

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 19th - 3:30 p.m. -
Deceased Members of the Jermac Family
Sunday, January 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Mary
Glutz

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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: MASS BOOK "2020"
The Mass Book for 2020 will be open in March.

SAINT MARY'S 2018 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS: Those desiring statements for their contributions to this parish in 2018 for income tax purposes should **PRINT** the word **STATEMENT** on their Sunday envelope. The statements will be available on the table in the vestibule of the church within two weeks of receipt of request.

Saint Mary's website is up and running.

March for Life: On January 18, 2019 we will gather in Washington, D.C., our nation's capital, to speak out against the greatest injustice of our time, abortion. Immaculate Conception Church, Douglassville is sponsoring a coach bus which you can board at 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception or 8:30 a.m. at Saint Ignatius, Sinking Spring. For information call or text Angela Peterson 610-858-9688. Join us for the March for Life.

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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 .



A special thank you to the anonymous parishioner who donated the Christmas Vestment. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 40:1-5,9-11: Isaiah's central message is an announcement of salvation for the people of God. He reveals God as a Shepherd-King attracting and ever caring for His people.

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7: Paul proclaims that the "grace of God has appeared" in Christ. This has set us on the road to salvation by giving us gifts from God, especially Baptism, and by calling us to lead lives dedicated to Christ.

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22: The Spirit of God is seen coming upon Christ. The words of Isaiah are beginning to be fulfilled.

Today's Message - Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To Him be all glory and praise!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

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

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

GRIEF SHARE MTG. – 7 p.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 7:30 p.m. - Knights Room

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

YOUTH RETREAT MTG. - 8:45 a.m. - Upper Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

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

BAPTISMS - After 12:00 noon Mass - Church

CUB DEN MTG. - 6:00 p.m.– Social Hall

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

6:30 Frank Macey

8:00 Patricia Adamczyk

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

6:30 Anna Kapp

8:00 Walter Jurasinski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:30 Helen Frey

8:00 Charles J. McDonald

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Dick Horrigan (6th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 D. Regina Skrincosky

8:30 Theresa Hieu

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 Gail Boady

4:30 Marge Lonergan (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30 John V. Nowotarski, Sr. (8th Anniversary)

9:00 Earl Heintz (8th Anniversary)

10:30 Gerry Sullivan

12:00 Violet C. Maksimowicz

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2019

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

Monday

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk

1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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 1/14	Monsignor Robert Kozel
Tuesday 1/15	Deceased priests
Wednesday 1/16	Father Daniel Kravatz
Thursday 1/17	Father Dr. John Krivak
Friday 1/18	Father Thomas Kuller, S.J.
Saturday 1/19	Father Joseph Kweder
Sunday 1/20	Permanent deacons



The next Blood Drive is Sunday March 3rd in the Social hall 8:15 to 1:15 pm. Please contact Miller Keystone at 800-223-6667 or email David.Sheehan@med.ge.com for an appointment.

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

ARE YOU WORN OUT FROM THE HOLIDAYS? WHY NOT GIVE YOURSELVES A GET-AWAY WEEKEND! Meals prepared! Time away from it all! A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend will offer you a chance to talk to and listen to that special someone who loves you. For information about call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

Welcome

5th Annual St. Catharine's Men's Retreat
March 1st -3rd

Jesus said: "Come away with me for awhile."
Spirituality Director- Father John Rother
For more information please contact -
Craig Wolf at 610-507-5158 or
Rob Katzenmoyer at 610-451-9267

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 19th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)
Lector - Dottie Bixler
Cantor - Bryan Scollick
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Fries - I. Fries - A. Kline

January 20th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Paul Essig
Altar Servers - J. Howard - S. Wright - C. Wright

January 20th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John Vogel
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - P. McCullough - R. Stoudt - M. Ream

January 20th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Mike McCarthy
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - M. Partsch - J. Bobb - S. Cortes

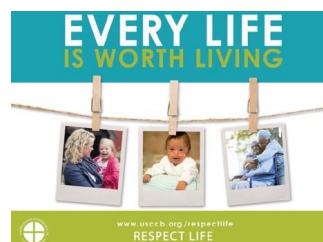
January 20th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John George
Cantor - Tracy Scheirer
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Dempster - A. Devlin - C. Kominick

NEW IN THE AREA? Please see a Priest 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 RECOVERATING.

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 attendants. 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, on Kutztown Road, for an application and details.



Thanks to everyone who donated to Life Ad 2019. We raised \$1,457.00.

THE BAPTISM 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, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Dr. Frank Franco, Bruce Gerald, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Gowel, David J. Gulati II, Kip Hall, Wayne Hedrick, Catharine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Patricia Herber, 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 Prechtl, 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.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!

Give the gift of Life!

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to assist in Church liturgies.

High school students are welcomed.

Please leave name and contact number at the Parish Center, 610-779- 4005.

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. For more information, please call 610.374.8361,ext.244.

1/27/19- Open House 1-3p.m. - 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

50 Plus News

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **February 6, 2019** at 1:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on **February 5, 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

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**, no bread or crackers. Cake & Coffee

APRIL 3, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT - Everybody's Birthday Celebration at Victor Emmanuel's, starting at 12:00 PM, Steve Barth to entertain us.

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

Officers elected for 2019 & 2020

President: Carol Buddell
Vice President: Maria Bunch
Treasurer: Harvey Snyder
Secretary: Sallie Miller

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



Baskets of Love (through St. Vincent DePaul Society) - Most of us have had people aside or near us in Church over the years and

then one day realize where is that man or lady? Often times they become shut-ins and no longer can come to Mass. This year, we would like to do something for them, to say you are in our caring thoughts. The next few weeks we will have a table in the back of the Church to collect items to fill our "Baskets of Love" for shut-ins. We all have so many of these type items in our homes. If you have any medium size baskets, small note cards, lotions, soaps, warm sox, pocket calendars, small tissues, prayer books, stamps- won't you bring them to the "Baskets of Love" table. Help us make them smile and feel remembered by their parish family.

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, Lance Corporal 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.

Saint Catharine School News

Registration now OPEN for grades Pre-K through 8th Grade at St. Catharine of Siena School. Registration packets available for pick-up at the school office, or by calling Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, at 610-779-5810. Open House scheduled for Sunday, 1/27/19 from 10:30-1:00 pm. Tours and shadow days also available at your convenience. Call today!