

## Saint Mary's News

### Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 17th - 3:30 p.m. - Steven M. Bibbo  
Sunday, December 18th - 10:30 a.m. - John Sroka

Envelopes can be found today on the altar rail for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Each plant is \$12.00. **Please print names legibly.**

**POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOC.:** The 12th Annual Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 18 at the Stirling Guest Hotel, 1120 Centre Avenue. Doors open at 4:15PM. For more info and reservations call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279 after 7:00PM. Deadline is Dec. 12.

**Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)** will be available next weekend after each Mass in the vestibule. They will be available at St. Catharine of Siena Rectory during their business hours from 8:00AM to 4:00PM.

**Volunteers are needed after the 10:30AM Mass** next Sunday, December 18, to help decorate the altar with poinsettias for Christmas. This should not take longer than one hour.

**SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES:** Christmas Eve 9:00PM, Christmas Day 10:30AM, New Year's Eve 3:30PM, New Year's Day 10:30AM.

### *A special thank you from Msgr. Domin*

*Our St. Mary's School Reunion was a huge success. I would like to thank the Felician Sisters, the Bernadine Sisters and the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception for their presence.*

*To the Committee Members who worked tirelessly to make this day unforgettable: Jessica Keihl-Hernandez, Theresa Kasmierzack, Suzanne Stajkowski-Dolan, Rita Gethmann & Ann Nachurski, (Anthony Stajkowski (Adult refreshments), Dave Korch, (Music), Kathleen Scoboria, (Table decorations), Donna & Tom Kosmoski (kitchen & baking the delicious kruschiki pastries.*

*Last but not least to the students from Saint Catharine's School who made beautiful posters and welcome signs for the tables that added to this joyful occasion.*

### *Christmas Confession Schedule*

*Saturday, Dec. 17th -*

*3:30-4:15 p.m. - Church*

*Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday,*

*December 20<sup>th</sup>*

*4-5 & 7-8 p.m. - Chapel*

### *Christmas Masses*

*Christmas Vigil - 4 p.m. - Church &*

*4:00 p.m. - Chapel*

*7:00 p.m. &*

*12 Midnight- \* Incense - Church Only*

*9:00 p.m.. - Saint Mary's*

*Christmas Day - 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.\**

*Incense - Church*

*10:00 a.m. - St. Mary's*

### *Solemnity of Mary - Mass Schedule*

*New Year's Eve - 3:30 p.m. - Saint*

*Mary's*

*New Year's Eve- 4:30 p.m. - Church*

*New Year's Day - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 &*

*12:00 noon - Church*

*10:30 a.m. Saint Mary's*

### **46th Annual Carol Pilgrimage at the Churches in Mount Penn Sunday, December 18th**

- The Pilgrimage begins at 7PM at Pennside Presbyterian, 253 North 25th Street, Mount Penn, proceeds to Faith Lutheran, Trinity UCC, and St. Catharine's RCC. Advent candles are lit at each Church, as prayers are offered and carols are sung. Nativity figures join the procession with each stop along the way, and each Church presents special music. Refreshments follow the event at St. Catharine's school cafeteria. The public is invited.

2017 Sunday Missals and Advent Supplies are now available in the Church Store. Included with the Advent supplies are candles, wreaths, calendars, and the "Little Blue Books" - daily meditations for the Advent/Christmas season. The 2017 Sunday Missals are also available at the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can pick up their Missals in the Priests' Sacristy.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Is 35:1-6,10:** The vision of the Messiah describes His work - not only in restoring health and well-being to the infirm, but also in bringing mercy and forgiveness of salvation.

**Jas 5:7-10:** Look to the example of prophets and learn patience under severe hardships.

**Mt 11:2-11:** Jesus applies the words of Isaiah to Himself. He proclaims the Good News of salvation, freedom, and joy.

**Today's Message -** In the person of Jesus, God has come to heal and save us. Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of His advent.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS – 8-12 Noon-Social Hall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.

PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:45 p.m. - School

GRIEFSHARE MTG. – 7 p.m. Parish Center

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY MTG.- 7 p.m.- Social Hall

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

RCIA – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

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

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

'SIENA STITCHERS' – 10 a.m. – Gathering Area

YOUTH CHOIR – 5:30 p.m. – Church

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

VOICES IN PRAISE – 7 p.m. – Church

PARISH COUNCIL MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass

YOUTH MTG. – 5 p.m. – Parish Center

MT. PENN PILGRIMAGE- 7 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS MTG. – 6:30 p.m. –Social Hall

Calling all 6-12 grade youth for the **Annual Youth Ministry Christmas Party and Mt Penn Pilgrimage Caroling.** The fun starts at 5:00pm on Sunday 12/18 at that parish center for food, friends and a fun Christmas movie. At 6:45 we will bundle up and begin our walk to the first of the 4 churches that participate in the annual caroling pilgrimage which starts at 7:00pm. As always we will be providing the all important Wisemen for this local tradition. This a great event to bring your non-church friends! All are welcome to this free event. Please print off a permission slip from the website. Contact Fr Miller or Mrs. Stratton 610-406-0452 with any questions.

