

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Robert Anuszewski
Sunday, December 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Louis Filipek

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH ST. MARY'S - 8:00 A.M.-CHURCH

For more Masses see
Saint Catharine's schedule.



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.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION 7 P.M. –
SAINT CATHARINE'S CHURCH

FEAST DAY –SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH

8:00 & 10:30 A.M. –CHURCH
**PLEASE NOTE: ALL MASSES WILL BE
HELD AT THE CHURCH DUE TO THE
CONSTRUCTION.**
ST. MARY'S - 8:00 A.M.-CHURCH



Annual Christmas Party and Mt Penn Christmas Caroling - Sunday, 12/16. All Junior and Senior High Youth welcome. Meet at 5:00pm in the Upper Room for food, fun, and a White Elephant gift exchange. Anyone wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift. After the game we will join the Mt. Penn Christmas Caroling Pilgrimage. We will return to the SCS School cafeteria for cookies and hot chocolate. Please arrange to be picked up by 8:30pm. RSVP to Mrs. Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org. All attendees will need a permission slip found on the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.org

CHRIST THE KING

Dn 7:13-14: Daniel foresees the coming of the Son of Man. He receives all honor and glory. All peoples of every nation serve him. His kingship shall last forever.

Rv 1:5-8: By the shedding of His blood, Jesus has made us a royal nation of priests to serve God. The Lord God is the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end. He is almighty.

Jn 18:33b-37: Before Pilate, Jesus admits that He is a king but that His kingdom is not of this world. Jesus says that He came into the world to testify to the truth.

Today's Message - To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and His kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

EUCCHARISTIC 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 27

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 29

HSO LADIES NIGHT - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Social Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

GRIEF SHARE - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Parish Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

INSCRIPTION SERVICE - After noon Mass - Church

LEGION OF MARY - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Parish Center & Chapel

BAPTISMS - 1:30 p.m. - Church

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

Please Note: (School Masses) If the school is closed, has an early dismissal or a late start the Mass will be held at the Chapel.

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.**

Do you enjoy working with people? Are you retired with a few daytime hours available? Gethsemane Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery are looking for part-time funeral attendant assistance. Duties include, but are limited to: directing funeral traffic, assisting families with directions, setting up chapel services and Masses, and assisting families at the graveside. Please stop by the Gethsemane Cemetery office for details and an application.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:30 Jennifer Goonan

8:00 Michael LaSacla

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:30 John "Wedge" Lutz

8:00 Claire Lancia

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 Edmund Dolinski

8:00 Adolph Uhrig, Jr.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Josephine Farrell

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 Kevin Heck

8:30 Jeanette & Matthew Diana - (Chapel)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 Diane Cerra

4:30 Nicholas Oliver (14th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30 James Orlando

9:00 Charles J. Chiarelli (32nd Anniversary)

10:30 Joseph F. Kabat (19th Anniversary)

12:00 William Simcik

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2018

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

Monday Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13;

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;

Lk 21:20-28

Friday **Saint Andrew, Apostle**

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Saturday

Sunday **First Sunday of Advent**

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14;

1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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 call 610-689-9816, if you can sing with us!

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/26	Father Robert George
Tuesday 11/27	Father John Gibbons
Wednesday 11/28	Father Joseph Gleixner
Thursday 11/29	Monsignor William Glosser
Friday 11/30	Monsignor Gerald Gobitas
Saturday 12/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Sunday 12/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict



USED TOY DRIVE: Boy Scout Troop 358 will hold their annual used toy drive December 1st and 2nd. We are looking for toys that are clean, have all or most of their parts and in good condition. No stuffed animals please. The scouts will be packing up the toys to be delivered to children in need. There will be a toy collection box at the entrance. **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

Advent Retreat Weekend- Isaiah, John the Baptist & Mary ~ our Models for Advent Waiting - December 7-9, Check-in begins at 6:00 PM. First Session: 7:30 PM Retreat ends Sunday after lunch - \$175 pp single occupancy - \$165 pp double occupancy. Deposit \$80. 610.867.8890 email: stfranciscenter@gmail.com, www.stfrancisctr.org

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.

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

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: judyvacameron@comcast.net or call 610 370-1174.

Weekend Mass Schedule

December 1st - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Mary King
Cantor - Unavailable at press time
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers – L. Formando - D. Formando - S. Cortes
December 2nd - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector– Jim Keane
Altar Servers - M. Ream - N. Barbera - M. Feeney
December 2nd - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Barry Hannahoe
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - R. Stoudt - P. McCullough– J. Beaver
December 2nd - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Amanda Drinker
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - R. Bernas - O. Chiarelli - M. Pawlik
December 2nd - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Jim Snyder
Cantor – Unavailable at press time
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Dempster - A. Renninger - N. Lamp

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.

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!

CHRIST THE KING



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: Brooke Zieverink, Henry Florentin, Robert Brassell, III & Miles Nuding

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, Raymond Cooper, Larry Curtin, 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 Milaneck, Anna Mae Murphy, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, 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:

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.



LIFE AD CAMPAIGN of 2019

Please demonstrate your support for the **Life Ad 2019 Campaign** sponsored by the Catholic Community of Berks County by signing your name to St Catharine's list of supporters. This Life Ad will be published in the Reading Eagle on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, the anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the United States.

Your donations not only publish this Ad but also provide financial support to St. Mary's Shelter/home. If you are unable to donate at this time, Please consider giving us your signature support. It is important to raise the awareness that many people support the homeless pregnant woman.

Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.

NOTE: Volunteers will be available after Mass the weekends of December 1st & 2nd and December 8th & 9th to assist you with your signature information. For an added convenience, you may mail your information to the parish center or drop it in the collection basket. **Please PRINT name clearly. We can only use the following Examples: John Smith, John and Mary Smith or The Smith Family.**

Name: _____

Donation: _____ If you are making a donation by check,

Please write it to **"Life Ad Campaign 2019"**
Thank you.

**Deadline for Campaign:
Sunday, December 23, 2018**

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

Want to give yourself the perfect Christmas gift? Join the women of the diocese at a Day of Reflection to be held at the Jesuit Center, Wernersville on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 9:30am to 2:15pm. The Commission for Women is hosting the event, with the theme **"Advent: New Church Year, New Me."** Deacon James Russo will be discussing a Catholic perspective on the Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol." Cost for the day is \$20, which includes a light breakfast, Mass, Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours as well as lunch and time for fellowship. If you would like to register, please go to www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality. For questions, please contact Joanie Norelli at 917-406-4879 or Susan Teaford at 610-207-5763 or e-mail cfw@allentowndiocese.org. Hope to see you there!