

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy & Daniel Piccone

Sunday, September 24th - 9:00 a.m.- **(Polish Mass)**— Kazimierz, Helena & Krzysztof Draniewicz

Sunday, September 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Casimir Lubas

The Choir is beginning rehearsals for weekly Mass and Christmas season. New members are strongly requested. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel starting September 21st. If rehearsal time is a problem we can adjust the time. Open enrollment begins today! Call Evelyn Kuter at 484-942-7364.

There will be a Polish Mass next Sunday, September 24th at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

Saint Catharine & St. Mary IT'S TIME TO REGISTER Parish Retreat

McGlenn Conference Center

(adjacent to Alvernia University)

September 30, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Theme: Taking God Out of the Box

Presenter: Sister Patrice Klausing, OSF,

Cost: \$20.00

(includes continental breakfast & lunch)

See flyer in Gathering Areas for
additional information.

Name (please print)

Phone _____

Deadline for registration and \$20.00 fee
is Sept. 25, 2017

Make checks payable to

St. Catharine of Siena Church

Place in collection basket or return to the Parish
Center

Eucharistic



Adoration

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Once again, this Fall, we have the opportunity for daily Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel (Perkiomen Avenue). Visitation with Our Lord in His Most Blessed Sacrament will begin Monday, October 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and continue through Sunday, November 5th, concluding with the Solemn Closing of the Forty Hour Devotion. Jesus will be waiting for your visit. **Sign ups will begin this weekend. There will be commitment areas in the back of the Church and Chapel.**

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. **"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."** St. Alphonsus Liguori. For more information, please call Kathy Green at (610) 698-4089.



Saint Catharine's Parish welcomes Deacon Greg G. Schneider. Deacon was ordained by Bishop Edward J. Cullen in May 2006. He served previously at St. Margaret's Church. His wife's name is Ellen.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30-28:9: The sinner abounds in wrath, It is the Lord who punishes and we are to forgive injustice and be merciful. We should think of our last days.

Rom 14:7-9: We are not our own master since we belong to Jesus. This is true in life and in death.

Mt 18:21-35: Jesus answers Peter that we are to forgive our neighbor's faults without any limit. Jesus tells the parable of the unjust steward who was forgiven a large debt by his master but refused to forgive a small debt owed to himself.

Today's Message - As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another. Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. He alone is the Lord.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

BAPTISMS- 1 p.m. – Church

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY- 9 a.m. Mass

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY-after 7:30 Mass until 12 noon

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

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

GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. – Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

RCIA – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:30 p.m. – School

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

UNEMPLOYMENT MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

“SIENA STITCHERS” – 10 a.m. – Gathering Area

K OF C MTG. 7:30 p.m. – Knight's Rm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 9:00 a.m. – Knight's Room

BLOOD DRIVE- 7:30-1:30 – JPTSMITH Social Hall

BOY SCOUTS – 4 p.m. - Pavilion

Healing Mass: On Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 PM there will be a Mass of Healing for those individuals who have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass with The Most Reverend. Alfred A. Schlert as Celebrant and Msgr. Walter Scheaffer as homilist at Sacred Heart Parish, 117 Washington Street, Bath. Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30 PM.

Want to volunteer and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the [Kennedy House](#) in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either Saturday, October 7th or Sunday, October 8th 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.

Deanery Mass- Because of the limited number of seats available at the Cathedral, Bishop Schlert will celebrate his ordination and installation at a special deanery Mass at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish on Thursday, September 21st at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:30 Paul Arnold

8:00 Pauline & Joseph Gierschick

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:30 Frederick Didyoung

8:00 Larry Salvatore

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish

8:00 Robert Kogut (7th Ann.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30 Israel Vicente, Sr. (45th Ann.)

8:00 William Schott

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:30 Edmund Dolinski

8:30 Faculty & Students of St. Catharine's

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 Ann Sweitzer (1st Ann.)

4:30 Roy Monde, Jr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 Sowizdral-Vaccarelli-Mullen Fam.

9:00 Alois & Rosa Sager

10:30 Robert Matthews, Sr. (1st Ann.)

12:00 John Dolan

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

Sunday **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;

Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday **Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6;

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday **Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gón, Priest, and Paul**

Chóng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday **Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20;

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, 18a;

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Private First Class David Ermentrout, 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, 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 [addresses of military](#) to 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 9/18	Father Peter Mainza
Tuesday 9/19	Father Leo Maletz
Wednesday 9/20	Seminarians
Thursday 9/21	Father Paul Marconi
Friday 9/22	Msgr. John Martin
Saturday 9/23	Father John Martinez
Sunday 9/24	Father Keith Mathur



Parish Nurse News – Always consult your physician / primary care provider (PCP) for medical advice and/or medical concerns. Keep your primary care provider's number in an easy to find location, or in your phone. Blood pressure screenings after the Masses at the Church this weekend. See you there!

Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil. Pray in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 4th and Franklin Sts., Reading. September 27th to November 5th. Daily Vigil: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM, M-Sat. Pray for Planned Parenthood to close and for the end of abortion. To sign up, go to www.40DaysforLife.com/Reading or call Pro-Life Berks 610-375-3395.

Youth Ministry Event: All families of Little Angels (for young children up through kindergarten) & Kids for Christ (for children in 1st through 5th grades) are invited to our September event on Sunday, September 30, 2017 from 3:15 – 4:15pm in the J.P. Smith Hall. Our lesson will focus on "Taste and See" the goodness of the Lord. We will have fun with crafts, stories, yummy treats, and much more. Please RSVP to Shaun & Heather Keperling Keperling@ieee.org. Hope to see you there!



St. Catharine's cross country team competed at the LaSalle Academy CYO cross country invitational meet on Sunday, September 10th. The entire team, grades K-8 did a fantastic job! The following individuals placed in the top 5 for each division: 3rd-4th grade boys - James McDevitt -2nd - Peter Schmehl -4th - 3rd-4th grade girls - Juliana Nerney -2nd- Lillie Keperling -5th - 5th-6th grade boys - Esteban Schodowski -3rd- 7th-8th grade girls- Grace Donato- 4th- 7th-8th grade boys - Stephen McDevitt- 5th

Weekend Mass Schedule

September 23rd - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Nanette Gatlos
Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - B. McNish - M. McNish
September 24th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Paul Essig
Altar Servers - A. Nguyen - E. Nguyen - K. Amey
September 24th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John Vogel
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - E. Miller - J. Miller - M. Ream
September 24th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Mike McCarthy
Voices in Praise
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - H. Paris - M. Partsch - G. Reed
September 24th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Mary King
Cantor - Leah Rile
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Oscar - A. Renninger - S. Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of September 18th - 23rd

8:00 a.m. - M. Stratton & C. Nguyen (Mon- Wed.)
8:00 a.m. - A. Nguyen & L. Formando - (Thurs-Sat)
8:30 a.m. -A. Nguyen & L. Formando - (Friday Only)

Third Annual "Sean Wertman Memorial 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament" on Saturday, November 4th, 2017. Please help to end addiction "One Basket" at a time...while having fun and displaying good sportsmanship! Where: Exeter Senior High School gyms for boys and girls in **5th and 6th grades & 7th & 8th grade boys & girls**. The purpose is to increase awareness of DXM (cough syrup) abuse and a fundraiser for Teen Challenge Rehab. \$60 per team entrance fee. For sign ups and more info call or text Roger or Valerie Wertman at 610-779-8943. You can also leave a voicemail, or rogerwertman@yahoo.com or on Facebook - ([seanwertmanbb](https://www.facebook.com/seanwertmanbb)). **Forms and details can be found on Facebook.** Please help this important cause. **Team sponsors and donations are welcome!**

Saint Catharine School News

ANNUAL WALK-A-THON - This week, St. Catharine of Siena School officially kicks off our annual Walk-A-Thon Campaign. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Corporate sponsorship forms will be available at the SCRIP table after masses this weekend. If you have any questions about how you can support the annual Walk-A-Thon, through donations or volunteer efforts, please contact Amy Impellizzeri, Advancement Director, at 610-779-5810, ext. 30, or via email at aimpellizzeriscs@gmail.com.

Are you a stay at home mom looking to get back into the classroom? Are you a retired teacher looking to stay active in education? We are looking for you. Saint Catharine of Siena school is looking for substitute teachers. Interest applicants should send letter of interest, resume, clearances including Protecting God's Children and Mandated Reporting Certificates of Completion to Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606 or Mkraycikscs@gmail.com

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Recently Baptized: Evan R. Wagner
Please pray for our sick : Recently added :
& our soldiers in harm's way:

