

Saint Mary's News

St. Mary's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 14th - 8:00 a.m. - Joseph Kowalczyk
Wednesday, March 16th, - 8:00 a.m. - Jozef Mietelski
Friday, March 18th - 12:00 noon - Leonard Kazmierczak
Saturday, March 19th - 3:30 p.m. - Violet Maksimowitz
Sunday, March 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Clarence Jablonski

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.**

Latin Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, March 20th in the Church.

St. Mary R.C. Church - Hamburg, PA Paschal Food Festival will be hold on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ethnic foods & more. For more information, please call 610-562-7657 .

SECOND COLLECTION - "ALMSGIVING" - During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs : 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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS- 3:30-4:15 P.M. - CHURCH

◆ MONDAY, MARCH 21ST - 4-5 P.M. &
7-8 P.M. - CHAPEL

◆ TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND - 4-5P.M. &
7-8 P.M. - CHAPEL

HOLY WEEK 2016

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH -
MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER- 7:00 P.M.*

There will Night Prayers on Holy Thursday evening beginning at 10:30 p.m. during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It's a brief service and takes about 1/2 hour. All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH -
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
3 P.M. - CHURCH

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00 P.M. - CHAPEL

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH
BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD - NOON - CHAPEL
EASTER VIGIL - 8 P.M.* - CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30, 9:00, 10:30* AND 12 NOON - CHURCH
ADDITIONAL MASS - 10:30 A.M. - CHAPEL
*INCENSE USED

On Easter Monday there will be only one Mass at 8:00 a.m. and there will be NO Eucharistic Adoration.

PARISH CENTER PHONE NUMBER
610-779-4005

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is 43:16-21: A call to look with hope to the future. God is not dead. Look around you and see His wonderful works.

Phil 3:8-14: Faith in Christ is our salvation, but we cannot relax. We must continue, while in this life, to strive for the good things of life in Christ-heaven.

Jn 8:1-11: By his example and works the Lord teaches us that God extends His mercy to sinners to free them from slavery to sin.

Today's Message - To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead His people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is He who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass
CONFIRMATION INSCRIPTION SERVICE-12 Noon Mass
JR.HIGH & SR. HIGH YOUTH MTG. – 6:30p.m. – Parish Center

MONDAY, MARCH 14

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
GRIEFSHARE MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center
GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

RCIA -7 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

“SIENA STITCHERS” – 10 a.m. – Church
K OF C MTG. – 7:30 p.m. – Knights' Room
YOUTH CHOIR- 5 p.m. – Church
VOICES IN PRAISE-7 p.m.m. – Church
LENTEN PRAYER SERIES – 7 p.m.- Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7 p.m. –Church
FISH FRY- 5-7 p.m. – J.P.T. Smith Social Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

KIDS FOR CHRIST & LITTLE ANGELS –J.P.T. Smith Social Hall 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass
RCIA RETREAT- after 12 noon Mass- J.P.T. Smith Social Hall

Any parishioner who has not already received their free directory portrait: please check the file box on the table adjacent to the SCRIP table. There are several portraits available for pick up. Thank you.

For those who are busy; for those who are lonely; for those who are searching; for those who seek peace and mercy... St. Columbkil presents *The Life In The Spirit Seminar* beginning Wednesday - April 6th thru May 11th 7:00 PM in Holy Family Chapel. In this year of mercy, take this opportunity to change your life and be Renewed in the Power of the Holy Spirit!! To register or for more information call Lisa in the Parish office @ 610-367-2371 or email PTL2sue@dejazzd.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 14

6:30 Paul Coldren
8:00 Robert Reimer (1st Ann.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 Marie & Joseph Arleth
8:00 Adrianna Pitt

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 Evelyn G. Thren
8:00 Helen Herman

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish
8:00 Richard Hoffmaster (1st Ann.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

6:30 Tony Waldman (1st Ann.)
8:30 Cora Nacar

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 Alice K. Brennan
4:30 Helen Hoff

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 John Nowotarski
9:00 Justine Walsh (7th Ann.)
10:30 Joseph Lintz (1st Ann.)
12:00 William Turnbach (10th Ann.)

