

Saint Mary's News

St. Mary's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 7th - 8:00 a.m. - Francis & Victoria Schwenk
Wednesday, March 9th, - 8:00 a.m. - Regina Wrobel
Friday, March 11th - 12:00 noon - Hattie Kompa
Saturday, March 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Alexandra Zajac
Sunday, March 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Helga & Olga Choborova

Lenten Mass & Stations: Mass and Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 12:00 noon on Fridays during lent.

Cemetery Clean Up - Spring clean-up will begin soon at the cemetery. Anyone who wants to save their Christmas decorations are asked to take them home now.

Altar Flowers & Palms: There will be no designated second collection for this offering. Please return your envelope anytime in the regular Sunday collection between now and Easter. These offerings are used to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary year round, except for Christmas and Easter.

Easter Plants for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$10 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. Please print name clearly.

The St. Mary Rectory will be open on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. 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. Their phone number is 610-779-4005.

The Lenten Pierogi Society will continue its labors on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the Lower Hall during Lent. (weather permitting) Help is needed if we wish this popular fundraiser to be successful.

Pierogi Sale : Pierogi will be on sale every Friday through and including March 18th in the Lower Hall of Saint Mary's School building from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Potato, sauerkraut, and cheese pierogis will sell for \$8.00 per dozen. (weather permitting) Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$3.00 per cup. **Anyone who can help sell pierogies, please call the rectory on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. and let us know if you can help.**

SECOND COLLECTION - "ALMSGIVING" - During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs : March 6th, St. Francis Home; March 13th, Rice Bowl; March 20th - St. Mary's Shelter. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

Please note: Our email has changed: Please email to stmarypolishrcc@gmail.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, March 12th.

Who can receive the Anointing of the Sick? This sacrament may be received by anyone who has a chronic, serious illness, by anyone preparing for major surgery, or by anyone in danger of death. The Sacrament may be repeated every time a person becomes seriously ill or when their condition worsens. Finally, Anointing of the Sick is intended for those who are "at the hour of their death," because along with Reconciliation and Viaticum, Anointing of the Sick is one of the Sacraments that prepare us for our Heavenly Home.

Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elder of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.—John 5:14-15

Confirmation Inscription Prayer Service: Sunday, March 13th during the noon Mass to be followed by the meeting. This is for any 7th grade student wishing to be confirmed in the fall of this year should attend this important meeting accompanied by a parent. Any questions, please call Lorraine Gajewski, Coordinator at 610-779-4499.

Men of Saint Catharine's Weekend Retreat! We are having a parish "2nd Annual Gentlemen's Retreat" the weekend of April 8,9 & 10th 2016 at IHM Spirituality Center at The Villa Maria House of Studies in Immaculata, PA. Our spiritual director will be Father Miller. For additional information contact Craig Wolf at 610-507-5158 or Rob Katzenmoyer at 610-451-9267.

NOTICE: Any person over the age of 18 who received First Communion and needs to be confirmed please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005. These adults will receive Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th. The one day mandatory workshop will be Saturday, April 23rd.

11th ANNUAL PRAISE & WORSHIP AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - PLEASE JOIN US AT THE 11TH ANNUAL HEALING MASS PRECEDED BY PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC AND FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION AND HEALING SERVICE. THE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON APRIL 3RD AT ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA CHURCH, BOYERTOWN PIKE. JOIN US IN PRAISING THE LORD WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. AND MASS AT 7:00 P.M. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS UPLIFTING AND SOLEMN SERVICE. THIS MASS DOES COUNT AS YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jos 5:9a, 10-12: The people of God celebrate the Passover in the promised land, and as a sign that they are "home," the manna from heaven is no longer provided.

2 Cor 5:17-21: Christ, the ambassador, reconciles all to God. Our transgressions find forgiveness in Him so that we might become the very holiness of God.

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32: Our loving Father is always ready to forgive the truly repentant.

