

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 1st - 10:30 a.m. - Richard Zaorski

Please note: New Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Schedules can be picked up in the Sacristy after Mass.

SAINT MARY' EASTER SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Jenenieve Soja who will celebrate her 91st birthday on March 30th.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL MASS, BENEDICTION 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, BOYERTOWN 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.

Chapel Easter Decorating - We will be decorating the Chapel on Saturday, March 31st at 9 AM. It usually takes 45 minutes.



Saint Catharine's Easter Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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- ◆ MONDAY, MARCH 26TH - 4-5 P.M.
◆ & 7-8 P.M. - CHAPEL
- ◆ TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH - 4- 5P.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**

On Easter Monday there will be only one Mass at 8:00 a.m. and there will be NO Eucharistic Adoration.

PALM SUNDAY

Is 50:4-7: The servant was persecuted and struck by his own people; he was spit upon and beaten. He proclaims the true faith and suffers to atone for the sins of his people. Here we see a foreshadowing of the true servant of God.

Phil 2:6-11: Paul urges us to humility by which we are made like to Christ, Our Lord, who, putting off the majesty of His divinity, became man and humbled himself in obedience to the ignominious death of the cross.

Mk 14:1-15:47: Mark recounts the events that led up to the betrayal of Jesus and His final condemnation—His death on the cross. At the Last Supper, Jesus institutes the Holy Eucharist.

Today's Message - Jesus, humbling Himself out of love for us, did not shield His face from buffets and spitting, but offered His life on the cross. He relied on His Father's love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL -9 a.m.- Knights' Rm

RCIA RETREAT - After the noon Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 26

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- after 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

GRIEF SHARE - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

CONFESSIONS – 4-5; 7-8 –Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

LIVING STATIONS - 1:00 p.m. - Chapel

CONFESSIONS – 4-5; 7-8 –Chapel

RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

CHOIR REHEARSAL - 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

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 29 - (HOLY THURSDAY)

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER – 7 p.m.- Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 - (GOOD FRIDAY)

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

PASSION OF OUR LORD- 3 p.m. - Church

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7 p.m. - Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - (HOLY SATURDAY)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT - 9:00 a.m. - Church Grounds

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – 11:00 - St. Mary's

EASTER VIGIL MASS – 8 p.m. - Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 (EASTER SUNDAY)

EASTER

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 Frances Ford

8:00 Charles J. McDonald (48th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 Edna Reinthal

8:00 Larry Tranovich (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Theresa Bryan

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 p.m. –MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

THE PASSION OF THE LORD -3 P.M.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS -7 P.M.-CHAPEL

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – 11 A.M. – ST. MARY'S

EASTER VIGIL – 8 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

7:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish

9:00 Living & Deceased of the Parish

10:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish

12:00 Living & Deceased of the Parish

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018

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 15:1-39

Monday

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Holy Saturday

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3,4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/26	Father Robert George
Tuesday 3/27	Father John Gibbons
Wednesday 3/28	Father David Gillis
Thursday 3/29	Msgr. William Glosser
Friday 3/30	Msgr. Gerald Gobitas
Saturday 3/31	Msgr. John Grabish
Sunday 4/1	His Holiness Pope Francis

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.

Help needed to clean the Church on the third Monday of every month. Please call the Parish Center if you can help at 610-779-4005.

Day of Reflection - The 8 Most Difficult Words in the Our Father with Fr. Bernard Ezaki, M. Div April 14 - Offering: \$45 Includes Lunch - Deposit: \$20 - Forgiveness is sometimes regarded as the most difficult of Christian virtues. Yet Our Lord makes it a necessity for those who wish to be forgiven by Him. Fr. Ezaki will try to provide some informative and amusing tips on the fine art of forgiveness. You won't forgive yourself if you miss this day of reflection!

Parish Nurse News - Children may ask many questions when a loved family member has died. We may not realize how much they worry. Remember that what a child is looking for is often not answers, but reassurance. Answer questions with honesty and patience (Highmark Caring Foundation, 2011).

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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.

Mass for those suffering from addiction will be held on Saturday, April 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 838 Walnut Street , Royersford, PA . All are invited.

Weekend Mass Schedule

March 31st - 8:00 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Unavailable at press time

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

April 1st - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Cantor - Kate Bobb

Organist - Dave Kostival

Lector- Paul Essig

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

April 1st - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - John Vogel

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - D. O'Hara - R. Stoudt - D. Schmehl

April 1st - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike McCarthy

Voices In Praise Choir & Leah Rile

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - N. Barbera - M. Partsch - G. Reed

April 1st - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Amanda Drinker

Cantors-Tracy Scheirer - Michelle Feeney - Kim Kostival & Jay Yohn

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Abramowicz M. Woodard - O. Hagelberger

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of March 26th - 28th

8 :00 a.m.- M. Schneider & G. Donato - (Monday - Wednesday)

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP to Franciscan Univ. Jul 27-29: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope- 1 Peter 3: 15". This is a WONDERFUL opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith & spiritual growth with over 1,000 other attendees. The conference includes bestselling authors and renowned speakers who not only teach, but also motivate, including EWTN personalities; Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Patrick Madrid, Leah Darrow, Mark Hart, Steve Ray and other familiar Catholic Theologians and Apologists. Also includes: Daily Mass, confession and a joyful bus ride. More info on the conference can be found at: <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>. Previous attendees found this conference to be a significant lift in their spiritual lives. This very popular conference is normally sold out before May. Call Bruce & Alice Swist for information at (610) 468-9506 or b@swist.us.

