

## Saint Mary's News

### Mass Schedule

Monday, August 15th - 8:00 a.m. - Irene Kazmierczak  
Wednesday, August 17th - 8:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Milanek  
Saturday, August 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Stella Zerkowski  
Sunday, August 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Mason Kosmoski

All of St. Mary's business will be handled out of St. Catharine's Parish Center. Their phone number is 610-779-4005. St. Mary's email is [stmarypolishrcc@gmail.com](mailto:stmarypolishrcc@gmail.com)

ATTENTION: ALL ST. MARY'S GRADUATES- REUNION - WE WILL HAVE AN ORGANIZATION MEETING ON AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> IN ST. MARY'S HALL AT 7 P.M. TO PLAN A FALL REUNION FOR ALL GRADUATES OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, READING. ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN HELPING TO PLAN THIS AFFAIR, PLEASE CALL ST. CATHARINE'S PARISH CENTER AT 610-779-4005.

2017 MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone who wants to schedule Masses at ST. MARY'S for 2017 should call the rectory at St. Catharine's at 610-779-4005.

UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL: Saturday August 20, 2016 Noon to 8:00PM, Nativity BVM Ukrainian Church, 211 Grace Street, Reading. FOOD, MUSIC, MUCH MORE.

St. Stephen's Polish National Catholic Church Picnic. Sunday August 28, Noon to 7:00PM, St Benedict's Picnic Grove, Route 10. Music & Homemade Food.

The next Latin Mass will be Sunday August 21. Reconciliation will be at noon time followed by Mass at 12:30.

## ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

## PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

### Parish Retreat

McGlenn Conference Center

(adjacent to Alvernia University)

October 1, 2016

9:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Theme: Forgiveness and God's Mercy in Our Lives

Presenter: Sister Patrice Klausung, OSF, LPC

Cost: \$20.00

(includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Optional Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Ron Bowman

**Registration is coming soon!!**

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Captain Brian Maurelli, Second Lt. Morgan Hissick, Second Lt. Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Pvt. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Senior Airman 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, Lt. Col. 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.

Mission Co-op: On August 20/21<sup>st</sup> Sister Pushpa Augustine will conduct a mission appeal on behalf of their congregation, the Sisters of Christ the Light. The Sisters are from South India. Their works in India include evangelization, pastoral and prison ministry, care of orphans, child laborers, dropouts, the hearing and speech impaired, education and health care in the interior villages and programs for the empowerment of women. Please be generous in supporting their mission work with your prayers and donations.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Jer 38:4-6, 8-10**— In a symbolic way the prophet's experience is a resurrection. He is buried in the cistern and later drawn up from it.

**Heb 12:1-4**—Take courage from the example of Christ. Do not lose sight of the eternal reward.

**Lk 12:49-53**— Many cannot find peace because they do not accept Christ. To them His coming is the cause of division.

**Today's Message -** The Lord came to the aid of Jeremiah whose preaching brought upon him rejection and ill treatment. For those who take the gospel seriously, misunderstanding and division must likewise be expected. Like Christ, we must never grow despondent or abandon the struggle to proclaim and live the truth.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 15

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—after 7:15 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – 8:45 p.m.

ULTREYA – 7:30 p.m. – JPTMITH Social Hall

GRIEFSHARE MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

UNEMPLOYMENT GROUP - 7:00 P.M.— Parish Center

MOMNIPOTENT STUDY – 8:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Church Mtg. Rm.

LEGION OF MARY MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. - Church

### **Follow me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John -**

Being Catholics takes more than simply believing in God or doing what He asks or doing what He asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer— He wants you to be His disciple and friend. To help you answer this deeper friendship with Christ, Saint Catharine's will begin **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John** on Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. For more information or to register please call Father Miller at 610-779-4005. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

### **ASSUMPTION OF MARY- AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**IT IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION BECAUSE OF IT FALLING ON A MONDAY. WE WILL FOLLOW OUR REGULAR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 15

7:15 Mary & Granville Rundle

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:15 Charles D. McDonald

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

7:15 Barry Ziegler (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

7:15 Bernard Bechtel

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

7:15 Richard Patton (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 Donald Herber (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

