

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 7th - 3:30 p.m. - John Kompa

Sunday, January 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon Zerkowski

New Altar Server Schedules can be picked up after Mass today in the Sacristy.

SINCERE THANKS to all who donated poinsettias for the Church at Christmas! And to all who helped prepare the crèche and decorate the church with poinsettias.

The Parish Center will re-open, Tuesday, January 3rd. The Parish Center number is 610-779-4005.

THERE WILL BE NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON MONDAY, & JANUARY 2ND. ADORATION WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH.

Thank you

*Thank you from
Monsignor
Domin, &*

*Father Miller, Msgr. Treston
to everyone who sent cards,
greetings, gifts, and goodies.
May God continue to bless you
in the New Year!*



A Recipe for a Happy New Year!

Take twelve months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients. Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over a radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. You're bound to have a Happy New Year!

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE FROM MONSIGNOR DOMIN, FATHER MILLER, MSGR. TRESTON. DEACONS FRY, & STAPLETON AND THE STAFF OF ST. CATHARINE'S PARISH CENTER AND SCHOOL!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Nm 6:22-27: Aaron and the Israelites are to pray that God will answer their prayers with blessings.

Gal 4:4-7: God sent Jesus, His Son, born of Mary, to deliver all from the bondage of sin and slavery of the law. By God's choice we are heirs of heaven.

Lk 2:16-21: When the shepherds came to Bethlehem, they began to understand the message of the angels. Mary prayed about this great event. Jesus received His name according to the Jewish ritual of circumcision.

Today's Message - We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son, we can confidently call God, "Abba"!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

RCIA - 7 p.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

50+GENERAL MTG. - 1 p.m. - Social Hall

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

PREP(LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 p.m. - School

UNEMPLOYMENT MTG. - 7 p.m. - Parish Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

"SIENA STITCHERS" -10 a.m. - Gathering Area

YOUTH CHOIR - 5:30 p.m. - Church

K OF C MTG. - 7:30 p.m. - Knights' Rm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - during the 10:30 Mass

BAPTISMS - during the 12 Noon Mass

Bishop Barres' Farewell Mass

Before departing to become the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY, Bishop Barres will celebrate a final Mass in the Diocese of Allentown on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 12:00 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena (1825 West Turner Street, Allentown, PA. 18104). All in the Diocese are welcome and invited to attend this Mass as we recognize and give thanks for the pastoral leadership of our fourth Shepherd. Let us pray together, as a Diocese, for Bishop Barres as he takes on the responsibility to lead and govern the people of Rockville Centre. Following the Mass a social will follow with light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center, directly below the Cathedral.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

NO 6:30

8:00 John Hanlin

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:30 Mary M. Goldbeck

8:00 Stanley Ustaszewski (3rd Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 Howard Brown

8:00 William Thomas

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

6:30 David G. Borst

8:00 Anna DeVelin

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30 Alex Breisch

8:30 Mary Lee Davis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 John G. Heckman

4:30 Samuel Russo (10th Ann.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30 Teddy Schalk

9:00 Casey Zielinski

10:30 Robert DiDio (5th Ann.)

12:00 Theresa Schlafler (1st Ann.)

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2017

Sunday Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Monday Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Friday Saint André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday Saint Raymond of Penyafort

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b;
Jn 2:1-11

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Pvt. First Class Mackenzie Adame, Pvt. David Ermentrout, Major 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, Corporal 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. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Tuesday 1/3	Bishop John Barres
Wednesday 1/4	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Thursday 1/5	Father Stephen Maco
Friday 1/6	Father Peter Mainza
Saturday 1/7	Father Leo Maletz
Sunday 1/8	Father Paul Marconi

Next Blood drive Sunday Feb 5th in Msgr. Smith Social Hall
Email David.Sheehan@med.ge.com or call 8002236667 to
schedule an appointment.

Parish Nurse News - Start the New Year with reachable goals
for daily walking, healthy new food choices, and positive ways of
thinking – what a great way to look up and move forward into
2017!

Lectors are needed for weekend and daily Masses. If
you are interested, please call the Parish Center at 610-
779-4005 and leave your name and telephone number
and you will be contacted.

50 PLUS NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **January 4, 2017**. The board meeting will be held on **January 3, 2017** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS

JANUARY 4, 2017: NEW YEARS Celebration - Members to bring hors d'oeuvres, appetizers and snacks to share. Cake and Coffee
PAT WHITE will discuss TRAVEL TRIPS for 2017.

FEBRUARY 1, 2017: SUPER BOWL, Donations of your favorite SOUP, with bread and butter... Cake & Coffee
Speaker: Barbara Reeser for SENIOR LIFE

MARCH 8, 2017: ST Patrick's Day Celebration, wear your green - Cake and coffee, get Irish Cream for your coffee.
Entertainment: STEVE WALKER – plays guitar, banjo and will sing Irish songs and other music for seniors.

