

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - Evelyn Lachman
Sunday, March 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Andrew Glutz

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

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.**

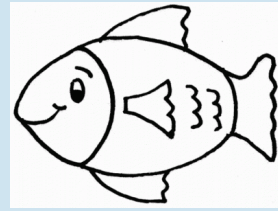
Pierogi Sale: Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including April 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pierogis will be sold in the Church Basement. Please use the side entrance from the Parking Lot. Potato, Sauerkraut & Cheese Pierogis will sell for \$8.00 per dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 per cup. (Weather permitting) Volunteers are needed to help sell Pierogis on Fridays.

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.



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.

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23— King Saul has condemned David and is trying to capture him. David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but refuses to harm the king because Saul is anointed by the Lord.

1 Cor 15:45-49— Grace builds on nature. In Christ we are formed in the spiritual order.

Lk 6:27-38— The supernatural virtues go beyond the natural virtues which even sinners practice.

Today's Message - In baptism we are called to mirror and image the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us. As David would not harm Saul, his enemy, so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

YOUTH GROUP - 2:00 p.m. - Social Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

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

GRIEF SHARE– 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

AHG MEETING - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

BAPTISMS - After the noon Mass

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

BLOOD DRIVE - 8:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Social Hall

CUB DEN MEETING - 6:00 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.

Many, Many Thanks of Love - On behalf of the over 100 shut-ins from St Catherine's and St Mary's who received their "Basket of Love", thank you so much. They were surprised, and many touched to tears to be remembered by their parishes. Their Valentine was a brighter day because of you. Thank you again to all who donated items, helped put the baskets together and to the Eucharistic ministers and Msgr. who delivered them. New members are always welcome to join us at our 1st Monday meetings at 7pm at parish center. God Bless you for your kindness.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:30 Mary Verbosh

8:00 Theodore Borek

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:30 Connie Helfrich

8:00 Julia Calabrese

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:30 Frances Blekicky

8:00 Deceased members of Lisinski and Myslinski Families

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Karl Arbo

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

6:30 Thomas O'Donnell

8:30 Anna McDonald (25th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 Dennis Sadlowski

4:30 Barry Burrell (12th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:30 Julius Buday

9:00 Baby Isabella Rose George (12th Anniversary)

10:30 Edward Caffrey (7th Anniversary)

12:00 Theresa and Leonard Gontkovsky

Readings for the Week of February 24, 2019

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

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;

Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175;

Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35;

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18;

Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16;

1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Kennedy House Fiftieth Anniversary. For half a century, Kennedy House, located at 530 Spruce Street in Reading, has been sewing the poor of the city. A special recognition to mark this occasion will be part of the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, March 16, 2019 in St. Peter the Apostle Church, Reading after which a reception will be held in the church's Marciano Hall. The next day, Sunday, March 17 there will be an Open House in Kennedy House from 2:00-5:00PM. All are welcome but a special invitation is extended to volunteers and supporters past and present.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/25	Monsignor Thomas Orsulak
Tuesday 2/26	Father Luigi Palmieri
Wednesday 2/27	Father Marian Paskowicz
Thursday 2/28	Father John Paul, M.S.C.
Friday 3/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Saturday 3/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Sunday 3/3	Bishop Alfred Schlert

Life after Loss Seminars held at St. Catharine's Parish Meeting Center. A group for those who are missing loved ones and who are aware that death ends a life . . . not a relationship. We operate year round on two Monday evenings per month; each session covers a different topic so you can come at any point. We provide caring presence, strength, wisdom and hope. Call 610 370-1174 for more information.

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.

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.