4:30 Walter & Clare Soltys

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 Sock & Brown Family

9:00 Daniel DiFulvio (44<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

10:30 Anthony Screpesi (26<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

12:00 Marion Herrmann

### Readings for the Week of August 14, 2016

Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Monday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday	Saint Stephen of Hungary
	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Saint John Eudes, Priest
	Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:**

**II Jacqueline Witt & Dan Ascanio**

**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

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 8/15	Deceased priests
Tuesday 8/16	Msgr. William Bayer
Wednesday 8/17	Father James Bechtel
Thursday 8/18	Father Joseph Becker
Friday 8/19	Father Michael Beers
Saturday 8/20	Seminarians
Sunday 8/21	Father Frans Berkhout

**Saint Catharine School News**

Saint Catharine of Siena School is forming a pool of substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested in subbing, please send a resume to Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM at Saint Catharine of Siena School, 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606 or [tballisty@scsreading.org](mailto:tballisty@scsreading.org). Substitutes are required to attend the diocesan seminar, "Protecting God's Children" and submit the required background checks.

**Position Available:** Saint Catharine of Siena School is seeking a full-time certified teacher for computer classes and math. If interested, please send resume to Sister Teresa Ballisty at [tballistyscs@gmail.com](mailto:tballistyscs@gmail.com).

**School Information Packets - Saint Catharine of Siena School Information Packets can be picked up this weekend.**

**OPENING OF SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Saint Catharine of Siena School welcomes all our new and returning faculty and students for the 2016-2017 school year. We pray for God's blessings on each of you.

August 23 --9:00 a.m. – Orientation for Kindergarten Parents and Students

10:30 a.m. Orientation for Pre-K Parents and Students

August 24 – Teachers' Retreat and In-service Day

August 25 – Teacher In-service Day

August 29 – 8:00 to 3:00 – Grades 5 to 8

August 30 – 8:00 to 3:00 – Grades K – 4

August 31 – 8:00 to 3:00 – Grades K – 8

September 1 – 8:00 to 3:00 – Grades K – 8

September 2 – Holiday

September 5 – Labor Day Holiday

September 6 – Full Day for Grades K – 8 & Pre-K starts

September 7 – 7:00 p.m. - Back to School Night

For more information, please refer to the school calendar.

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**August 20th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)**

Lector - Kathy Brent

Cantor - Bryan Scollick

Organist - Joe Schwartz

Altar Servers - M. Stratton - S. Stankiewicz - K. Swavely

**August 21st - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector- Melissa Woodard

Altar Servers - J. Wentling - R. Watts - M. Vagnoni

**August 21st - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Karen Zuczek

Cantor - Hayley Zambito

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - R. Wentzel - C. Wasielevski - S. Wasielevski

**August 21st - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Jim Snyder

Summer Chorale

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - B. Troung - H. Zambito - K. Zambito

**August 21st - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - George Violand

Cantor - Tracy Scheirer

Organist t - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Abramowicz - J. Albert - K. Amey

**50 Plus News**

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **September 7, 2016**. The board meeting will be held on **September 6, 2016** at 10:00 am. Please call Mike Mullen, President of the 50+ club at 610-370-1298, with any questions or concerns.

**MEETINGS**

**September 7, 2016** – Chili in the air, make your favorite chili or bring bread. Cake and Coffee- Play bingo

**October 5, 2016** – Italian Festival – Pizza/salad party. Music by Karl Hausman Cake & Coffee Bingo if time allows

**November 2, 2016** – Basket and Gift Auction – Everyone brings a NEW \$5.00 gift to be auctioned off. ONLY NEW ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Cake & Coffee.

**2016 TRAVEL PLANS**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – **MURDER MYSTERY DINNER AT BUBES BREWERY**. Cost: \$120.00 per person Payment due ASAP.

