

## **Saint Mary's News** **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, March 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Robert & Pamela Meunier**

**Sunday, March 26th - 10:30 a.m. - Alexander & Agnes Laskowski**

**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 26th - Claire of Assisi House. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.**

**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.

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

St. Catharine of Siena School (Grade Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:resumes@allentowndiocese.org)  
**No phone calls please.** EOE M/F/D/V

**Prayer and /Care Day for Caregivers...** on June 24, 2017, a *Prayer and Care Day for Caregivers* will be held at St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Pottsville. The morning will be devoted to talks given by Sr. Christen Shukwit, OSF on the Spirituality of Caregiving. After lunch a variety of activities for pampering the caregiver will be available. There is no charge to the caregiver for this day. If you are or know someone who is a Caregiver for a loved one who is ill or has a disability and is English speaking this day is for you. To receive an invitation, please contact Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, RSM at [jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-657-9624.

**Gethsemane Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 29th, 2017 at 10:00AM.** Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine.

**DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP** to Franciscan Univ. Jul 29–31: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope- 1 Peter 3: 15". This is a WONDERFUL opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith & spiritual growth with over 1,500 other attendees. The conference includes bestselling authors and renowned speakers who not only teach, but also motivate, including many EWTN personalities, such as, Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Patrick Madrid, and other familiar Catholic Theologians and Apologists. Also includes: Daily Mass, confession and a joyful bus ride. More info on the conference can be found at: <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>. Previous attendees found this conference to be a significant lift in their spiritual lives. This very popular conference is normally sold out before May. Early bird registration discount is available before April 8. Call Bruce & Alice Swist for information at (610) 468-9506 or b@swist.us.

**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.



## **FEED THE HUNGRY**

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me to drink"*

*Most people in life think they'll never need help with food for their family. But layoffs, illness, can hit very hard. And so that is why, we have our Annual Lenten Food Drive. To ease one of*

*the burdens these families are going through during hard times. Won't you think of them this Lent and begin gathering items for our collection on the weekend of April 1st-2nd. They and you will be Blessed by your kindness in His name.*

**MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS** Please join us every Wednesday during Lent after the 8 a.m. Mass.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Ex 17:3-7:** The Israelites murmured against God in their thirst. God directs Moses to strike a rock with His staff, and water issues forth.

**Rom 5:1-2,5-8:** Through Jesus we have received the grace of faith. The love of God has been poured upon us. Jesus laid down His life for us while we were still sinners.

**Jn 4:5-42, 19b-26,39-40-42:** Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman at the well. He searches her soul, and she recognizes Him as a prophet. Jesus speaks of the water of eternal life. He also notes the fields are ready for harvest.

**Today's Message** - Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Through His Spirit His grace has been poured into our hearts. God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

BAPTISMS - 100 p.m. - Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass

PGC WORKSHOP -10:30 a.m. - JPTSMITH Social Hall

INSCRIPTION SERVICE-12 Noon Mass (Confirmation)

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

#### MONDAY, MARCH 20

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

NO PREP

ULTREYA - 7:30 p.m. - JPTSMITH Social Hall

GUITAR CHOIR- 7 p.m. - Church

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 21

RCIA - 7 p.m. - Parish Center

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS-after 8 a.m. Mass

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

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

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

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

PRAYER SESSION - 7 p.m. -Chapel (Fr. Miller)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 26

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass

**A Lenten Pilgrimage- Knights of Columbus Council 7179 at St. John Baptist de la Salle in Shillington is sponsoring a Lenten pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC.** Our Klein motor coach will leave from St. John's parking lot at 7:30 AM on March 25, 2017. In addition to visiting the Shrine, you will have time to spend on your own at the National Mall. On the way home, we will stop for dinner at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Restaurant located by the water of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Dinner is on your own. The \$35.00 per person charge covers the bus fare and a box lunch at the Shrine. For more information or to reserve seats on the bus, please contact GK Jim Stallone at 601-406-8543 or at [Stallone7179@aol.com](mailto:Stallone7179@aol.com)

**Parish Nurse News** - Stay motivated to get enough exercise! Think about the benefits of healthy muscles, joints and weight. Vary your routine- walk, dance, swim, play a sport-anything that keeps you moving every day (HealthyAdvice.com.Dec.2012).

