

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Jan & Aniela Smolinski
Sunday, February 10th - 10:30 a.m. - William R. Rolands, Sr.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: MASS BOOK "2020" The Mass Book for 2020 will be open in March. We will have a new procedure this year. Please see upcoming bulletins for details.

The Lenten Pierogi Society will continue its labors on Monday, February 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will meet each Monday & Tuesday through Lent. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use parking lot Chapel entrance. New members are always welcome.

There will be a Latin Mass next Sunday, Feb. 10, at 12 :30 PM in the Church. Reconciliation at noon; Social after Mass.

Saint Mary's Website will not be available. The webmaster is currently working on a fix.

A Prayer for the Healing of Our Church

Good and gracious God, we ask for healing for our wounded Church and a way forward through this time of despair. We cry out to you for healing for the victims of abuse and for their families. We cry out to you for healing for the lay faithful. We cry out to you for healing for the clergy. Grant our bishops the courage and wisdom to work with the laity for the transformation of our Church. Embrace your people with your compassionate mercy, and restore our trust in the Church and its ministers. Give us hope that the Church can be reformed by your grace working in and through us. May Jesus, the compassion of God, draw us to himself in Word and Sacrament and send us forth strengthened in faith to share his love with the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Healing Our Church Discussion Groups Coming in Lent- Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Discussions will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for more information, including how to sign up, soon.

Rosary volunteers needed. Would you be willing to spend half an hour once a month to pray the Rosary with the shut-ins? The days and times are as follows: the second Monday of the month at Elmcroft Assisted Living at 1:00 PM or the second Tuesday of the month at the Berkshire Center. Both places are in Exeter Township. No supplies are needed. You will have back-up if you are not available on your day. If interest, please call Dottie Bixler at 610-779-5301. Thank you for considering this special appeal. God Bless.

St. Paul's R.C. Church, Reading, will hold its 3rd Annual One Family Gala, on Sunday, February 24, 2019, at the Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Rd., 5PM Cash Bar, 6PM Dinner. Featured Speaker will be Bishop Alfred A. Schlert. Our One Family Award will be awarded to our local EMS personnel. Ticket price is \$50 each, available from St. Paul's Rectory 610-372-1531 or stpaulsrcchurch@comcast.net. Tickets must be prepaid. Reservation deadline is Monday, February 11, 2019.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19: Jeremiah is called by the Father to be His spokesman. He will be rejected but receives the promise of God that He will support him against his adversaries.

1 Cor 12:31– 13:13: Love, the virtue of charity, surpasses all. It rises above everything. All gifts will pass away, but the supernatural virtue of love will never fail.

Lk 4:21-30: Jesus is rejected by His own neighbors. They resented His strong reminder of the past rejections of the prophets. In baptism and the sacraments we are united to Jesus. Like Him we must bear our crosses.

Today's Message - "No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." Thus did Jeremiah, and later, Jesus, encounter opposition and lack of faith; thus did both place their hope in the Lord. Paul speaks eloquently of the greatest of all gifts: love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - 8:00 p.m. - Parish Center

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

50 PLUS BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

50 PLUS GENERAL MEETING - 1:00 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. - School

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

SCOUTS PINWOOD DERBY - 1:00 p.m.. - Social Hall

YOUTH RETREAT MEETING—6:30 p.m. - Upper Room

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.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:30 Mary & Harry Wright

8:00 Roy G. Monde, Jr. (17th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:30 Lauren Hartman

8:00 Sarah Jurasinski

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 Edna Harris

8:00 Theresa Stremba

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Margaret Gombar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:30 Margaret Seckosky

8:30 Larry Lesser

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 Angie Blickley

4:30 Frank Mierzwinski, Jr. (10th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30 Henry & Loretta Stork

9:00 Rose Marie Goldberg

10:30 Gerry Sullivan

12:00 John Gerhard

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2019

Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30
Monday	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

HELP SUPPORT EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY by donating hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc.). This collection will be on an ongoing basis. A collection bin will be located in the back of the church. A sincere thank you to all of our generous and dedicated volunteers, those who have made monetary donations and for those keeping the hungry in your prayers. You are making a difference. INFO: Phil or Bonnie 610-779-6045.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/4	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Tuesday 2/5	Monsignor John Martin
Wednesday 2/6	Father Keith Mathur
Thursday 2/7	Monsignor John McCann
Friday 2/8	Father Robert McConaghy
Saturday 2/9	Father Thomas McDonnell, S.J.
Sunday 2/10	Father Brian Miller

Calling all families to consider a formative opportunity! Youth Ministry is in need of leaders for youth programming for Little Angels (0-6 years) and Kids for Christ (7-12 years). These groups have been a blessing to many families for many years in our parish. Please pray on it. Clearances Required. Please contact Shaun & Heather Keperling keperling@ieee.org / 610-370-2378 for details.

