

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 30th - 3:30 p.m. - Stanley, Victoria, Anna & Joseph Menet

Sunday, March 31st - 10:30 a.m. - Bernard Wrobel

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.

SECOND COLLECTION – “ALMSGIVING” - “...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret.” (Ash Wednesday’s Reading) - During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection each weekend for special needs : March 31st, Kennedy House; April 7th - St. Francis Home; April 14th - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.



Easter Plants for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$10 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. Please print name clearly.



Two more weeks till
Lenten Food Drive

Won't you help us, help them? Jesus said “Love One Another”. What better way this Lenten season than to help feed those who are struggling

right now in their lives. Cereal, canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, all seem so simple and yet when you bring these nonperishables to our food drive, you help families put food on their table that week. God bless you for loving others. We will be out front of Church on 4/6 & 4/7.

NO MORE LINES! The 2020 Mass Book is not open yet. **It will open on Tuesday, March 26th!** **NEW THIS YEAR** is the new form that you will fill out to request your Mass Intentions. **(There are extra forms on the tables at Church and at the Parish Center)** You can either mail it in, put it in the Sunday offerings basket or place in the Rectory mailbox (which is a basket in the Vestibule at the Parish Center.) **Since we are very busy in the office, we will not be able to process the Mass requests when they are dropped off.** The stipend would be \$10 per Mass. They will be put in the **Mass Book in the order that they are received.** The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you. **PLEASE PRINT** legibly on all the forms! If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Rectory between 9 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at 610-779-4005. **If you are handicapped or a shut-in, please call the Office and we will help you.** We understand that this a new process and we will work very hard to fulfill everyone's Mass requests.

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL ON PENTECOST SUNDAY: Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 to register.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS Please join us every Wednesday during Lent after the 8 a.m. Mass.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15: The Lord God calls Moses to lead His people and reveals His name to Moses.

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12: We must remain steadfast in our faith. We cannot become overconfident even though we are the recipients of God's favor and grace.

Lk 13:1-9: Jesus tells us to reform and repent. Time will run out, and no one can ever count on another year. Now is the time!

Today's Message - From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead His people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience, but of the urgency of the call to conversion, on the other. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Knights Room
LEGION OF MARY - 2:00 - Chapel & Parish Center Basement

MONDAY, MARCH 25

EUCCHARISTIC 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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

HEALING OUR CHURCH SMALL GROUP MTG - 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00 p.m. - Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Knights Room
CONFIRMATION INSCRIPTION SERVICE - Following the Noon Mass - Church

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. 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.**

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 Elizabeth Lineaweaver

8:00 Bill Bradley

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 Clara Wertz

8:00 Charles J. McDonald (49th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 Victoria Rowland

8:00 Michael Ashcroft

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Theresa Bryan

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

6:30 Fotios Arnidis

8:30 Sara Pugliese

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 Edward Widel

4:30 Thomas Fry

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 Geraldine Russo

9:00 Josephine Farrell

10:30 Anne Divadi

12:00 Theodore J. Smolkowicz (1st Anniversary)

Readings for the Week of March 24, 2019

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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, Senior Airman Timothy 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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/25	Permanent deacons
Tuesday 3/26	Father Mark Searles
Wednesday 3/27	Father Adam Sedar
Thursday 3/28	Father William Seifert
Friday 3/29	Father Thomas Shanfelt
Saturday 3/30	Father Joseph Sheehan
Sunday 3/31	Father Avirus Kazi Siriwa, A.J.

Saint Catharine School News

Come join our dedicated team of professionals! Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for the following positions: Per Diem Substitutes & Classroom aides

Please send resume, cover letter, and all clearances including Protecting God's Children to Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606 or Mkraycik@scsreading.org

Thank you to all who have overwhelmingly supported the beginning stages of our Spring Forward/Pay it Forward Fundraiser. Your generosity and support of the mission of Catholic education is greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets and envelopes are still available before and after masses. Thank you for affording Saint Catharine of Siena School the opportunity to educate, to serve, and to evangelize. Please be assured of our continued prayers for you and your family's intentions.

You can preview raffle items and purchase raffle tickets for the Pay It Forward fundraiser after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds benefit St. Catharine of Siena School.

Want to support the gift of Catholic education? Purchase Scrip! Scrip purchases help provide scholarships to our students. It does not cost you anything extra. You purchase your card for Redners or Giant for groceries, Speedway for gas, or dinner out and we receive a kickback from local vendors. You pay the face value of the card and our students receive scholarship money. Thank you for supporting this fundraising program.