Paula Abel, Anita Adamo, Stella Albrecht, Jeannine Ambrosi, Sue Ambruch, Tony Angello, Anthony Antonucci, Tara Arnold, Beverly Bansner, Kathy Barnes, Denny Bastian, 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, Renee Burns, Marvin Bush, Jeannine Caffrey, Ronald Calabrese, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Bob & Patty Cavallino, Brianna Chery, Mark Christ, Marilyn Clifford, Nancy Ciccone, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Lisa Costello, Jeannie Crass, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Ryan Curley, Larry Curtin, Robin Cuzner, Yvania Dawson, Tony DeAngelis, John De Frees, Charles De Naples, Julie Denunzio, Melissa DeWees, Gretchen Dialectus, Paula DiBuilda, 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 Fenstemacher, Pearl Fillman, Devonna Fisher, Jennifer Flook, Laurie Flynn, Frances Ford, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Al Franckowiak, Margaret Frisbee, Kim Furtow, Shelley Fox, Anna Mae Gantert, Donna Gentry, Grace Gerace, Pat Gerace, Joseph Gierschick, Jr, Frank Gill, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Johanna Goheen, Albert Gobar, Claire Griffith, Ruth Guyah, Jacob Hafer, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Jeanne Goodwin Hall, Beverly Hannahoe, Michelle 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, Erick Jefferson, Steven Julian, Brian K, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Blake Kauffman, Andrew Kazmierczak, Elizabeth Kehler, Alex Kelso, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, John Kirsch, Joyce Kleckner, Aubrie Kletzel, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Benjamin Kline, Jean Kline, Ginny Koch, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Konopelski, Jim Kowalczyk, Jack Kuhn, Dolores Lamp, Jeffrey Lamp, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Vanessa Leaizer, Harry Logan, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Julia Marason, Megan Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Ann Matthews, Mary I. Mathews, 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, Evelyn Oquendo, Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Anne Poserina, Potts Family, Sharon Prechtel, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Lori Rears, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mary Ryan, Diane Rymshaw, Elizabeth Fassig, Joann Sacco, Anne Schaeffer, Mary Schalk, 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, Mike Spear, Mark Speece, Julie Staber, Christopher Starr, Maureen Steimetz, Pam Stribbling, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Ken Styer, Earl Suchomelly, Cullen Sullivan, Gerry Sullivan, Carolyn Taraba, Paul Teske, Hilda Thomas, John Tittle, Joe Tomalis, Wendy Tustin, Donald Ulrich, Jane Valeriano, Alan Wachowicz, Sherry Wainwright, Patty Wagner, Mark Walter, Marie Weber, Charles Wettstein, Amber White, Frank White, Annetta Wilson, Leo Woelkers, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr. & Bob Zeiler, Jr.

...and a time for peace ...a time to die: **Michael McAnally**, (son of Genevieve McAnally, brother of Patty McAnally & Kathleen Strong) **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.

ARE YOU WILLING?

Are you willing to open your mind and heart to hear God calling you? Are you willing to say "Yes"? Are you willing to travel further on your spiritual journey? Are you willing to set aside one 3-day weekend in your life to encounter Christ like never before? Do any of these questions pique your interest? Then the next Cursillo weekend may just be for you! **Men's weekend 10/12/17 - 10/15/17 - *Women's weekend 10/19/17 - 10/22/17.** **Contact Kathy Green @ (610) 698-4089 or Lisa Ianni @ (610) 223-2123.**

The Annual Rosary Procession through downtown Reading will take place on Saturday, October 21st, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Those wanting to participate are to meet at St. Peter's Church at 322 South 5th Street. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Chapel so that those who are unable to process may pray there. Benediction will also be in the Chapel after the Procession. Please wear your walking shoes and bring your rosary. All are welcome. This event of organized by the Legion of Mary.

Holy Name Class of 1972- 45th Class Reunion , Saturday, October 14, 2017 - 6 p.m. till ? Beverly Hill Tavern. For more information email 1972hnhs@gmail.com or call Maria (Gentile) DiBiase at 484-333-0705.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To A Special Weekend Retreat: A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life - Friday evening, November 3 — Sunday at Noon, November 5, 2017- The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and EWTN Host of "Eucharistic Journey." The retreat is held at the Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown, PA. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more. For more information, please contact: **Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508. olme@olme.org è 610-582-3333 è www.olme.org**

The Board of Governors of the Society invites you and your family to join us for the annual **RED MASS** on **October 8th, Sunday at noon** at **St. Catharine's Church in Reading** followed by a reception in the **JPTSMITH Social Hall**. Our guest homilist will be the **Most Rev. William Francis Murphy**. (Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Rockville Center)

Berkshire Commons Community Yard Sale to benefit Alzheimer's- SAT., SEPT. 30th 8 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10 each. Bring your own tables. Call Lori Mack at 610-779-3993.

