

Saint Mary's News **Mass Schedule**

Saturday, March 11th - 3:30 p.m. -Alexandra Zajac

Sunday, March 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Francis Skoraszewski

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.

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 12th - St. Francis Home. 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.

Easter Plants for the Sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$10.00 per plant in the envelopes provided today on the altar rail. Please print name clearly.

There will be a Latin Mass next Sunday, March 12th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church. Reconciliation at noon; social after Mass. Guest speaker: Father Gene Ritz.

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

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.**

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.

The Legion of Mary will hold the annual Acies on Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 p.m. in St. Ignatius, 2810 St. Albans Drive, West Lawn, PA. The Acies is the great central function of the Legion in which members reconsecrate themselves to Our Blessed Mother. All Legionaries, both active and auxiliary, are invited and encouraged to attend. A social with light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

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.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7: God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the luxurious Garden of Eden. They could eat fruit from every tree except one. After being tempted by the devil, Eve—then Adam disobeyed God's command. Immediately their lives changed.

Rom 5:12-19: From the fall of Adam, sin came into the world. God, however, gave the gift of His Son, Jesus. Through Him justice was restored. Through the obedience of Jesus, justice comes to all.

Mt 4:1-11: The devil tempted Adam; he also tempts Jesus three times, making lavish promises. Jesus rebukes Satan, for only God is to be adored.

Today's Message—Like Adam and Eve, Jesus was tempted, but did not sin. Our sinfulness is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 a.m. Mass
CUB SCOUTS MTG. – 6:30 p.m. – JPTSMITH Social Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 6

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.
PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:45 p.m. - School
SERRA MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center
GUITAR CHOIR- 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

RCIA – 7 p.m. – Parish Center
50+BOARD MTG. – 10 a.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

50+GENERAL MTG. – 1 p.m. – JPTSMITH Social Hall
PREP (LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 p.m. - School
LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

YOUTH CHOIR – 5:30 p.m. – Church
PRAYER SESSION – 7 p.m. – Parish Center (Fr. Miller)

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

BAPTISM WORKSHOP – 10 a.m. – Parish Center
BLUE & GOLD BANQUET- 4 p.m. – JPTSMITH Social Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass
APPRECIATION SUNDAY – Hospitality- after all the Masses-
JPTSMITH Social Hall



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."

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 Petrina Mangino (1st Ann.)

8:00 Edward Caffrey

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 Cecilia & Stanley Jurasinski

8:00 Anna & Martin Hill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

8:00 Sarah DiFulvio

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 John Leier

8:00 Bernice Nitardo

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

6:30 Rosemary Carter

8:30 Jane Kase (1st Ann.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 Jean Olsefsky

4:30 Anthony Gallagher

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 Justine Walsh (8th Ann.)

9:00 Joseph Lintz (2nd Ann.)

10:30 Alberto & Beatrice Acuna

12:00 Catherine Bellis

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

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

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Saint John of God, Religious

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Private First Class 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.

Parish Nurse News - Laughter is great for you and your heart! Helps to promote healthy function of your blood vessels (bsbcil. Feb 2017).

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/6	Msgr. Edward Sacks
Tuesday 3/7	Father Edwin Sanders
Wednesday 3/8	Father Frederick Sattler
Thursday 3/9	Msgr. Walter Scheaffer
Friday 3/10	Msgr. Alfred Schlert
Saturday 3/11	Msgr. Francis Schoenauer
Sunday 3/12	Father Edwin Schwartz

Youth News

All families of 0-12 year olds come and join Little Angels/Kids For Christ for our Lenten tradition of Soft Pretzel Baking on Saturday, March 18th at 3pm-4pm. We will meet in the Social Hall – just bring something yummy for dipping and we'll have the rest! We are looking forward to seeing you!!! Please RSVP to Heather & Shaun Keperling @ Keperling@ieec.org by 3/15.

Steubenville NYC 2017! This year's theme is "Elevate". It is **July 21-23, 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.

IWorship! 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

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?? AND CHEERLEADING???--- BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING will be holding registrations for the upcoming 2017 fall season on Thursday, March 23 and Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 6-8PM in the main lobby of Berks Catholic HS. For more information, go to our web-site—www.leaguelineup.com/ bcyfac—or call Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695.

Weekend Mass Schedule

March 11th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Kathy Brent

Cantor - Carol McDevitt

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Ream - M. Griffin - E. Fernandez

March 12th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Kathy Lavanga

Altar Servers - H. Paris - C. Paris - H. Gorman

March 12th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Barry Hannahoe

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - R. Stoudt - R. Watts - K. Swavely

March 12th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Chris Marabella

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - S. Hodgson - K. Hodgson - R. Hodgson

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

Lector - Todd Tomczyk

Contemporary Ensemble

Altar Servers - A. Renninger - J. Scoboria - B. Troung

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of March 6th - 11th

8:00 a.m. - S. Wright & G. McElderry - (Monday - Wednesday)

8:00 a.m. - M. Feeney & M. Partsch - (Thurs., - Saturday)

8:30 a.m. - M. Feeney & M. Partsch - (Friday Only)

Kennedy House Volunteers: Kennedy House needs volunteers every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 8:30 am until 11:00 am to help with food distribution. If you can be of assistance please call Sister Margaret ([610-372-9652](tel:610-372-9652)) to begin the paperwork.