**October 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> - MEMPHIS, TN:** Graceland, Peabody Duck Tour, Danny Thomas Pavilion & more, staying on Beale St. Cost: \$895.00 per person – Final Payment due August 20, 2016

**November 30<sup>th</sup> - BRANDYWINE MUSEUM & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS at LONGWOOD GARDENS:** Dinner at Brandywine Prime. Cost: \$102.00 per person Deposit required.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** – **LANCASTER MAGIC LANTERN CHRISTMAS Show\_lunch & show at Rainbow Comedy Playhouse,** also time at **THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS CENTER**. Cost: \$98.00 Deposit required. Call **Pat White 610-582-1437** for more trip 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.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**Recently Baptized:** *Charlotte Noel Good & Scarlet Rose Herr*

**Recently added:** *Mary Kolakowski*

**& Please pray for our sick**

**& our soldiers in harm's way:**

Paula Abel, Anita Adamo, Stella Albrecht, 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, Nicky Biondo, Karen Bird, Christine Blair, Catherine Blanchard, Michael & Kim Blair, Christina Boehning, Adolph Bomba, Edward Boris, Thomas Brady, Susan Brennan, Maria Briand, Robin Briand, Frank Broga, Susan Brooks, Kathryn Brubaker, Robert Bryden, Renee Brzostek, Emily Buelow, Jeannine Caffrey, Peg Cappel, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Brianna Chery, Mark Christ, Richard Cibroski, Nancy Ciccone, Kevin Cleary, Marilyn Clifford, Donna Cocchia, Madison Rose Cohen, 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, Gretchen Dialectus, Paula DiBuilda, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, Henry Dolinski, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, James & Terri Dowling, 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, 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, Emory Hilton, Melissa Himmelberger, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Janice Hossler, Siegfried Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Rose Injain, Karen Irely, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Baby Jessica Jara, Erick Jefferson, Steven Julian, 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, Jack Kuhn, Mary Kusek, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Vanessa Leaizer, Sandra Loden, Harry Logan, Mary Lomnyczuk, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Harriet Madara, Eleanor Majka, Julia Marason, Megan Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Ron Marshman, Linda Martz, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Mathews, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Mary Rita McFadden, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Michael McMahan, Charles McMennamin, Rosemarie McMennamin, Rosemary McNish, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, Jacob Mower, Goup Toy Moy, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, Patrick & Louise Murtagh, Gordon Newmoyer, 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, Sharon Precht, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Ricky Ricketts, Eileen Rimby, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, 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, Maureen Steimetz, 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, Sheila Violand, Alan Wachowicz, Patty Wagner, Mark Walter, Marie Weber, Annetta Wilson, 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: .? 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.**



### **Calling all St. Catharine of Siena ALUMNI**

*Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alumni Mass  
to be celebrated by Rev. Allen J. Hoffa "Class of 97".*

**St. Catharine of Siena Chapel**  
2427 Perkiomen Avenue, Mt. Penn  
**Sunday, September 11, 2016**  
**10:30 AM**

*Come reminisce with old friends and classmates over Coffee and  
Pastries immediately following the Alumni Mass in the School  
Cafeteria.*

*Walk down Memory Lane through the Halls of your Alma Mater  
Please RSVP to [SCSAlumniSCS@gmail.com](mailto:SCSAlumniSCS@gmail.com)*

Check out our website [SCSreading.org](http://SCSreading.org) for Alumni Information

**Catechist and Aide needed:** If you have ever thought about teaching religion to students, now is your chance. A 7th grade catechist and aide are needed for PREP. All materials are provided. Please contact Lorraine Gajewski at 610-779-4499 for more information.

**Saint Catharine's CYO** - is looking for Girls Volleyball Coach & Assistant Volley Ball Coach. If you are interested, please email [josephcmiller@msn.com](mailto:josephcmiller@msn.com) or call Joe Miller at 610-781-5918.

**Next Blood drive Sunday Oct 9th** in Knights of Columbus room 18002236667 or email [David.Sheehan@med.ge.com](mailto:David.Sheehan@med.ge.com) to schedule an appointment.