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

BINGO fundraiser to support the BECA Band! - Sunday, March 3, 2019- Doors Open at 1pm, Bingo at 2pm - Bethlehem Catholic High School Cafeteria- \$25 in advance/ \$30 at the door - Includes 20 Regular Games - Door Prizes, Food, Tricky Tray, 50/50- Purses and bags ... Coach, Vera Bradley, and more! - For More Information & Tickets Contact:Sue Wasilewski sjw61700@gmail.com or 484-300-5449

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

March 2nd - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Melissa Scollick
Cantor - Jeff Tomczyk
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - M. Fernandez - E. Fernandez - M. Schneider

March 3rd - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Doug McAdams
Altar Servers - M. Woodard - R. Griffin - M. Griffin

March 3rd - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Roxanne Richardson
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - K. Vagnoni - M. Vagnoni - D. Schmehl

March 3rd - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Amanda Luckenbill
Voices In Praise Choir
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - C. Griffith - N. Griffith - E. Schodowski

March 3rd - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mary Dolan
Contemporary Ensemble
Altar Servers - M. Stratton - M. Stratton - K. Amey

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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.

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.



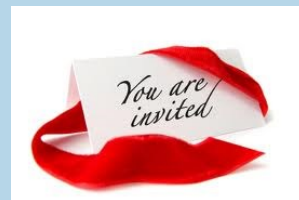
Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen “a time to be born... Recently Baptized: *Juleen Rose Fortney & Vera Bailey Foreman*

Please pray for our sick: Stella 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, Peggine Brzezowski, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Lisa Cole, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Roseanne

Dougherty, Susan Dolinski, Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Margaret Ehret, 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, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtel, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Mary Scheirer, Margaret Scott, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Chris Starr, Andy Strangarity, Kent Styer, Sandy Sullivan, Paul Teske, Alan Wachowicz, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Donna Yohn, Ann Marie Zawislak. **A time to die:** *Ann Mitchell*, (wife of John Mitchell); *Steven Robinson*, (father of Elisha Robinson); *Louise Pettyjohn*, (mother of Joseph Pettyjohn & Carol Burnish, grandmother of Caitlin Burnish & great grandmother of Skyler & Victoria Burnish); *Charles Vozella*, (husband of Karen Vozella) & *Ann Schweitzer*, (mother of Christine Perotto & grandmother of Alexis Auman & sister of Carol Glembocki)

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.

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP to Franciscan Univ. Jul 26–28: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope- 1 Peter 3: 15”. This is a WONDERFUL opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith & spiritual growth with over 1,200 other attendees. The conference includes theologians and apologists who are bestselling authors and renowned speakers. Scott Hahn is the co-chair of the event which includes: Daily Mass, confession and a joyful, prayerful, and musical bus ride. More info on the conference can be found at: <http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>. Previous attendees found this conference to be a significant lift in their spiritual lives. This very popular conference is normally sold out before May. Discounts for early registration. Call Deacon Bruce for information at (610) 468-9506 or b@swist.us.



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

Financial Stewardship

January 6, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,909	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 553,237	\$ 655,788
Year to date deficit	\$ 102,551	
Last Year	\$ 22,486	

January 13, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,965	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 571,202	\$ 679,209
Year to date deficit	\$ 108,007	
Last Year	\$ 19,126	

January 20, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,540	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 588,742	\$ 702,630
Year to date deficit	\$ 113,888	
Last Year	\$ 20,396	

January 27, 2019

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,067	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 608,809	\$ 726,051
Year to date deficit	\$ 117,242	
Last Year	\$ 19,791	

A sincere "THANK YOU" to our parishioners and visitors who choose to contribute to St. Catharine's. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Parish Nurse News - Stay warm! Watch fingers, toes, ears, and noses- body parts that are vulnerable to the frigid temps. Wear a hat!, Enjoy the fresh air, but limit time outside when the temps dip below freezing.

The members of the Legion of Mary will hold their Annual Acies on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Catharine of Siena Chapel, 2427 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606. The Acies is the great central function of the Legion in which members reconsecrate themselves to Our Blessed Mother. All Legionaries, both active and auxiliary, are invited and encouraged to attend. After the ceremony there will be a social with light refreshments in the Parish Center.

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.

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**