# Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Elizabeth Milanek Sunday, February 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Clare Soltys

<u>Cleaning St. Mary's Church</u>: Volunteers are needed to clean Saint Mary's Church the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The Lenten Pierogi Society will begin its labors on Monday, January 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will meet each Monday & Tuesday through Lent. New Location: Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use parking lot Chapel entrance.

SAINT MARY'S 2016 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS: Those desiring statements for their contributions to this parish in 2016 for income tax purposes should PRINT the word STATEMENT on their Sunday envelope. The statements will be available on the table in the vestibule of the church within two weeks of receipt of request.

New Eucharistic Minister and Lector Schedules can be picked up after Mass today in the Sacristy.

<u>LATIN MASS</u>: There will be a Latin Mass celebrated at St. Mary's Church every second Sunday of the month at 12:30PM. Reconciliation at noon: social after Mass.

<u>The Mass Book for 2018 is now open</u>. You can make requests at St. Catharine of Siena Rectory Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.



The Scrip Program is looking for a volunteers to sell the third Sunday every month from 7:10-10:10am. & 5th Saturday. We also need substitutes! Please consider volunteering your time to help our parish. Please email scripprogramscs@gmail.com if you are interested.

#### TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your giving record for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at dsitler@comcast.net. If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement.

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email	

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005.



FINAL COLLECTION WEEK FOR "BASKETS OF LOVE" Seeing all the items and baskets coming in for our shutin's is exciting. This the last weekend coming up to collect items, then we will be putting the baskets together. So if you would like to be part of our assembly line

for our first ever <u>Baskets of Love</u> please come and join us on Thursday Feb. 9th at 1 PM at the Church. It will be fun and deeply appreciated. Many hands make the work load light and easy. For more information please call Linda Vogel at 610-779-6287.

Protection of Youth - It is essential for Any and ALL individuals 18 years of age and older who volunteer with children to attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop. The next Protecting God's Children Workshop at St. Catharine of Siena will be held: When: Sunday, March 19, 2017- Where: St. Catharine of Siena Church, Social Hall, Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606. Time: Begins promptly at: 10:30 AM. Call:(610) 779-4005 to reserve a spot.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Zep 2:3; 3:12-13**:The Lord is to be found among a people who are humble and lowly. Those who are humble seek after God. They shall find repose in Him.

1 Cor 1:26-31: Contrary to worldly standards, God chooses those who are weak, lowborn and despised. To these God has given His own Son, Jesus, for sanctification and redemption.

Mt 5:1-12a: Jesus says that the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, those thirsting for holiness, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who suffer for holiness' sake are "blessed" — their reward awaits them in heaven.

<u>Today's Message</u> - Blessed are the humble of the earth, blessed are the poor in spirit! Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

STUDENTS' ART EXHIBIT – JPTSMITH SOCIAL HALL-after all Masses

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30** 

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

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31** 

RCIA - 7 p.m. - Parish Center

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

50+GEN. MTG. – 1 p.m. JPTSMITH 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, FEBRUARY 2** 

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

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

K OF C MTG.- 7:30 p.m. – Knights Rm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

AHG MTG. - 7:30 p.m. - JPTSMITH Social Hall

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5** 

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - during the 10:30 Mass

BLOOD DRIVE- 7:30 -1:30 p.m. – JPTSMITH Social Hall

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. - Church

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 Parish Nurses Group will be available to take blood pressures after all the Masses at the Church on February 11th and 12th.

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Stay warm with layers, pace yourself when shoveling snow - frequent rest breaks, and if the snow is too heavy, hire a neighbor teen to shovel. He or she will likely be happy to have the job!

#### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30 The Jurasinski Family

8:00 Deceased Members of Madlyn & Tom Franck Fam.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31** 

6:30 Beth Morelli

8:00 Claire Kline

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 Mary Wright

8:00 Barbara Gregonis

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:30 Living and Deceased of the Parish

8:00 Mae Metelli

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 Ethel & Anthony Rearden

8:30 Catherine T. Sigmund

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 Roy G. Monde, Jr. (15<sup>th</sup> Ann.) 4:30 Paul T. Bassler (9<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 Tony & Pat Waldman

9:00 Walter & Jean Zielinski

10:30 Roy Sanders

12:00 John Gerhard

#### Readings for the Week of January 29, 2017

Sunday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday Saint John Bosco, Priest

Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32;

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;

Mt 5:13-16

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, Spc. 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, 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 1/30 Father Elias Munyaneza Tuesday 1/31 Msgr. John Murphy Wednesday 2/1 His Holiness Pope Francis Thursday 2/2 Pope Emeritus Benedict

