

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 24th - 3:30 p.m. - Joseph Lubas
Sunday, November 25th - 9:00 a.m. - Zofia Rozwadowski -
(Polish Mass)
Sunday, November 25th - 10:30 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Simon
Magorski & Family

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

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

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

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.



*Congratulations to
Helen Konkulus who will
celebrate her 101 Birthday
on, November 19th!!!*

OUR THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, You are the giver of all gifts
Fill our hearts with thanks for Your loving care.
Often we are like the ungrateful lepers
who forgot to thank You for their cure.

Today we give special thanks
for all Your blessings: for our country, our family,
and our friends—all those through whom
You show us Your kindness and love.

Help us to pray, like Mary, Your Mother.
In joy and sorrow, Mary's heart was
always filled with gratitude.
We ask you Lord to bless those
who can't be with us today. Keep them close to You.
Fill us with gratitude and help us pray daily:

For all that has been: Thank you, Lord!
For all that will be: Yes, Lord!
Amen.

**THIS THANKSGIVING DAY
WE WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU
for all you do...
TO OUR PARISHIONERS**



*Congratulations to
Geraldine Hydock who will
celebrate her 100th
Birthday on November
21st!!*

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dn 12:1-3: Daniel describes events that will occur at the end of the world. It will be a time of distress, but the just will live forever in glory while others shall endure horror and disgrace.

Heb 10:11-14, 18: Jesus, unlike the other priests, offered only one sacrifice for sin and took His place forever at God's right hand. He has perfected those who are being sanctified.

Mk 13:24-32: Jesus tells about the end of the world—the darkening of the sun, moon and stars. Then the Son of Man will come in glory. Learn from the signs of the fig tree. No one knows the exact time of this happening.

Today's Message - At the end, the Son of Man will return with great power and glory, placing His enemies under His feet. Those whose names are in the Book shall live forever in light and joy.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO SPEND SOME TIME BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER UNTIL THE CLOSING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON NOVEMBER 4TH. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 22ND & 23RD. THE PARISH CENTER WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH. There is no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, November 26th.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

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

ULTREYA - 7:30 p.m. - Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

THANKSGIVING EVE MASS – 7 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9 a.m. Mass - Chapel

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

NO 6:30 MASS

8:30 A.M. MASS - Chapel

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 Gerald Impink

8:00 Fred S. McChesney

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 Ray Eric Correia

8:00 Patricia Dore (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Fern Styer (1st Anniversary)

7:00 Jim Gaffney

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00 Josephine Farrell

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30 Alberta Lutz - (Chapel)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 Irene Kozlowski

4:30 Carmel & Martin Alfiero

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:30 John Bankert, Jr. (9th Anniversary)

9:00 Tom Franey

10:30 Martha & Daniel Trout , III

12:00 Rundle & Rodolff Families

Readings for the Week of November 18, 2018

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

Monday

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5;

Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;

Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11;

1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday

Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr;

Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel

Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;

Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

Saint Andrew Dúng-Lac, Priest,

and Companions, Martyrs

Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;

Jn 18:33b-37



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. Catharine's is looking for a volunteer to join the Church cleaning crew on the 3rd Saturday of each month. If interested please contact the rectory at 610-779-4005.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/19	Father John Frink
Tuesday 11/20	Newly ordained priests
Wednesday 11/21	Father Kevin Gallagher
Thursday 11/22	Father Daniel Gambet
Friday 11/23	Father Joseph Ganser
Saturday 11/24	Father Angel Garcia-Almodovar
Sunday 11/25	Father Andrew Gehringer

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.



YOUTH CHOIR -

Students in grades 5 - 12 are invited to sing at the 7:00 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be just one

rehearsal, Thursday, December 20 from 4:00 – 6:00 at the Church. Please e-mail Kate Bobb loves-2sing@hotmail.com or call 610-689-9816, if you can sing with us!