Mary's Shelter 22nd Annual Bowl-a-Thon will be held on Sunday, March 19th at Berks Lanes, Sinking Spring from 12:30—2:30 or 3:00 - 5:00 session. Register and Pledge Forms: www.maryshelter.org or call Laura at 610-603-8010.

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)

Soul Searching with St. Teresa of Calcutta – a Lenten reflection presented by Sr. Jean Jacobchik, OSF – will be offered at the McGlinn Conference & Spirituality Center on Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 1 – 4 pm. Sunday, March 19, 2017 is the **snow date.** the cost is \$20/ person with light refreshments. For more information call: 484-334-6807, e-mail: mcglinncc@bfranciscan.org or visit mcglinncc@bfranciscan.org - conference center. Do something special for yourself this Lent and join us!

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS GALA - Please support St. Francis Home for the terminally ill residents by attending the Friends of Francis Gala at the Crowne Plaza, Wyomissing on Thursday, March 9. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$50. For reservations please call 610-670-1050.

AnB Education is looking for host families for our international students attending Berks Catholic High School. A generous monthly stipend is provided. Call AnB Education 267-263-2481 or email hostfamily@anbeducation.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Recently Baptized: Timothy Michael Saylor

**Recently added: Bob & Patty Cavallina, Gerry & Marie Sullivan, Eleanor Hafer, Mary George, Brian K, James Minner & Wayne Hedrick
& 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 Kehlror, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, Joyce Kleckner, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Benjamin Kline, Jean 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 McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, 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, Betty Ostachowski, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Peter Pietrzyk, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Anne Poserina, Potts Family, Sharon Precthl, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Richie Rickers, Ricky Ricketts, 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: *...Eileen Rimby*, (sister of Bonnie Bean) ; *Helen Nelson*, (mother of Kathleen Layman & grandmother of Alexandra & Taylor Layman); *Darion Einsig*, (son of Harold & Kimberly Einsig & brother of Joseph, Joannah Rae & Alexis Einsig)
& *Lisa Poslock*, (mother of Christian & Lauren Poslock)

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 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



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"Save The Date"

2nd Annual Designer Purse Bingo
Benefits St. Catharine of Siena School
Saturday, April 22, 2017

Doors open at 5:30

Bingo starts at 6:30

Let's try to beat last years profit
of just under \$20,000!

Tickets can be purchased at the school.



**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!

Young Adult Married Couples Retreat – March 25, 2017 - Treat your marriage to a special gift! You and your spouse are invited to *Behold: Our Souls Proclaim the Greatness*, a day of reflection for young adult married couples sponsored by the Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry. Delve into the meaning of marriage as a vocation and sacrament, learn how to grow as a couple through accountability and mutual support, and explore the benefits of engaging in a community of Catholic young adult married couples. The event will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at St. Francis Retreat House (3918 Chipman Rd., Easton). The cost is \$30 per couple and includes a light breakfast, lunch, and activities for the day. Childcare is available onsite (call office for details). To register or for more information, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/Behold.

ICA HSO Coach Bag Bingo – March 25th – **Social Hall-Doors Open 5pm/ Games Begin 6pm** - \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door. Tickets include 16 regular games and a door prize. Bingo cards for out 4 Special Games and the Grand Prize will be sold at the event. We will also have Basket Raffles, a 50/50 raffle and a Wine Pull. Contact Kira at 610-301-8942 or ICABINGO@gmail.com. Checks should be made payable to ICA HSO. Online payments can be made through PayPal. www.ICAHSO.org BYOB – Adult Only Event.

The 83rd Annual Reading & Berks County Regional Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 12th at the Doubletree Hotel on Penn Street in Reading. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. For more information on tickets, please call 484-336-3632.

Saint Catharine School News

Short-term Substitute Needed: St. Catharine of Siena School is in need of a substitute for third grade beginning the week of March 13th. The substitute will be needed for approximately 8 weeks. If interested, please call Sister Teresa Ballisty at 610-779-5810.

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.

MAY 3, 2017: Zumba Instructor to get us in shape & have fun. Snacks for the tables, Cake and Coffee. We will be collecting free will offering and donation for Mary's Shelter.

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

June 16th, Friday – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse lunch and show, Mahoney Brothers Legends of Pop. Celebrating Elvis, the Beatles, Neil Diamond, Willie Nelson and more. Cost: \$100.00

July 17th to July 20th – Monday thru Thursday, Ocean City, MD Crab Feast lunch on Paddleboat & then stay at Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel on the boardwalk for your stay. Relax and enjoy yourself on your own.
Cost: \$620.00 Double occupancy

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