Friday 2/3 Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen

Saturday 2/4 Msgr. Francis Nave Sunday 2/5 Father Anthony Nyari

#### PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

Heavenly Father, who promised that all those who instruct others in the ways of holiness will shine as stars for all eternity, fill our hearts and minds with true knowledge and the art of teaching. Give us patience and understanding, justice and prudence, humility and fear of the Lord. Grant us wisdom and charity so that with a pure and holy love of God we ourselves may enjoy all these gifts and impart them to our students. Teach our children to be obedient to your laws and open to your inspiration. Let them be instruments of your peace in their homes, in our land, and in the family of nations, as they become children of God in the mystical Body of Christ. May the blessings of your sevenfold gifts be in all who teach and in all who learn through the Holy Spirit who is the love of the Father and the Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ-the Divine Teacher. Amen. (OSV)

Saturday, February 11, 2017 Helper's Pilgrimage: Please join Helpers of God's Precious Infants and Father Keith Mathur, Celebrant at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00 AM at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road and continues with The Rosary at the facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy. Contact Info: 610-674-4624.



### **Knights of Columbus Homemade Soup**

Made with the freshest ingredients from scratch

The flu and cold season is upon us and to have a quart or two of this delicious soup on hand just makes sense

Chicken Vegetable - \$5.50 per quart/ two or more quarts \$5.00 each

or

**Seafood Soup** - \$7.50 per quart/ two or more quarts \$7.00 each

Email order to patrickdavis7@ptd.net

or

Robert.Pauley@novipax.com

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

February 4th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Jim Keane

Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - W. McNish - B. Mc Nish - M. McNish

February 5th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Madeline Mullen

Altar Servers - E. Fernandez - T. Keperling - H. Keperling

February 5th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Theresa Pauley

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - S. Wright - P. McCullough - A. Auman

February 5th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike McCarthy Voices In Praise Choir

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - E. Lavanga - S. Miravich - M. Pawlik

February 5th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Todd Tomczyk

Cantor - Leah Rile

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - A. McElderry - E. McElderry - G. McElderry

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS Week of January 30th - February 4th

8:00 a.m. - L. Formando & E. Oscar - (Monday - Wednesday) 8:00 a.m. - L. Gilbert & A. Renninger - (Thurs., - Saturday) 8:30 a.m. - L. Gilbert & A. Renninger - (Friday Only)

**FALL 2017 CRUISE** – A nine- night New England and Canada cruise is planned for September 28-October 7, 2017 to support the building of St Francis Home for the terminally ill. This home is being built in Shillington. Fr Philip Rodgers is on the board of Directors, and would like to invite you to join him on this fund-raising cruise. We will be sailing on Anthem of the Seas, a Royal Caribbean ship. The cruise will depart from Bayonne NJ and make stops at New England and Canadian ports. An **INFORMATION NIGHT** is planned for Tuesday January 31 at 7:00 p.m., St Ignatius School, conference room A&B. Please come on Tuesday and learn more about this very popular cruise. For more information please call Nancy Schwartz at 610-670-1050.



All children (12 and under) and families are invited to the next Youth Ministry event on Monday, February 6th 5:30-7:00pm for our St. Valentine's dance with DJ Mr. Zambito. Location is SMITH HALL

(social hall). Pizza will be served - bring a drink or snack to share. RSVP Shaun & Heather Keperling @ Keperling@ieee.org Happy St. Valentine's!

Looking for Employment Josephs People can help Come join us for Practice Interview Sessions February 1st 7 pm at St Catharine's Parish Center basement meeting rooms 2427Perkiomen Ave Reading Pa 19606 What makes you better and builds your confidence? Practice How can you be better prepared and more confident for your next big interview? Practice Come join JPB and our HR professional volunteers to practice your interviewing skills No fees! Questions call John Senick at 484-651-0498.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Paula Abel, Anita Adamo, Stella Albrecht, 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, Christina Boehning, Adolph Bomba, Edward Boris, 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, Marilyn Clifford, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Lisa Costello, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Ryan Curley, Larry Curtin, Robin Cuzner, 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, 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, Donna Gentry, Grace Gerace, Pat Gerace, Joseph Gierschick, Jr, Frank Gill, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Johanna Goheen, Albert Gombar, Claire Griffith, Ruth Guyah, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Jeanne Goodwin Hall, Beverly Hannahoe, Eva Hare, Maria Harp, Leann Harris, Debbie Heberling, Jason Heckman, William Hedl, Robyn Hefferan, Diane Herbein, Emory Hilton, Melissa Himmelberger, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Matt Holtzman, Siegried Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Frank Jagielski, Erick Jefferson, Steven Julian, Blake Kauffman, Andrew Kazmierczak, Elizabeth Kehlor, 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, Todd Lenich, 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 McMahon, 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, Evelyn Oquendo, Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Peter Pietrzyk, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Anne Poserina, Potts Family, Sharon Prechtl, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Richie Rickers, Ricky Ricketts, Eileen Rimby, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mary Ryan, Elizabeth Sassig, 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, Susan Sneddon, Julie Staber, Christopher Starr, Maureen Steimetz, Pam Stribbling, 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: ... Henry Dolinski, (husband of Dolores Dolinski & father of Mark Dolinski); John Schwenk, (brother of Dick , Phil Schwenk & Susan Yapsuga) & Mario Salvatore, (husband of Geraldine Salvatore) 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.

