Saint Mary’s News
Mass Schedule
Saturday, March 24th 3:30 p.m. - Sophia Brossman
Sunday, March 25th - 9:00 a.m. (Polish Mass) - Tadeusz Sobota
Sunday, March 25th - 10:30 a.m. - John Schwenk

The Lenten Pierogi Society will continue its labors 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.

Pierogi Sale: Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pierogis will be sold in the Church Basement. Please use the side entrance from the Parking Lot. Potato, Sauerkraut & Cheese Pierogis will sell for $8.00 per dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for $4.00 per cup. Limited amount of Homemade Raisin Bread will be available. (Weather permitting) Volunteers are needed to help sell Pierogis on Fridays.

SECOND COLLECTION – “ALMSGIVING” - “…When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret.” (Ash Wednesday’s Reading) - During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs: March 25th - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

Easter Plants for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing $10 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. Please print name clearly.

There will be a Polish Mass next Sunday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Saint Catharine’s Easter Schedule
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays- 3:30-4:15 P.M. - Church
Please note: There are no confessions on Holy Saturday
♦ Monday, March 26th - 4-5 P.M.
♦ & 7-8 P.M. - Chapel
♦ Tuesday, March 27th - 4-5 P.M.
♦ & 7-8 P.M. - Chapel

Blessing and Distribution of Palm at All Masses
Saturday, March 24th - 4:30 P.M. Church;
Sunday, March 25th - 7:30, 9, 10:30* and 12 Noon – Church
Holy Thursday, March 29th - Mass of the Last Supper - 7:00 p.m.* - Church
Holy Thursday Night Prayers - 10:30 p.m. - Church Gathering Area
Good Friday, March 30th - Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - 3 p.m. – Church
Living Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel

Holy Saturday, March 31st
***Blessing of Easter Food – 11:00 a.m. – At Saint Mary’s Church***
Easter Vigil – 8 p.m.* – Church
Easter Sunday
7:30, 9:00, 10:30*
& 12 Noon – Church
*Incense used

SAINT MARY’ EASTER SCHEDULE
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays- 2:45–3:15 P.M. - Church

Please note: There are no confessions on Holy Saturday
♦ Wednesday, March 28th – 6-7 P.M. - Church
Blessing and Distribution of Palm at All Masses
March 24th - 3:30 P.M. - Church
March 25th - 10:30 A.M. - Church

Holy Saturday, March 31st
Blessing of Easter Food – 11:00 a.m. – Church
Easter Sunday
10:30 A.M. - Church
See St. Catharine’s Mass Schedule for additional Masses for the Easter
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31:31-34: The Lord promises a new covenant wherein His law will be written in the hearts of His people. They will recognize God as their Lord and He will forgive their sins.

Heb 5:7-9: We recall how Jesus prayed to His Father. Through obedience to suffering, Jesus became perfect and is the source of salvation for all who obey Him.

Jn 12:20-33: Jesus predicts His glorification. It comes by dying like the grain of wheat. Those who love their life inordinately will lose it. The Father from heaven answers Jesus.

Today’s Message - The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Such dying must be cultivated by obedience and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgiveness.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL -9 a.m.- Knights’ Rm
CHILDREN’S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass - Meeting Room
ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE - After all Masses
BAPTISMS - 1:00 p.m. - Church
MONDAY, MARCH 19
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION- after 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
ULTREYA - 7:30 p.m. - Social Hall
TUESDAY, MARCH 20
RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
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, MARCH 22
YOUTH CHOIR - 5:30 p.m. - Church
PARISH COUNCIL - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center
FRIDAY, MARCH 23
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00 p.m. - Church
FISH FRY - 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Social Hall
SUNDAY, MARCH 25
VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL -9 a.m.- Knights’ Rm
CHILDREN’S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass - Meeting Room
RCIA RETREAT - After the noon Mass

Saint Catharine of Siena Church, is looking for a qualified individual, lay or religious, to serve as a full-time director/coordinator of religious education. This position is primarily responsible for the administration of religious education and sacramental preparation of programs. College degree in theology or religious studies required; Master Catechist Certification and/or equivalent training preferred. Please send letter of interest and resume with personal and professional references to Search Committee, Saint Catharine of Siena Parish, 2427 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606. No phone calls please. EOE M/F/D/V

MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY, MARCH 19
6:30 Wayne & Eric Bortz
8:00 Alice K. Brennan
TUESDAY, MARCH 20
6:30 Teresa Centeno
8:00 Kevin Boyer
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
6:30 Marge Lonergan
8:00 Adrian Chuck Uhrig
THURSDAY, MARCH 22
6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:00 Theresa Fiorini (7th Anniversary)
FRIDAY, MARCH 23
6:30 Hoa Tran
8:30 Patricia Dore
SATURDAY, MARCH 24
8:00 Helen Schneider
4:30 Larry Tranovich (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY, MARCH 25
7:30 Justine Walsh (8th Anniversary)
9:00 Bill Bradley
10:30 Deceased members of the Impellizzeri & Nuccio Families
12:00 Mary George

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28; Jcr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

Diocesan Marriage Conference Together in Holiness. Register now for the Diocesan Marriage Conference on Saturday April 14, 2018. The conference will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert. Dynamic presenters include EWTN host Joy Pinto. Child care is available. Visit the website www.togetherinholiness.org to learn more. For any questions call 610-289-8900 ext. 2028.