Parish Nurse News - Energy bars can be a great snack, but check the nutrition label first for added fat, sugar and sodium. (bcbsil.com, 1/2019). Also be careful with energy drinks. The caffeine content can be dangerous, especially if you've add a coffee or a cola.

Please remember our Poor Boxes located in the Gathering Area of the Church.

Sunday Afternoon of Reflection Workshop
- "Loss of a Spouse" 2-10-19, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, St. Catharine's Parish Center, 2427 Perkiomen Ave. Registration required @ 610 370-1174.



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.

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

February 9th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Elizabeth Edmunds

Cantor - Carol McDevitt

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - L. Formando - D. Formando - S. Cortes

February 10th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Mike Lee

Altar Servers - M. Ream - N. Barbera - M. Feeney

February 10th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Sandi Lloyd

Guitar Choir Group

Altar Servers - R. Stoudt - P. McCullough - J. Beaver

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

Lector - Ed Smith

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - R. Bernas - O. Chiarelli - M. Pawlik

February 10th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Joe Samolewicz

Cantor - Jay Yohn

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Dempster - A. Renninger - N. Lamp

SAVE THE DATE

May 11, 2019

CYO ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

New Place: Berkley Golf Course

New Day: "Saturday"

1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

More information to follow.

Siena Stitchers always welcome newcomers whether you are a beginner or an expert. Please join us in the Church lounge area 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. We also welcome donations of yarn for our many projects. If you have any questions, please call Judy at 610-779-8654.



We have **two "10 FOOT"** Christmas Trees. If anyone wants them, please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.



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...

Please pray for our sick: Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Joseph Brahler, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Peggie Brzezowski, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Lisa Cole, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Al Franckowiak, 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, Jean Kline, Louise Knoeller, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, Timothy Loeper, Daniel Lonergan, Helen Long, Valerie Macaronis, Kelly MacDonald, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Betty Mesisca, Nicholas Milaneck, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Louise Pettyjohn, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Sharon Precht, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Steven Robinson, John Sausen, 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, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Donna Yohn, Ann Marie Zawislak. **A time to die: Sandy Bibbo, (wife of Sam Bibbo, mother of Samandra Bibbo & grandmother of Steven Bibbo & Mackenzie Burkholder) & Sara Madl.**

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.

Saint Catharine's School News

Registration for the 2019-2020 St. Catharine of Siena School Year now open! Limited number of spots still available for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Contact the Advancement Director, Amy Impellizzeri, to schedule a tour or to request a registration packet. 610-779-5810 or aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org

Please remember to bring your Box Tops. The box is behind the SCRIP table. We will have a final collection date (for this school year) in February and want to get as many Box Tops in as we can!

We are collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. Please place your can tabs in the container on table near scrip sales.



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.

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.

2019 TRAVEL PLANS

April 10, 2019 – Wednesday, Mt Hope Murder Mystery with Family Style Meal. Cost: \$85.00

May 8, 2019 – Wednesday, Adams Co Wine Around, Tour Historic Round Barn - Family Style lunch at Hickory Bridge Farm Wine Tastings & Apple Dumpling Demo. Cost: \$95.00

June 12, 2019: Wednesday, Pines Dinner Theatre **ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK**. Cost: \$85.00

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**

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

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The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County is holding its February meeting at St. Ignatius Parish Center on Sat. February 9th at 1:00. The presentation will be a talk by Mrs. Sheryl Lanciano on Love. Any Catholic woman in Berks County is invited. Please call Brynn at 610 926-3731 if interested.

Are you an RN or an LPN? Do you have pro-life nurses in your family, or pro-life nurses who are friends? All pro-life nurses in Pennsylvania are invited to join a state-wide pro-life nursing association. Our purpose is to promote life from conception to natural death, a truth that has been lost to many health care professionals. The need for such an organization is reinforced by the theme of this year's Annual March for Life: "Unique From Day One: Pro-Life, Pro-Science." It's time we spoke up with the truth. If you are interested in being part of this group, or know someone who might be interested, please have them contact: 610-375-3395, or krkuhns1@verizon.net, or Karen at 610-413-7989. An organizing meeting will be held the end of January.



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.

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.