

Saint Mary's News
Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 17th - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased Members of the Wulkiewicz Family
Sunday, November 18th - 10:30 a.m.—Franciszek Lesinski

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 610-779-4005 and leave your name.

CCHS CLASS of 1973 – 45th REUNION: Beverly Hills Tavern – Sat. Nov. 24, 2018 – 6:00 P.M. Questions/ Comments: reading.cchs1973.reunion@gmail.com.

The second collection next Sunday, Nov. 18, will be for the Poverty Relief Fund.



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*****

Our traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. Please gather together with your fellow parishioners and friends in giving thanks to God for His many blessings. There will be songs of praise before Mass, so feel free to come early and join the singing. Our guitar group will offer the music.



THE CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE IS HERE!

We urge everyone to attend the Christmas Boutique this Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17.

- 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!
- *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 feature a 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.

ALSO, please note that, if you are baking items for the bake sale, you may bring them to the social hall anytime during the day or evening on Thursday or Friday morning. (We would prefer to have all baked items by noon on Friday to allow for pricing and display to be ready at 5 p.m.)

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.

Today is Diocesan Disability Inclusion Awareness Sunday.

Let us take to heart the words of the United States Catholic Bishops: All persons with disabilities have gifts to contribute to the whole Church. When persons with disabilities are embraced and welcomed, and invited to participate fully in all aspects of parish community life, the body of Christ is more complete. "The Church owes persons with disabilities her best efforts in order to ensure that they are able to hear the Gospel of Christ, receive the sacraments, and grow in their faith in the fullest and richest manner possible."

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1Kgs 17:10-16: Elijah asks a poor widow for food and water. Regardless of her dire want, she baked a cake for him. The Lord rewarded her and her son with oil and food for a year.

Heb 9:24-28: Christ entered into heaven to appear before God, not for sacrifice again, but to take away sin by His sacrifice. Christ will not die again but He will come to bring about salvation for those who wait for Him.

Mk 12:38-44: Jesus exposes the scribes who have betrayed their office. The wealthy contribute much to the collection from their surplus but the two coins from the widow are of more value before God.

Today's Message - The Lord provides for Elijah's need as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege or excess. In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering Himself to take away our sins.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

GUITAR CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church

GRIEF SHARE - 700 p.m. - Parish Center

YOUTH GROUP - ADORE & MORE– 7:00 –9:00 - Chapel & Upper Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

BAPTISMS - AFTER 12:00 NOON MASS

YOUTH GROUP - 6:30 –8:30 p.m. - Upper Room

CUB SCOUT MEETING - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 Forgotten Souls

8:00 William Bryan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:30 Peter & Sara Salino

8:00 Vincent F. Thren

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:30 Eileen & John Anderson

8:00 Joseph Drogo

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Gerry Sullivan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:30 Dolores Weinstein

8:30 Elizabeth Buvinger

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 Lauren Hartman

4:30 Howard Lins

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 Madeline & Mike Mullen (49th Wedding Anniversary)

9:00 Ralph M. Mellinger

10:30 Nicholas Lintz

12:00 Dr. Edgar Lloyd (1st Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of November 11, 2018

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

Monday Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37: 3-4, 18 & 23, 27 & 29;

Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23: 1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Phlm 7-20; Ps 146: 7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday Saint Margaret of Scotland;

Saint Gertrude, Virgin

2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119: 1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11;

Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

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, Pvt. Connor A. Soja, Pvt. First Class Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, Lt. Morgan Hissick, Captain 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.



With the holidays approaching Catholic Charities is in need of donations to fulfill the requests they receive from the people in need of help. Please consider taking an envelope from our Angel Tree and sending in your contribution. The information is

inside the already addressed envelope. God bless you for sharing and making their holidays a bit brighter.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/12	Father John Extejt
Tuesday 11/13	Father Bernard Ezaki
Wednesday 11/14	Father Joseph Favole-Mihm
Thursday 11/15	Deceased priests
Friday 11/16	Monsignor Victor Finelli
Saturday 11/17	Father Robert Finlan
Sunday 11/18	Monsignor Robert Forst

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**



21st ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR will be presented by the Women's Club of Exeter Township Sunday, December 2nd from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are on sale at Boscov's East, Effie's & Exeter Community Library.

Weekend Mass Schedule

November 17th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Sue Hissick

Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz

Pianist - Kate Bobb

Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - E. Nguyen - D. O'Hara

November 18th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Russ Jirik

Altar Servers - S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt - M. McDevitt

November 18th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Al Worrall

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - A. Gillner

November 18th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Ed Dougherty

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Davis - B. Davis - N. Barbera

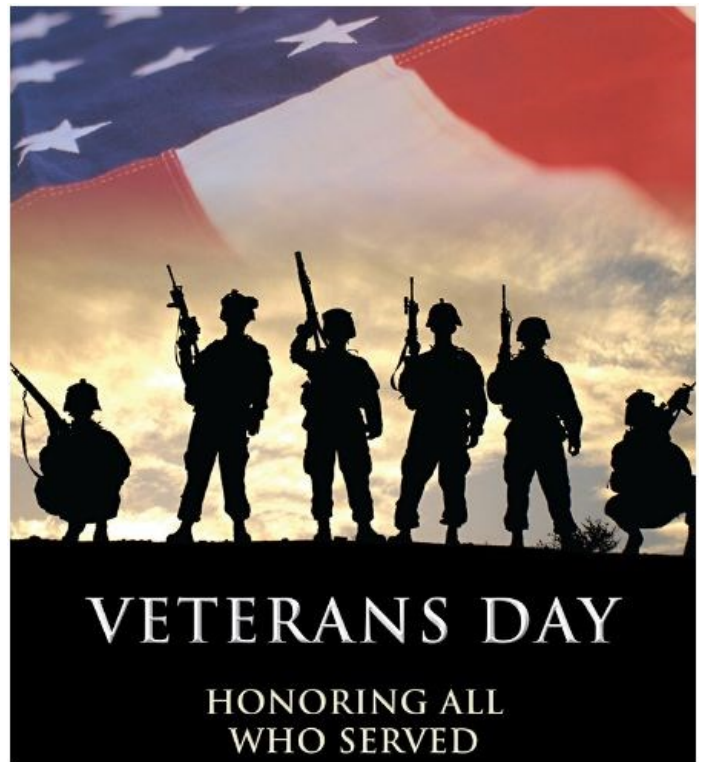
November 18th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Colleen Kelly