We need your help. Readers/Lectors are needed for all the weekend Masses. You can let me know what Mass you regularly attend and I will try to schedule you for that Mass” This is a perfect chance for you to do something for our Parish. There will be a information/training session in April. Please consider becoming a Reader. You can call John Vogel at 610-779-6287.

Runners wanted!
SCS Summer Kick Off 5k Run & 1 Mike Kids Fun Race - May 19, 2018 at 9 am. For more information and to register, go to: bit.ly/SCS5K2018.
Thank you St Catherine blood donors. 25 pints were collected on March 11th”

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday - Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, 2018 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL MASS, BLESSING AND HEALING SERVICE PRECEDED BY PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC. THE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED BY REV. CLIFTON E. BISHOP, JR. ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH AT ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA CHURCH, BOYTERTOWN PIKE. JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENING AS WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD WITH PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. AND MASS AT 7:00 P.M. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS UPLIFTING AND SOLEMN SERVICE. THE MASS DOES COUNT AS YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION.

4th Annual Saint Catharine’s Men’s Retreat - April 27, 28 & 29th. IHM Spirituality Center, Immaculata, PA. For more information, please call Craig Wolf at 610-507-5158 or Rob Katzenmoyer at 610-451-9267.

Saint Catharine of Siena School is looking for a Computer/Technology Teacher for K-8. Must be proficient with Google G-Suite and Google Apps for Education. Must organize, maintain and manage class systems in proper working condition. Teach students and learners to use computers. Design and develop appropriate computer instructional material using the ISTE standards. Manage and monitor student behavior. Initiate and implement systems, procedures and other student management issues. Develop and implement lesson plans and classroom activities in consistent with the student management issues. Determine and troubleshoot technology services for staff. Coordinate and collaborate with teachers and principal. Integrate special lesson plans with core academic curriculum. Please send resume to Mkraycik@scs.reading.org or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606. No phone calls please.

Weekend Mass Schedule

March 24th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Elizabeth Edmunds
Cantor - B. Scolllic
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers – E. Nguyen - C. Nguyen - J. Iswalt
March 25th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Paul Essig
Altar Servers - D. Formando L. Formando - B. Troung
March 25th - 9:00 a.m. (Church)
Lector - John Vogel
Youth Choir
Altar Servers - H. Keperling - T. Keperling - S. Cortes
March 25th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Joe Samolewicz
Voices in Praise
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - B. Davis - J. Davis - L. Gilbert
March 25th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Edrie Watson
Contemporary Ensemble
Altar Servers - E. Schodowski - M. Feeney - J. Beaver

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of March 19th - 24th
8:00 a.m. – S. Robinson & A. Renninger - (Mon - Wed.)
8:00 a.m. – G. McElderry & K. Amey - (Thurs-Sat)
8:30 a.m. – G. McElderry & K. Amey - (Friday Only)

St Catharine of Siena Youth Group needs your help with Lenten Service Project! - St Catharine of Siena Youth Group is teaming up with St Benedict’s Youth Group for a Lenten Service Project and we humbly ask for your help to make this a great success! We are putting together 150 Toiletry Bags (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, & body lotion) for the men and women at Stabon Manor Personal Care Home in Reading. In addition to toiletries, we are collecting paper products for youth group events AND we are donating ALL extra items to the Exeter Food Pantry. Here’s how you can help. Please donate from the below categories based on the first letter of your last name. A to E - Toothbrushes & Toothpaste, G to L - Liquid Body Wash, M to R - Body Lotion/Moisturizer, S to V - Shampoo, W to Z - Paper Tissues, Toilet Paper, Tissues & Paper Plates, We are happy to accept items that you purchase in bulk or the stash of unopened toothbrushes and toothpaste from the dentist. Place the paper products in a plastic bag to keep them clean. Drop OFF: NOW up to Holy Thursday (March 29th) Mass at 7 pm. Drop OFF LOCATIONS: St. Catharine’s Rectory during the week and bins located at the Youth Group table in Main Vestibule of Church.

July 20-22 Annual Steubenville High School Youth Conference. Open to all current 8-12 teens of the parish. This year’s destination will be Franciscan University Steubenville, Ohio! This event is always well received by youth who go! The reduced cost of $90 covers transportation, meals, conference and t-shirt. Space is limited. Sign up now! Permission slip available on line and at the youth table in the back of Church.

