

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 5th - 3:30 p.m. -
Martha Lubas
Sunday, May 6th - 10:30 a.m. -
Stella Zerkowski

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Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.

Saint Catharine's Mass Schedule

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Masses will be as follows:**

Wed.- May 9th - Vigil of Ascension Thursday

7:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Ascension Thursday - May 10th

6:30 a.m. (Chapel)

8:00 a.m. (Chapel)

9:30 a.m. (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. (Church)

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.* **Adult Confirmation Class will be held on Saturday, May 12th at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.**

Parish Nurse News - Diabetes can increase your chances of developing other serious health problems, including stroke, heart disease, kidney disease, and nerve damage (National Institutes of Health). Be sure to monitor your blood sugar and your diet if you have diabetes and keep regular visits with your medical provider! **Free Healthy info, snacks, samples, and door prizes at the annual Health Fair, in our Church Social Hall on May 6th from 8am till 12 noon- Come on in and bring your family and friends!**

St. Catharine's Parish Council has openings for new Council members. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you respect to serve within this important ministry. Nomination and Application forms are located in the center gathering areas of the Church and Chapel as well as on our Parish web site www.scsreading.org/scsparish. The deadline to submit nominations is Friday June 1st 2018.



Mother's Day Carnations!

Mother's Day is right around the corner. You can help provide help to mothers who are facing an unplanned pregnancy and those who need assistance with your support of the Lifeline Mother's Day Carnation Sale. Volunteers will be selling beautiful carnations in our churches after every Mass on the weekend of May 12-13. Please purchase carnations for \$2 each to empower women to choose Life for their children. Checks can be made out to your church. Thank you for being our lifeline.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31: Because of Paul's earlier reputation, the Christians were fearful of him. He was then accepted and began to spread the message of the gospel.

1 Jn 3:18-24: Christians are to love in deed and in truth. A clear conscience is proof of God's favor. To keep the commandments is to please God.

Jn 15:1-8: Jesus compared himself to the vine and the branches. Whoever is united to Jesus will do good and be rewarded. But anyone who does not live in Jesus will wither like a cut-off vine.

Today's Message - Saul witnesses the Risen Jesus and boldly proclaims His Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise His name in our assembly of worship.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

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

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT - 12:00 noon - Social Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 30

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

TUESDAY, MAY 1

50 PLUS BOARD MTG - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center
Basement

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

50 PLUS GENERAL MTG. - 1:00 p.m. - Social Hall

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

THURSDAY, MAY 3

SIENA STITCHERS- 10:00 a.m. - Gathering Area Church

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

KNIGHTS MTG. - 7:30 p.m. - Knights Room

FRIDAY, MAY 4

AHG GIRLS - 6:00 p.m.- Social Hall

SATURDAY, May 5

FIRST COMMUNION - 10:00 a.m. - Church

SUNDAY, MAY 6

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass - Meeting Room

BAPTISMS - 1:00 p.m. - Church

Health Fair - Social Hall - After all Masses

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 30

6:30 McGovern & Purcell Families

8:00 Ralph Orlando (18th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, MAY 1

6:30 Paul Platko & Paul A. Platko

8:00 Doris Babula (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

6:30 Miriam De Chello

8:00 Robert Loeper (9th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 3

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 J. Robert Sauppe, Jr. (1st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, MAY 4

6:30 Pedro Voleza

8:30 Virginia Pawlik

SATURDAY, MAY 5

8:00 Alexander Mraz (1st Anniversary)

4:30 George Krick (2nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 6

7:30 Tony Marino (2nd Anniversary)

9:00 Nicholas Janezic (7th Anniversary)

10:30 Vincent Baro

12:00 Bonnie Gail Hatt

Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018

Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
Monday	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/30	Father Richard Kennedy
Tuesday 4/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Wednesday 4/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Thursday 4/3	Bishop Alfred Schlert
Friday 4/4	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Saturday 4/5	Father Martin Kern
Sunday 4/6	Father Wayne Killian

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.

Men and Women : Do you feel called to enter into a deeper relationship with God? The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites of West Reading would like to invite you to come and see what we are all about. We are inviting visitors to come and join us for information on our Carmel Community on Sunday, May 20 & Sunday June 10th at 12:50 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Chapel, West Reading . For more information please call Janice Ranalli at 610-914-8436 or Velma Goodreau at 570-939-4078, or just come join us.

Save the date! Summer Vacation Bible School will be held from June 25th - 29th!

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.

Please inform the Parish Office if you have a change in name, address, marital status, telephone number or any other change that may effect your Church registration. We are trying very hard to keep our data base current. Thanks for your help! Any time you do not receive your Church envelopes in the mail, please contact Diane Sittler at dsittler@comcast.net or call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions will be held at St. Paul's Church, on Ninth & Walnut Streets. Adoration will be on first Friday, May 4th, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. **Please note:** This is a change in **Venue** from the regular schedule.

