Columbkil Church, morning refreshments and a buffet dinner. This event will quickly sell out, so call Sharon today at 610-370-5572 for more info and to reserve your seat. All you need to do is pack your lunch, wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Also looking for a few chaperones who will be free of charge in gratitude for your service. Please make sure you have Protecting God's Children clearances. Look for permission slips on the website, at the parish center and in the back of church at our youth table. **This is one event not to miss!**

01/17 **LaserQuest!** "Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war" Psalm 144:1 Meet after the 10:30 Mass in the social hall for carpools. See if you can beat Fr. Miller! Lunch will be provided. Pick up will be at LaserQuest 1:30. Cost \$10 and permission slip. Open to all Jr and Sr high youth. Looking for some adult carpool volunteers. Must have Protecting God's Children Clearances. RSVP to Mrs. Wright by 01/13 @ 610-370-9290.

02/06 and 02/07 Serve the hungry at the **Kennedy Soup Kitchen**. "For I was Hungry and you gave me something to eat" Matthew 25:35. Open to all Jr and Sr high youth. Save the dates and time 9:00am-1:00pm. Free, will need a permission slip. More information to follow soon.

02/26-28 **FIAT RETREAT!** Open to all senior high youth! Promises to be something extra special. Fr. Lamb will be returning to help Fr. Miller and our wonderful team of teen and adult volunteers help our participants go a little deeper in developing their relationship with the Lord this up coming Lenten season. *Not to be missed!* Mark you calendars now. More information to follow soon.