

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 27th - 3:30 p.m. - Franciszka Waskiewicz

Sunday, January 28th - 9:00 a.m. - **Polish Mass** - Paul & Anna Gawel & Family

Sunday, January 28th - 10:30 a.m. - Beryl Lucas

The Lenten Pierogi Society will begin its labors on Monday, January 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will meet each Monday & Tuesday through Lent. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use parking lot Chapel entrance. New members are always welcome.

SAINT MARY'S 2017 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS: Those desiring statements for their contributions to this parish in 2017 for income tax purposes should PRINT the word STATEMENT on their Sunday envelope. The statements will be available on the table in the vestibule of the church within two weeks of receipt of request.

The second collection next Sunday, January 28th will be for Catholic Relief.

There will be a Polish Mass next Sunday, January 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Allentown - Please join us at the Cathedral on February 11th for an afternoon of Adoration, praying the Rosary, and music for Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother. February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. So, to honor her and worship her Son, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after our Noon Mass and silent Adoration will commence. Our priests will be available for confession during this time. At 2:30, the rosary will be recited. After the rosary, the choirs of the Cathedral and Diocese will sing Eucharistic and Marian songs and hymns. The afternoon will end at 3:45 with Benediction. Please join us for all or part of this afternoon. St. John Paul II's apostolic motto was Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) and this expressed his personal consecration to Our Lady. Let's give our hearts to Jesus through His Blessed Mother. Hope to see you there.

Save the date!!!
St. Catharine's Men's Retreat
April 27, 28 & 29th
Spiritual Director - Father John Rother

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your **giving record for tax purposes**, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. **If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at dsitler@comcast.net. If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement. Statements will be not be ready until the week of the 22nd.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: MASS BOOK - 2019 - The Mass Book for 2019 will be open **the third week of February**. You may stop by to make your requests **Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.**



Help Needed - Volunteers are needed to help clean the Church on the third Monday of every month & the first Saturday of each month. Please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 if you can help!

Parish Nurse News - Too cold for outside exercise? Be creative with indoor activities! Dance during commercials, take an extra walk around the room, bend and stretch, play music on the radio or you-tube your favorite music on your computer, and laugh - all good things for mental and physical health!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3:1-5,10: The mercy of God is shown to the people of Nineveh. He sends Jonah to Nineveh to preach penance for sin. The king proclaims a universal fast to appease the Lord.

1 Cor 7:29-31: Paul warns the Corinthians of the shortness of time in this world. All must conduct themselves worthily in the eyes of God and be detached from this world's pleasure.

Mk 1:14-20: Jesus began to preach the "Good News" of salvation. He called Simon and Andrew, James and John, to follow Him. At once, they accepted the call to become "fishers of men".

Today's Message - The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's Kingdom?

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL-9 a.m.- Knights' Rm
CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass
Social Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

RCIA- 7 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL -9 a.m.- Knights' Rm
CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass - Social Hall

Thank you to all who have generously supported the St. Catharine of Siena School Annual Fund so far. Additional envelopes can be found on the back tables in the vestibule of the Church before and after all Masses this weekend. Please know that your contribution allows us to continue our mission of providing a Catholic education to our community's youth. All are welcome. God Bless You.

Discernment Retreat - Friday, January 26 (6 PM) to Sunday, January 28 (1 PM) - Villa Maria House of Studies (IHM Motherhouse), Immacolata, PA - Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. ([Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com](mailto:ihmvoc@aol.com) or [610-889-1553](tel:610-889-1553))

Divorce Survival Group will begin January 22 at St. Benedict's Parish from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Contact Deb Seidl at 610-763-6528 or dseidl@comcast.net, or Joe Boylan at 610-781-6415 or joeboylan@berksfoods.com

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 Peggy McDevitt
8:00 Donald Thomas (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:30 Dolores Jaramillo
8:00 Mario Salvatore (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:00 Elizabeth Lineaweaver

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

6:30 Rundle & Granville Families
8:00 Brian Hiestand

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

6:30 Garret Charters
8:30 Julia Vincente

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 Charles D. McDonald (18th Anniversary)
4:30 Elizabeth Loeper (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30 Matthew Cahill (8th Anniversary)
9:00 Jennie J. Palkon
10:30 Adam Gajewski (1st Anniversary)
12:00 Anthony F. Mattera

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
Monday	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Saint Angela Merici 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Siena Stitches always welcomes new comers- whether you already do needlework or would like to learn. We meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. For more information, please call Judy 610-779-8654.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday	1/22	Father Frans Berkhout
Tuesday	1/23	Father Clifton Bishop
Wednesday	1/24	Msgr. Robert Biszek
Thursday	1/25	Father Kevin Bobbin
Friday	1/26	Msgr. Ronald Bocian
Saturday	1/27	Father Thomas Bortz
Sunday	1/28	Father Ronald Bowman

"Baskets of Love"



There is a new project this month you can be part of and it's very easy. We are asking for donations of items to give to our shut-ins of Saint Catharine's. January is a time of organizing our closets and our homes. Why

not pass along those medium size baskets you don't use, small lotions, notepads & notecards? We would also like to put in some small soaps, shampoos, lotion, dental items, combs & hairbrushes. You can place these at the table in the gathering area of the Church. These items seem small by themselves, but will mean so much to the shut-ins, as we give them your **"Baskets of Love"**. We will be collecting these items until the weekend of February 3rd & 4th.