**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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 Cuddy Murray

8:00 Alice K. Brennan

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 21

6:30 Violet Maksimowicz

8:00 Mary Ryan

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 Edward Grabarek

8:00 Theresa Fiorini (6<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 Regina McGinley

8:00 Catherine Borst

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 Joseph Zeleznick

8:30 Bill Schneider

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 Albert Barberi (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

4:30 Bill Bradley

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 26

7:30 John V. Nowotarski, Sr.

9:00 Cora Nacar

10:30 Charles J. McDonald (47<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

12:00 Elias Questa

### Readings for the Week of March 19, 2017

#### Sunday

##### Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

#### Monday

##### Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed

##### Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,

27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;

Mt 18:21-35

#### Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;

Mt 5:17-19

#### Thursday

##### Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

#### Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,

14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

#### Saturday

##### The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;

Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

#### Sunday

##### Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/20	Father Joseph Sheehan
Tuesday 3/21	Father Raymond Slezak
Wednesday 3/22	Msgr. Joseph Smith
Thursday 3/23	Father William Sneek
Friday 3/24	Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak
Saturday 3/25	Father Leo Stajkowski
Sunday 3/26	Father Jason Stokes

**Post Abortion Healing Retreat -** Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, June 23-25, 2017 (English)** through Catholic Charities. Within a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, experience God's healing love, and forgiveness. **For more information or to register call Sr. Meg at 610-332-0442 Ext. 19, toll free at 1-866-3 Rachel, or [projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org)** For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit the national Rachel's Vineyard website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### Youth News

**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.

**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](mailto:prtyof10@ptd.net)

**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.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

**March 25th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)**

Lector - Jim Keane

Cantor - Jay Yohn

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - K. Amey - G. Donato - A. Donato

**March 26th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector- Paul Essig

Altar Servers - D. Dougherty - H. Gorman - A. Auman

**March 19th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Vince McDevitt

Youth Choir

Altar Servers - M. Feryo - L. Gilbert - P. McCullough

**March 26th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Sandi Lloyd

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - E. Fries - I. Fries - E. Fries

**March 26th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Rose Anne Uhrig

Contemporary Ensemble

Altar Servers - E. Tarquinio - T. Stasek - S. Robinson

### ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

#### Week of March 20th - 25th

**8:00 a.m. - K. Zambito & J. Miller - (Monday - Wednesday)**

**8:00 a.m. - M. Stratton & L. Gilbert - (Thurs., - Saturday)**

**8:30 a.m. - M. Stratton & L. Gilbert - (Friday Only)**

**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 26th - Claire of Assisi House. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.**

**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. 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.

**7th Annual Reading/Berks - March for Life -**  
**The Power of One - April 30th. Rally : 2:00 p.m. -**  
**March: 3:00 p.m. - Location : Berks Catholic High School. Donations of baby items requested for Crisis Pregnancy Centers.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

"a time to be born..."

Recently Baptized:

Recently added: Mary Reyes, Robert Senick & Joann Sacco

& 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, Bob & Patty Cavallina, 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, 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, Devonna Fisher, Jennifer Flook, Laurie Flynn, Frances Ford, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Al Franckowiak, 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, Eleanor Hafer, 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, Wayne Hedrick, 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, Brian K, Blake Kauffman, Andrew Kazmierczak, Elizabeth Kehlor, 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, Leo Mikus, Rick Mims, James Minner, 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 Precht, 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, Mark Speece, Julie Staber, Christopher Starr, Maureen Steimetz, Pam Stribbling, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Ken Styer, Earl Suchomelly, Cullen Sullivan, Gerry & Marie 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: ...*Florence Glowacki*, (mother of Jean Eckel & grandmother of Drew & Blair Eckel) & *Marie Grim*.

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.



"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

Tickets are \$25.00 in advance &  
\$30.00 at the door!

Tickets will be on sale in the back of the Church by the scrip table after all Masses starting on March 18th through April 9th. Chinese Auction tickets will be available after the Masses in April.

