# Saint Mary's News

# Mass Schedule

Monday, April 18th - 8:00 a.m. - Theodore Kazmierczak
Wednesday, April 20th, - 8:00 a.m. - Mary
Richards
Saturday, April 23rd - Roch Zajac
Sunday, April 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Joseph
Kabat

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.

Please note: Our email has changed: Please email to <a href="mailto:stmarypolishrcc@gmail.com">stmarypolishrcc@gmail.com</a>

The Polish-American Heritage Association will be holding their eighth annual Polish Open on Saturday, May14th, at the Manor Golf Club in Sinking Spring. 1PM Scramble. \$70. per golfer includes lunch, beer & soda and the famous Polish Open Buffet. Registration deadline is May 6th. For reservations or questions call Toni at 484-333-2838.

Sunday, May 21st - Polish American Congress will sponsor its annual Third of May Ceremonies at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Mass will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You online make aift can vour FaithHopeCharityGives.org or pick up a pledge form at the back of Church.

Gethsemane Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:00AM. Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine.

Attention: Confirmandi, and students needing volunteer hours. We will be organizing spring clean up days. Anyone interested please leave a message at 610 779-5810. We will contact you with additional information.

Angel Tree - Catholic Charities has moved to a new address

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 is all year." <i>Charles Dickens</i>
\$3.00 one day bus passjob 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)
\$30.0010 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.

Acts 13:14, 43-52: As missionaries, Paul and Barnabas meet with some success and encounter strong opposition. Steadfastness in faith is a source of joy.

**Rv** 7:9,14b-17: Those who remain faithful despite severe persecution will find their reward is to be with God and restored to peace.

<u>Jn 10:27-30</u>: Jesus proclaims His oneness with the Father. His love for us is so great that He brings us eternal life.

<u>Today's Message</u> - Know that Jesus is the Lord, the Lamb on the throne who will shepherd His flock and give them eternal life. In His name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike.

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH SUNDAY, APRIL 17

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION WEEKEND-JPTSMITH Social Hall-after all the Masses

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 18**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m. DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET- 8:45 p.m.-until Closing GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. – Church ULTREYA -7:30 p.m. – JPTSMTIH Social Hall

# **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**

LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m.- Parish Center 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION PRACTICE- 7 p.m. –Church (School/Prep)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

"SIENA STITCHERS"- 10 a.m.-Gathering Area YOUTH CHOIR- 5 p.m.- Church BIBLE STUDY – 7:15 p.m.. – Church K OF C MTG. – 7:30 p.m. – Knight's Rm.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

CUB PACK MTG. - 6:30 p.m. - JPTSMITH Social Hall

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass SCHOOL/PREP  $1^{\rm ST}$  COMM. RETREAT- after 12 Noon Mass-JPTSMITH Social Hall

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 14<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, May 15th . Please call or email Sara Miller @ 484-459-0270 or <a href="mailto:sk1699@hotmail">sk1699@hotmail</a> 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.

St. Catharine of Siena YOUTH CHOIR - We invite all students currently enrolled in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (PREP and SCS) to "Step-Up" to sing with our parish YOUTH CHOIR for First Holy Communion at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays April 28 and May 5 from 5:00-6:00 in the Church Choir Area. Please e-mail your name, grade and phone number to Kate at <a href="loves-2sing@hotmail.com">loves-2sing@hotmail.com</a> or by calling 610-689-9816.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, APRIL 18

6:30 Jamie L. Kotas (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.) 8:00 Joan M. Essick (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 19**

6:30 The Wright Family 8:00 Barbara Malecki

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**

6:30 Kathleen Donowski 8:00 Uhrig-Wetzler Family

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 21**

6:30 Peter Salino

8:00 Yoder-Quinn Family

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 Raymond Binetti 8:30 Frank Formando, Jr.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

8:00 June Koenig

4:30 Anthony Gallagher (24th Ann.)

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

7:30 Pat Waldman

9:00 Sharon Sauppee

10:30 Jacob Bohner (14th Ann.)

12:00 Carol A. Campbell

#### Readings for the Week of April 17, 2016

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5;

Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

MondayActs 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4, Jn 10:1-10TuesdayActs 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 10:22-30WednesdayActs 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, and 8;

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, and 27;

Jn 13:16-20

**Friday** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert,

**Bishop and Martyr** 

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 14:7-14

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13;

Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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 <a href="mailto:dsitler@comcast.net">dsitler@comcast.net</a>. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

# PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/18 Father Robert McConaghy
Tuesday 4/19 Father Edward McElduff

Wednesday 4/20 Seminarians

Thursday 4/21 Father John McGinley
Friday 4/22 Father Timothy McIntire
Saturday 4/23 Father John McNamara
Sunday 4/24 Father Kenneth Medve

