

Saint Mary's News

St. Mary's Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan., 18th - No Mass
Wednesday, Jan., 20th - 8:00 a.m. - Mary Ely
Saturday, Jan., 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Samuel
Russo - (9th Anniversary)
Sunday, Jan., 24th - 10:00 a.m. - Deceased
Members of Jermac Family

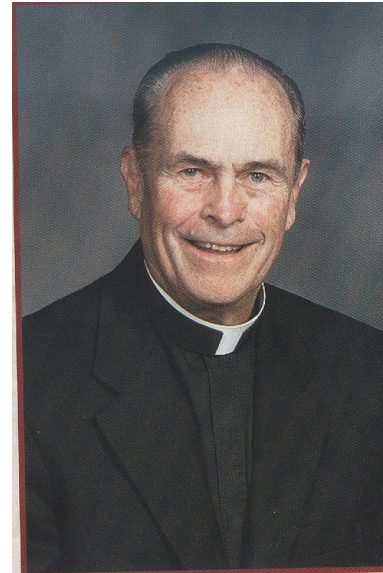
The St. Mary Rectory will be open on
Wednesdays from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM on
Wednesdays; Ann Nachurski will be at the rectory
during that time period to handle the business of St.
Mary parishioners who cannot make it down to St.
Catharine's. Otherwise, all of St. Mary's business
will be handled out of St. Catharine's Parish Center
located at 2427 Perkiomen Ave, Reading,
PA 19606. Their phone number is 610-779-4005.

The Lenten Pierogi Society will begin
its labors on Monday, January 25 from
9:00AM to 12:00PM in the lower hall and
meet each Monday and Tuesday
through Lent. Help is needed if we wish
this popular fundraiser to continue. Male
or female, young or old, please help.

St. Mary's Choir is in great need of choristers and
cantors. If you wish to dedicate your time and
talent, please call Evelyn Kuter at 610-473-0203.

Those in Need of 2015 statements of
contributions to the parish for income tax
purposes should write/print the word
"statement" on their Sunday envelope where it
will be plainly seen. These statements will be
put in the back of the Church for pickup. If you
need your statement mailed, please enclose a
self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Monsignor Joseph P.T. Smith Hall Dedication



*Your are cordially invited to attend
the blessing and dedication of our
Social Hall in honor of*

*Monsignor Joseph P.T. Smith
Saturday, February 20, 2016
Mass 4:30 p.m.*

Celebrant - Msgr. Smith

*Immediately following
the 4:30 p.m. Mass*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5: "Zion," "Jerusalem," is the people of God and God describes His love and concern for us in terms of the joy of a bridegroom.

1 Cor 12:4-11: The gifts of God come from the same Spirit. The gifts are diverse but the Spirit is one; and the gifts are given to unite not separate us.

Jn2:1:11: Christ the Lord reveals His glory, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Today's Message - At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of His signs, revealing His glory to His disciples, and later to the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as He chooses.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER - 8:45 p.m.

NO PREP

GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

RCIA -7 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

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

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

UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT MTG. -7 p.m.- Parish Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

"SIENA STITCHERS"- 10 a.m. – Gathering Area

K OF C MTG. – 7:30 p.m. – Knights' Room

YOUTH CHOIR -5 p.m. – Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

HOME & SCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER- 4-8 p.m.-Social

Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

CHILDREN'S LITURGY-during the 10:30 Mass

Time is running out to sign up for **ISRAEL'S STORY PART I**. The Bible Study group would love to have you join us during Lent. During this Study we will be guided thru the creation stories in Genesis to the Israelites' captivity in Egypt, from king David to the prophets. This 7 week session begins on Thursday evening, Feb. 4, 7:15 pm in the Church Meeting Room. Please call Terry Mscichowski (610-779-0999) and **register by Jan. 19**.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 George Dracoules

8:00 Dorothy Majeski (1st Ann.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 William Bellus

8:00 Patricia A. Drexler

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

6:30 D. Regina Skrincosky (10th Ann.)

8:00 Helen Herman (1st Ann.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish

8:00 Robert A. Frazier

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 Jerry Grauman

8:30 Josephine Iwanowski

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 Ralph Mason

4:30 Thomas Fry (4th Ann.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 Teddy Schalk (22nd Ann.)

9:00 Jennie J. Palkon

10:30 Jordan Jermacans (10th Ann.)

12:00 Earl Heintz (5th Ann.)

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2016

Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
Monday	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, and 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, and 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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 1/18	Father John Fisher
Tuesday 1/19	Msgr. Robert Forst
Wednesday 1/20	Permanent deacons
Thursday 1/21	Father John Frink
Friday 1/22	Father Kevin Gallagher
Saturday 1/23	Father Daniel Gambet
Sunday 1/24	Father Joseph Ganser

PLEASE NOTE - The Mass Book for 2017 will open this Monday. You may stop by to make your requests **Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Institute for Catechesis and Formation Course Offering — 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! Tuesdays, January 19, 26, February 2 & 9, 2016; 7—9pm at Berks Catholic HS, Bethlehem Catholic HS, or Marian HS. 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.*

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING! DO YOU HAVE A "HEART" FOR ROMANCE? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend provides a face-to-face, heart—to—heart encounter with the one you've decided to spend your life with! For information and dates call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

Parish Nurse News - At times of serious illness or death in the family, children and teens look to adults for cues. Help them feel included, talk openly about change and prepare them for what they will see when visiting someone who is ill (Pathways Center for Grief and Loss).

