Saint Mary’s News

Mass Schedule
Saturday, October 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Francis Skoraszewski
Sunday, October 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Dorothy & Daniel Piccone

Attention: Pierogi Society - The Pierogi Society will meet for one day, Tuesday, November 14th, under the Church to make pierogies to be sold as part of the Christmas Boutique at St. Catharine’s on November 17th & 18th If you can help that day please call St. Catharine’s Rectory at 610-779-4005 and leave your name.

The Second Collection next weekend will be aid the Hurricane victims in Puerto Rico.

NOVEMBER 1ST IS ALL SAINT’S DAY. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Mass will be at:
8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church. * Please note there are other Mass times available at Saint Catharine’s if you can’t make this Mass. See schedule to the right.

OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED
St. Catharine’s Family of Faith lovingly extends to you an invitation to gather with your sisters and brothers who support, sustain and encourage each other in the tender love of the Lord. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. Healing comes, however, our hearts are touched by the hand of the Lord. On Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. St. Catharine’s Family beckons you to share with us in a Memorial Mass of love and remembrance of your dearly departed family members.

If you have lost a family member during the 2017 year, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory or place in the collection basket no later than Sunday, October 29th.

Name of deceased:_________________________
Person requesting:_______________________
I will attend______ I will not attend________

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 continue from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, through Sunday, November 5th, concluding with the Solemn Closing of the Forty Hour Devotion. Jesus will be waiting for your visit, Father Keith Mathur will be the homilist.

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

NOVEMBER 1ST IS ALL SAINT’S DAY. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!
Masses will be as follows:

Vigil of All Saints - October 31st
7:00 p.m. (Chapel)
All Saint’s Day - November 1st
6:30 a.m. (Chapel)
8:00 a.m. (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. (Church)

There will also be a 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary’s on November 1st at 8:00 a.m.
**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings for the Week of October 22, 2017**

**Sunday** Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Is 45: 1,4-6: For the sake of the Israelites, the Lord calls Cyrus. He gives him a title. It is the Lord who arms him, and through him all people will know that there is only one Lord.

- 1 Thes 1:1-5b: Paul writes to the Thessalonians encouraging them. He prays for them constantly as they prove their faith through works of love, for God has chosen them.

- Mt 22:15-21: The Pharisees try to confront Jesus. They ask about a possible conflict of giving tribute to Caesar and God. Jesus asks for a coin which has Caesar’s inscription. Jesus answers by saying: Give to Caesar’s his due and to God His due.

**Today’s Message** - The Lord is king and there is no other. We are to render to God, therefore, fitting praise and service, as is God’s due. God’s word to us, in turn, is a matter of power and strength, to be lived with conviction of heart.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

- VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights’ Rm.
- TRUNK OR TREAT – 5-7 p.m. - Parking Lot - Church

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**

- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
- GRIEFSHARE MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center
- GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. - Church

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**

- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
- RCIA – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
- PREP-(LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 p.m. - School
- LEGION OF MARY -6:30 p.m. – Parish Center
- CONFIRMATION PRACTICE- 7 p.m. - Church

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**

- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
- CONFIRMATION PRACTICE- 7 p.m. - Church

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
- AHG MTG. - 6:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- CORN MAZE–YOUTH GROUP – after 4:30 Mass

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Next weekend we will have a Second Collection for the Hurricane victims in Puerto Rico.

The Boy Scouts will be handing out bags for the Annual Scouting for Food Drive after Mass on Sunday, October 29. They will be collecting the food before mass on Sunday, November 5. All food collected will be given to the Berks County Food Bank.

**Parish Nurse News** - It's Flu Immunization season! Be safe! Get your flu shot this year. Many local pharmacies offer the flu vaccine for free, check them out. If you have concerns about the flu vaccine, ask your healthcare provider.

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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There will be three positions available on the St. Catherine of Siena School Board. Please consider nominating yourself to serve within this important ministry. Applicants must be at least 21 years old. Parents who have students enrolled at SCS as well as individuals who do not have children in the school are encouraged to apply. The SCS School Board consists of no more than one-third current parents. Selected candidates will have an Orientation in March of 2018, be inducted in May of 2018 and are asked to serve a 3 year term beginning September 2018. Please email Kelly Wasielevski at kdw122@gmail.com for an application. The deadline to submit an application is December 10, 2017.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

**October 28th** - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
- Lector - Mary King
- Cantor - Bryan Scolllick
- Organist - Dave Kostival
- Altar Servers – A. Nguyen - E. Nguyen - C. Nguyen