Today's Message - Having arrived in the promise land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God Our Father.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – Church
PGC WORKSHOP- 10:30 a.m. – J.P.T. Smith Social Hall
CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 7

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET-8:45 p.m.
PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:45 p.m.- School
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center
SERRA MTG.- 7 p.m. – Parish Center
GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

RCIA -7 p.m. – Parish Center
1ST COMM. MTG. -7 p.m. Prep/School- Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS – after 8 a.m. Mass
PREP – (LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 p.m. –School
LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m.- Parish Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

YOUTH CHOIR- 5 p.m. – Church
VOICES IN PRAISE-7 p.m. – Church
LENTEN PRAYER SERIES – 7 p.m.- Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7 p.m. –Church
CUB PACK MTG. – 6:30 p.m. – J.P.T. Smith Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET –J.P.T. Smith Social Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass
CONFIRMATION INSCRIPTION SERVICE-12 Noon Mass

Attention all "NIGHT OWLS" -And everyone who gives a "HOOT" about Vocations! The Serra Club of Reading will be holding a Nocturnal Adoration for Vocations at Holy Guardian Angels Chapel, 3121 Kutztown Road, (Chapel door is on the left of the Church as you enter the lot) on Friday night, March 11th, beginning after the 7 PM stations of the cross and continuing all night until 8 AM Mass Saturday the 12th. Please join us in thanksgiving for the Priests, Deacons and Religious who serve us today, for those faithfully departed, for the seminarians and novices in formation, and for an increase in Vocations for our Diocese! Our Lord gave us but one command when it comes to Vocations...PRAY! Your sacrifice will yield a wonderful gift- Our Lord will not be outdone in His generosity! For more information, please check out the Reading Serra webpage www.readingserraclub.org, or call Steve Hahn at 610-779-8477. May Our Lord continue to bless your Lenten journey!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 Patricia Volz
8:00 Julia Heifer

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 Clare Fox
8:00 Sarah DiFulvio

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 Maryanne Suhovic
8:00 William Reid (1st Ann.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

6:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish
8:00 John Leier

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

6:30 James M. Andorker, Sr.
8:30 Edward Watkins

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 Joann Sabo
4:30 Anthony Gallagher

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 Elizabeth Buday
9:00 Dennis McCloskey (1st Ann.)
10:30 Helen Herman
12:00 John Gerhard

Readings for the Week of March 6, 2016

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday	Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Saint John of God, Religious
	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
	Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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 Hinsy, 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 3/7	Father Gregory Karpyn
Tuesday 3/8	Father Richard Kennedy
Wednesday 3/9	Father Martin Kern
Thursday 3/10	Father Joel Kiefer
Friday 3/11	Father Wayne Killian
Saturday 3/12	Msgr. Nevin Klinger
Sunday 3/13	Father G. Jose Kochuparambil

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

January 24, 2016

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ snow storm	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 648,117	\$ 726,051
Year to date deficit		\$ 77,934
Last Year	\$ 22,324	

January 31, 2016

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 33,691*	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 681,808	\$ 749,472
Year to date deficit		\$ 67,664
Last Year	\$ 23,541	

* Two weeks together

February 7, 2016

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 24,845	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 706,653	\$ 772,893
Year to date deficit		\$ 66,240
Last Year	\$ 22,282	

February 14, 2016

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,991	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 726,644	\$ 796,314
Year to date deficit		\$ 69,670
Last Year	\$ 18,492	

February 21, 2016

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 23,916	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 750,560	\$ 819,735
Year to date deficit		\$ 69,175
Last Year	\$ 18,289	

February 28, 2016

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,018	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 771,578	\$ 843,156
Year to date deficit		\$ 71,578
Last Year	\$ 23,541	

A sincere "THANK YOU" to our parishioners and visitors who choose to contribute to St. Catharine's. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Weekend Mass Schedule

March 12th - 4:30 Mass (Church)
Lector - Elizabeth Edmunds
Cantor- Jay Yohn
Organist - David Kostival
Altar Servers - C. Griffith - N., Griffith - W. Griffith

March 13th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Melissa Woodard
Altar Servers - C. Higgins - J. Konopelski - D. McAdams

March 13th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - George Violand
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - M. Griffin - R. Griffin - H. Keperling

March 13th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Karen Zuczek
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Headen - J. Iswalt - O. Iswalt

March 13th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Chris Marabella
Cantor - Michele Feeney
Cantor - David Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Hendrickson - P. Kopecky - A. Kline

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of March 7th - 12th

8:00 a.m.- G. Donato & M. Feeney - (Monday - Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. - E. Fernandez & E. Fries - (Thursday & Saturday)
8:30 a.m... - E. Fernandez & E. Fries - (Friday)

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To:

Kathleen McCarthy: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 Morning Session: 9:00 - 11:30 AM Evening Session: 7:00 - 9:00 PM - *Morning Session* will include Conference, Exposition of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. *Evening Session* will include Liturgy of the Hours, Conference, and Healing Prayer Service with Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction. Come to one or both sessions! There are two separate programs; if you miss one you are welcome to come to the other session. To register for an event contact: **Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508 .**

olme@olme.org at 610-582-3333 at www.olme.org

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND! YOUR GENEROUS DONATION WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

Please Note: April 10th blood drive is moved to Sunday May 29th due to a Miller Keystone schedule conflict.