2017 TRAVEL PLANS

March 15th, Wednesday - Silver Birches (formerly Ebrhardts) St Patrick's Festival Cost: \$100.00

April 19th, Wednesday - A Taste of Lancaster County with family style lunch at the famous Cork & Cap Restaurant at the Cork Factory Hotel Cost: \$70.00

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.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 7th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Jim Keane
Cantor - Leah Rile
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - K. Amey - G. Donato - A. Donato
January 8th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Paul Essig
Altar Servers - D. Dougherty - H. Gorman - A. Auman
January 8th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John Vogel
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - M. Feryo - L. Gilbert - P. McCullough
January 8th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Mary King
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Fries - E. Fries - I. Fries
January 8th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Gretchen Wentling
Cantor - Jay Yohn
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Tarquinio - T. Stasek - S. Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of January 2nd - 7th

:00 a.m. - S. Hodgson & K. Zambito - (Monday - Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. - H. Keperling & T. Keperling - (Thurs., - Saturday)
8:30 a.m. - H. Keperling & T. Keperling - (Friday Only)

Scheduling of Mass Intentions

It has been a longstanding tradition in the Church to accept a donation for a Mass to be celebrated for the intentions of a person, living or deceased. The donation for a Mass is \$10. Frequently family members desire to schedule Masses for specific days and times, and, as much as possible, we try to accommodate such requests. So that all parishioners may have equal access to desired dates and times for Masses, the following guidelines are followed:

- 1. Mass intentions with no particular date desired can be requested at any time.**
- 2. Requests are on a first-come, first-served basis.**
- 3. No more than 3 requests for the scheduling of particular dates per deceased and only 3 weekend Masses if more than 1 deceased is being remembered.**
- 4. Mass intentions are not accepted for Christmas, Easter Triduum, Mother's Day and Father's Day.**

Requests of Mass intentions can be made during regular office hours.

MASS BOOK - 2018 - The Mass Book for 2018 will be open the **third week in January**. You may stop by to make your requests **Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

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

“a time to be born...”

Recently Baptized

Recently added:

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

Paula Abel, Anita Adamo, Stella Albrecht, Mike Alfiero, Jeannine Ambrosi, Sue Ambruch, Tony Angello, Anthony Antonucci, Barbara Ash, Beverly Bansner, Kathy Barnes, Bob Bates, Kailee Baxter, Melanie Bechtel, Debi Bennett, Harrison Bergstresser, Jan Bertolet, Sandy Bibbo, Stella Bickleman, Nicky Biondo, Karen Bird, Christine Blair, Kim & Michael Blair, Madison Blair, Catherine Blanchard, Gerri Blessing, Christina Boehning, Adolph Bomba, Edward Boris, Thomas Brady, Susan Brennan, Maria Briand, Robin Briand, Frank Broga, Kathryn Brubaker, Robert Bryden, Renee Brzostek, Emily Buelow, Marvin Bush, Jeannine Caffrey, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Brianna Chery, Mark Christ, Nancy Ciccone, Kevin Cleary, Marilyn Clifford, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Lisa Costello, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Ryan Curley, Robin Cuzner, Jean Czapka, Kelly Davis, Yvania Dawson, Tony DeAngelis, John De Frees, Julie Denunzio, Melissa DeWees, Gretchen Dialectus, Paula DiBuilda, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, Henry Dolinski, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, James Dowling, Kathy Doyle, Father Michael Drury, Becky & Chuck Drennen, Dick Dunn, Gina Ebright, Lu Ann Eyre, Peter Fanticone, Jack Farrell, Josie Farrell, Jared Fenstemacher, 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, Johanna Goheen, Albert Gombar, Robert Grauert, Sr., Claire Griffith, Ruth Guyah, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Jeanne Goodwin Hall, Beverly Hannahoe, Bob Hamer, Eva Hare, Maria Harp, Leann Harris, Debbie Heberling, Jason Heckman, William Hedl, Robyn Hefferan, Diane Herbein, Emory Hilton, Melissa Himmelberger, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Siegried Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Mary Louise Hydock, Rose Injaian, Karen Irey, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Frank Jagielski, Baby Jessica Jara, Erick Jefferson, Steven Julian, Blake Kauffman, Andrew Kazmierczak, Blaine Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehlror, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, Joyce Kleckner, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Benjamin Kline, Ginny Koch, Judy Koch, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Kolakowski, Mary Konopelski, Mary Koren, Jim Kowalczyk, Jack Kuhn, Mary Kusek, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Vanessa Leaizer, Sandra Loden, Harry Logan, Mary Lomnyczuk, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Eleanor Majka, Julia Marason, Megan Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Ron Marshman, Linda Martz, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Ann Matthews, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Mary Rita McFadden, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Ainsley McLain, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Michael McMahan Charles McMenamain, Rosemarie McMenamain, Rosemary McNish, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, Rick Mims, Jacob Mower, Goup Toy Moy, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, Patrick & Louise Murtagh, Gordon Newmoyer, Bill Norquist, Bernie Nowotarski, Virginia O’Brien, Molly Oliver, Evelyn Oquendo, Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Peter Pietrzyk, Dolores Pikula, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Anne Poserina, Potts Family, Sharon Precht, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Richie Rickers, Ricky Ricketts, Eileen Rimby, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mary Ryan, Anne Schaeffer, Gladys Schell, Ann Schweitzer, Debra Schwenk, Beth Serafin, Tom Shaaber, Garth Shannon, David Sharpley, Sr., Earl Sheetz, Dawn Siderowicz, Janet Smith, Patricia Smoyer, Baby Ania Snader, Tyson Snader, Susan Sneddon, Gene Sock, Julie Staber, Christopher Starr, Maureen Steimetz, Pam Stribbling, Helen Strohecker, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Ken Styer, Earl Suchomelly, Cullen Sullivan, Carolyn Taraba, Paul Teske, Hilda Thomas, John Thorne, John Tittle, Bella Tomalis, Jan Tomalis, Wendy Tustin, Jane Valeriano, Johnathon Velez, Alan Wachowicz, Patty Wagner, Mark Walter, Marie Weber, Annetta Wilson, Leo Woelkers, Julia Wolff, 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.

