# Saint Mary's News Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 1st - 3:30 p.m. -Donna Wrobel Sunday, April 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Daniel Soja

<u>The Lenten Pierogi Society will be making Pierogis</u> 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. <u>New Location</u>: Use the Chapel entrance from parking lot.

<u>Pierogi Sale</u>: 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.

<u>SECOND COLLECTION - "ALMSGIVING" - "...</u> "... 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) - <u>During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs</u>: April 2nd - Mary's Shelter. 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.

<u>New Eucharistic Ministers & Lector schedules</u> can be picked up after Mass this weekend in the sacristy.

#### 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 The ideal candidate must Principal. 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, institutional enrollment management, advancement and fiscal management. Applicants should possess excellent oral and collaborative communication skills and а 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



# HELP US HELP THEM April 1st & April 2nd

Next weekend is our annual Food Collection for our needy. There are many families who are so proud and yet need just a little help. You may not know who they are but they could be sitting right in front of you at Mass today. They never expected to be in these situations. So on April 1st and 2nd we will be out in front of the Church accepting non-perishable groceries to give to these families. Please help us so we can help them. Also if you choose to give a monetary donation instead of food our three St Vincent DePaul poor boxes are in the back of the Church. God Bless you for your unselfish giving during this Lenten season.

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.

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** jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-657-9624.

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7. 10-13a: God directs Samuel to anoint David king. God looks into the heart of each person.

**Eph 5:8-14**: We are to walk in the light which shows goodness, justice, and truth. Christ gives this light whereby we live.

<u>Jn 9:1-41:</u> Jesus is the light. He cures a man born blind by bringing him to see. Jesus identifies Himself as the Son of Man.

<u>Today's Message</u> - Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into the light through the grace of baptism.

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26** 

CHILDREN'S LITURGY-during the 10:30 Mass

**MONDAY, MARCH 27** 

EUCHARISTIC 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, MARCH 28** 

RCIA – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

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 30

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

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

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

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1** 

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – FOOD DRIVE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2** 

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – Church

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - FOOD DRIVE

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

We invite you to join us with your 9-13 year old daughter for the Mother Daughter Tea to talk about Fertility Appreciation, Modesty and Virtue. Sunday April 30th, 1-4pm at St. Joseph Medical Center. Cost is \$30/family. Register today at <a href="http://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/family-life/natural-family-planning/">http://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/family-life/natural-family-planning/</a> or contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 610-289-8900.

<u>Nocturnal Adoration Devotions</u> will be held at Holy Guardian Angels <u>Chapel</u>, in Hyde Park on Friday, April 7th from 8:00-9:00 p.m. All are welcome!

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.

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

#### MASS INTENTIONS MONDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 Carl Auchter

8:00 Sandra Weber

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

6:30 Troy Shannaman

8:00 Theresa Bryan

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

6:30 Ruth Kostival

8:00 Ken Goodman

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

6:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish

8:00 Marion Odermatt (1st Ann.)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

6:30 Genevieve Antonucci (1st Ann.)

8:30 Mark Grosso

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

8:00 Helen Impink

4:30 George Auchter

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

7:30 Julius Buday

9:00 Janet & Joe Dolan

10:30 Theresa Schlaffer

12:00 Jorge Romero

#### Readings for the Week of March 26, 2017

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

**Monday** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;

Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30 **Thursday** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;

Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,

33b-45

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, 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. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Manage you weight with simple changes! Picture your dinner plate with healthy portion sizes, drink water between meals, increase fruits and vegetables, and talk to your doctor about what's right for you (HealthyAdvice.com.Dec.2012).

#### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/27 Father Michael Stone
Tuesday 3/28 Father Jerome Tauber
Wednesday 3/29 Father James Thomas
Thursday 3/30 Father Joseph Tobias
Friday 3/31 Father Eric Tolentino
Saturday 4/1 His Holiness Pope Francis
Sunday 4/2 Pope Emeritus Benedict



Want to volunteer and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the <u>Kennedy House</u> in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either Saturday, April 1st or Sunday, April 2nd or both days! Times are from 9-2 each day. Please

call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller @ 484-459-0270. Hope to see you there!

Also if you are unable to help but would be willing to donate food or other supplies we would need, please contact me as well.

#### 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: <a href="http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/">http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/</a>. 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.

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

April 1st - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Elizabeth Edmunds Cantor - Bryan Scollick Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - E. Simms - A. Smith - N. Lamp

April 2nd - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Madeline Mullen

Altar Servers -M. Griffin - S. Wright - M. Pawlik

April 2nd - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mary King

Guitar Choir

Altar Servers - R. Watts - B. Troung - R. Wentzel

April 2nd - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike McCarthy Voices In Praise Choir Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - K. Amey - M. Vagnoni - K. Vagnoni

April 2nd - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Christine Marabella Cantor - Mollie Ziemba Organist - Joe Schwartz

Altar Servers - R. Bernas - C. Wasielevski - S. Wasielevski

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS Week of March 27th - April 1st

8:00 a.m. - M. Griffin & O. Chiarelli - (Monday - Wednesday) 8:00 a.m. - E. Fries & E. Fernandez - (Thurs., - Saturday) 8:30 a.m. - E. Fries & E. Fernandez - (Friday Only)

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.

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.

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 <a href="mailto:prtyof10@ptd.net">prtyof10@ptd.net</a>

## **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.

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

Recently Baptized: Andie Lynn Flood, Julian Thomas Lander, Ryan Scott Lubas & Maxine Louise Reisig & Please pray for our sick:

Recently added: Charles Wettstein & Jeffrey Lamp & 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, Siegried 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 Prechtl, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Richie Rickers, Ricky Ricketts, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mary Ryan, Elizabeth Fassig, Joann Sacco, Anne Schaeffer, Gladys Schell, Ann Schweitzer, Robert Senick, 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: ...Mary Reyes & Eleanor Rissmiller

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.



# **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

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

<u>Seafood Soup</u> - \$7.50 per quart/ two or more quarts \$7.00 each

<u>Italian Wedding Soup</u> - \$5.50 per quart / two or more quarts \$5.00 each

Email order to patrickdavis7@ptd.net

or

Robert.Pauley@novipax.com

#### 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!

April 7th - Live Jazz Band / 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** 





### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

## sponsored by SCS Knights of Columbus

The event is to be held on Saturday, April 15th beginning at 9AM at the SCS picnic Grove- ( will be moved to the Social Hall if it rains or snows)

There will be a prize for the winner in each of the following age groups:

- Age 1-2 years
- Age 3-4 years
- Age 5-7 years
- Age 8-10 years

staggered starting times. Event will take about 1 hour. Come and hunt for eggs! ...you'll be surprised for what you find inside! Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Milk......provided! Parishioners and non-parishioners are invited

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 31th, beginning after the 7 PM stations of the cross and continuing all night until 8 AM Mass Saturday April 1st. 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 stephenchahn@yahoo.com . May Our Lord continue to bless your Lenten journey!"

Help Needed - We are in need of two (2) volunteers for this Summer's Vacation Bible School the week of June 26-30th . The VBS takes place Monday - Friday from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at St. Catharine's School. Help is needed for the 1st and 2nd grade children. Volunteers would work with children to share Bible stories and help them with simple crafts. All materials would be provided. Please note: Volunteers need the necessary clearances for working with children. For more information, contact Connie Fry at 610-944-0732.

# 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**

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 19th, 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 Beetles, Neil Diamond, Willie Nelson and more. Cost: \$100.00

July 17<sup>th</sup> 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. <u>ALL ARE WELCOME</u>



"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 through April 9th. Chinese Auction tickets will be available after the Masses in April.