

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 20th - 3:30 p.m. - David Czartorynski

Sunday, - May 21st 10:30 a.m. - Boleslav & Felicia Zaorski

A Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Foster Mothers, and Mother Figures in our lives!



Mother's Day-May 14th -

Please support the annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale to support Lifeline of Berks County. Lifeline offers life affirming

alternatives to pregnant girls and women in Berks County. Flowers will be sold after Mass this weekend for \$2.00 per carnation. Additional donations are also accepted.

Eastern European Food Festival- The festival will be held at Slovak Catholic Sokol Hall, 411 Crestmont Street, Reading on Saturday, May 20th from 12 noon till 5:00 p.m. Traditional Slovak, Ukrainian & Polish foods. Eat in or take out (bring your own containers).

Ascension Thursday- (May 25th) is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a Mass at 8:00 a.m. in the Church. **For additional Masses see St. Catharine's schedule.**

On this Mother's Day weekend please remember those Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves but have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese and the Bishop's Annual Appeal for assistance. Next weekend is Commitment Sunday. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish BAA goal. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the BAA website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

Saint Catharine's Mass Schedule

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 25TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Masses will be as follows:

Wed.- May 24th - Vigil of Ascension Thursday

6:00 p.m.. (Chapel)

Ascension Thursday - May 25th

6:30 a.m. (Chapel)

8:00 a.m. (Chapel)

9:30 a.m. (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. (Church)

Mother's Day

*There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.*

*There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.*

*There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.*

*For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.*

Mother's Day Carnations for Lifeline: Please support the annual Mother's Day Carnation sale to support Lifeline of Berks County. Lifeline has been offering life affirming alternatives to pregnant girls and women in Berks County for over 40 years. Flowers will be sold after all Masses this weekend with a suggested donation of \$2 per flower. Additional donations are also gladly accepted. This is a great way to honor our Mothers, our "Lifeline" to us being here!"

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7: Since the number of faithful was growing, seven men were proposed as ministers to help in the work of the Church. The apostles prayed over them and imposed hands on them.

1 Pt 2:4-9: Jesus is the cornerstone of the Church. The people of God are living stones. We are a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to proclaim Jesus' good works.

Jn 14:1-12: Jesus assure His apostles that He is the way, the truth, and the life. The Father lives in Him and He in the Father. Whoever has faith in Jesus will do the works of God.

Today's Message - We are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood" called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.

Attention: Because of a funeral in the Chapel on Monday, May 15th Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 11 a.m.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 14

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass

MONDAY, MAY 15

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. – Church

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

TUESDAY, MAY 16

ELECTION DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass

FAREWELL MASS FOR SISTERS – 12 noon

BAPTISMS – 1:30 P.M. - Church

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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 For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit the national Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 15

6:30 Russel Hartman (4th Anniversary)

8:00 Bill Bradley

TUESDAY, MAY 16

6:30 Mary Wright & Catherine Didyoung

8:00 Lucy Schott

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

6:30 Samuel P. Forke, Jr.

8:00 Nick Mesisca (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 18

6:30 Mildred Dietrich

8:00 Susan Swoyer (1st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, MAY 19

6:30 Harry Frey

8:30 Mark Russo (1st. Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:00 Sophie Brossman

4:30 Julia Heifer (7th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 21

7:30 Charles Harhi

9:00 Joseph Kabat

10:30 Julia Muzalski (25th Anniversary)

12:00 Sisters , Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9;

Jn 14:1-12

Monday

Saint Isidore

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab; 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;

1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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, Major 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 addressesofmilitaryto Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/15	Deceased priests
Tuesday 5/16	Father Thomas Bortz
Wednesday 5/17	Father Ronald Bowman
Thursday 5/18	Father Joseph Braudis
Friday 5/19	Father Edmund Brennan
Saturday 5/20	Permanent deacons
Sunday 5/21	Father Richard Brensinger

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT - ALL families and parishioners are invited to a **family rosary night** in the grotto! Come honor our Blessed Mother on **Sunday, May 21st** from 6:45PM-7:15PM at the St. Catharine's Church Grotto. A special sweet treat will follow. RSVP- [Heather and Shaun-keperling@ieee.org](mailto:HeatherandShaun-keperling@ieee.org) Weather permitting