## 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 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**



Awesome turnout for the first combined St. Catharine of Siena and St. Benedict's parishes High School Youth Retreat on February 24-26 at Camp Manatawny in Douglassville, Pa. We had 25 teen retreatants and 10 teen leaders! The theme for this year's retreat was "Our Father". Teen leaders presented several inspiring talks, planned many meaningful activities as well as a fabulous Saturday night Hawaiian Luau themed party for the retreatants. Fr Brain Miller served as chaplain and was the winner of an intense scooter board relay race Saturday night! Teen Leaders were Sarah Mazur, Holly Gorman, Haley Buser, Jordan Headen, Mary Stratton, John Bach, Emily Coppa, Anna Coppa, Alex Pack and Ryan Wentzel. Adult volunteers were Julia Sneeringer, Ben Sneeringer, Julie Wright, Sharon D'Andrea, Deanna Stratton, Rose Mary Connelly, Kelly Mazur and Josh Neill. Thank you to all parishioners that held the retreat and the retreatants in prayer. The Holy Spirit was definitely at work!

**Attention Scouts! - 2017 Catholic Scouting Activity Weekend** Catholic Boy Scouts who are working on their Religious Emblems are required to attend this "retreat" Activity Weekend, although Scouts do not have to be working on their award to attend, in fact we invite all Catholic Boy Scouts to come and have fun with great food, fellowship, and Mass. Registration and info. can be found at [www.adccos.org/bsr.htm](http://www.adccos.org/bsr.htm). Any adults attending must have all Diocesan clearances. Registration deadline: March 31, 2017. E-mail [info@adccos.org](mailto:info@adccos.org) with any questions.

**Father Jeremiah Shryock, C.F.R. Tuesday, March 28, 2017: Morning Session: 9 AM — 12 Noon Evening Session: 7PM—9PM** -Morning Session includes Conference, Exposition of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass - Fr. Jeremiah Shryock was faced with the "reality of God" during a post-high school road trip across the US. His religious convictions continued to strengthen while he studied philosophy at Kutztown University. Despite personal struggles and opposition, he forsook his former unfulfilling lifestyle in 2002 to join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. To register for an event contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508 [olme@olme.org](mailto:olme@olme.org) ♦ 610-582-3333 ♦  
**ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND! YOUR GENEROUS DONATION WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.**

### **50 PLUS NEWS**

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **April 5, 2017**. The board meeting will be held on **April 4, 2017** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

### **MEETINGS**

**MARCH 29, 2017: EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** - Victor Emmanuel's, **Special Event** Cost: \$18.00

**APRIL 5, 2017:** Speaker: Kate Erdman -Keystone Villa, Douglassville. 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**.

**JUNE 7, 2017: PICNIC & BINGO** - to be held in the Social Hall, **Special Event** 12:00 to???? Cost: \$15.00 for Members

### **2017 TRAVEL PLANS**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday - A Taste of Lancaster County **CANCELLED**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday - Southern York County Dine Around, Glen Rock Mill Inn for main course, with Train Ride to New Freedom Cost: \$105.00

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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 17<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>** - 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**

The Serra Club of Reading will be holding **Nocturnal Adoration for Vocations** at Holy Guardian Angels Chapel, 3121 Kutztown Road, (Chapel door is on the left of the Church as you enter the lot) on Friday night, March 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning after the 7 PM stations of the cross and continuing all night until 8 AM Mass Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us in thanksgiving for the Clergy and Religious who serve us today, for those faithfully departed, for the seminarians and novices in formation, and in supplication for an increase in Vocations for our Diocese! Pope Francis has stressed the primacy of PRAYER among the faithful as the antidote to the shortage of Vocations in Europe and the US, but when was the last time YOU were on your knees asking? Our Lord Himself begs us to "Pray to the Master of the Harvest..." Setting aside an hour before Our Lord will yield a wonderful gift this Lenten season-Our Lord will not be outdone in His generosity! For more information and to reserve your time please text or call Steve Hahn at 484-706-3013 or email to [stephencahn@yahoo.com](mailto:stephencahn@yahoo.com). May Our Lord continue to bless your Lenten journey!"