**Saint Vincent de Paul will begin collecting children's new and gently used hats, gloves, mittens, children's winter boots, and scarves for distribution to needy children in our city. Collection bins will be at exits. Thank you for your generosity!**

**The Sienna Stitches will be displaying handmade articles for sale at the Church. All proceeds will go to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:30 Helen Lucas (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

8:00 Carl & Marie Heins

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 Joan Serafin

8:00 Alois & Rosa Sager

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 Living and Deceased of the Parish

8:00 Maria Mac

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:30 Platko, Verbosh & Ricket Fam.

8:00 Emily Shalter (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 Florence Grim

8:30 Vera Wert

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 Earl Heintz

4:30 Cortney Kelly

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 John Bielski

9:00 Martha Safko

10:30 Carmen Romero (4<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

12:00 Antonio, Josephine & Harry Armstrong

### Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016

#### Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

#### Monday

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

#### Tuesday

#### Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23;

Mt 21:28-32

#### Wednesday

#### Saint John of the Cross, Priest and

#### Doctor of the Church

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10,

11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

#### Thursday

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;

Lk 7:24-30

#### Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

#### Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

#### Sunday

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24

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

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 12/12	Father Robert Kosek
Tuesday 12/13	Father David Kozak
Wednesday 12/14	Deceased priests
Thursday 12/15	Msgr. Robert Kozel
Friday 12/16	Father Daniel Kravatz
Saturday 12/17	Father John Krivak
Sunday 12/18	Father Thomas Kuller

**50 Plus News**

The Christmas Party 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 Mike Mullen, President of the 50+ club at 610-370-1298, 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: SENIOR LIFE, Barbara Reeser.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday - Silver Birches (formerly Ebrhardts) St Patrick's Festival Cost:\$100.00

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

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday - Southern York County Dine Around with Train Ride to New Freedom Cost: \$105.00. 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**

**December 17th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)**

Lector - Chris Marabella  
Cantor - B. Scollick  
Organist - Joseph Schwartz  
Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - M. Partsch - E. Nguyen

**December 18th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector- James Keane  
Altar Servers - F. Miravich - S. Miravich - E. Oscar

**December 18th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Barry Hannahoe  
Guitar Group  
Altar Servers - P. McCullough - R. Griffin - M. Griffin

**December 18th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Vince McDevitt  
Voices In Praise Choir  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - D. O'Hara - S. O'Hara - M. Pawlik

**December 18th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Edrie Watson  
Contemporary Music  
Altar Servers - G. Reed - E. Miller - J. Miller

**ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS**

**Week of December 12th - 17th**

**8:00 a.m.-** H. Keperling & T. Keperling - (Monday - Wednesday)

**8:00 a.m. -** E. Fernandez & E. Nguyen - (Thurs., - Saturday)

**8:30 a.m. -** E. Fernandez & E. Nguyen - (Friday Only)

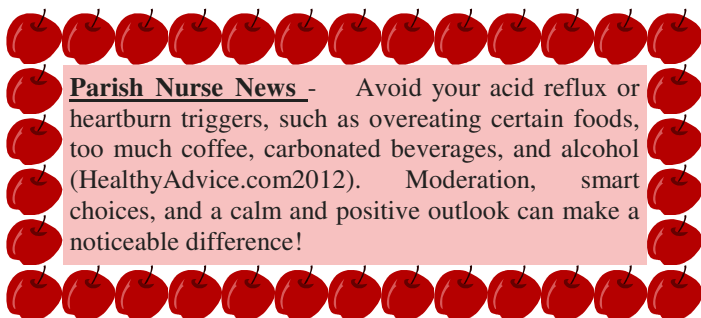
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**Christmas Vespers- December 18<sup>th</sup> in the Franco Post Auditorium from 3-5pm admission is free**

**Saints Shoot Out and Cheerleading Clinic- December 28, 2016-** For Boys and Girls Grades K-8. Offensive moves for guards and forwards, dribbling moves, shooting, shooting off the dribble, shooting off the pass, and shoot out contest. Please go to the Berks Catholic Website for a registration form. [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org)

**Open House, January 29, 2017 2-4pm:** A terrific opportunity to meet faculty, administration and current students. Our clubs and activities are on display to give you a glimpse into what we are about. It's Open House is an exciting and neat experience seeing our community together.