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.

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.

PALM SUNDAY

“a time to be born...”

Recently Baptized:

Please pray for our sick : Recently added : *Rose Cauller, Paul Teske & Linda Lehman*
& our soldiers in harm's way:

Paula Abel, Anita Adamo, Stella Albrecht, Jeannine Ambrosi, Sue Ambruch, Tony Angello, Anthony Antonucci, Roger B, Beverly Bansner, Kathy Barnes, 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, 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, Marilla Kleinsasser, Paul Kletzel, Jr, 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, 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, Louise Pettyjohn, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Anne Poserina, Potts Family, Sharon Prechtl, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Michelle Ray, Lori Rears, Rosemary Rice, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mary Ryan, Elizabeth Fassig, Joann Sacco, Rosalie Sandell, Anne Schaeffer, Gladys Schell, Margaret Scott, Eric Schick, Ann Schweitzer, Robert Senick, Beth Serafin, Tom Shaaber, Garth Shannon, David Sharpley, Sr., Earl Sheetz, Dawn Siderowicz, Tyler Skoczen, Ted Smolkowicz, 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, 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: *Roger A. Reto*, (father of Roger Reto & grandfather of Dominic, Michael & Julianna Reto); *Lillian Nangle*, (grandmother of Tammy Hughes); *Michael LaScala*, (husband of Donna LaScala & father of Heather Zabinski & Michael LaScala & grandfather of Sara & Vincent Zabinski) & *Dorlores Weinstein*, (mother of Susan Good & grandmother of Elizabeth & Christopher Good) 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.**



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](http://bit.ly/SCS5K2018).**

Kennedy House. Want to help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the Kennedy House in Reading. We have our volunteers ready to go for our dates at the beginning of April (7th and 8th). If you would be willing to donate food or other supplies we would need, please contact me, Sara Miller @ 484-459-0270 or sk1699@hotmail.com. You can call, text, or email.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Seaman First Class Julian Arroyo, 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.

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.



The SCS Knights thank all who purchased the homemade chocolate covered Easter Eggs. Because of your support, we will be able to contribute approximately \$3,000 to the Exeter Food Pantry.

Your continued support of the SCS Knights is truly something very special and allows us to graciously give back to our Parish and community.

St. Catharine's Parish is truly a giving community. It is a community that gives of its talents, its treasures, and its caring and compassion. Through this giving we are blessed with the ability to lighten the burden of others. Thank you St. Catharine's Parish!

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

JUNE 6, 2018: Italian sandwiches and Popsicle's Speaker: Kathy Roberts from Encore Health & Wellness Educator - summer care for our health.

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.

July 12, 2018, Thursday -Wine making at Stone & Key Cellars. Bottle your own. Wine to take home. Lunch at Stove & Tap, then Asher's Chocolates & Entenmann's Bakery Outlet. Cost: \$110.

August 16, 2018, Thursday- Pines Dinner Theatre with meal & show THE RAT PACK Cost: \$85. 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**

Saint Catharine's School News

Our Pay It Forward Fundraiser is on-going! The only way to get a ticket to the catered reception at Manatawny Creek Winery on 4/28, from 1-4 pm, is to "buy" an envelope with a Pay It Forward pledge from one of our 248 students. Contact Amy Impellizzeri, at aimpellizzeriscs@gmail.com to purchase an envelope and for more details. Hurry! Only a limited number of tickets remain.

Registration for all classes Pre-K through 8 is ongoing. Please note that our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are filling up QUICKLY for 2018-19. Please contact the office at 610-779-5810 to schedule a tour or request a registration packet today.



Congratulations to the top 5 student qualifiers from St. Catharine of Siena School who advanced to the local You Be the Chemist competition held this past Saturday,

March 17, at Penn State Berks. SCS competitors were Hailey Keperling, Evelyn Nguyen, Katilyn Nguyen, Edward Oscar, and Daniel Schmehl. Many thanks go to facilitator and instructor Christian Nguyen, a Berks Catholic student and SCS graduate. The SCS YBTC Club also extends appreciation to Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, volunteer advisor.



St. Catharine of Siena School students and alumni met with great success at this year's Reading-Berks Science and Engineering Fair held at Albright College on March 13. Congratulations! Winners from St. Catharine's included Abigail Alston, Ava Decembrino, Abbee Fries, Olivia Hagelbarger, Luke Impellizzeri, Hailey Keperling, Trevor Keperling, Kevin Lawlor, Megan Lundstrom, Logan Miller, Alex Nerney, and Evelyn Nguyen. Many awards also went to SCS alumni currently attending Berks Catholic including Abigail Atkins, Eliza Fries, and Thientrinh Nguyen.

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