Nacel Open Door is looking for host families for several international students who would like to attend Berks Catholic High School for the upcoming school year. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous monthly hosting stipend. If you have room in your heart and home, and for more information, please contact Angela Gable [610-698-2647](tel:610-698-2647), or agableNOD@gmail.com

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Recently added: *Beverly Bansner & Baby Samuel E. Jones*
& **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, Susan Brennan, Robin Briand, Frank Broga, Kathryn Brubaker, Robert Bruno, Robert Bryden, Emily Buelow, Frances Byrne, Gina Cady, Jeannine Caffrey, Peg Cappel, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Brianna Chery, 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, Jennifer Devlin, 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, Gina Ebright, 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, Frank Gill, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Ken Goodman, Johanna Goheen, Robert Grauert, Sr., 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, Janice Hossler, Michael Hoover, Siegrid 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 Kehler, 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, George Krick, Jack Kuhn, Mary Kusek, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Kathleen Light, Sandra Loden, Harry Logan, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Harriet Madara, Eleanor Majka, Petrina Mangino, Julia Marason, Angela Marroccoli, Ron Marshman, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Mathews, Chris McCarron, Thomas McCarthy, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Edward McKeane, Abbie McKinney, Charles McMenemy, Rosemarie McMenemy, Rosemary McNish, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, Nicholas Messica, Jacob Mower, Goup Toy Moy, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, 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, Mary Ryan, Anne Schaeffer, Gladys Schell, Ann Schweitzer, Beth Serafin, Tom Shaaber, Garth Shannon, David Sharpley, Sr., Earl Sheetz, Dawn Siderowicz, Connie Sitler, Janet Smith, Patricia Smoyer, Tyson Snader, Gene Sock, Julie Staber, Pam Stribbling, Helen Strohecker, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Earl Suchomely, Cullen Sullivan, Carolyn Taraba, Paul Teske, Hilda Thomas, John Thorne, 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: *Father Michael Briggman; Msgr. James Mulligan &*

Catherine Bellis, (grandmother of Mary King, great grandmother of Mary Catherine, Carolyn, Elizabeth, Thomas & Kathleen Dolan)

& 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.

Food Drive



Next Weekend - March 12th & 13th - St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Food Drive - "I never though this would happen to us." These are the words we hear

from your fellow parishioners as they accept food from the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive. They are proud people, just like you and me. It's often hard to accept these bags of groceries to put food on their shelves, yet they know right now, because of circumstances they must. Your help is **next weekend** to help give these needy families food. Please bring your non-perishables to Church. The food will be given the next day to help feed them and their children. God bless you in advance for your generosity.

Passion & Purpose for Marriage - The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to host author Dr. Allen Hunt from Matthew Kelly's organization, Dynamic Catholic, on April 16, 2016, at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Orefield from 10 am - 2:30 pm with an optional Mass at 8:30 am. Dr. Hunt will explore topics such as *What's the most important word in a marriage? What is really going on in your wife's head? What do you wish your husband knew about you?* Whether married, engaged, dating, or discerning, you will discover key ingredients to healthy and happy relationships. The day includes an introduction by Bishop John Barres and music by George Lower. Come and strengthen your marriage! Refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$25 per ticket. For tickets, visit dynamiccatholic.com/Orefield or call 859-980-7900. Questions? Call 610-289-8900 or email mflf@allentowndiocese.org.

Saint Mary's in Reading has a Latin Mass the third Sunday of every month at 12:30 p.m.

Save the date: (Vacation Bible School) Get ready for a life changing adventure taking place right here at St. Catharine of Siena School; June 27th - July 1st.

Parish Nurse News—Power Up! Our daily activities, biking around the block, or dancing in the kitchen, put our problem-solving potential into high gear. Exercise increases our creativity! Thinking of it as fun helps stop the overeating afterward (BH&G, 2014..thanks to an interested reader!)

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.