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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.



Blood drive Sunday March 11 in social hall. Email David.Sheehan@med.ge.com or call 800-223-667 to schedule an appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 27th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Helen Veet
Cantor - Michel Feeney
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - B. McNish - M. McNish - E. Schodowski

January 28th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Melissa Woodward
Altar Servers - K. Kintzer - S. Robinson - J. Howard

January 28th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - John Vogel
Guitar Choir
Altar Servers - N. Barbera - E. Miller - J. Miller

January 28th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Ed Smith
Voices in Praise
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - A. McElderry - G. McElderry - M. McElderry

January 28th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Gretchen Wentling
Cantor- Tracy Scheirer
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Simms - N. Wentling - J. Wentling

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of January 22nd -27th

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

50 Plus Board News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **February 7, 2018**. The board meeting will be held on **February 6, 2018** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS



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, great menu, 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**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“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, Fiorentino P. Cerullo (Patrick), 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 Fenstermacher, 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, Darryl Larish, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Vanessa Leaizer, Harry Logan, Helen Long, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Julia Marason, Megan Marino, Dale Martino, 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 Prechtl, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Thomas Rathman, 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: *Alice Kominick*, (mother of Rick Kominick & grandmother of James, Brian & Caroline Kominick) & *J. Leonard Kaminski*. 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.

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. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

Save the Date!

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

Youth News

Friday 1/26 – Swing Dance! 6-10pm. *Reservations going on now.* Open to all Junior and Senior High youth. Hosted by our friends at St Benedict's youth group at their Family Life Center (2020 Chestnut Hill Rd. Mohnton, 19540). Emily and Brock will teach you the steps!! They will start with a pot luck dinner, so please bring a dish or drink to share. Please rsvp to st.benedictyg@gmail.com, then contact Mrs. Stratton (610-406-0452) to confirm attendance.

Sunday 2/18 – Snow tubing open to all Junior and Senior high youth and friends. Back by popular demand! We will travel to Blue Mountain Ski Resort for an afternoon of Snowtubing. We will leave St. Catharine's Church after the 10:30am Mass and travel to Blue Mountain Ski Resort. A cost of \$30 will include: transportation, a pizza lunch, and three hours of snowtubing. (2pm – 5pm. We should return between 7:00pm – 7:30pm). Permission forms and money are due to the Parish Center no later than Monday, February 12. Forms can be found on the parish website (coming soon) or the youth group table at the back of the church. Please also be sure to fill out a waiver form for Blue Mountain (below). We will need parent drivers with all diocesan clearances to help out for this awesome afternoon. Interested chaperones please contact Marci Zambito (610-223-7189) or mzambitoscs@gmail.com.

Friday 2/23 – Sunday 2/25 - Senior High School Retreat. *Reservations going on now.* All current high school youth are welcome and invited to participate, however space is limited so do not delay. Held at beautiful [Camp Manatawny](#), Douglasville and led by teens, like you, from St Catharine's & St Benedict's parishes. This year's theme is the "Beatitudes". It's not to be missed! \$50 non-refundable fee covers food, lodging & programming. Last year's participants are still talking about the fun they had and the memories they made. Do something for you and your relationship with the Lord this Lent. *Be a part of this year's retreat!* Permission slip online. Turn into the parish center in marked envelope.

Sunday 7/29 – Saturday 8/4 - Mission trip to Scranton, Pa with Group Mission Trips. *Reservations going on now.* All current 8th -12th graders are welcome to participate in home repair and construction mission work! Space is limited so contact Julia Sneeringer (jsneer12@gmail.com) to learn more and sign up by 1/31/18.

This weekend is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and Lifeline of Berks County will be visiting to explain their services and ask for your help through the baby bottle fundraiser. There are approximately 800 abortions each year in Berks County and Lifeline has a great staff of nurses who use ultrasound to help women make the best choice for themselves and their babies. Hope changes everything.

Financial Stewardship

December 10, 2017

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,774	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 491,762	\$ 562,104
Year to date deficit	\$ 70,342	
Last Year	\$ 20,877	

December 17, 2017

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,962	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 513,724	\$ 585,525
Year to date deficit	\$ 71,801	
Last Year	\$ 21,395	

December 24, 2017

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 22,858	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 536,582	\$ 608,946
Year to date deficit	\$ 72,364	
Last Year	\$ 17,043	

Our Christmas Collection was 39,929.00
Thank you so much your generous donations!

A sincere "THANK YOU" to our parishioners and visitors who choose to contribute to St. Catharine's. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.



St. Catharine of Siena School is currently accepting registrations for all grades Pre-K through 8th grade. Please join us for an Open House on **Sunday, January 28 from 10:30-1:00.** We are also scheduling tours and shadow days at your convenience. Contact Amy Impellizzeri, Advancement Director, for more information at 610-779-5810 or aimpellizzeriscs@gmail.com.

Thanks to all who have donated children's new or gently used scarves, boots, winter hats, mittens. St. Vincent de Paul will continue to collect through February.