There are positions available on the St. Catharine of Siena School Board.

Please consider nominating yourself to serve within this important ministry. Applicants must be at least 21 years old. Parents who have students enrolled at SCS as well as individuals who do not have children in the school are encouraged to apply. The SCS School Board consists of no more than one-third current parents. Please email Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM at tballistyscs@gmail.com for an application. The deadline to submit an application is January 31, 2017.

All contributions for 2016 must be received by Saturday, December 31st to be included on your statement. Thank you for your generosity during the past year. If contributions are received after December 31st they will be applied to your 2017 statement.

Catholic High School Scholarships— Eight grade parishioners attending Catholic, public or private elementary or middle school are invited to apply for a one-year \$1,000 scholarship to attend one of the eight Catholic High Schools of the Diocese of Allentown. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement; involvement in extracurricular activities; services to school, parish and community; and pastor and principal recommendations. Applications forms are available on line at www.scsreading.org. Completed applications must be submitted to the school by January 6, 2017.

KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS



The 44th National March for Life will be Friday, January 27, 2017. The St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus are sponsoring and partially subsidizing a bus trip traveling to our nation's Capital to join the protest of the historic Roe vs. Wade decision. Our voice and physical presence is the best way to draw attention to this truly groundless decision and to persuade our leaders to eradicate it from America's future. Our cause now has the support of the President –elect and the Senatorial and Congressional majorities! It's now time for the people to rev up their pro-life stance !

We have bus seats available at a cost of \$10 per person. We will stop for dinner on the way home. If you would like to join us, please contact Pat Davis at 610-322-0857 by January 6th to reserve a spot.

Please keep in mind there is a significant amount of walking associated with the March.

High School Youth Retreat 2017 will be Feb 24-16! This incredible retreat led by teens from our parish (Mary Stratton, Holly Gorman, Haley Buser, Jorden Headen, Alex Pack, Ryan Wentzel and more!) for teens like you will be held at beautiful Camp Manatawny in Douglasville. Here's some of what last years participants had to say, "I totally did not want to go, but I'm so happy my parents made me go! I'll be back for next year!", "Neon Dodgeball was a blast! I had no idea a youth retreat could be so much fun!" and "I discovered things a never really knew. I'm so glad I came. Thank you!" These are just a sampling of the many positive feedbacks received. Here's hoping you decide, or someone who loves you decides, to sign you up for this year's retreat which will start after school on the 24th and go until early afternoon on the 26th. Check out the parish website for a permission slip. Hand it in to the parish center with your \$50 nonrefundable deposit to hold you seat asap. Participants will be asked to help with a hoagie sale fundraiser before the retreat to help defray additional costs that the parish is covering. Space is limited, don't delay. Contact Fr Miller or Mrs. Stratton 610-406-0452 with any question.

Calling all Senior High Youth are invited to go to the annual **March for Life Friday, Jan 27th.** *RSVP permission slip and \$10 due by Jan 6th.* We will be traveling down with the Knights. You will need a bag lunch and money for dinner out. We are seeking adult chaperones with all diocese clearances to join us! Contact Deanna Stratton 610-406-0452 or Father Miller with questions.



Saint Catharine of Siena School News

Service Projects – St. Catharine's students have been active in several service projects during the holiday season. The annual Thanksgiving food drive provided cartons of food items for St. Joseph Pantry. Classes have adopted families through the Red Cross for Christmas gifts. Snacks and food items have been collected for the Senior Citizens through Berks Encore and for the military. We appreciate the generosity of our students and families for helping those in need throughout our Reading area.

Catholic Schools Week – January 29 – February 4

Open House – Sunday, January 29, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 31, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Guided tours for parents of prospective students and families of current students will be given on Sunday. Open House on Tuesday is for new students and their families. New registrations for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade will be taken.

Pre-Kindergarten – St. Catharine's Pre-Kindergarten is located in the school building. Three options are offered: five days full-day, three days full-day (M, W, F), or three days half-day (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 2017-2018 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, 2017.

Kindergarten: Children must be 5 years of age by October 15, 2017.

First Grade: Children must be 6 years of age by October 15, 2017.

Any questions, please call Mrs. Maryann Weiser at 610-779-5810.

SCRIP generates free money at no additional cost to the buyer. If you shop and use gift cards, purchase them through the SCRIP program. A percent of each sale returns to the parish and school.