Host families are needed for several Nacel Open Door international students who would like to attend Berks Catholic for the upcoming school year. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Students will be provided busing to and from school. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous monthly hosting stipend. For more information please contact Angela Gable at 610-698-2647, or agableNOD@gmail.com

The 15th Annual St Catharine's Golf Tournament - Friday May 13th at Golden Oaks Golf Club , 1:00pm Shotgun Start, \$90.00 per player includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Sponsorships are available. For more information email josephcmiller@msn.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The Diocese of Allentown will be hosting a Festival for Families event at Steel Stacks on Sunday, September 25. 2016. The festivities will begin with a 5K Charity Run/Walk benefiting Catholic Charities in the morning followed by an outdoor Mass with Bishop Barres. Food, Music, Games/Activities = a FUN day for the entire family. Stay tuned! — more information to follow.

Institute for Catechesis and Formation Course Offering — ICF 104 — The Sacraments. The Sacraments are intimate, personal encounters between God and His people. This course will present an overview of these signs of God's love for us, by which He makes a personal connection with us and conveys grace - His very life within us. Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2016; 7—9pm at Berks Catholic HS with Fr. Rich Brensinger. Cost: \$30. To register visit <a href="www.allentowndiocese.org/icf">www.allentowndiocese.org/icf</a>. \*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.\*

Momnipotent - Is being a mother what you thought it would be? The exhaustion, monotony, mounting unfinished projects, loss of a sense of self ... Too many moms feel disillusioned and overwhelmed. Momnipotent validates the dignity and importance of motherhood and will help you recognize your uniquely feminine strengths. Come join fellow moms and see how you can use those strengths to find peace, balance, and joy in being the woman God created and called you to be. Please join us for an information meeting to confirm our summer study schedule & order materials Wednesday May 11th 7pm at the Church meeting room. Contact 484.332.9084 or elisabethym@gmail.com with any questions.

# Weekend Mass Schedule

April 22nd - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lectors - Rosemary Caffrey Cantor - Bryan Scollick Organist - Joe Schwartz

Altar Servers - J. Ambramowicz - J. Albert - C. Ambrosi

April 23rd - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Madeline Mullen

Altar Servers - K. Amey - A. Atkins - T. Cronan April 23rd - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Barry Hannahoe

Youth Choir

Altar Servers - O. Chiarelli - S. Cortes - R. Bernas

April 23rd - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Vince McDevitt Voices In Praise Choir Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - W. D'Andrea - A. D'Archangelo - J. Davis

April 23rd - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Rose Anne Uhrig Contemporary Music

Altar Servers - A. Dempsey - D. Dougherty - D. Ermentorut

#### <u>ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS</u> <u>Week of April 18th - 23rd</u>

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)



Congratulations to Kitty & Bob Wright who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 16th. May they be blessed with many more years together!

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Recently Baptized : Emerson Jean Swanson , Benjamin Andrew Arters & Emma Rose Rutt
Recently added: Wayne Hedrick,

& Please pray for our sick & our soldiers in harm's way:

Paula Abel, Sara Abraham, Anita Adamo, Mike Alfiero, Tony Angello, Anthony Antonucci, Tara Arnold, Barbara Ash, Beverly Bansner, Kathy Barnes, Bob Bates, Kailee Baxter, Melanie Bechtel, Diane Becker, Rev. David Beebe, Harrison Bergstresser, Sandy Bibbo, 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, Jackie Calvaresi, Peg Cappel, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Brianna Chery, Mark Christ, Richard Cibroski, Nancy Ciccone, Kevin Cleary, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Lisa Costello, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Ryan Curley, 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, Ruth Guyah, 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, Siegried Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Karen Irey, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Baby Jessica Jara, Erick Jefferson, Blake Kauffman, Beth Kase, Blaine Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehlor, 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, 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, , 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, Shelia Violand, 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: & 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.

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

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - A sunny day can lift our spirits! Exercise is a great mood boost, also. A short walk every day -sunny or cloudy- can help us feel better. <u>Stop in at St. Catharine's Annual Health Fair in the Social Hall on May 15th</u> from 8 to noon for lots of healthy information and fun for all ages.

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.

#### Youth News

St. Benedict's Youth Group cordially invites St. Catharine's Youth to a "Faith and Fun Night/Coffee House & Open Mic" .You are welcome to perform vocals, instruments, poetry readings, or just come to watch, play games and socialize. Saturday, April 23, 6:30-9:00pm at the Morgantown Coffee House 4997 North Twin Valley Rd Elverson for those teens 7-12th gr. Cost is \$6.50 at the door. Please RSVP by handing a permission slip available on parish website for printing (www.scsreading.org) into our parish center by Thursday, 4/21. Cost includes two coffee or hot chocolate drinks and homemade snacks/desserts!

