

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - Regina Wrobel
Sunday, December 3rd- 10:30 a.m. - Dorothy & Daniel Piccone
Friday, December 8th - 8:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Milanek

New Lector & Eucharistic Ministers schedules can be picked up after Mass this weekend in the Sacristy.

Volunteers are needed to next Sunday, December 3rd, to help clean the Church after the 10:30 Mass.

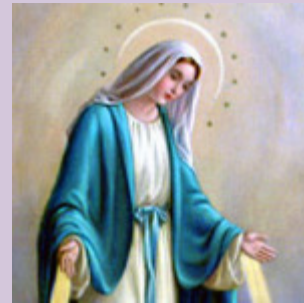
The Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County is holding their 13th annual Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia Dinner on Dec. 17 at the Stirling Guest Hotel, 1120 Centre Avenue. Doors open at 4:15PM. Full open bar from 4:30 to 5:30PM followed by the sharing of the Christmas wafer, dinner, singing of koledy, dessert, coffee and tea. Members: \$50. Non-members: \$60. For more information and reservations, call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279 after 7PM. The deadline is December 11th. Santa Claus will be visiting the Polish American Cultural Center, Room 509, at the GoggleWorks, 201 Washington St. on Sunday, December 3, from 1-3PM.

2018 Sunday Missals and Advent Supplies are now available in the **Church Store**. Included with the Advent supplies are candles, wreaths, calendars, and the "Little Blue Books" – daily meditations for the Advent/Christmas season. The 2018 Sunday Missals are also available at the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can pick up their Missals in the Priests' Sacristy.

Parish Nurse News - Look forward to this busy season with a smile, quiet time scheduled for yourself each week - as well as 10 minutes each day, love for friends and strangers, and Joy! Happy Holidays!



Parish Nurse News - Screenings are life saving! Be in regular contact with your provider for annual exams and report changes in lumps or moles, sudden weight loss or gain. Get your screenings done as recommended and timely. The Parish Nurse's Group will be taking BP's after all of the Masses the weekend of December 9th & 10th.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
7 P.M. –
SAINT CATHARINE'S CHAPEL

FEAST DAY –FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
6:30, 8:30, 9:30 A.M. –SAINT CATHARINE'S
CHAPEL
7 P.M. – CHURCH

ST. MARY'S - 8:00 A.M.

Retired and Infirm Priests Annual Fund, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" Thank you to those who gave so generously to the Chosen, Blessed, Shared Annual Fund. Everyone can support retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes can be returned in the mail or in the collection basket. **Your generosity supports retired priests from all five counties of our Diocese!**

The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at the Santander Arena on Tuesday 12 December. The Solemn Mass will be celebrated in the evening beginning at 6:00PM followed by the fiesta. (Las Mañanitas begin at 4:30AM.) The official novena, organized by the Guadalupe Committee, and prayed in churches, will be held on December 4-7 at St. Joseph Church and continues at St. Margaret Church the evenings of December 8-11. The novena is celebrated in Spanish. Unless advised otherwise, all evening services will begin at 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to honor the patroness of the Americas.

CHRIST THE KING

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17: The Lord looks after His own flock. He takes them to pasture and rescues them. He goes after those who are lost. He will also judge them.

1 Cor 15:20-26,28: Christ has Risen, and He is the firstfruits of the dead. All have life in Him. He will reign and all will be subjected to Him.

Mt 25:31-46: All people will come to be judged by the Son of Man seated on His royal throne. The sheep will be on His right, the goats on His left. He will reward all good and punish all evil.

Today's Message: The Lord is Our Shepherd. At the end, at His coming, He will hand over the Kingdom to His Father. He will "judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats", between those who have lived lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL- 9 a.m. -Knight's Rm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

GRIEFSHARE MTG. - 7:00 p.m.- Parish Center

GUITAR CHOIR - 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

RCIA- 7 p.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:30 p.m. -School

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

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

YOUTH PLANNING MTG.- 7 p.m.- Parish Center

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL-9 a.m. -Knight's Rm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY-during the 10:30 Mass

BAPTISMS - 1 p.m. - Church

Youth News

Annual Christmas Party and Mt Penn Christmas Caroling

- Sunday, 12/17. All Jr and Sr high youth welcome. Starts 5:00 in the Parish Center. Food, Fun, Christmas Movie followed by Caroling with friends (dress for the weather) until about 8:15pm. Your friends are welcome. *Please RSVP*

with Mrs. Stratton 610-406-0452 so we have a good count for food. Please come with permission slip found on line.

