

## Saint Mary's News

### Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 6th - 3:30 p.m. -  
Rose Stella

Sunday, January 7th - 10:30 a.m. -  
Rev. Zdzislaw Kikowski

There will be no New Year's Eve. or  
New Year's Day Masses at Saint  
Mary's.

New Altar Server schedules can be  
picked up in the Sacristy after Masses  
this weekend.

Volunteers are needed to help clean  
the Church after the 10:30 A.M. Mass  
next Sunday, January 7th.



### A Recipe for a Happy New Year!

*Take twelve months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.*

*Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients. Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.*

*Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over a radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. You're bound to have a Happy New Year!*



*Thank you from  
Monsignor  
Domin, & Father  
Rother, Msgr.*

*Treston to everyone who sent  
cards, greetings, gifts, and  
goodies. May God continue to  
bless you in the New Year!*

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO EVERYONE FROM MONSIGNOR  
DOMIN, FATHER ROTHER, MSGR.  
TRESTON, DEACONS FRY,  
STAPLETON & SCHNEIDER AND THE  
STAFF OF ST. CATHARINE'S PARISH  
CENTER AND SCHOOL!

## THE HOLY FAMILY

**Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3:** Abraham believed in God. As a result, God gave him and his wife a son in their old age. The family thus becomes the sign of the faith of human beings and of the love of God.

**Heb 11:8, 11-12,17-19:** Abraham believed God's promises and put his faith in Him, living that faith in every phase of his life. And since God is faithful to His promises, faith becomes the source of hope and happiness for his family. We should place our trust in God's promises.

**Lk 2:22-40:** Joseph and Mary take Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. Simeon recognizes Him as the Anointed of the Lord and blesses Him. The child returns to Nazareth and grows to maturity.

**Today's Message** - Family Life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. God blesses the faith of Abraham and Sarah in their son, Isaac. The child Jesus and His parents are blessed by Simeon.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

8 a.m. Mass- Chapel

10:30 a.m. Mass- Church

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

NO RCIA

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

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

K OF C MTG. – 7:30 p.m. – Knight's Rm

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

AHG MTG. – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass

**St. Catharine of Siena Parish Welcomes All** - No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.

### *Prayer For Healing*

**Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 1 (NEW YEAR'S)

8:00 Thomas P. Franey (CHAPEL)

10:30 Paul Arnold (CHURCH)

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

6:30 Jimmy Orlando

8:00 Helen Impink

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:30 Susan Carr

8:00 Stanley Ustaszewski (4<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 David Battagliese

8:00 Kathryn Lonergan

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

6:30 Sara Salino

8:30 Fred S. McChesney

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 June O'Donnell

4:30 Samuel Russo (11<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 Elizabeth Buday

9:00 Martha Safko (19<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

10:30 Casey Zielinski

12:00 Charles Harhi

### Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017

#### Sunday

##### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40 or, for Year B, Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

#### Monday

##### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

#### Tuesday

##### Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

#### Wednesday

##### The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

#### Thursday

##### Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

#### Friday

##### Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

#### Saturday

##### Saint André Bessette

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

#### Sunday

##### The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**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 1/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Tuesday 1/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Wednesday 1/3	Bishop Alfred Schlert
Thursday 1/4	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Friday 1/5	Father David Anthony
Saturday 1/6	Father Eric Arnout
Sunday 1/7	Father George Aschenbrenner

**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.

**All contributions for 2017 must be received by Sunday, December 31st** to be included on your statement. Thank you for your generosity during the past year. If contributions are received after December 31st they will be applied to your 2018 statement.

**The Parish Center will and will re-open, Tuesday, January 2nd. The Parish Center number is 610-779-4005.**

**THERE WILL BE NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST. ADORATION WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH.**

**NEW IN THE AREA?** Please see a Priest or Deacon after a Sunday Mass to register in our parish. We would like to meet you and come to know you. Registration takes only 10-15 minutes of your time.

**Parish Nurse News** - Sometimes the thought of a new year approaching is stressful! Music and back massage help to decrease anxiety and blood pressure when you are feeling stressed or anxious (McCaffrey & Taylor, Holistic Nursing Practice, Mar/April, 2005). Play a few favorite tunes for yourself daily, and schedule an occasional back massage for great self-care in 2018! Happy New Year!

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**January 6th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)**

Lector - Elizabeth Edmunds  
Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz  
Organist - Dave Kostival  
Altar Servers - Not available at Press time

**January 7th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector- Madeline Mullen  
Altar Servers - Not available at Press time

**January 7th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Melissa Woodward  
Guitar Choir

Altar Servers - Not available at Press time

**January 7th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Mike McCarthy  
Voices in Praise

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - Not available at Press time

**January 7th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)**

Lector - Edrie Watson  
Cantor- Leah Rile

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - Not available at Press time

**ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS**

**Week of January 2nd - 6th**

8:00 a.m.- Not available at Press time - (Tue- Wed.)  
8:00 a.m. - Not available at Press time - (Thurs-Sat)  
8:30 a.m... - Not available at Press time - (Friday Only)

## Berks Catholic News

**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.

**Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations** are being accepted for the **Central Catholic, Holy Name, and Berks Catholic Hall of Fame Class of 2018**. To nominate, please send name of athlete, a brief explanation of athletic accomplishments, school attended, and year of graduation to Berks Catholic Athletic Director, Bill Hess, at [bhess@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bhess@berkscatholic.org).

