

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - David Soja
Sunday, February 24th - 9:00 a.m. - (Polish Mass) - Marek Starosciak & Monika Kochmanski
Sunday, February 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Irene Goodman

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The Lenten Pierogi Society will continue its labors 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.**

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

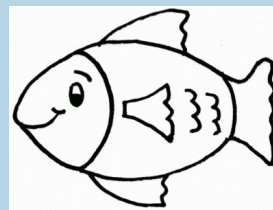
There will be a Polish Mass next Sunday, February 24th at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.



Sign Up for "Healing Our Church" Discussion Groups Small-group discussions moderated by fellow parishioners will be held during the six weeks of Lent on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Church beginning the week of March 4. All are welcome to attend. The program is intended to encourage prayerful reflection and conversation about the clergy sexual abuse crisis. It was designed by RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization, in response to a request from Bishop Schlert. To register on-line for the 90-minute weekly sessions, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/HealingOurChurch, or contact Tom McNelis at 610-698-4555.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®



St. Catharine of Siena
Council 14880

The Annual Fish Fry dates are:

March 8, 2019

March 22, 2019

April 5, 2019

April 12, 2019

Tickets for adults is \$13.00,
and children is \$5.00.

Tickets will be available before and after all Masses starting February 16, 2019.

Time is from 5pm to 7pm at the Church Social Hall.

All are invited to join the Knights in support of our charitable mission.

As always, we thank everyone for your generosity.

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, Staff Sgt. 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 17:5-8: To put all one's trust in human strength leads to frustration. Let us trust in the Lord and find fulfillment.

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20: If our hopes in Christ are limited to this life only, we are the most pitiable of human beings.

Lk 6:17, 20-26: Happiness and blessing are the rewards of those who accept the Gospel and the Savior. Sorrow and woe await those who take wealth and pleasure as their goal in life.

Today's Message - In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom, a new law, a new way of living. Happy are they who choose to keep His commandments and follow His ways.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

BAPTISMS - After the noon Mass - Church
VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Knights Room
CUB DEN MEETING - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
ULTREYA - 7:30 p.m. - Social Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

FIRST PENANCE - 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

LEGION OF MARY - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center
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 21

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Gathering Area - Church
PARISH COUNCIL - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 7:30 p.m. - Upper Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Knights Room
YOUTH GROUP - 2:00 p.m. - Social Hall

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 Jennie Pellicano

8:00 Frederick Winne

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30 Raymond Ouimet

8:00 Margaret Albert

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30 Dr. Allen Ashcroft

8:00 Charles Wenrich

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Stewart Gehris

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:30 Vincent Baro

8:30 Carl Garwood

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 Winifred Graham

4:30 George Edmunds, Jr. (34th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30 Richard Walsh

9:00 Gail Boady

10:30 Chiara Rugold (6th Anniversary)

12:00 Edward Thomas

Readings for the Week of February 17, 2019

Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday	Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Have you been wanting to do some type of volunteer service in our community? If you have a background in education and would enjoy tutoring adult students, the Mother Veronica Resource Center at 449 S. 6th Street in Reading is searching for volunteers to teach reading and writing or mathematics at the adult basic education and pre-GED levels in either English or Spanish. If you are interested, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at (484)-516-2138 or mveronicacenter@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/18	Father Elias Munyaneza, A.J.
Tuesday 2/19	Monsignor John Murphy
Wednesday 2/20	Sick and infirm priests
Thursday 2/21	Father Kevin Nadolski, O.S.F.S.
Friday 2/22	Father Frank Natala, M.S.C.
Saturday 2/23	Monsignor Edward O'Connor
Sunday 2/24	Father Richard O'Nyamwaro, A.J.

EXETER TOWNSHIP SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL "SISTER ACT": All senior citizens are invited to a free dress-rehearsal presentation on Thursday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. A free breakfast for Exeter School District residents will be served in the Senior High School cafeteria starting at 8:15 a.m. To reserve a seat for breakfast and/or obtain a Senior Citizen PASS, telephone 779-0700 (ext . 1001) no later than March 8. Reservations ARE ONLY NEEDED for district residents who want to attend the breakfast. Non-resident senior citizens are welcome to attend the free dress-rehearsal performance.

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.

