

Saint Mary's News

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Monday, March 21st - 8:00 a.m. - Deceased of Wulkiewicz Family

Wednesday, March 23rd, - 8:00 a.m. - David Czartorynski

Holy Thursday, March 24th - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Intentions

Good Friday, March 25th - 3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 26th - No Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Alexander & Agnes Lascoskie

Additional times for Sacrament of Reconciliation :

Tuesday, March 22nd - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Chapel

Wednesday, March 23rd - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Chapel

Blessing of Easter Food: Holy Saturday, March 26th at noon in the Church.

Rev. Thomas Ursulak of St. Peter's Parish would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's Church for our Lenten Collection for his Church. \$237.00 was collected.

St. Mary's R.C. Church - Hamburg, Pa: Polka Spring Fling with the "Boys from Baltimore", Sunday, April 17th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 each. For more information contact the parish office at 610-562-7657.

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.

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.

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

SATURDAY- 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

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PALM SUNDAY

Is 50:4-7: The sufferings of God's servant will not deter him from faith in God.

Phil 2:6-11: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Lk 22-14– 23:56 - Attend to the account of Christ's last days, and consider how He suffered that we might have faith. By His Holy Cross He has saved the world.

Today's Message - Jesus, humbling Himself out of love for us, did not shield His face from buffets and spitting, but offered His life on the cross. He relied on His Father's love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass
RCIA RETREAT –after the 12 Noon Mass – JPT Smith Social Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 21

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
CONFESSIONS – 4-5; 7-8 –Chapel
ULTREYA – 7:30 p.m.- JPT Smith Social Hall
GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

CONFESSIONS= 4-5; 7-8 p.m. –Chapel
VOICES IN PRAISE- 7 p.m. -Church
RCIA -7 p.m. – Parish Center
LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS- 1:00 p.m.-Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS – after 8 a.m. Mass
LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m.- Parish Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 (HOLY THURSDAY)

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER – 7 p.m.- Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 (GOOD FRIDAY)

PARISH CENTER CLOSED
PASSION OF OUR LORD- 3 p.m. - Church
LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7 p.m. - Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 (HOLY SATURDAY)

EASTER EGG HUNT - 9:00 a.m. - Picnic Pavilion - (Ages 1-10)
BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – 12 Noon – Chapel
EASTER VIGIL MASS – 8 p.m. - Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 (EASTER SUNDAY)

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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.

St. Mary's has a Latin Mass the third Sunday of every month at 12:30 p.m. The April guest Celebrant will be Father Eugene Ritz. All are welcome to attend.

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 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 21

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
8:00 Chuck Uhrig (40th Ann.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 Fabio Gabrielli
8:00 Theresa Fiorini (5th Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 Catherine Borst
8:00 Regina McGinley

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 (HOLY THURSDAY)

NO 6:30 & 8 A.M. Mass
7:00 p.m. –MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 (GOOD FRIDAY)

3 P.M. –PASSION OF OUR LORD
7 P.M. –LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS-CHAPEL

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 HOLY SATURDAY)

12 NOON – BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD - CHAPEL
8 P.M. – EASTER VIGIL MASS - CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 27-(EASTER SUNDAY)

7:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish
9:00 Living & Deceased of the Parish
10:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish
10:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish (Chapel)
12:00 Living & Deceased of the Parish

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2016

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
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a; Sab-6ab, 15, and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Holy Thursday Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Phil 2:8-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday	Vigil Gn 1: 1-2: 2 or 1: 1,26-31a ; Ps 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10 , 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14: 15 - 15: 1; Ex 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54: 5-14; Ps 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55: 1-11; Is 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3: 9-15, 32-4: 4; Ps19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42: 3, 5; 43: 3, 4 or Is 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6: 3-11; Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24: 1-12
Sunday	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/21	Father John Krivak
Tuesday 3/22	Father Thomas Kuller
Wednesday 3/23	Father Joseph Kweder
Thursday 3/24	Father Patrick Lamb
Friday 3/25	Father Brendon Laroche
Saturday 3/26	Father Keith Laskowski
Sunday 3/27	Father Peter Leonard

ATTENTION RUNNERS! - Please join us for the 2nd Annual Antietam Valley Community Partnership - 5K & 1 Mile Run - Saturday, April 30th, 2016 - 9:00 am 5k Run/Walk- Race apps at www.antietamvalley.org or register online at <https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/onlineform1.php?id=813>

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP to Franciscan Univ. Jul 29-31: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope- 1 Peter 3: 15". This is a WONDERFUL opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith & spiritual growth with over 1,500 other attendees. The conference includes bestselling authors and renowned speakers who not only teach, but also motivate, including many EWTN personalities, such as, Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Patrick Madrid, and other familiar Catholic Theologians and Apologists. Also includes: Daily Mass, confession and a joyful bus ride. More info on the conference can be found at: <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>. Previous attendees found this conference to be a significant lift in their spiritual lives. This very popular conference is normally sold out before May. Early bird registration discount is available before April 8. Call Bruce & Alice Swist for information at (610) 468-9506 or b@swist.us.

