

Saint Mary's News **Mass Schedule**

Wednesday, March 1st - 8:00 a.m. - Anna Zmroczek
Saturday, March 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Theodore Kazmierczak
Sunday, March 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Clarence Jablonski

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE- There will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

The Lenten Pierogi Society will be making Pierogis on Mondays & Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Church basement through Lent. Male or female, young or old, come and make this popular fundraiser a success. **New Location:** Use the Chapel entrance from parking lot.

Pierogi Sale: Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including April 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. New Location: Pierogis will be sold in the Church Basement. Please use the side entrance from the Parking Lot. Potato, Sauerkraut & Cheese Pierogis will sell for \$8.00 per dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 per cup. (Weather permitting) Volunteers are needed to help sell Pierogis on Fridays.

Altar Servers Schedules will be available in the sacristy after Mass this weekend.

SECOND COLLECTION – “ALMSGIVING” - “...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret.” (Ash Wednesday’s Reading) - **During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs** : March 5th - St. Peter’s. *Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.*

The Polish-American Heritage Association is presenting a speaker on the Holocaust on Sunday, March 26, at 2PM at the Slovak Catholic Sokols, 411 Crestmont St., Reading. Light refreshments. Free Admission. RSVP to Marilyn Wlazewski at 610-779-5523 no later than March 16, 2017.

Many, Many Thanks!

On behalf of the Shut-ins who received their "Baskets of Love". Thank you so much, they were excited, surprised and tearful to think we remembered them. Their Valentines was a little brighter because of you. Thank you again to all who donated countless items, helped put the over 60 Baskets together and to our Eucharistic Ministers who delivered the. God bless you for your kindness. St. Vincent DePaul of St. Catharine's New members are always welcome to our St. Vincent DePaul meetings, they are held the first Monday of the month at the Parish center beginning at 7:00 pm. You can check the bulletin for the announcement.

To all those with loved ones buried at Gethsemane Cemetery. Grave clean off will begin on Monday, March 13th, 2017. All decorations and plantings are removed at this time. Please refrain from bringing any new decoration out until after Friday, March 17th, 2017. Thank you!

March 1, 2017– Saint Catharine’s **ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE-2017**

Chapel: 6:30 am., 8:00 a.m.
& 9:30 a.m.

Church: 12 Noon* & 7 p.m.

*Because of the parking situation at the Chapel, the Noon Mass will be at the Church.

Ashes that are blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday are processed by burning the palm distributed on Palm Sunday last year and displayed in homes throughout the year. We invite you to bring any palm you may have in your home to Church and deposit it in the containers marked “Palm” which will be located in the Church vestibule and Chapel on Ash Wednesday.

Fr. Miller will host another prayer/study series for the season of Lent. It will be held every Thursday starting March 9th at 7pm in the parish center. The series is called **Walking Towards Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk.** The cost of the book is \$15. Call the rectory to sign up.

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Attention: Any person 18 years old and up who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wishes to do so, please call the Parish Center to register for a one time class (Date to be determined). You will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th at the Cathedral in Allentown. **Date will be Saturday, April 29th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center.**

Parish Nurse News - Don’t forget the bonus of exercise – a positive change in outlook and attitude! Try it, it works! Pay attention to breathing during workouts, exhale as you work against resistance (lifting, pushing, pulling), inhale as you release (<http://www.health.harvard.edu/healthbeat-Jan/15>).

St. Catharine of Siena School **Position Opening - Principal** **2017-2018 Academic Year**

St. Catharine of Siena School (Grade Pre-K – 8th) is seeking a dynamic and innovative educational leader with a strong commitment to academic excellence and Catholic values to serve as Principal. The ideal candidate must be experienced in and committed to the mission of Catholic education. Candidates should possess the acumen and experience to work effectively with academic and student affairs, the application of instructional technology, strategic planning, enrollment management, institutional advancement and fiscal management. Applicants should possess excellent oral and written communication skills and a collaborative leadership style capable of working with a Board of Limited Jurisdiction. Those interested in the position should submit their letter of interest, resume, background clearances, and appropriate certifications with personal and professional references by mail to Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin Pastor - St. Catharine of Siena Parish 2427 Perkiomen Avenue Reading, PA 19606-2049 or email to resumes@allentowndiocese.org. **No phone calls please.** EOE M/F/D/V

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 49:14-15: Although at times God seems far from us, He is ever near. No matter what evils may overtake us, God will never forget us.

1 Cor 4:1-5: It is not for us to pass judgment on others. Christ will judge all at the time of His second coming.

Mt 6:24-34: Irrational concern for the things of the world hinders our spiritual good. We must live each day in total trust in God.

