

Saint Mary's News
Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Genevieve & Daniel Antonucci

Sunday, March 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Andrew Kazmierczak

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.

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March 6th – Saint Catharine’s
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE-2019

Church : 6:30 am., 8:00 a.m.

& 9:30 a.m. - School

Church: 12 Noon* & 7 p.m.

****Due to the construction on Perkiomen Avenue all Masses will be at the Church on Route 562 except the School Mass.****

Ashes that are blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday are processed by burning the palm distributed on Palm Sunday last year and displayed in homes throughout the year.

We invite you to bring any palm you may have in your home to Church and deposit it in the containers marked “Palm” which will be located in the Church vestibule and Chapel on Ash Wednesday.

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who himself recommended it as necessary to His Followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast? - All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain? - All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean? - The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of the fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one’s needs.

What does abstinence mean? - The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/ or abstinence? - Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill? - Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their “Easter Duty.” They are required to receive Holy Communion during Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 10th to June 16th.) Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year. **Catholics are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity.**

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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:4-7– The sage indicates that our speech reveals what we really are. In this way, he anticipates the Gospel maxim: “From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks”.

1 Cor 15:54-58– The Risen Christ is the source of our new life that will produce in us all its fruits at the time of our resurrection . We must never stop working toward that goal.

Lk 6:39-45–We must receive the Word of God with complete openness. Only then can we draw from our hearts words that will lead others to Christ.

Today’s Message - The fruit of our speech and actions will wither and die unless we first recognize the plank in our own eye. By humbly admitting our own sins, we can more fruitfully persevere in the work of the Lord.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

BIBLE STUDY - 8:00 p.m. - Chapel

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

SVDP MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

50 PLUS GENERAL MEETING - 1:00 p.m. Social Hall

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

PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:30 p.m. –School

PREP (LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

FISH FRY - 5 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

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

CONFIRMATION INSCRIPTION SERVICE - Following the Noon Mass

The Clare of Assisi House will be selling tickets after all Masses this weekend. The cost of each ticket is \$20 and includes the buffet at Wyomissing Family Restaurant from 4-8 PM on Monday, March 18. Clare House will receive 100% of the proceeds.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 4

6:30 Michael Wisniewski

8:00 Shirley Krug

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

6:30 Deceased Members of the O’Rourke Family

8:00 Warren Haggerty

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 Steven Robinson (Church)

8:00 Kenneth Higo (Church)

9:30 Sandra Bibbo (School Gym)

12:00 Health of Helen Long (Church)

7:00 p.m. Joseph Bocian (Church)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Roy Underhill

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 Lois Switzer

8:30 Sarah Di Fulvio

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 John Leier

4:30 Diane Cibroski

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 Marshall & David La Grange

9:00 John W. Lutz

10:30 Marilyn Clifford (1st Anniversary)

12:00 Beatriz & Alberto Acuna

Readings for the Week of March 3, 2019

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

Monday

Saint Casimir

Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23;

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;

2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Saint John of God, Religious

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15;

Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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. Call 610 370-1174 for more information.

The Church of St. Benedict will be having a parish mission beginning Sunday March 3rd and concluding Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Presentations will take place each evening Bill Wegner of Good News International, will be the speaker. All are welcome!

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/4	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Tuesday 3/5	Father Gregory Pendergraft, F.S.S.P
Wednesday 3/6	Father John Pendzick
Thursday 3/7	Father Dominic Thao Pham
Friday 3/8	Father Quyet Pham
Saturday 3/9	Father Alexander Pocetto, O.S.F.S.
Sunday 3/10	Father Robert Potts

Saint Catharine's School News

Congratulations to the Finalists and Winners of the 2019

Annual GeoBee: Jennifer Beaver, (Winner), Isabella DiBerardinis (2nd Place), Logan Miller (3rd Place), Finalists: Amanda Beaver, Elizabeth Crea, Christopher D'Angelo, Madeline Kieffer, Lucien Kraycik, Daniel Schmehl, Peter Schmehl, Monica Stratton, Liam Trupp



Congratulations to the Winner and Finalists of the 2019 Annual Spelling Bee:

Molly Giering (Winner), Dylan Amey, Alexis Auman, Nicholas Barbera, Prudence Barbera, Jacquelyn Batastini, Amanda Beaver, Cailin Dempster, Jakob Dempster, Isabella DiBerardinis, Collin Gilbert,

Kaden Grauert, Luke Impellizzeri, Kyle Kintzer, Madelyn Klinger, Lucien Kraycik, Sadie Lawlor, Paisley Lutz, Maira McCartin, Jack Miller, Adrianna Murren, Kaitlyn Nguyen, Edward Oscar, Tyler Osorio, Grant Partsch, Chase Voelker, Luke Voelker, Madeline Walton, Roman Webber, Cecelia Wright.