**October 29th** - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
- Lector – Paul Essig
- Altar Servers - B. Troung - M. Stratton - A. Renninger

**October 29th** - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- Lector - George Violand
- Guitar Choir
- Altar Servers - K. Vagnoni - M. Vagnoni - M. Pawlik

**October 29th** - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
- Lector - Mike McCarthy
- Voices in Praise
- Organist- Dave Kostival
- Altar Servers - E. Simms - C. Wasielevski - S. Wasielevski

**October 29th** - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
- Lector - Rose Ann Uhrig
- Cantor - Tracy Scheirer
- Organist - Dave Kostival
- Altar Servers - K. Swavely - S. Robinson - A. Smith

**ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS**

**Week of October 23rd - 28th**

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**Gethsemane Cemetery All Souls Day Mass** - Rain or Shine - Sunday Nov. 5, 2017 @ 3pm. Chapel of Resurrection

**Berks Catholic High School** is accepting Applications for the 2018-2019 School Year. Please contact Nicky Smith to schedule a personal tour, receive an Application packet or to schedule a “Saint for a Day” visit. All inquiries are confidential. nsmitth@berkscatholic.org or 610.374.8361 ext.244.

**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.

**BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL** - As of today, our parishioners have raised $134,074 from 593 parishioners representing 21.67% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office, make your gift online at www.adbaa.org. Thank you for your support of this important endeavor.
To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven”

“a time to be born…”

Recently Baptized: Dante N. Delibertis, Julian T. Diefenderfer, Bernard M. Guarino & Cecilia M. Shivers

Please pray for our sick: Recently added: Teagan McDonnell

& our soldiers in harm’s way:


…and a time for peace …a time to die: Tom Franey, (husband of Loretta Franey, father of John, Tom, & Kevin Franey & grandfather of Connor, Daniel, Maura, Erin, Lily, Abbie, Rachel & Hannah Franey); Mary I. Matthews, (mother of Kathy Sullivan & grandmother of Zachary Sullivan); Marie C. Weber; Thomas Nein, (father of Dorothy Maiorello, grandfather of Nicolle & Jamie Maiorello) 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.

Offices Notes: Please help us to keep your records updated by calling the parish office with any changes in your marital or family status, change of address or phone, etc. This is more than a one step process and we want to do everything possible to make sure your records are kept accurate. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Please email dsitler@comcast.net with any changes or call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005.

Spirit 2017 – “Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?” The Annual Diocesan Men’s Conference will be held on Saturday November 4, 2017 at 9:00AM – 5:00 PM at De Sales University. The day will include keynote addresses, and a vigil Mass with Bishop Alfred Schlert. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Registration fee is $40 and $10 for high school/college students. For more information please visit www.cmftda.org Questions call 610-289-8900 ext 2028.
50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on November 1, 2017. The board meeting will be held on October 31, 2017 at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS

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 Cost: $25.00

JANUARY 3, 2018: NEW YEARS CELEBRATION with members to bring appetizers and snacks to share – cookies and coffee Speaker: Lisa Lorah - Benefits of Encore

2017 TRAVEL PLANS

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 Triplet closed

Bus will be leaving from the parking lot at the Church on Perkiomen Ave.

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 S62, 4975 Boyertown Pike in Exeter Township, dues are $5.00 per year. ALL ARE WELCOME

Youth News

Tour Catholic Philadelphia with Fr. John as your guide on Saturday, November 11! This event is open to all high school youth. We will leave at 8:30 AM from the social hall and return late afternoon/early evening. We'll visit the St. John Neumann Shrine, the Cathedral, and St. Charles Seminary. You will be responsible for your own lunch at the Reading Terminal Market, so bring about $20 with you. We are also looking for some parents willing to carpool. Permission slips will be due by 11/6. We hope you can join us for a memorable tour of Philly! If you have any questions, call Fr. John at the Parish Center.

On November 12, our parish will host a Family Holy Hour at 7 PM in the Chapel. We invite all families to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Mary at Fatima. During the Holy Hour, the rosary will be prayed, and there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Call the Parish Center with any questions. All are welcome.

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 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 alike! 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- Alteration" by 10/16. Sessions will be held in the school cafeteria and start October 30th. Please contact Deanna Stratton with any questions 610-406-0452 or to RSVP.

Immaculate Conception Academy Home & School Association, Douglassville, PA will hold a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th. Vendor space is available for rent. Please call the parish office at 610-582.2411 or email ICWmas@gmail.com for information and reserving space.

EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY will continue to accept PERSONAL HYGEINE products and any non-perishable food item on an on-going basis. Bins are located in the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. For more information, please contact Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein at 610-779-6045.