Today's Message - Our heavenly Father is with us, ever providing for our needs. He is always mindful of us; in Him we shall never be disturbed. All should regard us as servants of Christ.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

GUITAR CHOIR- 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

RCIA - 7 p.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

Mass Schedule

6:30, 8, 9:30 a.m. - Chapel

12 Noon & 7 p.m. - Church

PREP -Attend 7 p.m. - Mass- Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 3

FISH FRY - 5-7 p.m.- JPTSMITH Social Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7 p.m.- Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - during the 10:30 a.m. Mass

CUB SCOUTS MTG. - 6:30 p.m. - JPTSMITH Social Hall

Men of Saint Catharine's Mark Your Calendars Now! We are having a parish "Gentlemen's Retreat" the weekend of March 24, 25 & 26th at IHM Spirituality Center at The Villa Maria House of Studies in Immaculata, PA. The cost is \$160.00 per person. Our spiritual director will be Father Miller. For additional information contact Craig Wolf at 610-507-5158 or Rob Katzenmoyer at 610-451-9267. The theme of the weekend is "Come apart and rest awhile." (Mark 6:31)



Volunteers- St. Catharine's would like to acknowledge and show its appreciation for all the important volunteer groups that give of their time and their talents to; make a difference. The weekend of March 11-12, will be dedicated as **Appreciation Masses for All Volunteers** to recognize each and every one of our devoted individuals and groups. **Coffee and donuts will also be served after each of the Masses on March 12.** *An anonymous quote was once written stating - "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions will be held at St. Joseph's Church on North 8th Street. The one hour Adoration will be from 8:00-9:00 p.m. on First Friday, March 3rd. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:30 Jane Kase

8:00 Francis X. Sheller

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish

8:00 Beverly Dyer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

6:30 Michael Wisniewski

8:00 Anna McDonald (23rd Ann.)

9:30 Elizabeth Buvinger

12:00 Betty Schwartz (Church)

7:00 Lisinski-Myslinski Family (Church)

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

6:30 Thomas O'Donnell

8:00 Dennis Sadlowski

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

6:30 Ralph Mason

8:30 Bill Schneider

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 Vera Wert (1st Ann.)

4:30 Barry Burrell (10th Ann.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

7:30 Mary Lee Davis (1st Ann.)

9:00 Bob Adams

10:30 Isabella Rose George

12:00 Ted Filipek (8th Ann.)

Readings for the Week of February 26, 2017

Sunday

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;

Mt 6:24-34

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23;

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;

2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Saint Casimir

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

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 2/27	Father Eugene Ritz
Tuesday 2/28	Father Philip Rodgers
Wednesday 3/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Thursday 3/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Friday 3/3	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Saturday 3/4	Father Juan Romero
Sunday 3/5	Father Paul Rothermel

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Given the traditionally festive celebration of March 17th the Memorial of Saint Patrick, which this year occurs on a Friday of Lent, the obligation of the faithful who are bound by law to abstain from meat is dispensed.

The favor is granted only for Friday, March 17, 2017. It is not intended to lessen the faithful's obligation to abstain from meat on the other Fridays of Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday remain days of fast and abstinence for those of the prescribed ages.

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who himself recommended it as necessary to His Followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast? - All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain? - All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean? - The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of the fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean? - The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/ or abstinence? - Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill? - Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 9 to June 15, 2003.) Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year. **Catholics are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity.**

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Lector - Elizabeth Edmunds
Cantor - Michele Feeney
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - M. Partsch - E. Nguyen

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

Lector - Madeline Mullen
Altar Servers - D. Dougherty - S. Miravich - E. Oscar

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

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

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

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

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

Lector - Mike McCarthy
Cantor - Kim Kostival & Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - A. Kline - E. Miller - J. Miller

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of February 27th - March 4th

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

8:00 a.m. - A. Renninger & E. Nguyen - (Thurs., - Saturday)

8:30 a.m. - A. Renninger & E. Nguyen - (Friday Only)

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **March 8, 2017**. The board meeting will be held on **March 7, 2017** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

Reminder: 2017 Dues are due now

MEETINGS

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 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

May 24th, Wednesday - Southern York County Dine Around, Glen Rock Mill Inn for main course, 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

EIGHTH 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: **Joyce & Joshua Chan & Asa Michael Bevins**
Recently added: **Betty Ostachowski**

& 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, Dorothy Eisenhart, Lu Ann Eyre, Peter Fanticone, Jack Farrell, Josie Farrell, Jared Fenstemacher, Chris Ferguson, Pearl Fillman, Jennifer Flook, Laurie Flynn, Frances Ford, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Margaret Frisbee, Kim Furtow, 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, Mark Holtzman, Siegfried Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Frank Jagielski, Erick Jefferson, Steven Julian, Blake Kauffman, Andrew Kazmierczak, Elizabeth Kehler, 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, 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 McKeane, Abbie McKinney, Michael McMahan, 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 Precht, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Richie Rickers, Ricky Ricketts, Eileen Rimby, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mary Ryan, Elizabeth Fassig, 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, Amber White, 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: ... **Betty Seward**, (mother of David Seward)

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Delicious Fish encrusted w/our own-made batter!!!!

A.Y.C.E. Baked Mac & Cheese , Stewed Tomatoes , Shredded Coleslaw.

INCLUDES ONE DESSERT !