Women’s Club of Exeter Township invites you to attend “Spring Fashions at the Castle” at Stokesay Castle on Sunday, April 15th. Doors open by 12 p.m. Luncheon will be at 1 p.m. followed by the Fashion Show at 2 p.m. The cost is $35.00. For more information and reservations call Sharon at 610-779-4109. Deadline for tickets is March 25th.

Parish Nurse News - Make a connection with your healthcare providers! Ask questions and get health advice based on the current evidence. Get the facts! Knowledge is a powerful tool that helps us act responsibly because we understand the do’s, the don’ts, and the why’s!
“a time to be born…”
Recently Baptized: Maxwell Osorio, Michael Mitton & Adam Natale

Please pray for our sick:
Recently added: Tyler Skoczyn & Richard Cibroski

& our soldiers in harm’s way:


…and a time for peace ...a time to die: Ramona Impink; 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.

Dear Monsignor Domin, Staff and Parishioners: On behalf of all the parishioners of St. Peter’s Parish, I want to take this opportunity to thank you once again for including us in your recent Lenten almsgiving program. The generous donation of $1,919.95 that we recently received for our parish will be deposited in our general account and, I can assure you, it will be well spent. We are constantly wondering how we are going to pay this bill and then that bill. And then, all of sudden, God provides. Again, I appreciate the generosity of your parish.

Sincerely,
Rev. Thomas J. Orsulak
Pastor
St. Peter the Apostle Church


Please note: New office hours: We will be closing on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. The office is open from 8:00 till 4:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday.
ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH
READING, PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH 18, 2018

**SCS News:**
Now hiring substitute teachers for all grade levels (Pre-K through 8). Please submit a resume, letter of interest, and clearances to the attention of Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal.

**Registration for all grade levels** - Pre-K through 8th is now OPEN. Transfer Grants available for Grades 1-7. Call today to schedule a tour and/or request a registration packet. (610-779-5810). For registration questions, contact our Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at amimpellizzeri@scsreading.org.

**Chances for the Chinese Auction and the Gift Card Tree**
for the Designer Purse Bingo will be sold after all Masses the weekend of March 24th & 25th and April 7th & 8th. Don’t miss this chance to win one of our fabulous prizes! Thank you in advance for supporting our school!

A huge THANK YOU for the overwhelming support for our School’s Spring Forward/Pay It Forward fundraiser that launched last weekend! MORE THAN HALF of our pledge envelopes have been claimed, and the remaining envelopes will be available for “sale” in the back of Church after all Masses this weekend. Hurry, as we only have a limited number of tickets still available to the THANK YOU reception at Manatawny Creek Winery on April 28, from 1-4 pm.

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**50 Plus News**

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **April 4, 2018**. The board meeting will be held on **April 3, 2018** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

**MEETINGS**

**APRIL 4, 2018:** SPECIAL EVENT - Everybody’s Birthday Celebration. Victor Emmanuel’s restaurant, great menu, meal to be served at 12:15, entertainment will be at 1:00. Cost: $20.00

**MAY 2, 2018** Speaker - Lydia Reber- Creative Energy/Interprets Dreams. Snacks on tables, cake and coffee

**2018 TRAVEL PLANS**

April 18, 2018, Wednesday- Pottstown Carousel...Brookside Family Restaurant Lunch, Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles & Colebrookdale Rail Road Train Ride Cost: $105.

May 31, 2018, Thursday - Hawley Silk Mill Tour, Shopping, Silver Birches Lunch. & Train Ride Through the Poconos Cost: $95.

June 20, 2018, Wednesday - Mt Airy Casino with Matinee Show AN EVENING WITH THE STARS lunch buffet voucher & $15 slot package. Cost: $90.

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

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**Homemade Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs**

The Knights made chocolate covered peanut butter and coconut Easter eggs. The cost is $12 per box (same as last year). Net profits from this event will benefit the EXETER FOOD PANTRY. Eggs can be purchased after each Mass this weekend in the Social Hall on a first come first serve basis until sold out. The SCS Knights are extremely thankful for your continued patronage of our events and fundraisers and because of your patronage we are able to support needy causes within our SCS Parish community as well as the area our Parish serves. God Bless you.

The next Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 23rd - Tickets for adults are $12.50 & 5.00 for children. Tickets will be available after all Masses & at the Parish Center. Time is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Church Social Hall. All are invited to join the Knights in support of our charitable mission.

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**Kennedy House.** 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, April 7th and or Sunday, April 8th or both days! Times are from 9-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can’t help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270. 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.

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**Prayers of thanksgiving for all those who prayed for a successful high school youth retreat.** Our the theme of the "Beatitudes" was well received as was the surprise Olympic themed dinner and games Saturday night. Next year's theme will be "Come with a Grateful Heart" and will be the last weekend in February. Have a teen? Mark their calendar now to attend.