

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, November 10th - 3:30 p.m. - Eleanor Majka
Sunday, November 11th - 10:30 a.m. - Irene Goodman

Attention: Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion please call the office at 610-779-4005.

ATTENTION: Pierogi Society – The Pierogi Society will meet for two days, Monday and Tuesday, November 12 & 13, at 9:00 a.m. under the Church to make pierogis to be sold as part of the Christmas Boutique at St. Catharine's on Nov. 16th & 17th. If you can help out on either of these days, please call St. Catharine's Rectory at 610-779-4004 and leave your name.

There will be a Latin Mass next Sunday, November 11, at 12:30 PM in the Church. Reconciliation at noon.



THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-November 19th – 6:30 & 8 a.m. – Mass

Tuesday, November 20th – 6:30 & 8 a.m.- Mass

Wednesday, Nov., 21st - 6:30 & 8 a.m.-Mass

Vigil of Thanksgiving Mass – 7:00 p.m.- Church

Thanksgiving Day – 9 a.m. Mass in Chapel

****No 6:30 or 8 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day****

Friday, November 23rd – 8:30 a.m.. Mass - Chapel

*****NO 6:30 A.M. on Friday, November 23rd*****

ALL INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN OF THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25TH MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH. NO EXCEPTIONS.

DIOCESAN DISABILITY AWARENESS:

Accidents, diseases, and birth conditions occur that demand dramatic and taxing changes. Families experience intense disappointment, loss, financial burdens and anger. Never forget: a disabling condition may be an automobile ride, one unsteady ladder, one high fever or one stroke away. Twenty percent of all the people in your parish have some type of disability! We look forward to joining with all parishioners in welcoming persons with disabilities into active participation in the Church.

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.
Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 6:2-6: Moses instructs the people to hold fast to the commandments of the Lord. In this way they shall love God and they will prosper in the Lord's favor.

Heb 7:23-28: Jesus has a priesthood that will not pass away. He is a high priest holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and higher than the heavens. He offered one sacrifice for sin.

Mk 12:28-34: Jesus describes the first commandment - the total love for God - and the second - love for neighbor.

Today's Gospel - The two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God who is love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

BLOOD DRIVE - 8:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. - Social Hall
VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights' Rm.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 12 Noon Mass until 4 p.m.
CLOSING OF EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- 4 p.m.- Church

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

SVDP MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. - Parish Center

GUITAR CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 P.M. - Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

PREP LEVELS 1-5 - 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. - School

PREP LEVELS 6-7 - 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. - School

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

CUB SCOUTS PACK MTG. - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

HELP SUPPORT EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY by donating hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc.) This collection will be on an ongoing basis. A collection bin will be located in the back of the Church. INFO: Phil or Bonnie 610-779-6045.

Volunteers needed! If you are interested in becoming a Lector for the 8:00 a.m. Mass, please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005. Training will be provided.

Advent Supplies and 2019 Sunday Missals are now available in the Church Store. Included with the Advent supplies are candles, wreaths, calendars, and the "Little Blue Books" – daily meditations for the Advent/Christmas season. Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are also available at the church store. The Christmas Wafers and 2019 Sunday Missals can also be obtained at the Parish Center.

All senior citizens are invited to a free dress-rehearsal presentation of the Exeter Township Junior High School Musical "The Lion King Jr." on Thursday, November 8 at 9:30 a.m. Non-residents senior citizens are welcome to attend the free dress-rehearsal performance.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30 All Souls

8:00 Thomas Nein

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 All Souls

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:30 All Souls

8:00 Colleen & Jasper Chen See

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:30 Intentions of Mike Bristol

8:00 All Souls

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:30 Ed Kurowski

8:30 Cora Nacar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 Bartholmew Murphy

4:30 Theresa Sockel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 Edaro & Esther Ponzo

9:00 Adam Calvaresi (6th Anniversary)

10:30 Herb Wetzell

12:00 Joseph Drogo

Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018

| Sunday | Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time |
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| | Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34 |
| Monday | Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:12-14 |
| Tuesday | Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24 |
| Wednesday | Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33 |
| Thursday | Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10 |
| Friday | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22 |
| Saturday | Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a & 9; Lk 16:9-15 |
| Sunday | Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 |

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: SPC Mackenzie Adame, Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, 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, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Major Jeffrey Van Horn, Lt. Cdr. Allison Rosati Martin, Lt. , 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