Readings for the Week of March 13, 2016

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
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Saint Patrick, Bishop Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Phil 2:8-9; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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 3/14	Msgr. Thomas Koons
Tuesday 3/15	Deceased priests
Wednesday 3/16	Father Robert Kozek
Thursday 3/17	Father David Kozak
Friday 3/18	Msgr. Robert Kozel
Saturday 3/19	Father Daniel Kravatz
Sunday 3/20	Newly ordained priests



St. Catharine's Youth Retreat Weekend - AWESOME! Ask some of the many parish youth that attended St. Catharine's first annual High School Youth Retreat, what they thought about it; their response will most likely be - AWESOME! Father Miller, the entire retreat team (teens and adults) and all those who attended, would like to thank Monsignor Domin, our Priests and Deacons, the Knights of Columbus and all the many parishioners who donated time and treasure to help make this retreat happen. Many parishioners also signed up to pray for the retreat's success and for those individuals who made the retreat weekend; your prayers were so greatly appreciated that it brought tears to the eyes of one, who shared how deeply it touched her heart just knowing so many were praying for her. Your prayers were truly powerful! Looking forward to next year's Youth Retreat, tentatively scheduled for the end of February, 2017.

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@iecc.org.

3/13 Movie and Ice Cream Sundies! Open to all 6-12th gr. 6:30 -8:45 p.m. Free, bring your friends from the community. This will be held at the Parish Center. 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.**

Friday 6/24 – Sunday 6/26 – Steubenville Youth Conference in NYC! Looking for something extra special to do this summer? This is it! Space is limited so RSVP today. Open to all current 8th-12th grade teens. All paperwork is due March 31st. All paperwork is available on parish website (scsreading.org). The actual cost of \$300 is greatly reduced to only \$100, thanks to the generous support of your parish. However no one is turned away due to financial hardship. Don't miss this opportunity! Questions can be directed to Mrs. Stratton at [610-406-0452](tel:610-406-0452). Do not delay.

Weekend Mass Schedule

March 19th - 4:30 Mass (Church)

Lector - Mary King
Cantor- Tracy Scheirer
Organist - David Kostival
Altar Servers - K. Hodgson - R. Hodgson - S. Hodgson

March 20th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Paul Essig
Altar Servers - B. Kominick - C. Kominick - N. Krepps

March 20th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - John Vogel
Youth Choir
Altar Servers - E. Lavanga - P. McCullough - N. Lamp

March 20th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Kathy Brent
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - P. Kopecky - S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt

March 20th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Edrie Watson
Contemporary Music
Altar Servers - A. McElderry - G. McElderry - E. McElderry

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of March 14th - 16th

8:00 a.m.- L. Gilbert & M. Griffin - (Monday - Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. - S. Hodgson & H. Keperling - (Thursday & Saturday)
8:30 a.m. - S. Hodgson & H. Keperling - (Friday)

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. **FATHER KEVIN BOBBIN WILL BE THE CELEBRANT.**

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Women's Club of Exeter Township - Spring Fashion Show/Luncheon Reading Country Club will be held Saturday, April 2nd. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. 12 p.m. Luncheon followed by the Fashion Show. Tickets are \$30.00. For more information, please call Lois at 610-779-6417. Proceeds benefit Exeter Community Library.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Recently added: **Eugene Hilbert, Vanessa Leaizer, Renee Brzostek, & Linda Martz**
& **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, Beverly Bansner, 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, 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, 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 McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Charles McMenamin, Rosemarie McMenamin, 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 Suchomelly, 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, 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: *Eleanor Kelly*, (mother of Joanne Baker & grandmother of Scott Baker); *Anna Veronica Nowatarski Hill*, (mother of John & Martin Hill & Kathy Mann); *Deacon Francis Cosgrove*; *Vera Wert*, (mother of Craig Wert); *Baby Samuel E. Jones*, (grandson of Thomas & Edna Jones); *Mary Lee Davis*, (wife of Lytton Davis, mother of Patrick & Matthew Davis & Mari-Lynn Miller, grandmother of Rachel, Jessica, Mary, Alex, Helena, Jacqueline & Roxanne Davis & Michael & Christopher Miller & Shandi, Krista, Elizabeth & Jonathan Gartland & great grandmother of Aaron Kern & Serena, Jessica, & Sarah Miller) & **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.