# PLEASE NOTE - The Mass Book for 2018 is open. You may stop by to make your requests Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown will hold its Tenth Annual Gala, on Sunday, March 5, 5:30 p.m. at The DeSales University Center, Center Valley. Reverend Monsignor Walter T. Scheaffer, pastor of St. Mary Church, Kutztown, and Anne Jaindl and Jaindl Family Farms, will be honored for their contributions in helping the poor in the Diocese of Allentown. To receive an invitation, become a sponsor or place an ad in the program book, please contact Julie Scheck at 610-871-5200, 216 jscheck@allentowndiocese.org. Information is posted on www.catholiccharityAD.org.

<u>Nocturnal Adoration Devotions</u> will be held in our Chapel on Perkiomen Avenue. The Adoration will be held from 8:00-9:00 p.m., on First Friday, February 3rd.



The Raffle is Coming!
To Benefit St. Catharine of Siena School
Ticket Cost: \$25 Each or 5/\$100

1<sup>St</sup> Prize - \$3,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$1,500 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$1,000 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Prizes - \$600 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Prizes - \$300

6th - 7th Prizes - \$300 8th - 9th Prizes - \$100

Every Ticket Purchased Gains Entry For ONE Person To Our Special Not-To-Be-Missed Party Event – Where The Raffle Winners

Will Be Announced Over Complimentary Food/Drinks/Dancing - Saturday, February 25, 2017, 7:00-10:00 P.M. (Social Hall)

\*\*\* Chinese Auction & Other Games\*\*\*
TICKETS ON SALE AT IN THE GATHERING AREA AFTER EVERY
SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASS

#### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

December 18, 2016

Actual Budget
This Year \$ 21,395 \$ 23,421
Year to date \$ 518,984 \$ 585,525

Year to date deficit \$ 66,541

**Last Year** \$ 23,246

 December 25, 2016

 Actual
 Budget

 This Year
 \$ 17,043
 \$ 23,421

 Year to date
 \$ 536,027
 \$ 608,946

Year to date deficit \$ 72,919 Last Year \$ 20,700

# Our Christmas collection was \$41,024

A sincere "THANK YOU" to our parishioners and visitors who choose to contribute to St. Catharine's. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

# **50 Plus News**

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **February 1**, **2017**. The board meeting will be held on **January 31**, **2017** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

#### **MEETINGS**

**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.

**APRIL 5, 2017:** Italian Sandwiches, as well as cake and coffee, then Bingo, Bingo, Bingo

#### **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

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. <a href="ALL ARE WELCOME"><u>ALL ARE WELCOME</u></a>

## **School News**



Stand Up for Life Essay Contest - Congratulations to Vivian Nguyen, an eighth grader at St. Catharine of Siena School! Vivian was the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for the Stand Up for Life essay Contest in the Junior Division for the Diocese of Allentown. This contest is co-sponsored by The Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities and Social Concern and The Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Allentown. Vivian was recognized at the Awards Ceremony at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Serrans Third Annual Vocation Essay Contest – Berks Deanery</u> Congratulations to Grace Donato and Joyce Chan, seventh graders at

SCS! Grace won second place and Joyce won third place in this vocation essay contest. Mr. Stephen Hahn will present the awards to the students after the Friday school Mass.



High School Youth Retreat Hoagie Fundraiser-

The Sr. High Youth group will be taking Hoagie orders after all the Masses this weekend. The sandwiches are from Sebastiano's Restaurant. All sandwiches are \$7.00 and will be available for

pick up Super Bowl Sunday 2/5/16 after the 10:30 Mass. The proceeds will help support the Youth Retreat on Feb. 24 -26.



An afternoon of SNOWTUBING for Jr High and Sr High on Sunday, February 12!

- Back by popular demand! We will travel to Blue Mountain Ski Resort for an afternoon of Snowtubing. We will leave St. Catharine's Church after the 9am Mass and travel to Blue Mountain Ski Resort. A cost of \$30 will

include: transportation, a pizza lunch, and three hours of snow tubing. Permission forms and money are due to the Parish Center no later than Monday, February 6. We will need parent drivers with all diocesan clearances to help out for this awesome afternoon. Interested chaperones please contact Marci Zambito (610-223-7189) or mzambitoscs@gmail.com.

We are excited to announce Saint Catharine's first Mission Trip opportunity! We will be going to Baltimore, MD with Young Neighbors In Action from June 25th to July 1st, 2017. All current high school teens are eligible to go! A permission slip and a \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by the end of February 2017, BUT SPACE IS LIMITED. So, if you are interested, please contact Julia Sneeringer at jsneer12@gmail.com.

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 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. Space is limited, don't delay. Contact Fr Miller or Mrs. Stratton 610-406-0452 with any questions.