If you would like to learn more about all that Berks Catholic has to offer please plan to attend the Berks Catholic High School Open House and Registration Event on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> beginning promptly at 2 p.m.

To register or for more information, please visit [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org) or call 610. 374. 8361ext 244.

## THE HOLY FAMILY

**“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, Linda Brent, 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, Jennifer Devlin, Melissa DeWees, Gretchen Dialectus, Paula DiBuilda, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, Becky and Chuck Drennen, 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, Wayne Gillmor, 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, 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, Alex Kelso, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, John Kirsch, Joyce Kleckner, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Benjamin Kline, Jean Kline, Ginny Koch, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Kolakowski, Mary Konopelski, Jack Kuhn, Dolores Lamp, Jeffrey Lamp, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Vanessa Leaizer, Daniel Leiby, Harry Logan, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Julia Marason, Megan Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Ann Matthews, Jim McGinnis, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Teagan McDonnell, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Ainsley McLain, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Rosemary McNish, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, 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 Precht, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Lori Rears, Roger A. Reto, Rosemary Rice, 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, 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.**

### *Save the Date!*

*A Parish Mission is coming to  
St. Catherine of Siena  
Monday February 26, through  
Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>  
The Mission will be conducted  
by Father Vinny Fortunato, a  
priest with the Capuchin  
Franciscan Friars  
All are welcome!*

**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, Tech. 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net). Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

## Youth News

**Senior High School Youth Retreat Feb 23-25.** *Registration is going on now!* Space is limited for this special experience led by teens, for teens, just like you, from both our parish and St. Benedict's parish. The annual retreat will again be held at beautiful Camp Manatawny in Douglasville. Cost is \$50 (nonrefundable) and covers, lodgings, food, and supplies. This year's theme is the "Beatitudes". Don't miss it! Permission slips available at the youth table in the gather area of church and on the parish website ([www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)). Questions please contact Deanna Stratton at 610-406-0452.

**The Jr. and Sr. High Youth of the parish will be serving meals at Kennedy House Soup Kitchen on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.** If you are interested in helping or donating an item, please contact Julie Wright at [prtyof10@ptd.net](mailto:prtyof10@ptd.net).



**St. Catharine CYO and Youth Ministry  
Skating Party & Canned Food Drive  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH,  
2018**

Our CYO and Youth Ministry is sponsoring this event. Open to all children in preschool thru 12th grade in our parish. **Admission/Skate Rental:** \$5 w/Canned Food Donation (\$8 without) **Time:** 1:45-4:00 - **Location:** Body Zone Sports Complex Canned Food donations will be made to local food pantries. Please RSVP to Shaun & Heather Keperling at [keperling@ieeee.org](mailto:keperling@ieeee.org)

**Save the Date! - Mission Trip -  
July 29th - August 4th! More  
information to come.**

### The Angel Tree

Saint Vincent de Paul Society through Catholic Charities will continue to have the Angel Tree at the Church. The real necessities for these families to make a better life are needed! So this year in a more practical nature they have asked us to be Angels and provide any monetary gift, large or small for these needs. Anyone can be an angel. Young or old! These donations will go from Catholic Charities to a specific family or individual for anything from a bus token, or shoes, to even help with a water bill or heat. Please be an "Angel. **Your donation will mean so much! Thank you!**

## 50 Plus News

### MEETINGS

**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

**March 7, 2018:** St. Patrick Day Celebration, wear your Green. Cake and coffee. Entertainment: Harold Graeff from Timeframe – 4 Men to sing for us, Irish songs & other music

**APRIL 4, 2018:** SPECIAL EVENT - Everybody's Birthday Celebration. Victor Emmanuel's restaurant, more information to follow

### 2018 TRAVEL PLANS

Pat will have the travel plans for 2018 from April to November at the February meeting. Call **Pat White 610-582-1437** for 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**

### **THE TRIBUNAL DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN 610-434-3200**

Do you know your Tribunal? The Tribunal is a group of specially qualified priests, deacons and lay persons. Their responsibility is to come to the help of persons who are the victims of unfortunate marriage situations.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church is always caught between two tensions. One is the unbreakableness of the bond of marriage. Jesus Himself said: "What God has joined, man must not divide." This is God's law. It cannot be broken by human intervention.

On the other hand, the Church must be concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Can they be helped? Was this a true marriage? Even though the parties went through a Catholic marriage ceremony, was there some weakness in the consent of one or both of the persons involved?

The annulment procedure is designed to study the history of the marriage and why it failed. It does not affix the blame. If the marriage is found to be invalid both parties are free.

If you could be helped, or have a friend or acquaintance who might be helped, please suggest that they call your parish priest or the Tribunal Office. The Tribunal will be happy to forward an application. Have no fear. All interviews are private. There are no confrontations.