*** March 3rd * March 17th * March 31st * April 7th* / 5 - 7 pm**

St. Catharine Siena Social Hall, 4975 Boyertown Pike (RT 562), 19606

Adults - \$12.50 - Children (15 and under) \$5.00

Purchase Tickets at Parish Office or After each Mass next to the scrip table



Proceeds benefit Knights charitable endeavors and Council #14880

FISH FRY 2017



**Enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause.**

**You're invited to an
Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast
to support St. Catharine of Siena Youth Group**

**\$7.50 per person
5.50 children 12 & under**

**WHEN: Saturday, March 18, 2017
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**WHERE: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
5600 Perkiomen Avenue
Shelbourne Square Shopping Center
Reading, PA 19606**

For More Information:

Contact Karin Donato at 610.779.3642 or karin.36@live.com

Valid only at participating restaurant listed above. Ticket valid for pancake event only.
Applebee's menu items are not included as part of purchase.

Come out and support the SCS Youth Group as they raise funds for their summer mission trip to Baltimore, MD. All-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage served by our own SCS youth. Tickets will be sold after Masses the weekends of March 4th/5th and 11th/12th. Prefer to make a last-minute decision? Tickets will also be sold at the door. Hope to see you there!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL MASS, BENEDICTION, AND HEALING SERVICE PRECEDED BY PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC. THE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED BY REV. CLIFTON E. BISHOP, JR. ON APRIL 30TH AT ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA CHURCH, BOYERTOWN PIKE. JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENING AS WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD WITH PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. AND MASS AT 7:00 P.M. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS UPLIFTING AND SOLEMN SERVICE. THE MASS DOES COUNT AS YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION.

The National 40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil: March 1st to April 9, 2017. The local vigil will be held in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 4th & Franklin Streets, Reading, from 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday. Be a 30-minute witness for life. Pray to end abortion. Questions, Contact Pro-Life Berks, 610-375-3395.

St. Paul's Church, Reading, will hold its First Annual Gala, on Sunday, March 19th, 5:00 p.m. - Cash Bar & 6:00 p.m. dinner, at the Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Road, to benefit our **Boiler Replacement Project.** Featured speaker will be **Archbishop Joseph Kurtz.** Our First Annual One Family Award will be awarded to **Dr. Richard Flannery.** Ticket price is \$50.00 each, available from St. Paul's Rectory at 610-372-1531 or stpaulsrcchurch@comcast.net. Reservation deadline is Friday, March 3rd.



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS Homemade Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs

The Knights are making home-made chocolate covered peanut butter and coconut Easter eggs. The cost is \$12 per box. Net profits from this event will benefit the EXETER FOOD PANTRY. Order forms will be available on the tables next to the weekly bulletins. Additionally, the Knights will also be available to take orders in the back of the Church after each Mass, or you may directly contact any Knight to place your order.

Ordered eggs will be available for pick-up after Masses on Saturday, March 11th and Sunday, March 12th and also at the Friday, March 17th Fish Fry.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Only orders placed by this Sunday can be guaranteed. Orders placed after this Sunday will only be filled if there is product remaining after those orders received by February 26th are satisfied.

STEUBENVILLE NYC

Steubenville NYC 2017! This year's theme is "Elevate". It is **July 23, 2017** and will be held at St. John's University in Queens, NY. The Ministry Team for this Conference includes: Bob Rice, Mark Hart, Megan Mastroianni, Ike Ndolo, Oscar Rivera Jr, and Father Rick Martignetti, OFM. This conference is open to all incoming freshman (for the 2017-2018 School Year) through graduated seniors (June 2017). Please note that any of your graduated seniors who are 18 years of age (or older) must complete all of the necessary Diocesan Safe Environment requirements. *This is an activity we hope at teens of the parish participate in at least once during their high school experience. Space is limited so sign up today!* Because the parish feels so strongly about this conference and the impact it can have on young lives, the fee for this conference if you are a St Catharine of Siena or St Mary's parishioner, is greatly reduced to only \$90* (From the diocese price of \$300--Thank you Msgr. Domin!). It includes transportation, registration, lodging, meals and 2 t-shirts (one diocese and one parish). All participants stay in air-conditioned dorms with beds. Questions or *If registration is still a burden, please contact Mrs. Stratton (610-406-0452 or Father Miller.

!Worship! March 26 6:30-8:30pm at HGA (3121 Kutztown Rd 19605). What is it? A gathering around our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration to pray with other young people from the local area. Worship led by talented musicians who draw young people deeper into the Eucharist. Local priests Fr Hoffa and Fr. Miller leading prayer and reflection and offering the opportunity to go to confession. Don't miss it! Free and open to all senior high youth. Contact Mrs. Stratton (610-406-0452) or Fr. Miller if you plan to attend.

Kennedy House Soup Kitchen April 29 & 30. Save the date! Great opportunity to serve those less fortunate in our own community. Open to all junior and senior high youth. We will need donations of food and those willing to work. Contact Julie Wright for more information at prtyof10@ptd.net