HGA SCHOOL POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Holy Guardian Angels Regional Catholic School is accepting applications for part-time nurse and teacher openings for the 2017-2018 school year. Teacher candidates must hold or be eligible for PA certification. Please send letter of intent, resume, copies of certification and transcripts, along with your clearances and references to Mrs. Maureen Wallin, 3125 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Husbands remind your wife today that she is still #1 in your life! Give her the gift of a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

Have you ever looked at those cute little baby outfits and thought how adorable they were, but had no one to buy one for? Well, there are many needy babies here in our area that could use your help. During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be collecting baby gifts at the tables located at the back of the church. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter and Catholic Charities Caring Hearts program Please help us support life in its beginning days.

Youth News - Steubenville NCY 2017! July 21-23 at St. John's University in Queens. Inspiring speakers, awesome music, incredible opportunity available to all current 8-12 gr teens. Reduced cost of only \$90* covers all transportation, room, meals, entertainment, conference and two t-shirts. Contact Mrs. Stratton at 610-405-0452 for questions or to *RSVP ASAP*. *Limited spots* still available but going fast! *If financially still a burden please let us know.

Weekend Mass Schedule

May 20th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Helen Veet
Cantor - Jay Yohn
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - S. Stankiewicz - K. Swavely - B. Troung
May 21st - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Paul Essig
Altar Servers - J. Albert - A. Atkins - A. Auman
May 21st - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Vince McDevitt
Guitar Choir
Altar Servers - J. Wentling - N. Wentling - R. Watts
May 21st - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Mike McCarthy
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - R. Bernas - G. Donato - A. Donato
May 21st - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Saint Catharine School Students
Siena Singers
Altar Servers - Saint Catharine School Students

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of May 15th - 20th

8:00 a.m. - G. McElderry & E. Fernandez - (Monday - Wednesday)
8:00 a.m.- A. Nguyen & S. Miravich - (Thursday - Saturday)
8:30 a.m.- A. Nguyen & S. Miravich - (Friday)

50 Plus News

The yearly picnic for the 50+ Club will be held on **June 7, 2017**. The board meeting will be held on **June 6, 2017** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS

JUNE 7, 2017: PICNIC & BINGO – to be held in the Social Hall, **Special Event** 12:00 to???? Cost: \$18.00 for Members

JULY 12, 2017: CHRISTMAS IN JULY –Chinese Auction, all members to bring a NEW \$5.00 or more gift (unwrapped to be auctioned off, only NEW gifts will be accepted. Cake & Coffee

2017 TRAVEL PLANS

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

August 9th, Wednesday – Marsha Brown's (renovated church) Lunch, Bucks Playhouse "Guys & Dolls" & 1 hour free time. Cost: \$115.00

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Recently Baptized: Sloane & Audrina Heintz, Brayden & Hannah McCullough, Margaret Mindzak, Patrick Mueller & Dominic Vaccaro
& Please pray for our sick :

Recently added: Jeannie Crass & 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, Kailee Baxter, Melanie Bechtel, Debi Bennett, Harrison Bergstresser, Jan Bertolet, Sandy Bibbo, Stella Bickleman, Nicky Biondo, Karen Bird, Christine Blair, Kim & Michael Blair, Catherine Blanchard, Christina Boehning, Agnes Bohner, Edward Boris, Susan Brennan, Maria Briand, Robin Briand, Frank Broga, Kathryn Brubaker, Robert Bryden, Renee Brzostek, Emily Buelow, Marvin Bush, Jeannine Caffrey, Rosemary Caffrey, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Bob & Patty Cavallino, Brianna Chery, Mark Christ, Marilyn Clifford, Nancy Ciccone, 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 DiBuila, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, 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 Fenstermacher, 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 Gomar, Claire Griffith, Ruth Guyah, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Jeanne Goodwin Hall, Beverly Hannahoe, Richelle Harbst, 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, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Kolakowski, Mary Konopelski, Jim Kowalczyk, Jack Kuhn, Mary Kusek, Jeffrey Lamp, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Vanessa Leaizer, 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, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Ainsley McLain, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Rosemary McNish, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, Rick Mims, James Minner, Jacob Mower, Goup Toy Moy, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, Gordon Newmoyer, Bill Norquist, Bernie Nowotarski, Virginia O'Brien, Evelyn Oquendo, Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Anne Poserina, Potts Family, Sharon Precht, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Richie Rickers, 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 Tittle, Joe Tomalis, Wendy Tustin, Jane Valeriano, Johnathon Velez, Alan Wachowicz, Patty Wagner, Mark Walter, Marie Weber, Charles Wettstein, Amber White, Annetta Wilson, Leo Woelkers, Gerald Young, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr. & Bob Zeiler, Jr.

