

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Daniel Soja
Sunday, January 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon Zerkowski

THERE WILL BE A LATIN MASS NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 13, AT 12:30 PM IN THE CHURCH. RECONCILIATION AT NOON; SOCIAL AFTER MASS.

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

OFFICE NOTES: Please help us to keep your records updated by calling the parish office with any changes in your marital or family status, change of address or phone, etc. This is more than a one step process and we want to do everything possible to make sure your records are kept accurate. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Please email dsitler@comcast.net with any changes or call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005.

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, 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.

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your giving record for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. **If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at dsitler@comcast.net. If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement. Statements will be not be ready until the week of the 21st of January.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6 The Lord favors Jerusalem, which kings and peoples will approach. The riches of the earth will be placed at the gates of Jerusalem.

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6: Paul admits that God has revealed the divine plan of salvation to Him. Not only the Jews, but also the whole Gentile world, will share in the Good News.

Mt 2:1-12: King Herod, being jealous of His earthly crown, was threatened by the coming of another king. The Magi from the east followed the star to Bethlehem from which a ruler was to come.

Today's Message - All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the Good News and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

CUB DEN MTG - 6:00 p.m. – Social Hall
VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights' Rm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.

SVDP MEETING – 7 p.m. - Parish Center
BIBLE STUDY GROUP –8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - Parish Center

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

50 PLUS BOARD MEETING – 10 a.m. Parish Center
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

50 PLUS GENERAL MEETING - 1 p.m. Social Hall
PREP LEVELS 1 -5 – 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m. – School
PREP LEVELS 6-7 – 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m - Parish Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

CUB PACK MEETING - 7 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

BAPTISMAL WORK SHOP – 10 a.m. Parish Center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

YOUTH RETREAT MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center
Basement

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

6:30 June O'Donnell

8:00 Maria Cuesta

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

6:30 Sarah Jurasinski

8:00 Rose Marie Goldberg

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

6:30 Granville Rundle (11th Anniversary)

8:00 Marie Becker

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Walter Gipprich

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 Gerry Brenner

8:30 Russel Hartman

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00 Peter Salino

4:30 Barbara Malecki

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30 Paul Arnold

9:00 Josephine Yurkanin

10:30 Violet Rouse (20th Anniversary)

12:00 Charles Harhi

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2019

Sunday	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Anyone wishing to receive Gluten Free Hosts should go to the Celebrant's communion line and indicate to him that you need a Gluten Free Host.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/7	Father Gregory Karpyn
Tuesday 1/8	Father Martin Kern
Wednesday 1/9	Father Wayne Killian
Thursday 1/10	Monsignor Nevin Klinger
Friday 1/11	Father Jose Kochuparambil (Johnson)
Saturday 1/12	Monsignor Thomas Koons
Sunday 1/13	Father David Kozak

A WARM WELCOME HOME to all our young people and others who have come back for the Holidays.

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.

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.

Parish Nurse News - Ring in the New Year with a positive attitude and gratitude! Many studies have shown the health rewards from positivity: benefits for the heart and soul! Say one message of gratitude aloud to yourself or a friend every day, it will become a healthy life-long habit.

SAVE THE DATE!! - 5th Annual St. Catharine's Men's Retreat! March 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2019.

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 12th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Sue Hissick
Cantor - Hailey Zambito
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time
January 13th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Russ Jirik
Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time
January 13th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Al Worrall
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time
January 13th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Ed Dougherty
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time
January 13th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Mike McElderry
Cantor - Kim Kostival
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - Unavailable at press time

NEW IN THE AREA? Please see a Priest or Deacon after a Sunday Mass to register in our parish. We would like to meet you and come to know you. Registration takes only 10-15 minutes of your time.

St. Catharine of Siena Parish Welcomes All - No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.



NOW THAT THE **WINTER** IS REALLY UPON US, WE WANT TO REMIND THE **SENIOR MEMBERS** OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COME TO MASS ON DAYS THAT ARE STORMY, ICY OR BITTER COLD. ONE DAY OF HEROICS COULD LEAD TO MANY MONTHS IN BED RECUPERATING.

Winter is here! St. Vincent de Paul is again asking for donations of children's hats, scarves, and mittens. Bins will be in back of Church.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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:

Please pray for our sick: Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Sandy Bibbo, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Peggie Brzezowski, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Raymond Cooper, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Bruce Gerald, Maureen Gibson, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Gowel, David J. Gulati II, Kip Hall, Wayne Hedrick, Catharine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Albert Lellig, Timothy Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Helen Long, Kelly MacDonald, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Nicholas Milanek, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Louise Pettyjohn, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Sharon PrechtI, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Steven Robinson, Anne Schaeffer, Ann Schweitzer, Margaret Scott, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Gabrielle Smith, 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 **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.

Prayer For Healing

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

Berks Catholic News

1/24/19- Step Up Day - 8th graders spend the day at Berks Catholic and get a real feel of what it's like to Be A Saint, please contact Mrs. Smith for more information. 610.374.8361 ext.244

1/27/19- Open House - It's a great time to Be A Saint! Come see our new John R. Post Learning Center which features a new STEM Lab, expanded, cafeteria, new classrooms, college and career counseling suite and collegiate style learning commons. Come experience the energy of our community. For more information please contact Nicky Smith at 610.374.8361 ext. 244 or nsmith@betkscatholic.org

THE TRIBUNAL DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN
610-434-3200

Do you know your Tribunal? The Tribunal is a group of specially qualified priests, deacons and lay persons. Their responsibility is to come to the help of persons who are the victims of unfortunate marriage situations.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church is always caught between two tensions. One is the unbreakableness of the bond of marriage. Jesus Himself said: "What God has joined, man must not divide." This is God's law. It cannot be broken by human intervention.

On the other hand, the Church must be concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Can they be helped? Was this a true marriage? Even though the parties went through a Catholic marriage ceremony, was there some weakness in the consent of one or both of the persons involved?

The annulment procedure is designed to study the history of the marriage and why it failed. It does not affix the blame. If the marriage is found to be invalid both parties are free.

If you could be helped, or have a friend or acquaintance who might be helped, please suggest that they call your parish priest or the Tribunal Office. The Tribunal will be happy to forward an application. Have no fear. All interviews are private. There are no confrontations.

You are invited to a special event "The Master Craftsman: God's Amazing Plan for Teens (and their Parents)" co-sponsored by the Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry and St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church. Join us for a faith-filled evening with nationally-recognized speaker Scott Anthony, as he helps us see the Truth of God's guiding hand in our lives. We encourage teens in grades 9-12 and their parents to attend! After this evening, you and your youth will look toward the future with a newfound sense of hope.

The event will take place on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at St. Thomas More Church Family Center (1040 Flexer Ave, Allentown, PA 18103).

This event is free of charge. Light refreshments will be provided.

To register for this event, please visit www.allentowndioocese.org/craftsman. For questions call (610) 289-8900, ext. 2021 or email Francesca Frias at Ffrias@allentowndioocese.org.

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **January 9, 2019** at 11:30 am. The board meeting will be held on **January 8, 2019** 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

JANUARY 9, 2019: NEW YEARS CELEBRATION with members to bring appetizers and snacks to share - Cake and Coffee Let's play **BINGO**. **Please note: The meeting is the 2nd Wednesday, not the 1st Wednesday.**

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**

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™

An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. **March 22-24, 2019-** In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For *registration information contact: Sr. Meg Cole, **1-866-3 RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-332-0442 Ext. 2019.** projectrachel@allentowndioocese.org
* **Deadline for Registration is March 14th.** For information about the retreat experience visit the national website: www.rachelsvineyard.org