Side by Side Session from 7-8:30pm Mondays. Doors open at 6:45pm. This program is designed for both youth (Jr & Sr High youth) and adults to learn and experience their shared faith "Side by Side"! Together we will learn from "Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed", which is a DVD 5 part series from Ascension Press. This series addresses head-on 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? Location is the school cafeteria. Come to one or come to all! What's left? **Monday Monday 12/4 is Session 5 (last one) "Side by Side"-The Why's Behind the Whats".**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:30 Lewis Syret (2nd Ann.)

8:00 Robert Reeser, Sr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 Edmund Dolinski

8:00 Adolph Uhrig, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:30 Gerry Didyoung

8:00 Janice Hossler

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 Living and Deceased of the Parish

8:00 Carmel Alfiero (1st Ann.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:30 Diane Cerra

8:30 Bill Schneider

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 Charles J. Chiarelli (31st Ann.)

4:30 Nicholas Oliver (13th Ann.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 Maryann Pappas

9:00 Jack Ritz

10:30 Joseph Kabat (18th Ann.)

12:00 Richard Heins (4th Ann.)

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6;

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Monday **Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;**

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday **Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11**

Wednesday **Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64,**

65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday **Saint Andrew, Apostle**

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday **Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81;**

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday **Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87;**

Lk 21:34-36

Sunday **First Sunday of Advent**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16,

18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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, LCPL 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, Command Master Chief Marie Rosati France, 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.



PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/27	Father Joseph Sheehan
Tuesday 11/28	Msgr. Joseph Smith
Wednesday 11/29	Father William Sneek
Thursday 11/30	Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak
Friday 12/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Saturday 12/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Sunday 12/3	Bishop Alfred Schlert

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.

There will be three positions available on the St. Catharine 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 Wasielewski at kdw122@gmail.com for an application. The deadline to submit an application is December 10, 2017.

Holy Guardian Angels Church, Hyde Park, will conduct its 24th Annual Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in the Church. For more information, please call 610-921-2729.



USED TOY DRIVE: Boy Scout Troop 358 will hold their annual used toy drive December 2nd & 3rd. We are looking for toys that are clean, have all or most of their parts and in good condition. No stuffed animals

please. The scouts will be packing up the toys to be delivered to local children in need. There will be a toy collection box at the entrance. **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

Beautiful hand-made items will again be available at the side doors after Thanksgiving. Siena Stitchers donated money collected from the sales to St. Vincent de Paul.

Cold weather is coming! Saint Vincent DePaul will again be collecting new or gently used children's hats, mittens, scarves & boots. See bins in lobby.

Weekend Mass Schedule

December 2nd - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Rosemary Caffrey
Cantor - Unavailable at print time
Organist - Joe Schwartz
Altar Servers - E. Simms - A. Smith - K. Swavely

December 3rd - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Madeline Mullen
Altar Servers - M. Stratton - M. Stratton - K. Zambito

December 3rd - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Vince McDevitt
Guitar Choir
Altar Servers -P. McCullough E. Schodowski - R. Stoudt

December 3rd - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Sandi Lloyd
Voices in Praise
Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Albert - C. Wasielevski S. Wasielevski

December 3rd - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Jim Snyder
Cantor - Unavailable at print time
Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - C. Wright - E. Wright - S. Wright

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of November 27th - December 2nd

8:00 a.m.-S. Robinson & K. Kintzer - (Mon- Wed.)

8:00 a.m. - J. Beaver & L. Gilbert - (Thurs-Sat)

8:30 a.m. - J. Beaver & L. Gilbert - (Friday Only)

SIMBANG GABI (9 Day Novena Masses) - December 8, Fri to December 16, Sat - Holy Rosary Church 7 pm - 3rd and Franklin St, Reading, Pa 19602. Potluck nights: Dec. 8, 15 and 16.

CHRISTMAS SEASON Mass, Party and Potluck: December 30, 2017, Sat at 7 pm. Mass intentions are accepted at Holy Rosary Religious Residence at 237 Franklin Street, Reading, PA 19602 or call Sr. Marietta Castellano at 610-301-3051.

20TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR will be presented by the Women's Club of Exeter Township Sunday, December 3rd from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are on sale at Boscov's East, Effie's & Exeter Community Library.

The poor can never take a holiday. Please remember them by your contributions in the poor boxes. **The "Poor Box"** is located at the main entrance of the Church. The money is used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the needy families of our parish. Thanks to all those who have been using it.

You are not alone. There is help. - The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding adverse prenatal diagnosis. **For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 2280.**

CHRIST THE KING

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

"a time to be born..."

Recently Baptized:

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, , 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, Charles De Naples, Julie Denunzio, Melissa DeWees, Gretchen Dialectus, Paula DiBuilda, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, 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, Margo Girardi, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Johanna Goheen, Albert Gombar, Claire Griffith, Ruth Guyah, Jacob Hafer, 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, Donna Hofmann, 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, Mike Kazmierczak, Kehlor, 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 Kolakowski, Mary Konopelski, Jim Kowalczyk, Jack Kuhn, Dolores Lamp, Jeffrey Lamp, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Vanessa Leazer, Kathleen Lellig, Harry Logan, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Julia Marason, Megan Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Ann Matthews, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Teagan McDonnell, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Ainsley McLain, Edward McKeane, 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 Prechtl, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Lori Rears, Roger A. Reto, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mary Ryan, 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: 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.



**2nd ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA -
Sunday, December 10th, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

WHAT: Join us for a hot hearty breakfast with Santa. He is flying in to celebrate with the St. Catharine of Siena and St. Mary's Parish children.

WHERE: St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall

COST: A free will offering

Open to all Parishioners

Berks Catholic News

Christmas Vespers- December 17th in the Franco Post Auditorium from 4pm. Admission is free.

Saints Shoot Out and Cheerleading Clinic- December 27, 2017- For Boys and Girls Grades K-8. Offensive moves for guards and forwards, dribbling moves, shooting, shooting off the dribble, shooting off the pass, and shoot out contest. Please go to the Berks Catholic Website for a registration form. www.berkscatholic.org

Open House- January 28, 2018 2-4pm: A terrific opportunity to meet faculty, administration and current students. Our clubs and activities are on display to give you a glimpse into what we are about. Open House is an exciting and unique experience seeing the Berks Catholic community come together.



With the holidays approaching Catholic Charities is in need of donations to fulfill the requests they receive from the people in need of help. Please consider taking an envelope from our Angel Tree and sending in your contribution.

The information is inside the already addressed envelope. God bless you for sharing and making their holidays a bit brighter.

50 Plus News

The Christmas Party for the 50+ Club will be held on **December 6, 2017**. The board meeting will be held on **December 5, 2017** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS

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**

FEBRUARY 7, 2018: Valentine Day Celebration - Cupcakes and coffee. Speaker: Pat White – 2018 trip schedule & pictures from Vermont

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**

Prayer for the Healing of our Nation: Almighty God, our Rock and our Salvation, we beg you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon our fractured nation. Heal the divisions that separate us and remove all the obstacles to authentic unity, May you guide this great country of ours and lead our citizens to embrace one another as neighbors and fellow countrymen, created in your own image and likeness. Give us a fresh opportunity for renewal and true solidarity for the common good of our homeland. May we return to our true identity as a people of faith and charity. Help us always remain One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. ***Amen.***



LIFE AD CAMPAIGN of 2018

Please demonstrate your support for the **Life Ad 2018 Campaign** sponsored by the Catholic Community of Berks County by signing your name to St Catharine's list of supporters. This Life Ad will be published in the Reading Eagle on Monday, January 22, 2018, the anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the United States.

Your donations not only publish this Ad but also provide financial support to St. Mary's Shelter/home. If you are unable to donate at this time, Please consider giving us your signature support. It is important to raise the awareness that many people support the homeless pregnant woman.

Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.

NOTE: Volunteers will be available after Mass the weekends of December 2nd & 3rd and December 9th & 10th to assist you with your signature information. For an added convenience, you may mail your information to the parish center or drop it in the collection basket. **Please PRINT name clearly. We can only use the following Examples: John Smith, John and Mary Smith or The Smith Family.**

Name: _____

Donation: _____ If you are making a donation by check,

Please write it to **"Life Ad Campaign 2018"**.
Thank you.

**Deadline for Campaign:
Sunday, December 17, 2017**