

THE HOLY FAMILY

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 –NEW YEAR'S EVE

MASS – 4:30 P.M. - CHURCH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1-NEW YEAR'S DAY

MASS – 8 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. – CHURCH

GIVE THE GIFT OF 'SELF' TO PREP - As you are in the holiday spirit and thinking of giving gifts, remember the best kind of gifts often come without having to pay any cash! Our PREP program is looking for one or more adults or even willing high school students, who like working with children and have 1 1/2 hours of time to donate 3 times a month this Jan., Feb., March and April as an aide. No prior experience is needed, just a willingness to help with attendance and to be an extra set of hands in the classroom when needed. Adults will need to have, or else complete, the 'Protecting God's Children' program. Give Connie Fry a call with any ?s or for more details at 610-944-0732. ***Thank you for considering giving the gift of YOURSELF!***

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY Consider joining the Bible Study Group when we begin **ISRAEL'S STORY—PART ONE** This study explores Old Testament history, theology, and stories from the creation accounts of Genesis to the fall of the Northern Kingdom and its prophets. This study provides wonderful background information to help you listen to the readings of the Old Testament with “new ears” and understanding. This 7 week session begins on Thursday evening, Feb.4, 7:15 pm, Church Meeting Room. To register please Call Terry Mscichowski 610-779-0999 by Jan. 19.

Please join us in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Monday at 8:45 PM prior to Eucharistic Adoration closing. The Chaplet will be prayed on each day of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the entire Year of Mercy. All are welcome!!! If you are interested in leading any of the Chaplets please reply to scsparishcouncil@gmail.com.

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.

Parish Nurse News - Smile!! Exercise those facial muscles, it is a known stress reliever! Laugh aloud, everyday, even if it is just to yourself! Just try it, then make it one of your New Year's resolutions!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 Valeria Kalinowski

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 Dr. Sal Corso (2nd Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 James Reaser (2nd Ann.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 Sean Wertman (1st Ann.)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:30 Richard Auman (13th Ann.) Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

8:00 Helen Impink

10:30 Paul Arnold

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 David G. Borst

4:30 Sandy & Tony Rambo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 Joyce Marr

9:00 Martha Safko (17th Ann.)

10:30 Rita Franco

12:00 Stanley J. Ustaszewski (2nd Ann.)

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2015

Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52
Monday	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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 12/28	Father Charles Dene
Tuesday 12/29	Deceased Father William Dermott
Wednesday 12/30	Msgr. Thomas Derzack
Thursday 12/31	Msgr. Joseph DeSantis
Friday 1/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Saturday 1/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Sunday 1/3	Bishop of Allentown John Barres

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.

Catholic High School Scholarships– Eight grade parishioners attending Catholic, public or private elementary or middle school are invited to apply for a one-year \$1,000 scholarship to attend one of the eight Catholic High Schools of the Diocese of Allentown. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement; involvement in extracurricular activities; services to school, parish and community; and pastor and principal recommendations. Applications forms are available on line at www.scsreading.org. Completed applications must be submitted to the school by January 8, 2016.

If a Prenatal Diagnosis identifies a possible disability...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 a poor prenatal diagnosis. **For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org** or 610-289-8900 x 42.

OFFICE NOTES: Please help us to keep your records updated by calling the parish office with any changes in your marital or family status, change of address or phone, etc. This is more than a one step process and we want to do everything possible to make sure your records are kept accurate. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Please email dsitler@comcast.net with any changes or call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005.

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 2nd - 4:30 Mass (Church)

Lector - Dorothy Bixler
Cantor– Bryan Scollick
Organist - Joe Schwartz
Altar Servers - K. Hodgson - R. Hodgson - S. Hodgson

January 3rd- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector– Jim Snyder
Altar Servers - N. Krepps - V. McDevitt - S. McDevitt

January 3rd - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Barry Hannahoe
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - A. McElderry - E. McElderry - G. McElderry

January 3rd- 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Todd Tomczyk
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - D. McAdams - J. Konopelski - A. Gillner

January 3rd - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Heather Adame
Cantor - Leah Rile
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Miller - L. Miller - A. Nguyen

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of December 28th - January 2nd

8:00 a.m.– S. Hodgson & H. Keperling - (Monday - Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. –C. Kominick & C. Nguyen - (Thursday & Saturday)

YOUTH NEWS

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. 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 . **This is one event not to miss!**

01/17 **Laser Quest!** "Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war" Psalm 144:1 Meet after the 12:00 Mass in the social hall for carpools. See if you can beat Fr. Miller! Lunch will be provided. Pick up will be at LaserQuest 4:00. 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.