**Retirement Fund for Religious** - Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others — educating the young comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retired Religious help to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities . Please give generously to today's second collection.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

**Recently Baptized: Ivan Gene Fava, Hazel Marie Grace Harman, Colton Clutch Nuding, Sophia Katherine Snyder & Isabella Thanh Vu**

**Recently added: Gerri Blessing , Rick Mims, Richie Rickers**

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

Paula Abel, Anita Adamo, Stella Albrecht, Mike Alfiero, 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, Catherine Blanchard, 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 Fenstermacher, 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, Maria Harp, Leann Harris, Debbie Heberling, Jason Heckman, William Hedl, Robyn Hefferan, Diane Herbein, Emory Hilton, Melissa Himmelberger, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Janice Hossler, Siegfried Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Mary Louise Hydock, Rose Injaian, Karen Irely, 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, Jean Kline, 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 Mathews, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Mary Rita McFadden, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Ainsley McLain, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Michael McMahan Charles McMenamin, Rosemarie McMenamin, 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, 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, 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: ... **Frances Gabrielli**

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.

*Thanks to everyone who made our Christmas Boutique a huge success, from the volunteers, to the countless bakers and to everyone who attended the event to show support for both the parish effort and creativity of our artistic vendors. The boutique's gross income was \$12,831. The expenses were \$2,889 and the boutique made a profit of \$9,931. Thank you to everyone for making this possible!*

**Congratulations to our cash raffle winners:** Leo Mikus - \$250.00, Patricia Andrzejewski - \$250.00, John Lecce - \$50.00, William Lomnychuk - \$50.00, Joe Biscanti - \$50.00, Carol Carmen - \$50.00 & Bill Harst - \$50.00.



### **The Angel Tree**

For years the Saint Vincent de Paul Society through Catholic Charities has helped the children with toys and gifts at Christmas. Because of the many other generous organizations, **toys are not needed this year.** The real necessities for these families to make a better life are needed! So this year in a more practical nature they have asked us to be Angels and provide any monetary gift, large or small for these needs. We will have an Angel Tree in the main gathering area at Church. Anyone can be an angel. Young or old! These donations will go from Catholic Charities to a specific family or individual for anything from a bus token, or shoes, to even help with a water bill or heat. Many are struggling this Holy Season. Please be an "Angel. **Your donation will mean so much! Thank you!**

**Help needed:** We will be decorating the Chapel for Christmas on Saturday, December 17th after the 8:00 AM Mass. It usually takes less than an hour.



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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, Jordan 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 your seat asap. Fundraisers will be offered to help defray the total cost of \$107 ( a bargain) which is due before the retreat. Space is limited, don't delay. Contact Fr Miller or Mrs. Stratton 610-406-0452 with any question.

## LIFE AD CAMPAIGN of 2017

Please demonstrate your support for the *Life Ad 2017 Campaign* sponsored by the Catholic Community of Berks County by signing your name to St Catharine's list of supporters. This Life Ad will be published in the Reading Eagle on Friday, January 22, 2017, the anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the United States.

Your donations not only publish this Ad but also provide financial support to St. Mary's Shelter/home. If you are unable to donate at this time, Please consider giving us your signature support. It is important to raise the awareness that many people support the homeless pregnant woman.

Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.

**NOTE:** Volunteers will be available after Mass this weekend to assist you with your signature information. For an added convenience, you may mail your information to the parish center or drop it in the collection basket. *Please PRINT name clearly. We can only use the following Examples: John Smith, John and Mary Smith or The Smith Family.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ If you are making a donation by check, please write it to "Life Ad Campaign 2017". Thank you.

**Deadline for Campaign:  
Sunday, December 18, 2016**

**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 Feast of our Lady Guadalupe** will be celebrated at the Santander Arena on Monday, December 12th. The Solemn Mass will be celebrated in the evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. **Las Nohecitas begins at 4:30 a.m.** The Spanish novena will begin on December 4 – 7th at St. Paul Church, continues at St. Peter Church the evenings of December 8-11th. Unless advised otherwise, all evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to honor the patroness of the Americas.

**The poor can never take a holiday.** Please remember them by your contributions in the poor boxes. **The "Poor Box"** is located at the main entrance of the Church. The money is used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the needy families of our parish. Thanks to all those who have been using it.

**EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY** will continue to accept PERSONAL HYGEINE products and any non-perishable food item on an on-going basis. Bins are located in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. For more information, please contact Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein at 610-779-6045.