Prepare for Holy Week With the Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women Novena The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women invites you to join a special novena from March 15-23 to pray for Bishop Barres' vision for the diocese as set forth in his newly announced Aspirational Goals. This custom novena intertwines the ambitions of our bishop for our diocese with similar themes for personal spiritual growth. Ending just before Holy Week, this is a great way to personally prepare for the holiest of times in the holiest of seasons while supporting Bishop Barres in prayer. For the full text of the Aspirational Goals and to have the novena intentions delivered to your inbox daily please visit <http://tinyurl.com/CFWnovena>.



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

LENTEN FISH FRY

March 18th

From 5 - 7 pm @ the SCS Social Hall

**TICKETS ON SALE AFTER EACH MASS
& AT THE PARISH CENTER**

Something New !

The Knights will conduct a drawing at the end of each respective Fish Fry to award a single \$300 catholic education voucher. A special ticket will be issued at the Fish Fry to each student who attends and has purchased the applicable Fish Fry dinner ticket. The winning St. Catharine of Siena or Berks Catholic High School student will have the \$300 award applied to the eligible student's pre-school through 12th grade tuition. The award remittance will be paid directly to the respective school reducing the student's tuition. Tickets for a chance at the prize will be available at the ticket table during each Fish Fry. Although attendance at the respective Fish Fry is required, you need not be present at the time of the drawing to win. The SCS Knights will notify you of the award.

EASTER EGG HUNT sponsored by SCS Knights of Columbus

The event is to be held on Saturday, March 26 beginning at 9AM at the SCS picnic grove (and will be moved to the Social Hall if it rains or snows) There will be a prize for the winner in each of the following age groups: Age 1-2 years - Age 3-4 years - Age 5-7 years - Age 8-10 years. Come and hunt for eggs ! ...you'll be surprised for what you find inside!

Mark your calendars: The 6th SCS Knights of Columbus golf outing benefiting our local charities will be held at the Reading CC on Friday, July 29th. Shot gun start @ 1:00 and dinner at the SCS Social Hall to follow.

If you are interested in becoming a SCS Knight, please contact Dave Auchter , Dave Gibney or any current Knight. We will be glad to discuss what we are about and our mission.

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **April 6, 2016**. The board meeting will be held on **April 5, 2016** at 10:00 am. Call Mike Mullen, President of 50+ Club at (610) 370-1298, with any questions or concerns. MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2016 ARE DUE \$5.00
THANK YOU

APRIL 6, 2016 – Speaker: Mary Beth Krauchuk to speak on Health issues and tips. CAKE and COFFEE - Play Left, Right & Center or Bingo

May 4, 2016 – Speaker: Mary Kay Bernosky- “Women In Crisis” - Collect donation or free will offerings for basic items/needs of the organization. Snacks for the table will be provided by the club. CAKE and COFFEE

June 8, 2016 – Outdoor Picnic, details to follow

2016 TRAVEL PLANS

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse: Thursday, April 28th, Neil Simons - "Rumors" High Society! High Crimes! High Comedy! **Cost:** \$88.50

Chanticleer Gardens: Wednesday, May 25th, American Treasure Tour & Lunch. **Cost:** \$98.00 per person.

Bucks County Playhouse: Wednesday, June 29th, “The Buddy Holly Story”, and lunch at Marsha Brown's (a renovated church). **Cost:** \$113.00 per person. Final payment due: June 1, 2016
Call Pat White 610-582-1437 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 News

Lenten Greetings!!! Our next Little Angels & Kids for Christ Youth Ministry event is Saturday, March 19th from 10:30-11:30 at St. Catharine's Smith Hall. We will continue the Lenten tradition of Soft Pretzel Baking!!! Bring something yummy for dipping and we'll have the rest! Please RSVP to Heather & Shaun Keperling @ Keperling@icee.org.

3/13 Movie and Ice Cream Sundies! Open to all 6-12th gr. Free, bring your friends from the community. See scsreading.org for permission slip. RSVP deadline 3/12.

4/9 Diocese Youth Rally, Rise Up: UNITED! 1-8pm at Berks Catholic. Open to all 8-12thgr youth. \$15 includes dinner and T-shirt. Register with our Parish see scsreading.org for permission slip. **Deadline 3/18.**

6/24-26 Steubenville Youth Conference at St John University in NYC. Save the date!! Open to all current 8-12th gr. More information to come soon!