**Youth News:** *Calling all willing adults and high school teens!* The senior and junior high youth ministry programs will be having a **planning meeting Tuesday, August 16** in the parish center at 7:00pm to look at the up coming year. *Many hands make light work!* Please consider helping out! Just some of the activities on the agenda, and in need of helpers, include our Fall programming called "You" by Ascension Press combined with some Pokemon Go!, our Feb Retreat, possible Mission Trip, Annual Christmas party, Serving at the Kennedy House and so much more!





*Congratulations to Bill & Judy McMahon who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 20th. May they be blessed with many more years together!*



*Congratulations to Bill & Pat Wertz who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May they be blessed with many more years together!*

#### **2015 St. Catharine's Cross Country**

It's cross country time! Any child in K-8th grade in the School or Parish is eligible to join the team (If not enrolled at SCS School, your son/daughter needs to be enrolled and regularly attending SCS Prep/CCD classes). K-2nd grade run a 1/2 mile, 3rd and 4th grade run 1 mile, 5th and 6th grade run 1 1/2 miles, and 7th and 8th grade run 2 miles. Meets (optional) are on Sundays beginning in September, ending in October. Practice begins **Wednesday August 17th from 4:30 - 5:15** at the Church and will continue every Wednesday through the season. Sign up forms are available at [www.eteamz.com/scscopy](http://www.eteamz.com/scscopy). The cost is \$10 per child. All registration forms and money are due at the first practice. Contact Cristina Schmehl at [schsac@verizon.net](mailto:schsac@verizon.net) with any questions.

**Graduates of Holy Name High School 1967.** We are trying to plan a 50th Class Reunion and would like to contact as many classmates as possible. If you are interested in having a reunion, please contact Donna (Pierce) Jerome at [donna.jerome@comcast.net](mailto:donna.jerome@comcast.net).

**Reading Central Catholic & Holy Name High School 50th Joint Reunion** - Class of 1966- The Cardinals & Blue Jays will be getting together for their 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, October 29th at The Fish Pond West. Invitations have been mailed out. If you did not receive one and wish to attend, call Greg Albrecht at 610-779-6304 or Candy Bocchochio Smith at 610-401-6948 or email [cchn66@gmail.com](mailto:cchn66@gmail.com) so we can get your address and mail you an invitation.

**Registration - Parish Religious Ed Prep (CCD)-** Children who will attend first grade in a public school in September 2016 should be registered in the Parish Religious Education Program. Registration forms can be picked up at the Parish Center Office or forms can be found on the tables located in the Gathering Space of the Church. Please return the form, fee, and a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate to the Religious Ed Office. Information will be sent out in August informing you on dates, etc. **For more information, contact Connie Fry at 610-944-0732.**

**Volunteers needed for Ready.Set.READ!** Program - Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students who are struggling with reading in the following school districts - Antietam, Daniel Boone, Exeter, Oley, and Reading School Districts. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour per week during the 2016-2017 school year. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or [darbyw@uwberks.org](mailto:darbyw@uwberks.org).

**Parish Nurse News** - Choose fun family activities to encourage your child's interest in the outdoors. Camping or picnics in the backyard, and games such as mini golf, hopscotch, tag, and jump rope are great-remember to keep them hydrated in the summer heat!

**DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL-** Please join us for a fun-filled day for the whole family! **Sunday, September 25, 2016, 11 am - 5pm at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.** The day begins with an **outdoor Multi-Cultural Mass celebrated by Bishop Barres at 11:00am (bring a lawn chair)**. Games for all ages including: bingo, fun activities for children, youth, teenagers and adults, inflatable obstacle course, scavenger hunt, bounce house, face painting, team events, etc. Delicious ethnic foods including: bleenies (potato pancakes), kiffles, haluski (cabbage and noodles), porketta sandwiches, assortment of Spanish foods including tacos and empanadas, pierogies, apple dumplings, and more. Music provided by "Island Time" band on the patio and by our talented high school, college, and special learning center students on the Levitt Pavilion. Something for everyone to enjoy while spending time with family and friends from across the whole Diocese! **Pre-order your 2016 Family Festival T-Shirts at [www.allentowndiocese.org/familyfestival](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/familyfestival) by August 24, 2016.**