

## Saint Mary's News

### Mass Schedule

Monday, May 2nd - 8:00 a.m. - Theodore Smutek  
Wednesday, (Ascension Vigil) May 4th - 5:00 p.m.  
- William Rowlands  
Ascension Thursday, May 5th - 8:00 a.m. -  
Elizabeth Milaneck  
Saturday, May 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Jacqueline  
Cramer  
Sunday, May 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Richard Zaorski

**ASCENSION THURSDAY SCHEDULE:** There will be no morning Mass Wednesday, May 4th at 8:00AM. There will be a Wednesday Evening Mass, May 4th at 5:00PM. Mass on Ascension Thursday will be at 8:00 AM in the morning.



**Mother's Day May 8** - Please Support the annual Mother's Day carnation sale to support Lifeline of Berks County. Lifeline offers life affirming alternatives to pregnant girls and women in Berks County. Flowers will be sold after Masses on Mother's Day weekend for \$2.00 per carnation. Additional donations are also accepted.

**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 [stmarypolishrcc@gmail.com](mailto:stmarypolishrcc@gmail.com)**

**The Polish-American Heritage Association** will be holding their eighth annual Polish Open on Saturday, May 14th, 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.

**BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL** - Many thanks to those who have 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 \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org).

**ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 5TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!** Masses will be as follows:

Wed.- May 4th - Vigil of Ascension Thursday  
6:00 p.m. (Chapel)  
Ascension Thursday - May 5th  
6:30 a.m. (Chapel)  
8:00 a.m. (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. (Church)

**Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to assist with the Annual Spring Clean up on Saturday, May 14th** at 8 A.M. on the Church grounds. This is also an opportunity for students to get their service hours either for Confirmation or school.

**A position has become available on the Parish Council.** Please consider nominating yourself or someone you respect to serve within this important ministry. Nomination and Application forms are located in the center gathering areas of the Church and Chapel as well as on our Parish web site [www.scsreading.org/scsparish](http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish).

**Parish Directories** -- parish families/individuals who attended a portrait session for the church directory can pick up their free directory after all Masses in the main gathering area this weekend. Directories may also be purchased for \$10 a piece at the Parish Center beginning Monday, May 2nd.



*The "Elijah Cup" is back! After a 2 month sojourn at Saint Mary's, the Cup will be returning to Saint Catharine beginning with the 4:30 Mass on May 7<sup>th</sup>. As you recall, the Chalice the priest uses for the consecration is taken home, where it becomes a focal point of prayer for Vocations, which is a responsibility and privilege of the laity. We also obey the command Our Lord gave us to "pray to the Master of the Harvest that he may send laborers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38). In successive weeks, the "Elijah Cup" is passed to the other families, couples, or individuals. Please stop by the sign-up table in the gathering area after Mass today to sign up!*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29:** The Church faces its first test caused by inner dissensions and she shows how, guided by the Spirit, charity will prevail.

**Rv 21:10-14,22-23:** In symbolic language the Church is depicted as a wonderful glorious city, repenting and caught up in the glory of God.

**Jn 14:23-29:** In saying farewell Jesus has not deserted us. In His name the Father sends the Holy Spirit that we may drink in His power.

**Today's Message -** By listening attentively to the Spirit promised by Jesus, the early Church resolves the question whether Gentile converts need to observe certain Jewish ritual practices. All are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, MAY 1

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. - Church

#### MONDAY, MAY 2

EUCCHARISTIC 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

SERRA MTG .- 7 p.m. – Parish Center

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

#### TUESDAY, MAY 3

50+ BOARD MTG. – 10 a.m. – Parish Center

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

UNEMPLOYMENT GROUP - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

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

50+GENERAL MTG. – 1 p.m. – JPTSMITH Social Hall

#### THURSDAY, MAY 5

YOUTH CHOIR- 5 p.m.- Church

BIBLE STUDY – 7:15 p.m.. – Church

“SIENA STITCHERS” – 10 a.m. – Church Gathering Area

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

#### SATURDAY, MAY 7

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION- 10 a.m. – Church

#### SUNDAY, MAY 8

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass

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

**Are you unemployed, underemployed, or know someone who is?** The Berks County chapter of Joseph's People will hold a session about creating 60-second intros. The meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4 at St. Catharine of Siena Parish Center, 2427 Perkiomen Ave. in Reading. Information: [josephspeople.org](http://josephspeople.org) or send e-mail to [atticus0621@gmail.com](mailto:atticus0621@gmail.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, MAY 2