<u>Two openings have become available</u> for this years popular <u>Steubenville</u> High School Youth Conference June 24-26, at St. John's University NYC. Those interested can contact Mrs. Stratton 610-406-0452 for more information. Permission slip available on parish website (<u>www.scsreading.org</u>). Cost is a bargain at \$100. First two permission slips in to parish center or Mrs. Stratton get to go. Deadline 4/22.

# **50 Plus News**

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on May 3, 2016. The board meeting will be held on May 4, 2016 at 10:00 am. Call Mike Mullen, President of 50+ Club at (610) 370-1298, with any questions or concerns.

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 1, 2016 – Outdoor Picnic, at the St. Catharine of Siena Church Pavilion, 12 noon until ??????? Cost: \$15.00 members - \$20.00 non members. GREAT FOOD AND BINGO – BINGO – BINGO

<u>July 6, 2016</u> - Speaker: Cindy Kauffman – Historical Reading, PA. Italian sandwiches from Esposito's WEAR: Red – -White - Blue. Games: if time allows

# **2016 TRAVEL PLANS**

<u>Chanticleer Gardens</u>: Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, American Treasure Tour & Lunch- Cost: \$98.00 per person - \$20.00 deposit to hold reservation

Bucks County Playhouse: Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, "The Buddy Holly Story", and lunch at Marsha Brown's (a renovated church). **\$20.00 deposit to hold reservation** Cost: \$113.00 per person - Final payment due: June 1, 2016

Paddleboat to Ocean City, MD: July 19-21, Crab Buffet. Cost: \$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

# **Saint Catharine School News**

2016 St. Catharine of Siena HSO Spaghetti Dinner - "Chinese **Auction**" Winners - #1 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Handcrafted Pillow – Braylon D'Achille #549694, #2 - Crayola Sidewalk Paint - AJ Miller #549915, #3 – Alex and Ani Kindred Bracelet "Praying Hands" - **Debbie Bilinski** #549820, #4 - Car Wash Supplies- Ford #549972, #5 - Alex and Ani Kindred Bracelet "Butterfly" – Lena Guarino #549765, #6 – "Crayola Fun Pack" - Victoria Caccese #549636, #7 - Parent a & Child Gardening Kit - Morgan Gilbert #549561, #8 - Pandora Bracelet w/"Faith, Hope and Love Charm" - Terri Cocci #549241, #9 - The Good Dinosaur DVD - AJ Miller #549929, #10 - Friends Legos -Lillian Cambria #549206, #11 - Sneaker Villa "SCS Gym Uniform" -Pluto #549718, #12 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Handcrafted Blanket – Mary Jo Griffin **#549528**, #13 – Minecraft Legos – **Josh Miller #549932**, #14– Lords and Ladies "\$50 Gift Certificate" - Kristen Osorio #549982, #15 -Extra Recess with Slushies - Madeline Kieffer #549617 and Debbie Bilinski #549814, #16 - The Works "\$50 Gift Certificate - Betty #549474, #17 – Lily Nails "\$20 Gift Certificate – Stankiewicz #549314, #18 - Dairy Queen "Free Ice Cream Cake" - McCullough #549265, #19 - Sneaker Villa "\$25 Gift Certificate" - Rosemary Swavely #548274.

Saint Catharine of Siena School has opened enrollment for new students for the 2016-2017 academic year. If you would like a full-time Catholic education for your child, now is the time to visit and register.

### TUITION TRANSFER GRANTS

Saint Catharine of Siena School is excited to announce that the Bishop's Commission on Catholic Schools will offer \$1500 Tuition Transfer Grants to any parishioner who transfers their child into the second to seventh grades from any private or public school. No financial aid forms are required for this two year grant and it is a direct reduction from your school tuition (\$1,000 in year one and \$500 in year two). Saint Catharine of Siena School has been very effective at preparing our children for a successful high school and college experience. Our excellent faculty is dedicated to maximizing the God given potential of each child entrusted to our care in a nurturing family atmosphere. With our small class sizes and many extracurricular activities, your child will have a greater opportunity to participate and lead throughout the year. Catharine of Siena School = Academic Success + Catholic Values. For more information and a tour, please call our Principal Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM or Administrative Assistant Mrs. Maryann Weiser at 610-779-5810.

<u>OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS</u> - Some scholarships are available for students who are currently attending a Reading public school and would like to transfer to Saint Catharine of Siena School. In order to qualify, the family's income must meet the requirements of the EITC-OSTC.

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

<u>Pre-Kindergarten</u>: Children must be 4 years of age by October 15, 2016. <u>Kindergarten</u>: Children must be 5 years of age by October 15, 2016. <u>First Grade</u>: Children must be 6 years of age by October 15, 2016 and completed a kindergarten program.