Cantor - Michele Feeney

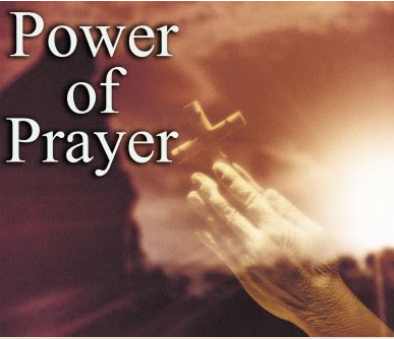
Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - D. McAdams - O. Chiarelli - M. Feeney



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

Power of Prayer



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...Recently Baptized: Vincent Serafin

Please pray for our sick: 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., Susan Dolinski, Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Jim Farrell, Jane Fordyce, Maureen Gibson, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Gowel, 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 and 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, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak. **and a time for peace ...a time to die:** ***Jim Gaffney***, (husband of Mary Eileen Gaffney, father of Maureen Vagnoni & grandfather of Olivia, Madeline & Katherine Vagnoni); ***Mary Wieder***, (mother of Thomas Wieder); ***Gloria Graczyk***, (wife of Gerry Graczyk); ***Fred Kuczala***.

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.**



You're never too old to learn something new. Siena Stitchers will help you get started knitting, crocheting, etc. We meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Gathering area. Questions, please call Judy at 610-779-8654 or Anita at 610-779-1571.

Local Poverty Relief Collection — the Annual Collection will be taken up on the weekend of November 17th & 18th. The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR -

It's the most wonderful time of the year, except when it's not. We will explore the strength, wisdom, and encouragement needed to “Get Through the Holidays after Losing a Loved One.”

Dec. 1, 2018, St. Catharine's (Perkiomen Ave. Reading), from 2- 4:00 PM. Registration required before 11-22-18. For details email: judyvacameron@comcast.net or call 610 370-1174.

Lifeline of Berks County is in need of Similac Advance formula and wipes. We would greatly appreciate any formula or wipes that you are able to donate to us for our clients.

Each year Catholic Charities focuses its Christmas giving on respect life efforts.

Last year Catholic Charities helped 138 families with pregnancy support services. 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.

Financial Stewardship

September 2, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,521	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 197,168	\$ 234,210
Year to date deficit	\$ 37,042	
Last Year	\$ 22,116	

September 9, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,686	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 214,854	\$ 257,631
Year to date deficit	\$ 42,777	
Last Year	\$ 20,573	

September 16, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,429	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 233,283	\$ 281,052
Year to date deficit	\$ 47,769	
Last Year	\$ 18,913	

September 23, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,455	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 250,738	\$ 304,473
Year to date deficit	\$ 53,735	
Last Year	\$ 19,255	

September 30, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,684	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 269,422	\$ 327,894
Year to date deficit	\$ 58,472	
Last Year	\$ 22,120	

October 7, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,774	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 289,196	\$ 351,315
Year to date deficit	\$ 62,119	
Last Year	\$ 21,293	

October 14, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,480	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 307,676	\$ 374,736
Year to date deficit	\$ 67,060	
Last Year	\$ 17,873	

October 21, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,385	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 327,061	\$ 398,157
Year to date deficit	\$ 71,096	
Last Year	\$ 21,848	

October 28, 2018

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,773	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 345,834	\$ 421,578
Year to date deficit	\$ 75,744	
Last Year	\$ 21,848	

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

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Annual CYO Kitchen Kapers Contest! A big thank you to our volunteers and judges who made this event possible. Look for an electronic version of a cookbook with all of this year's recipes to be posted on the school website shortly!

SCS FIRST PLACE WINNERS:

Appetizers- Boys - Josian Orbezo (Empanadas)
Girls - Celia Hess (Sunday Dinner at Grandma's)
Dips - Jack Chiarelli (Buffalo Chicken Dip) (1st Place at Counties!)

Soups - Arabella Smith (Autumn Soup) (3rd Place at Counties!)

Pastries - Joseph Dempster (Mini Elephant Ears)

Death By Chocolate-
Girls - Paisley Lutz (Life is Good Chocolate Cake) (3rd Place at Counties!)
Boys - Tyler Osorio (Nutella Dream Cake) (1st Place at Counties!)

Bread - Jennifer Beaver (Ciabatta Bread) (2d Place at Counties!)

Cookies - Rachel Franey (Creme Brulee Macaroons) (1st Place at Counties!)

Cakes - Boys - Raymond Shuart - Oreo Cake
Girls - Payton Wagner - Perfectly Chocolate Peanut Butter Cake (1st Place at Counties!)

Creamy Desserts - Boys - Daniel Schmehl - Reese's Peanut Butter and Hershey Kiss Pie (2nd Place at Counties!)
Girls - Katherine Vagnoni - Oreo Cheesecake Cookie Dough Bars (2nd Place at Counties!)

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.