...and a time for peace ...a time to die: ... *J. Robert Saupee, Jr.* (father of Donna Speece & grandfather of Mark Speece & great-grandfather of Alexis & Mackenzie Speece); *Linda Martz*, (wife of Duane Martz & mother of Rebecca Martz), *Alexander Mraz*, (brother of Joseph Mraz & Marian Valleau) & *Ralph Valetta*, (father of Marcia Evans & grandfather of Alex & Kayla Evans)

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.

The Office for Vocations, in conjunction with the Saint Andrew Committee, will be conducting its Fifth Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Third Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp, from Sunday, July 16 to Thursday, July 20, 2017 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). Registration is now open. There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at www.allentowndiocese.org. Registrations must be received by Friday, June 30, 2017.

Spring Training –The Office of Marriage and Natural Family Planning will host its second Marriage Enrichment Date Night for Couples Married 1- 10 Years . On-site child care is available. Enjoy pizza as a couple/ family then gather for a date and enjoy wine and dessert during the talk. Presenters are Heather and Greg Maigur. Join us Friday May 19, 2017 6:30 – 8:30 PM at St. Ann Parish Center 526 Fairview Ave Emmaus PA 18049. \$15 per couple/ family. Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/enrich Questions call 610-289-8900 ext. 24 or mfllf@allentowndiocese.org Register by May 16, 2017. A third Date Night is also planned on June 16th.

Apologetics Forum: The Catholic Faith Explained

The Real Presence Have you ever been asked or wondered... Do Catholics worship a piece of bread? Is the Eucharist just a symbol? Does belief in the Real Presence mean that Catholics are cannibals? **Join us as Fr. Brian Miller** discusses how to answer these and other common questions about the Eucharist! This free event will take place on Monday, May 22, 2017 from 7-9PM at St. Joseph Parish Hall (Annunciation BVM Hall) — 9 S. Broad Mountain Ave., Frackville. There is no charge for attending Apologetics Forum: The Catholic Faith Explained. For questions or more information email adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 21.

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 or 610-657-9624.



First Holy Communion Class 2017

*Julieanna Albu
Steven Bibbo
Griffin Boyer
Sophia Breidegam
Valentina Callahan
Lillian Cambria
Ethan Cerra
Braylon D'Achille
Jakob Dempster
Connor Devlin
Isabella DiBerardinis
Mairead Dolan
Justin Duff
Cadence Franco
Hannah Franey
James Gierlich
Lauren Gillner
Kaden Grauert
Zach Harper
Molly Hearing
Claire Isselmann
Madeline Kieffer
Phillip Lake
Jackson Lynch
Madeline McAuliffe
Jacob McCue
James McDevitt*

*Joshua Miller
Sara Miller
Adrianna Murren
Jennifer Nguyen
James Pacharis
Ciara Perez
John Perez
Sean Quigley
Bella Redding
Braylon Reinert
Dalton Robinson
Timothy Saylor
Callista Schlappich
Kaleb Schlappich
Jorge Schodowski
Noah Stephan
Dylan Stoltzfus
Korinn Stoudt
Maddox Tanaka
Lillian Thiel
Josephine Vogel
Madeline Walton
Roman Webber
Giulia Weisser
Anthony Wentling
Jack Wentzel*