Spiritual Training: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's Lenten morning of reflection on Saturday, **March 9, 2019**, at the **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena** in Allentown. Refreshments will be offered beginning at 8:30 AM in the Parish Activity Center. Presentations by the **Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert** and **Rev. Bernard Ezaki** will begin in the Cathedral at 9:15 AM, ending by 11:30 AM. The Sacrament of Confession will be offered as well. To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality

It's time for the **Mary's Shelter Annual Family Bowl-a-Thon!** This year's event will be held on Sunday, March 17th 2019 at Berks Lanes in Sinking Spring. Additional information and registration forms available at www.marysshelter.org

Parish Nurse News - Changing your workout routine offers greater payoffs than sticking to the same moves. (bcbsil.com.1/2019). Check with your doctor before starting new exercise routines. Keep it interesting and fun! The health benefits are worth the effort!

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

February 23rd - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Dottie Bixler
Cantor - Jay Yohn
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers – S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt - M. McDevitt

February 24th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector– Paul Essig
Altar Servers - E. Fries - I. Fries - K. Amey

February 24th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Cassie Sedlack
Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz
Pianist - Kate Bobb

Altar Servers - D. McAdams - C. Kominick - B. Truong

February 24th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike Lenhart

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Albert - H. Zambito - K. Zambito

February 24th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike McElderry

Cantor - Michele Feeny

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - B. McNish - M. McNish - L. Gilbert

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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.

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

Save the Date! The Second Annual Pay It Forward Reception (and Students' Art Show/Sale) will take place on April 6, 5-8 pm at the GoggleWorks. A limited number of tickets will be available after all Masses during the weekend of February 23 and 24.



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: Miikayla Jai Perez

Please pray for our sick: Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Jim Auchter, Beverly Bansner, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn Beeman, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Patricia 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., Roseanne Dougherty, Susan Dolinski, Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Al Franckowiak, 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 Milanek, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Louise Pettyjohn, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtl, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Steven Robinson, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Mary Scheirer, Ann Schweitzer, Margaret Scott, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Chris Starr, 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:** *Dennis Ford*, (husband of Christine Ford); *Dr. Frank Franco*, (brother of Thomas Franco); *Josephine Szyzputowski & Leslie Hylan*, (wife of Vince Hylan) .

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.



SAVE THE DATE
May 11, 2019
CYO ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT
New Place: Berkleigh Golf Course
New Day: "Saturday"
1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
More information to follow.



Designer Purse Bingo
Proceeds benefit the Programs, Students and Staff
of St. Catharine of Siena School
Saturday, March 30, 2019
\$25 advance purchase/\$30 at the door
Doors open at 5:30 Bingo starts at 6:30
For tickets, please visit SCS School between
8:30-2:45, contact the purse bingo committee
at scsbingosquad@gmail.com

50 Plus News

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

March 6, 2019: St. Patrick Day Celebration, wear Green, & play **BINGO** - 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.

MAY 1, 2019 Let's play **Boom Box Bingo** with Rich Weilacher, will get hints from music to fill the board, so brush up on your tunes. Italian sandwiches and cupcakes & coffee

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

July 10, 2019 - Wednesday, York -- Kreider Farms, Red Brick Bakery, Haines Shoe House & Turkey Hill Experience Cost: \$95.00

August 21, 2019 - Wednesday, Atlantic City Air Cost: \$45.00

September 16th – 20th, 2019 - Monday thru Friday, Inn at Crumpin Fox --**New Hampshire Vermont** & more Cost: \$950 Double, \$870 Triple & \$1120 Single

October 23, 2019 – Wednesday, Mystery Trip- Hint both Men & Women will enjoy this Cost: \$95.00

November 10, 2019 - Wednesday, Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn "Christmas Show" 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**

"The reality is that you will grieve forever.
You will not 'get over' the loss of a loved one;
you will learn to live with it.
You will heal and you will rebuild yourself
around the loss you have suffered.
You will be whole again
but you will never be the same.
Nor should you be the same.
Nor would you want to."

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross



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.

Join us for a Mass in support of those suffering from addiction. All are invited. St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 3640 Schuylkill Road (Rt. 724), Spring City, PA 19475, Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Celebrant Rev. Charles R. O'Hara, 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.



Kennedy House Want to volunteer and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the **Kennedy House** in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either **Saturday, March 23rd and or Sunday, March 24th** or both days! Times are from 9-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270 or sk1699@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there. Also if you are unable to help but would be willing to **donate** food or other supplies we would need, please contact me as well.