Congratulations to Sarah D'Angelo and Logan Miller, our 7th Grade Science Pioneers, who participated in the Junior Academy of Science Regional Competition hosted by Northampton Community College. They are both First place winners!

Tickets for the Pay It Forward Reception & Student Art Show/Sale (to be held at the GoggleWorks on Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 5-8 pm) will be available after all Masses during the weekend of March 9-10. Proceeds benefit St. Catharine of Siena School.

Now registering for the 2019-2020 School Year. Limited openings still available for Pre-K and Kindergarten. To request a registration packet and/or to schedule a tour, contact Amy Impellizzeri, Advancement Director at 610-779-5810 or by email: aimpellizzeri@scsreading.org

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

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

Lector - Sue Hissick

Cantor - Michele Feeney

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - H. Keperling - T. Keperling - J. Iswalt

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

Lector- Russ Jirik

Altar Servers - D. McAdams - M. Partsch - B. McAdams

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

Lector - Al Worrall

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - N. Lamp - G. Reed - R. Stouidt

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

Lector - Ed Dougherty

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - K. Nguyen - J. Bobb - J. Howard

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

Lector - Mike McElderry

Cantor-Kim Kostival

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - O. Devlin - H. Paris - N. Barbera

The reunion committee for the HNHS Class of 1969 is looking for classmates to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion. Please email either Clare (Antosy) Hollenbacher at yougocchs3@yahoo.com or Debbie (Singley) Hojnowski at dahojn@gmail.com to update your information.

Monday Night Faith and Bible Study group is inviting you to participate in their next study "**No Greater Love! A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion**" from www.ascencionpress.com starting 4/8. Participants will order their own materials and contact Deanna Stratton at strattonmd@aol.com for more information regarding schedule. This study is filmed on location in the Holy Land and is a **five-part video series and full-length book** that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri will guide us through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how **Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context** shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, we can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love. Authored and presented by Edward Sri, *No Greater Love* also features: **Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.**

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP to Franciscan Univ. Jul 26-28: 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.



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, 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, Margaret Ehret, Peter Fantacone, 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 Milaneck, 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, Marie Sullivan, 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: *Timothy Loeper*, (husband of Karen Loeper & brother of Mary Fran Sheetz); *Catherine Rudy* ; *Carl Meinhold*, (husband of Elizabeth Meinhold, father of Nancy Miller & grandfather of Kristen, Ryan, Morgan & Alexander Miller) & *Kristin Shaffer* , (daughter of Geraldine Szurgot)

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.

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JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN NIGHT! -The Diocese of Allentown will be hosting a Night at the Reading Royals on **Saturday, March 16th at 7pm.** Join Bishop Schlert and the Diocesan Family for a Family Fun Night at the rink at Santander Arena in Berks County! Tickets are \$13 each and the first 200 guests will join us in the "High Five Tunnel" to welcome the Royals to the ice at game time! You can purchase tickets here: <https://royals.isportstix.com/order/group/AllentownDiocese/>. We hope to see you there!

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@ieec.org / 610-370-2378 for details.

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.



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Homemade Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs-

The Knights are making home-made chocolate covered peanut butter and coconut Easter eggs. The cost is \$12 per box (same as last year). Net profits from this event will benefit the **EXETER FOOD PANTRY**. **ADVANCE ORDERS WILL NOT BE TAKEN. EGGS WILL BE SOLD AFTER EACH MASS BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 16th and MARCH 17th ON AN FIRST**

COME FIRST SERVE BASIS UNTIL SOLD OUT.

The SCS Knights are extremely thankful for your continued patronage of our events and fundraisers and because of your patronage we are able to support needy causes within our SCS Parish community as well as the area our Parish serves. God Bless you.

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

Are you currently volunteering in Catholic Prison Ministry or have a desire to volunteer? Join us on **Saturday, March 23, 2019** for a morning workshop from **8:30 am - NOON** at **St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield**. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:30 am with the workshop to follow in the Parish Center. The workshop will feature talks and discussion designed to assist those in Catholic Prison Ministry. Featured speakers are: Rev. Jason Stokes, Rev. Daniel Basile, Ms. Wendy Krisak. To register for this **FREE** workshop, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/prisonministry. Questions may be directed to cle@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.