Dear Monsignor Domin, Staff and Parishioners:

On behalf of all the parishioners of St. Peter’s Parish, I want to take this opportunity to thank you once again for including us in your recent Lenten almsgiving program. The generous donation of \$2,056.00 that we recently received for our parish will be deposited in our general account and, I can assure you, it will be well spent. We are constantly wondering how we are going to pay this bill and then that bill. And then, all of sudden, God provides. Again, I appreciate the generosity of your parish.

Sincerely,
Rev. Thomas J. Orsulak
Pastor
St. Peter the Apostle Church

Will you stand up for life? The fifth annual Berks March for Life is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at Berks Catholic High School. This year the event will begin with a rally 2:00 P.M. The March will begin directly following the rally at 3:00 P.M. and proceed from West Reading over the Penn Street Bridge, ending at Holy Rosary Church. Buses will be provided to transport us back to Berks Catholic. We urge you to join us as we witness in the public square to the Unalienable Right to Life of our Brothers and Sisters in the womb who have no other voices but ours to defend them. For more information, contact Marygrace Ewart at 610-929-5260.

Are you unemployed, underemployed, or know someone who is? The Berks County chapter of Joseph's People will feature a panel of Joseph's People alumni who have successfully landed jobs. They will share their job search strategies and offer advice to job seekers. The meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 at St. Catharine of Siena Parish Center, 2427 Perkiomen Ave. in Reading. Information: josephspeople.org or send e-mail to atticus0621@gmail.com

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 at the St. Catharine of Siena church. 12noon until????? Cost: \$15.00 members - \$20.00 non members. MORE INFORMATION TO COME

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

Paddleboat to Ocean City, MD: July 19-21, \$440.00 per person, **\$50.00 deposit ASAP to hold reservation** – call Pat (below) for further details.

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**

Parish Nurse News - In celiac disease, eating gluten (found in wheat, barley, rye) causes intestinal problems. Others may have sensitivity to gluten also. Keep a food diary to find out what is triggering your digestive problems, then consult your doctor (bcbst.com, 2016).

School News - The tradition of a quality Catholic education in the Diocese of Allentown is based upon the collaborative partnership between parents/guardians and the school. As part of the routine Diocesan Administrative Assessment Process, a random sample of school families will be selected to complete a parent/guardian component of the Administrator Assessment. The input from this assessment will be kept confidential and will only be reviewed by the Diocesan Office of Education. In order to insure a more thorough assessment this process is taking place in a three year cycle: 2015-2016 Catholic in Berks County; 2016-2017 Catholic Schools in Northampton and Carbon Counties; 2017-2018 Catholic Schools in Lehigh, Schuylkill Counties.



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

THE LAST LENTEN FISH FRY FOR 2016

March 18th, From 5 - 7 pm
at the Msgr. P.T. Smith Social Hall

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER EACH MASS & AT THE PARISH CENTER

The Knights thank all of you whom have attended are Fish Fry's this year. Your continued patronage is key to us being able to continue our mission. We kindly ask, If you plan on attending this next Fish Fry, please consider purchasing your tickets in advance. The advance purchase helps us plan and determine the quantities of fish and other food items to purchase to insure we can serve all.

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Homemade Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs - There is a minimal supply of additional eggs for sale. These boxes will be available for sale and pick-up after Masses beginning on Saturday, March 12th and Sunday, March 13th.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: *If you have not picked up your order yet, please do so this weekend at the back of the Church.*

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following 4 SCS Knights of Columbus brothers who attained full Knighthood by obtaining their Third Degree Exemplification.

Jim Bria Mark Abramowicz
Ted Matyas Mike Cortazzo

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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!

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SCS Knights Golf Outing

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.

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The SCS Knights Community Service & Catholic High School Education Award - Applications for the SCS Knights' of Columbus “St. Catharine of Siena School Community Service & Catholic High School Education Award”, awarded to a

graduating 8th grade male and female student are available. The award was established by the SCS Knights in 2010 to honor and acknowledge a graduating St. Catharine of Siena School or CCD student for their exceptional contribution and devotion of time and talent in service to the needs of our community, St. Catharine of Siena Church, and the recipient’s school. Each \$500 award recipient is required to be registered to attend Berks Catholic High School.