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.

Weekend Mass Schedule

May 5th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Dorothy Bixler
Cantor - B. Scollick
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Konopelski - N. Wentling - J. Wentling
May 6th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Paul Essig
Altar Servers - A. Nguyen - M. Schneider - L. Gilbert
May 6th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John Vogel
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - J. Beaver G. Reed - M. Feeney
May 6th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Mike McCarthy
Voices in Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - K. Hodgson - R. Hodgson - S. Hodgson
May 6th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Unavailable at Press time
Cantor - Joe Schwartz
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - A. Gillner - D. McAdams - O. Chiarelli

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of April 30th - May 5th

8:00 a.m.- K. Amey & E. Fernandez - (Mon - Wed.)
8:00 a.m. - S. Robinson & A. Renninger - (Thurs-Sat)
8:30 a.m... - S. Robinson & A. Renninger - (Friday Only)

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.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“a time to be born...”

Recently Baptized:

Please pray for our sick :Recently added : Winifred Kerns, Joseph Brahler, George Hettinger, Vincent Skimski, Jay Yohn & Joseph Capilo & 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, Anthony Calvaresi, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Rose Cauller, Bob & Patty Cavallino, Fiorentino P. Cerullo (Patrick), Brianna Chery, Mark Christ, Nancy Ciccone, Marie Clouser, Donna Cocchia, Mary Jo Coogan, 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, Sue Dolinski, Carmela Donato, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, Becky and Chuck Drennen, Dick Dunn, Gina Ebright, Dorothy Eisenhart, Lu Ann Eyre, Peter Fanticone, Jack 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, Dorothy Kosikowski, Jack Kuhn, Dolores Lamp, Jeffrey Lamp, Darryl Larish, Tracy Larish, Vanessa Leaizer, Linda Lehman, Albert & Mary Ann Lellig, Harry Logan, Helen Long, 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, 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, Raymond Shuart, Dawn Siderowicz, Tyler Skoczen, 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, 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: *Margaret McDevitt*, (mother of Mary Huck) ; *Josephine Yurkanin*, (mother of Michele Weber); *Stephen Luksie*, (husband of Genevieve Luksie, father of Linda Fetterman & sister of Barbara Dobraniecki) & *Walter Gipprich* (father of Peter Gipprich) 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.



School News:

Congratulations to our school representatives at the recent CYO Declamation Contest: Edward Oscar (3rd place winner) Mollie Helstrom, Cecelia Wright

Thank you to Mrs. Deborah Bilinski for preparing our Declamation candidates, and to all the volunteers who helped judge at both the school-wide and CYO contests.



Congratulations to Gloria Zielinski who will celebrate her 90th Birthday on May 5th!

50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **May 2, 2018**. The board meeting will be held on **May 1, 2018** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS

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

JULY 11, 2018: (**NOTE CHANGE OF WEEK**) Pamela Mathias, County Detective from the DA's Office, keep yourself safe, talk about scams in county. Ice Cream treats

AUGUST 1, 2018: **SPECIAL EVENT** - Our Summer Picnic- Menu to follow. Entertainment-Steve Kucenski, plays the accordion.

2018 TRAVEL PLANS

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

Sept 19, 2018, Wednesday- Baltimore Harbor National Aquarium...Lunch at Bubba Gumps, then shopping. Cost: \$125

Oct 15th to 19th, 2018, Kentucky Ark Experience + Creation Museum + Cathedral of the Assumption + more & Pittsburgh tour the Duquesne incline + Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Waters. \$955 Double, \$870 Triple, \$1220 Single. 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**



St. Vincent De Paul Baby Shower

Let's celebrate the gift of new life! During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be holding its baby shower to help needy local mothers and their newborns. Formula, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, and clothing are just a few gift suggestions. There will be tables at the back of the church where you can drop off your gifts. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter and Catholic Charities Caring Hearts program. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

4 Ways To Put God First

Life's busy pace can crowd out a loving God who waits patiently for our full attention. Try a few simple steps to put Him back in first place.

Be more active in your parish. Ask the parish office where your help may be needed. Can you teach religious educations, visit the sick or homebound?

Banish your false God. Even too much of a good thing can be bad. Is someone or something absorbing too much of your attention? Find your false God and do all you can to get rid of it.

Make everything fit. Can other people tell that you follow Christ by the way you live? If not, pick one area and bring it back in line.

Go to Mass weekly ... For others. It goes without saying that you benefit when you attend Mass each week. By committing to weekly worship with our community tells others that they are very important to us to us, too.

When we care for God's Church, volunteer our time to help others, and worship God with others, we put others before ourselves. And when we do that, we put God first ---right where He belongs.