6:30 Lenny & Fran Iveson

8:00 Robert J. Loeper (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

#### TUESDAY, MAY 3

6:30 Mary Wright & Catherine Didyoung

8:00 Carol Giacomini

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

6:30 Edward Guzowski (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

8:00 Thomas Hafer

6:00 William March (Chapel)

#### THURSDAY, MAY 5

6:30 Pltako, Verboch & Ricket Family

8:00 Alberta Schwartz

9:30 David Wentling

7:00 Joseph & Janet Dolan (Church)

#### FRIDAY, MAY 6

6:30 Clara Wertz

8:30 Sister Mary Bentz, IHM

#### SATURDAY, MAY 7

8:00 Sarah DiFulvio (4<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

4:30 Frank Mierzwinski

#### SUNDAY, MAY 8

7:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

9:00 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

10:30 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

12:00 Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

### Readings for the Week of May 1, 2016

| Sunday    | Sixth Sunday of Easter  |
|-----------|---|
|           | Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;<br>Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29                |
| Monday    | Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church   |
|           | Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b;<br>Jn 15:26—16:4a                              |
| Tuesday   | Saints Philip and James, Apostles   |
|           | 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14  |
| Wednesday | Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;<br>Jn 16:12-15                            |
| Thursday  | The Ascension of the Lord   |
|           | Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;<br>Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23;<br>Lk 24:46-53 |
| Friday    | Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23  |
| Saturday  | Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28   |
| Sunday    | Seventh Sunday of Easter  |
|           | Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;<br>Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jun 17:20-26                  |

**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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

|               |                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday 5/2    | Pope Emeritus Benedict          |
| Tuesday 5/3   | Bishop of Allentown John Barres |
| Wednesday 5/4 | Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen   |
| Thursday 5/5  | Msgr. David Morrison            |
| Friday 5/6    | Msgr. John Mraz                 |
| Saturday 5/7  | Father Joseph Muller            |
| Sunday 5/8    | Father Michael Mullins          |

**St. Vincent De Paul Baby Shower** - Celebrate Mothers' Day next week by bringing a baby gift to church to help a new mother give her baby a good start to life. Gifts can be dropped off at the tables located at the back of the church. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Filled bottles can be returned to the tables at any time during the month. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Catholic Charities Caring Hearts and Mary's Shelter.

**Get ready! Here it comes!** St. Catharine's Health Fair, Sunday, May 15th, in our social hall from 8am till 12 noon. Healthy snacks and drinks, lots of healthy advice and free samples, door prizes, massage, and great exhibits! Something here for all ages! Bring your family and friends!



**"Mother's Day Carnations for Lifeline:**

Please support the annual Mother's Day Carnation sale to support Lifeline of Berks County. Lifeline has been offering life affirming alternatives to pregnant girls and

women in Berks County for over 40 years. Flowers will be sold after Masses Mother's Day weekend with a suggested donation of \$2 per flower. Additional donations are also gladly accepted. This is a great way to honor our Mothers, our "Lifeline" to us being here!"

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**May 6th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)**  
Lectors - Dorothy Bixler  
Cantor - Jay Yohn  
Organist - Joe Schwartz  
Altar Servers - D. Gombar - M. Gombar - J. Hahn  
**May 7th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**  
Lector- Melissa Woodard  
Altar Servers - M. Griffin - R. Griffin - E. Hendrickson  
**May 7th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)**  
Lector - John Vogel  
Guitar Choir  
Altar Servers - C. Griffith - N. Griffith - W. Griffith  
**May 7th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**  
Lector - Ed Smith  
Voices In Praise Choir  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - J. Headen - C. Higgins - H. Keperling  
**May 7th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)**  
Lector - Mike McCarthy  
Contemporary Music  
Altar Servers - K. Hodgson - R. Hodgson - S. Hodgson

**ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS**

**Week of May 2nd & 7th**

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

**Berks Catholic News**

**Berks Catholic is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Berks Catholic High School is centered on the four pillars of God, Family, Academics and Fun. As a vibrant Christ centered community, the administration, faculty and staff are dedicated to providing a challenging academic environment for a diverse population of young men and women. For more information about how to join our 21<sup>st</sup> century learning community, please contact Nicky Smith. 610.374.8361 ext. 244 or [nsmith@berkscatholic.org](mailto:nsmith@berkscatholic.org)**

**Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camp** - 3 Great Camps: Berks Catholic will be hosting Saints Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camps for grades 1-8, June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Tony Balistrere at [610-374-8361](tel:610-374-8361), ext. [224](tel:610-374-8361) or [tbalistrere@berkscatholic.org](mailto:tbalistrere@berkscatholic.org). For camp information and registration forms go to [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)

**Girls' Basketball Camp** - 6/27-30 from 9am to 12:30 grades 2-9. Registration form on Berks Catholic website - [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)

**Football Camp** - 8/2,3,4 Grades K-8 - Registration form on Berks Catholic website [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)  
Contact [bhess@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bhess@berkscatholic.org)

**BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING** - Is still accepting registrations for the upcoming 2016 fall season. For more information, go to our web-site- [www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac](http://www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac)—or call Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

“a time to be born...”

Recently added: **Emory Hilton**

& **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, 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, Albert Gombar, Robert Grauert, Sr., Claire Griffith, Ruth Guyah, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Jeanne Goodwin Hall, Beverly Hannahoe, Bob Hamer, Eva Hare, Debbie Heberling, Jason Heckman, William Hedl, Wayne Hedrick, 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 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 Leazer, 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 McKeane, 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: *Diane Becker*, ( mother of Bobbie Jo Green & grandmother of Jaden & Sophia Green) & *Anthony Gerbino*

& 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.



**Antietam Valley Farmers and Artists Market** - We're back! The market opens May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Antietam Valley Recreation and Community Center located in historic Carsonia Park. The market runs every Saturday, rain or shine, from 8am until noon and features over 40+ vendors. Grab a cup of coffee and some breakfast and socialize in our shaded seating area. We have lots of special events planned! **May 28<sup>th</sup> is Senior Citizens Day!**

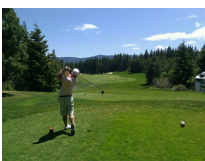


**Vacation Bible School - Deep Sea Discovery** -

Get ready for a life changing adventure taking place right here at St. Catharine of Siena

School; June 27th - July 1st. From 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Each day begins at Celebration Reef, where kids will sing, shout, praise, pray and meet our puppet friend Cooper. All these fun activities connect to the Bible Story and the truth that God is with us wherever we go! We begin our adventure each morning in the school cafeteria. You won't want to miss this adventure! Space is limited. Registrations forms can be picked up at the school or Parish Center. For more information, please call Connie Fry at 610-944-0732.



**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](mailto:josephcmiller@msn.com)

## Saint Catharine School News

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. *Saint 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.

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS - 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.

Pre-Kindergarten: Children must be 4 years of age by October 15, 2016.

Kindergarten: Children must be 5 years of age by October 15, 2016.

First Grade: Children must be 6 years of age by October 15, 2016 and completed a kindergarten program.

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.

The Friends of the Exeter Community Library Spring Book & Bake Sale will be held on Thursday & Friday, May 5th & 6th from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All proceeds go to help library.

HELP SUPPORT EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY by donating hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc. ). This collection will be on an ongoing basis. A collection bin will be located in the back of the Church. INFO: Phil or Bonnie 610-779-6045.

## 50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **May 4, 2016**. The board meeting will be held on **May 3, 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, DOOR PRIZES and BINGO - BINGO - BINGO - Contact: Carol Buddell 610-401-0600 or send payment to 40 Tanglewood Dr. Reading, PA 19607

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

### 2016 TRAVEL PLANS

Chanticleer Gardens: 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**

IHM Nun Run - Join us on June 4, 2016 for the IHM Nun Run, a 5K run/walk at Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA which is across the street from Immaculata University. Start time is 8:30am. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home for the aged and infirmed Sisters of IHM. Donations are \$30 for individual and \$15 for a child 12 yrs. old and under. Register online: [www.ihmnunrun.org](http://www.ihmnunrun.org), **May 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register.** No race day registrations.