Weekend Mass Schedule

November 24th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Dottie Bixler

Cantor - Bryan Scollick

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers – M. Woodard– E. Simms - J. Iswalt

November 25th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector– Paul Essig

Altar Servers - R. Bernas - E. Miller - J. Miller

November 25th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - John Vogel

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - D. Schmehl - K. Zambito - H. Zambito

November 25th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike McCarthy

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - G. Donato - H. Keperling - T. Keperling

November 25th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - John George

Cantor – Kate Bobb

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - A. McElderry - G. McElderry - M. McElderry

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.

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.



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: Savannah Stufflet

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 Goyal, David J. Gulati II, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mike Larsinese, Albert Lellig, Timothy Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Kelly MacDonald, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Nicholas Milanek, Anna Mae Murphy, Anthony Myers, 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 Skoczen, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Chris Starr, George Stenavage, Andy Strangarity, Kent Styer, Sandy Sullivan, 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: *Ken Higo***, (husband of Kathy Higo)& ***Andrea Blue***, (sister of Jerry Simcik).

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.**



**3rd ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA -
Sunday, December 9th, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

WHAT: Join us for a hot hearty breakfast with Santa. He is flying in to celebrate with the St. Catharine of Siena and St. Mary's Parish children.

WHERE: St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall

COST: A free will offering

Open to all Parishioners

SIENA STITCHERS always welcomes newcomers. Whether you are an experienced needle worker or would like to learn, come join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 10:00 A.M. at the Church. Hand-made items will be for sale at the Church exits beginning Thanksgiving weekend. Money will go to St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Winter is coming! St. Vincent de Paul will again have bins to collect new or gently used Children's hats, gloves, scarves, and boots.

Join us for a Mass in support of those suffering from addiction. All are invited. St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Route 100, 2101 Pottstown Pike, South Coventry Township, Pottstown, PA 19465, Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, 12:00 noon Mass. Celebrant- Rev. Edward Brady, Pastor. Healing blessing offered after Mass. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

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.

Attention all members: Dues for must be paid before the April meeting. If not, your names will be removed from the membership list.

2019 TRAVEL PLANS will be announced at the February meeting. 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**

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 - 10 AM - 3 PM - Waiting in Joyful Hope: Advent Day of Reflection. with Linda Robinson - This Advent, spend some time considering how habits of prayerful reflection can lead to the experience of joyful expectation – even in the midst of pre-Christmas frenzy! **Arrival: 9:30-9:45 AM. Program begins at 10 AM and will include input from Linda, opportunities for quiet prayer, Mass, and lunch. The program will conclude at 3 PM. Cost: \$50 (\$25 non-refundable deposit)**

The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women is sponsoring a Christmas Novena for Bishop Schlert and his intentions. The novena begins on December 8th and concludes on December 16th, 2018. Anyone can participate. A card will be presented to the Bishop, including the names of all those who enroll. To sign up to receive the daily prayer in your email in-box, go to <http://allentowndiocese.org/BishopNovena>. For questions, contact 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail cfw@allentowndiocese.org

Holy Guardian Angels Church invites you to our annual **Christmas Craft Bazaar on Saturday, December 1, 2018** in the school building, **3125 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, featuring a large number of **local hand-made craft vendors and home-based consultants, a gift basket auction and delicious food, including homemade soups and baked goods.**

The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at the Santander Arena on Wednesday 12 December. The Solemn Mass will be celebrated in the evening beginning at 6:00PM followed by the fiesta. (Las Mañanitas begin at 4:30AM.) The official novena, organized by the Guadalupe Committee, and prayed in churches, will be held on December 4-7 at St. Paul Church and continues at St. Peter Church the evenings of December 8-11. The novena is celebrated in Spanish. Unless advised otherwise, all evening services will begin at 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to honor the patroness of the Americas.

CYO MASS AND FOOD DRIVE: Date: Sunday, December 2, 2018; Time 11:00 AM, Location: Berks Catholic Gym. CYO participants are requested to bring a non-perishable food item/items and wear their team jersey.

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: judyacameron@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.

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.

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