Angel Tree - Catholic Charities has moved to a new address but they still need our help. Please take an envelope from our Angel Tree and place your donation inside, stamp and mail it to the address on the front. Thank you for being so generous. There are many grateful praying for you. St. Vincent DePaul Society.

"I will honor Christmas, in my heart, and try to keep it all year."
Charles Dickens

\$3.00 one day bus pass _____ job interview!

\$10.00 _____ keep a roof over a family!

\$15.00 _____ 5- one day bus passes - First week of work

\$20.00 _____ Keep lights on and water flowing! (utilities)

\$30.00 _____ 10 one day bus passes - first pay check - WOW!

\$ _____ Other .. For those in need

Make check out to Catholic Charities. Make a note on your check how you want it used, and we honor your gifting wishes. Mail to Catholic Charities.

Weekend Mass Schedule

March 26th - 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (Church)
Lectors - Roseanne Uhrig, Kathy Brent & Edrie Watson
Voice In Praise

Organist - David Kostival
Altar Servers - D. Dougherty - D. Gombar - M. Gombar

March 27th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Cantor - Marci & Haley Zambito

Organist - Joe Schwartz

Lector- Melissa Woodard

Altar Servers - H. Gorman - J. Hahn - M. Nally

March 27th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - John Vogel

Guitar Choir

Altar Servers - W. McNish-B. McNish - M. McNish

March 27th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Madeline Mullen

Voices In Praise Choir & Leah Rile (Cantor)

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Scoboria - S. O'Hara - D. O'Hara

March 27th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel)

Lector - Mary King

Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz

Piano - Bryan Scollick

Altar Servers - K. Hodgson - R. Hodgson - S. Hodgson

March 27th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Jim Snyder

Cantors - Easter Sunday Ensemble

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - C. Paris - H. Paris - G. Perilli

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of March 22nd - 23rd

8:00 a.m.- V. McDevitt & S. Miravich - (Monday - Wednesday)

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.**

St. Vincent DePaul wishes to thank all those who generously gave cold weather items this winter. Over 450 items were distributed to needy children.



Save The Date:

Designer Purse Bingo
Saturday, April 9, 2016
SCS Social Hall

Tickets are \$25.00 pre-sale
& \$30.00 at the door!

Doors open at 5:30. Games start at 6:30
BYOB, Great food, Chinese Auction
& 50/50 Raffle
Proceeds benefit the
Saint Catharine's School

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

"a time to be born..."

Recently Baptized: Gavin Michael Carroll; Sophia Dominka Kalanin; Addisyn Bella Stephan ;

Ryan Andrew Lawlor & Audrey Marie Yourkavitch

Recently added: Jackie Calvaresi

& 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, Renee Brzostek, Emily Buelow, Frances Byrne, 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, 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, Diane Herbein, Eugene Hilbert, 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 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, Vanessa Leaizer, Sandra Loden, Harry Logan, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Harriet Madara, Eleanor Majka, Petrina Mangino, Julia Marason, Angela Marroccoli, Ron Marshman, Linda Martz, 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, 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: Robert Donegan, (brother of Pat Wetzel); Rev. John Bambrick; Kathleen Light, (wife of David Light);

Jane Kase, (mother of Suzanne Gerber) &

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.

Youth News

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! 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.

PARENT TRACK – Diocesan Youth Rally 2016 - As part of the Diocesan Youth Rally, parents are encouraged to attend a Parent Track on **Saturday, April 9, 2016** starting at 12:30 PM. Sister Rose Bernadette Mulligan, IHM, will offer parents ways to help teens use their gifts and talents when dealing with the issues and challenges of today's culture. The session will be held in the Chapel at Berks Catholic High School, Reading, at 12:30 pm. There is no cost associated with the Parent Track, but for planning purposes, we ask that you register at www.allentowndiocese.org/familyenrichment. Any questions, please contact OYYAM at 610-289-8900, ext. 23.

"Now that the baby bottles are in, Lifeline of Berks County want to thank you again for your generosity."

Because of the \$6249 you donated, twenty women who are undecided about their babies will receive counseling about their options. If you still have a baby bottle, please don't hesitate to return it so that someone else can join our mission by filling the bottle. Thank you again for being our lifeline."

In Christ,

Stephanie Giles, Executive Director
Lifeline of Berks County, Inc.

Parish Nurse News - Limiting carbohydrates can avoid weight gain. Carbs are an essential nutrient for our bodies- our brains run on glucose, so moderation is the key! (bcbst.com, 2016).



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

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.

Kennedy House It is St. Catharine's turn to run the Kennedy House in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either (or possibly both days) Saturday, May 14th or Sunday, May 15th. Please call or email Sara Miller @ 484-459-0270 or sk1699@hotmail.com if you can help. If you cannot help either day but would be willing to donate something we may need for the weekend please call or email.

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.

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.

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.

St. Catharine of Siena School Homemade Spaghetti Dinner

Held at the Msgr. Smith Hall- Saturday, April 2nd, from 4:00 – 7:30 P.M. - Dinner Includes: Beverage, bread, salad, spaghetti & meatballs! Adult - \$8.00, Children 10 & Under - \$5.00, Children 2 and Under FREE. Take Out Available! Tickets for sale after all Masses this weekend and at school & Parish Center.