Are you unemployed, underemployed, or know someone who is? At our next meeting, the Berks County chapter of Joseph's People will have a session on clarifying your career goals. The meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 at St. Catharine of Siena Parish Center, 2427 Perkiomen Ave. in Reading. Information: josephspeople.org or send e-mail to atticus0621@gmail.com.

Do you knit, crochet, or want to learn? Come join the Siena Stitchers! We meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Church gathering area. Yarn donations are always welcome.

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 23rd - 4:30 Mass (Church)

Lector - George Violand

Cantor— Kim Kostival

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - R. Bernas - O. Chiarelli - K. Amey

January 24th- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector— Paul Essig

Altar Servers - A. Dempsey - T. Cronan - D. Dougherty

January 24th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Theresa Pauley

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - P. Donato - A. Donato - G. Donato

January 24th- 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Jim Keane

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Feeney - M. Feryo - H. Gorman

January 24th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Rose Anne Uhrig

Cantor - Haley Zambito

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - E. Fries - E. Fries - I. Fries

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of January 18th - 23rd

8:00 a.m.— A. Atkins & O. Chiarelli - (Monday - Wednesday)

8:00 a.m.—S. Cortes & G. Donato - (Thursday & Saturday)

8:30 a.m.—S. Cortes & G. Donato - (Friday)

YOUTH NEWS

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 Senior High Youth Retreat! Presented by senior high youth from your parish just like you and Fr. Miller. Will be held at Camp Sankanac. \$50 includes your accommodations, food and fun. Do something extra special this Lent. You won't regret it! Special guest appearance by Fr. Lamb. Sign up now and tell your friends.

The Angel Tree

Saint Vincent de Paul Society through Catholic Charities will continue to have the Angel Tree at the Church. 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. 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. Please be an "Angel. **Your donation will mean so much! Thank you!**

SECOND 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: George Krick, Gene Sock, Thomas Weaver & Robert Grauert, Sr.

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, Melanie Bechtel, Diane Becker, Rev. David Beebe, Harrison Bergstresser, Stella Bickleman, Val Billings, Karen Bird, Catherine Blanchard, Michael & Kim Blair, 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, 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, Blake Kauffman, Beth Kase, Blaine Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehlror, 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 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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 *Michael Schwartz*, (son of Cheryl Schwartz) &

***Theresa Schlaffer*, (mother of Joseph J. Schlaffer, & grandmother of Joseph A. Schlaffer)**

& 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.

Get your raffle tickets!

To Benefit St. Catharine of Siena School

Ticket Cost: \$25 Each or 5/\$100

1st Prize - \$3,000

2nd Prize - \$1,500

3rd Prize - \$1,000

4th - 5th Prizes - \$600

6th - 7th Prizes - \$300

8th - 9th Prizes - \$100

**Every Ticket Purchased Gains Entry For ONE Person To Our Special Not-To-Be-Missed Party Event –
Where The Raffle Winners Will Be Announced Over Complimentary Food/Drinks/Dancing -
Saturday, February 20, 2016, 7:00-10:00 P.M. (Social Hall)**

*****Silent Auction and Chinese Auction*****

**TICKETS ON SALE AT IN THE GATHERING AREA BY THE CRYING ROOM
BEFORE AND AFTER EVERY SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASS**

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your giving record for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. **If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form.** You can also email with your request anytime at dsitler@comcast.net. **If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement. Statements will be not be ready until the week of the 25th.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **February 3, 2016** at 1:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on **February 2, 2016** at 10:00 am.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2016 ARE DUE - \$5.00. THANK YOU

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.

APRIL 6, 2016 – **Speaker - Mary Beth Krauchuk, Health Issues and Tips**. Play – Left, Right and Center. Cake and Coffee will be served.

2016 TRAVEL PLANS

Chesapeake City, MD: Tuesday, March 8, 2016- Progressive Dine Around in Chesapeake City, MD and a tour of Thoroughbred Horse Farms then Kilby Creamy for dessert. **Cost: \$95.00 per person**

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse: Thursday, April 28, 2016
Neil Simons "Rumors" High Society! High Crimes! High Comedy!
Cost: \$88.50 per person

Chanticlear Gardens tour: Wednesday, May 25th, American Treasure tour in Oaks, PA – buffet lunch; American Treasure Museum tram ride (2hr). **Cost: \$98.00 per person**

All other trip information is available in the left side of the Church vestibule.. For reservations or additional information, contact: Pat White (610) 582-1437

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

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.

WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: TARGET, WALMART, LOWE'S, HOME DEPOT, CVS, AMAZON, APPLEBEES, STARBUCKS, WAWA, DUNKIN DONUTS, RED ROBIN, PANERA, OLIVE GARDEN, RED LOBSTER. ADDITIONALLY WE ARE OFFERING LOCAL RESTAURANT SCRIP FROM THE FOLLOWING: ALEBRIJE, ANTHONY'S, ESPOSITO'S/FIESTA MEXICANA, FRANK'S PIZZA, KLINGER'S, AUSTIN'S, GNA, RUSSO'S, VIVA/TOSCANI (INCLUDES THE NEW EXETER LOCATION), THE WORKS/BLDG 24/BALLOCALITY, UNIQUE DESSERTS. PLEASE SEE A VOLUNTEER AT THE SCRIP TABLE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONTACT CRISTINA SCHMEHL, SCRIP COORDINATOR @ SCHSAC@VERIZON.NET.

Collection of new or gently used children's mittens, hats, gloves & boots will be taken through February 28th. Bins are located at the back doors in the Church. St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generosity!

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.