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| Monday 11/5 | Monsignor Joseph DeSantis |
| Tuesday 11/6 | Monsignor Edward Domin |
| Wednesday 11/7 | Father Bruno Dongo |
| Thursday 11/8 | Father Walter Downs |
| Friday 11/9 | Father Anthony Drouncheck |
| Saturday 11/10 | Father Ladislaus Dudek |
| Sunday 11/11 | Father Edward Essig |



Thank you for your willingness to support the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown through the annual Christmas Giving Tree collection. Each year Catholic Charities focuses its Christmas giving on respect life efforts. Last year Catholic Charities helped 138 families with pregnancy support services. In 2017, 8 babies were saved from abortion! Christmas serves as a wonderful reminder of the precious gift of all life. We hope that you will consider supporting our work to respect life by sponsoring a collection of baby items during the Advent season. All items collected will be distributed to pregnant or parenting families throughout the diocese. Specific items needed include diapers, wipes, new clothing, towels, blankets, other baby items, and gift cards to places that sell baby items (i.e.: Walmart, Target). Please put items in the box in the back of the Church.

Upcoming Youth Events
SAVE THE DATE!!!

Senior High Youth Retreat – February 22, 2019 – February 24, 2019 Registration information coming soon!

Youth Group Mission Trip

The Senior High Youth Group has the opportunity to travel to Charlotte, NY with Group Mission Catholic Workcamp. This opportunity gives us a chance to live out Roman Catholic social teaching by serving low income, elderly, disabled, or veterans with much needed home repairs. Group Mission Catholic Workcamp is led by trained Catholic youth ministry professionals, Capuchin Franciscan brothers and priests. All programming is designed to connect teens' service activities to their relationship with Jesus. To learn more, check out www.groupmissiontrips.com

The trip will be July 21, 2019 – July 27, 2019. The cost of the trip is \$200 (fundraising opportunities will be available) and is open to 2019 graduated 8th graders – 2019 graduated seniors. Space is limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 and signed permission slip will reserve your spot. Permission slips can be found on the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word on the second Sunday of each month. If interested, please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org or 610-779-8535.

Weekend Mass Schedule

November 10th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Melissa Scollick
Cantor - Leah Rile
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers – E. Fries - I. Fries - A. Kline
November 11th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector– Doug McAdams
Altar Servers - J. Howard - S. Wright - C. Wright
November 11th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Roxanne Richardson
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - P. McCullough - R. Stoudt - M. Ream
November 11th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Amanda Luckenbill
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - M. Partsch N. Lamp - S. Cortes
November 11th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John Vogel
Cantor – Tracy Scheirer
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Dempster - A. Nguyen - C. Kominick

50 Plus News

The Christmas Party for the 50+ Club will be held on **December 5, 2018** at 11:30 am. The board meeting will be held on **December 4, 2018** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ Club at 610-401-0600 with any questions or concerns. You can see us on **Facebook** for additional information.

MEETINGS

DECEMBER 5, 2018: CHRISTMAS PARTY, Crowne Plaza, 11:30-3:00, lunch served at 12:00 noon, Entertainment provided by Tony Farina, Cost: \$25.00

JANUARY 9, 2019: NEW YEARS CELEBRATION with members to bring appetizers and snacks to share - Cake and Coffee Let's play BINGO

FEBRUARY 6, 2019: Valentine Day Celebration with cakes and coffee. Speaker: Pat White – 2019 trip schedule

March 6, 2019: St. Patrick Day Celebration, wear Green. Members to bring their favorite MEATLESS SOUP

APRIL 3, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT - Everybody's Birthday Celebration. More information to follow.

2018 TRAVEL PLANS

Nov 28, 2018, Wednesday-Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theatre, Christmas Musical, includes lunch and a show. Cost: \$100.00

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



**Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen
“a time to be born...**

Please pray for our sick : & our soldiers in harm's way:

Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Sandy Bibbo, Sandy Bradley, Joseph Brahler, Emily Bristol, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Gerry Cleary, Raymond Cooper, Larry Curtin, Kelly Davis, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Jim Farrell, Jane Fordyce, Maureen Gibson, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Gowal, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Ken Higo, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Margaret Kreuzberger, Albert Lellig, Timothy Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Kelly MacDonald, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Nicholas Milaneck, Anna Mae Murphy, Patrick Nelis, Helen Nowotarski, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Sharon Prechtel, Pat Prutzman, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Steven Robinson, Anne Schaeffer, Ann Schweitzer, Margaret Scott, Vincent Skimski, Ed, & Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Chris Starr, George Stenavage, Andy Strangarity, Kent Styer, Paul Teske, Charles Vozella, Alan Wachowicz, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Ann Marie Zawislak **and a time for peace ...a time to die: Rev. James Bechtel; Rev. Edward McElduff; Fred Winne; (father of Rev. Father George Winne); Betty Heal, (sister of Bob Giering); Michael Restrepo, (husband of Sharon Restrepo & father of Corine, Hillary & Shannon Restrepo); Theresa Nabonzy, (wife of Edward Nabonzy); Gertrude Sadowski & Carl Garwood, (father of Kellie Fries, grandfather of Emma, Isabel, Eliza, Abbee & Lydia Fries.**

To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. 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.**

Christmas is coming! Everyone loves getting gift cards. Why not purchase your gift cards through our Scrip program? It's easy, convenient, and makes your gift go farther by also benefiting our school!

3 Reasons for buying Scrip Gift Cards for Christmas:

- 1) it makes shopping easy for "YOU"**
- 2) the RECIPIENT will love it**
- 3) it benefits St. Catharine's School & Church!**

Giving gift cards this Christmas? Spread the cheer by purchasing them through our SCRIP Program which benefits our school & parish!

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

We encourage all parishioners to visit the Christmas Boutique on Friday, Nov. 16 and Sat. Nov. 17.

Special features for 2018:

*A roast beef dinner will be served on Friday beginning at 5 p.m. Dinners will be available for take-out or eat-in. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the boutique table or at the parish center.

*St. Mary's Pierogis will be available for \$8 a dozen. There will be a limited supply, so don't miss out.

*Homemade potato filling will be available for \$10 a pan, just in time for your Thanksgiving Dinner! (Will serve between 12 to 15).

*Do NOT MISS your chance to win one of over 50 amazing gift baskets with valuable gifts and gift cards. A sampling of baskets is on display near the scrip table.

*On Saturday morning, Nov. 17, **for one hour only from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.**, you can purchase DOUBLE raffle tickets for the gift baskets.

*We will once again feature an amazing cookie bar at the bake sale where you can select from a wide variety of holiday cookies to create a custom cookie package. Two sizes will be available.

*And, of course, do NOT miss your chance at incredible Christmas Shopping from over 40 quality craft vendors.

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who were confirmed in the Spirit by
Bishop Alfred A. Schlert on Thursday, October 18, 2018.



May our Lord bless them always.



Abigail Agnes Alston
Krista Frances Androsavich
Alexis Michael Auman
Isabella Emerentiana Barbera
Jennifer Elizabeth Beaver
Anthony Francis Caccese
Brandon Patrick Davis
John Roch Daleus
Ava Maria Decembrino
Ashton Patrick Fasig
Nicholas Michael Ferrante
Peter Gabriel Ferrante
Johnathan Alexander Fisher
Abbee Alice Fries
Chloe Monica Fries
Jenna Anastasia Gantert
Jillian Cecilia Gappa
Emmanuel Anthony Geishauer
Christopher John Paul Ginalski
Kyle Kenneth Goodman
Alexis Katharine Grogesky
Oliva Rose Hagelbarger
Joshua Nicholas Harding
Caitlyn Elizabeth Hubiak
Trevor Christopher Keperling
Zachary Aldebrandus Kleinfelter
Christina Vitus Kopecky
Kevin Sebastian Lawlor
Jack Rocco Miller
Casimir Michael Miravich
Tessa Rita Natale

Evelyn Mary Nguyen
Kaitlyn Francis Nguyen
Edward Francis Oscar
Joseph Francis Pichler
Regina Genesis Ramirez
Alejandro Jose' Ramirez-Sastre
Brandt Christopher Ramsey
Makayla Barbara Reidnauer
Abby Sophia Renninger
Julianna Rose Reto
Sophia Maria Robinson
Carli Teresa Ronso
Faith Rose Sanchez
Daniel Peter Schmehl
Raymond Joseph Shuart
Maya Rose Sing
Alaina Cecilia Smith
Rowan Dominic Smith
Teddy Peter Snyder
Danielle Flora Spollen
Allyson Anne Stanley
Kyle Francis Stech
Robert Aidan Tufariello
Katherine Anne Vagnoni
Luke Joseph Voelker
Joseph Damian Weidner
Nathan Ronald Wentling
Cecilia Maria Wright
Sophia Kateri Wright
Brayden John Wunsch