A Night at the Races

**TICKETS
NOW AVAILABLE
Night at the Races/Beef and Beer
Saturday, October 21, 2017
\$25 per person (ADULT ONLY EVENT)
SCS Social Hall
4975 Boyertown Pike
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL**

**Please contact Marisa Gilbert at
scsbingosquad@gmail.com or visit SCS school for
tickets!**

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **October 4, 2017**. The board meeting will be held on **October 3, 2017** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS

OCTOBER 4, 2017: Oktoberfest, Hot Dogs with Kraut or other toppings, Cake and Coffee - Bingo, Bingo, Bingo

NOVEMBER 1, 2017: Veteran's Day Celebration, saluting Men and Women who have served our country. **Speaker:** Robert Huber from the Army Cake & Coffee

DECEMBER 6, 2017: CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Crowne Plaza from 11:30-3:00 Entertainment by Tony Farina

OCTOBER 17, 2017: We are again selling tickets for **BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS**, Cost of \$5.00 for a 25% off all day coupon. Please call Pat White for Coupons at 610-582-1437

2017 TRAVEL PLANS

October 11th, Wednesday – Pines Dinner Theatre, Always Patsy Cline. Cost: \$90.00

November 26th, Sunday – Cirque Dreams Holidaze show at Sands Casino, trip includes the show + \$20.00 meal voucher + \$20.00 Casino Bonus. Cost: \$105.00

December 13th, Wednesday – Sight and Sound to see THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS with lunch before at Golden Corral. Cost: \$105.00. Call **Pat White 610-582-1437** for more trip information

We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. Our meetings are held at 1:00 P.M. on the first Wednesday of every month at St. Catharine's Social Hall on Route 562, 4975 Boyertown Pike in Exeter Township, dues are \$5.00 per year. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Youth News

Sunday, 9/24 All members of the diocesan family are invited to share faith, fellowship and fun at the **"Diocesan Family Festival"** hosted by the Diocese of Allentown Sunday, Sept. 24 at Bethlehem SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. A fun-filled day for the whole family is on tap for everyone in the five-county diocese. The day begins with an outdoor, multicultural Mass celebrated at 11 a.m., and the festival will continue from noon to 4 p.m. Food, music, games & activities for all ages. Free!

Corn Maze at Mast Farms Sat 10/28! Open to all Junior and Senior high youth. Always a good time! Invite your friends!!!! Permission slip (available on line) and \$12 will be due to the parish center by 10/26. (These can be dropped off after hours simply by putting everything in an envelope marked "Youth Ministry- corn maze" and slipping in mail slot to the left of the door.) Plan to attend the 4:30 Mass then meet in the social hall for a pizza supper before our carpool down there. (Looking for adults with clearances to volunteer as drivers/chaperones. As always you are free! Please contact Mrs. Stratton 610-406-0452 if you can help). Pick up will be 8:30pm from Mast Farm (2715 Main St. Morgantown). They have 3 corn mazes, ZipLines, Jumbo Jumping Pillow, Hay Tunnels, Hay rides, Straw Mountain and so much more. Don't miss the fun! everyone **MUST BRING A FLASHLIGHT TO THIS EVENT** :)

Side by Side! This new 5 session program is for both young and old a like! Junior & Senior Youth, and the adults who love them, are invited to participate in this exciting program. Together we will learn from **"Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed"** This is a 5 part DVD series from Ascension Press that address one of the biggest problems we all face: How do we get Catholic teens (and adults) to appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass...and to actually look forward to attending and participating? We will meet Mondays. Doors open at 6:45, for our program which runs 7-8:30pm. The Student Workbook is a key element of the *Altaration* program and serves to both expand on and reinforce the powerful video presentations. It includes starter stories, group questions, prayers, weekly challenges, vocabulary words, a rich appendix, cycle of readings, and more. However it is "optional". If interested in this great resource please send an envelope with \$14.95 to the parish center marked "Youth Ministry-Side by Side- *Altaration*" by 10/16. Sessions will be held in the school cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served.

Here is what other's are saying: *Altaration* is an evangelistic work of art. Combining lush beautiful music with visually stunning scenes and a passionate proclamation of the Gospel, *Altaration* has the power to inspire the heart of even the most disengaged teen (or adult). *Altaration* is a gift to the Church." Questions you may have:

I'm a teen interested but my parents are busy. Can I still come?.....Absolutely! We just ask that your parents fill out a permission slip (available on our website) when dropping you off.

I'm an adult with no young person in my life but would love to check this out. Can I still come?.....Absolutely!

I'm not sure we (parent and teen) can make each of the 5 nights. Should we still sign up?.....Definitely! Come to those you can. Better to get something, than nothing. God is calling you.

I have friends from other parishes. Can I invite them too?.....Sure! The more the merrier.

***10/30 Session 1 of Side by Side- "More than Meets the Eye" - *11/6 Session 2, "Side by Side"- "Our Father's Plan" - *11/13 Session 3, "Side by Side"- "The Mystery Revealed" - *11/20 Session 4, "Side by Side"- "What is Our Response?" (Note that 11/27 is an "Off" night from the program) - *12/4 Session 5 (last one) "Side by Side"- "The Why's Behind the Whats"** If planning to participate in this rich and exciting program please contact Deanna Stratton at 610-406-0452, however walks are welcome.