THE HOLY FAMILY

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, 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 Cuzner, Jean Czapka, Yvania Dawson, Kathy DeAngelo, Tony DeAngelis, 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, 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 Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehler, 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, Kelly Lynch & family, Harriet Madara, Eleanor Majka, Petrina Mangino, Julia Marason, Bill March, Megan Marino, Tony Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Ron Marshman, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Mathews, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, 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, 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, Sue Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr., Bob Zeiler, Jr. & Mary Zettlemoyer.

...and a time for peace.”

...a time to die...

& 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.

Photo Directory - The 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. If you cannot attend a portrait sitting, you may submit your own nonprofessional photo with name caption to support@legacyinspiration.com by **12/30/15**. Contact Karin with questions at 610-779-3642 or karin.36@live.com.

Contact information for all parishioners will be listed in the back of the new parish directory. Any parishioner who does not want their information listed should contact Karin at 610-779-3642 or karin.36@live.com by 12/30/15.

The poor can never take a holiday. Please remember them by your contributions in the poor boxes. **The “Poor Box”** is located at the main entrance of the Church. The money is used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the needy families of our parish. Thanks to all those who have been using it.

Thank you from Monsignor Domin, & Father Miller, Msgr. Treston to everyone who sent cards, greetings, gifts, and goodies. May God continue to bless you in the New Year!

Scheduling of Mass Intentions

It has been a longstanding tradition in the Church to accept a donation for a Mass to be celebrated for the intentions of a person, living or deceased. The donation for a Mass is \$10. Frequently family members desire to schedule Masses for specific days and times, and, as much as possible, we try to accommodate such requests. So that all parishioners may have equal access to desired dates and times for Masses, the following guidelines are followed:

1. Mass intentions with no particular date desired can be requested at any time.
2. Requests are on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. No more than 3 requests for the scheduling of particular dates per deceased and only 3 weekend Masses if more than 1 deceased is being remembered.
4. Mass intentions are not accepted for Christmas, Easter Triduum, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Requests of Mass intentions can be made during regular office hours.

MASS BOOK - 2017 - The Mass Book for 2017 will be open the third week in **January**. You may stop by to make your requests Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **January 6, 2016** at 1:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on **January 5, 2016** at 10:00 am. **MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2016 ARE DUE - \$5.00. THANK YOU.**

JANUARY 6, 2016 – **New Year Celebration** – snacks and appetizers for your table. Speaker: Pat White – will discuss all the travel trips for 2016. Cake and coffee will be served.

FEBRUARY 3, 2016 – **Souper Bowl**, donation of your favorite soup or bread. Bingo-Bingo-Bingo- Cake and coffee will be served.

MARCH 2, 2016 – **St Patrick Day Celebration** – **WEAR YOUR GREEN.** Entertainment: Keyboard music -Cake and coffee will be served.

2016 TRAVEL PLANS

Chesapeake City, MD: Tuesday March 8th, Progressive Dine Around 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 per person. For trip information or reservations please contact Pat White at 610-581-1437.

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**

Saint Catharine of Siena School News

Service Projects – St. Catharine's students have been active in several service projects during the holiday season. The annual Thanksgiving food drive provided cartons of food items for St. Joseph Pantry. Classes have adopted families through the Red Cross for Christmas gifts. Snacks and food items have been collected for the Senior Citizens through Berks Encore and for the military. We appreciate the generosity of our students and families for helping those in need throughout our Reading area.

Positions Available

Saint Catharine of Siena School is seeking two teachers for long-term substitute positions:

1. Fifth Grade – starting after Christmas break
2. Computers and Grade 8 Math – 7 weeks during the second semester

If interested, please send a resume to Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM at tballistyscs@gmail.com. For more information, call the school office at 610-779-5810.

Catholic Schools Week January 31 – February 6

Open House – Sunday, January 31, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 2, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Guided tours for parents of prospective students and families of current students will be given on Sunday. Open House on Tuesday is for new students and their families. New registrations for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade will be taken.

Pre-Kindergarten – St. Catharine's Pre-Kindergarten is located in the school building. Three options are offered: five days full-day, three days full-day (M, W, F), or three days half-day (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 2016-2017 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, 2016.

Kindergarten: Children must be 5 years of age by October 15, 2016.

First Grade: Children must be 6 years of age by October 15, 2016.

Any questions, please call Mrs. Maryann Weiser at 610-779-5810.

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.