So grateful for the installation of additional safety devices throughout our school building. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this important safety initiative for our School!

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

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

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

Lector - Helen Veet
Cantor - Mollie Ziembra
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Fries - I. Fries - A. Kline
Eucharistic Ministers - L. Smith - J. Davis

March 31st - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Melissa Woodard
Altar Servers - J. Howard - S. Wright - C. Wright
Eucharistic Ministers - J. Loeper & B. Pawlik

March 31st - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Vince McDevitt
Guitar Group
Altar Servers -
Eucharistic Ministers - P. McCullough - R. Stoudt - M. Ream
Lector - Chris Marabella

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist- Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Partsch - N. Lamp - S. Cortes

Eucharistic Ministers - D. Luchetta - M. Post - Minister needed

March 31st - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Gretchen Wentling

Cantor - Tracy Schreier

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Dempster - A. Nguyen - C. Kominick

Eucharistic Ministers - E. Watson - M. Vincente - Minister needed



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Catharine of Siena
Council 14880

The Annual Fish Fry dates are:

April 5, 2019

April 12, 2019

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

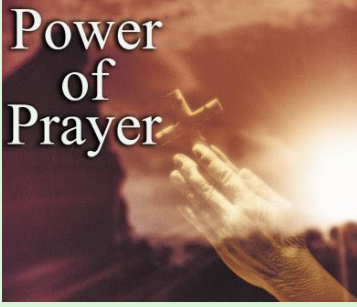
Tickets will be available
before and after all Masses.

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.

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.** **EGGS WILL BE SOLD AFTER EACH MASS ON AN FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS UNTIL SOLD OUT.**



Power
of
Prayer

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: Finn Schneider, Stella Schneider & Brighton Reisig

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, 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, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Joseph Gowel, David J. Gulati II,, Wayne Hedrick, Brian Heim, Catharine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Patricia Herber, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Jean Kline, Louise Knoeller, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mary Leddy, Greg Leinweber, Albert Lellig, Daniel Lonergan, Helen Long, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jeff McCoy, Jacob McCue, Betty Mesisca, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Precht, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Mary Scheirer, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Chris Starr, Dean Soltzfus, Andy Strangarity, Kent Styer, Marie Sullivan, Sandy Sullivan, Paul Teske, Alan Wachowicz, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ruth Yoder, Donna Yohn, Ann Marie Zawislak. ...a time to die: **Mark Lundquist**, (husband of Eileen Lundquist) & **Margaret Scott**, (daughter & stepdaughter of Charles Itle & Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds) & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11

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.

Parish Nurse News - Children often complain of joint pain. Some common causes include injury and infection. Check with the child's healthcare provider when your youngster is experiencing bouts of painful joints (ENPC, 5th Ed., ENA, 2020).

Journey on a 10 Day Pilgrimage with Sacred Heart Parish to Portugal and Spain - Visiting Lisbon, Santeram, Fatima, Coimbra, Porto, Braga, Pontevedra and Santiago de Compostela. Departing October 10th and returning October 19th. Price is \$2,999 per person based on two people in a room. Included in the price: Roundtrip Air from Newark, Superior 3 and 4 star hotels, portorage for one suitcase, breakfast and dinner daily, Wine Tasting in Porto, tour Escort from beginning to end, Deluxe Motor Coach and Driver, Local Guides where needed. All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary, Daily Mass, All overseas transfers airports and hotels and All Assistance at overseas airports and hotels. Please contact Bonnie (610) 372-4010 for more information. There are still seats left! A representative from Regina Tours will present the trip and orientation on Thursday, April 4th at 7 PM in the Wachter Room

Infertility: Natural and Restorative Approaches. The Diocese of Allentown invites couples, medical professionals and all lay faithful to attend a seminar about the medical breakthroughs in natural systems of fertility care. The event will be offered on April 11, 2019 at 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Penn State Health Saint Joseph 2500 Bernville Road (Route 183) (Room Franciscan A) Reading PA. Dr. Delia Larruari MD and Barbara Rose will be the presenters. This seminar is free. Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/nfp by April 9th. For any questions call: 610-289-8900 extension 2024.

EASTER FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL to be held at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg (Tilden Township) , Saturday, April 13 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Peanut Butter & Coconut Eggs, Easter cakes & cookies, Easter breads & rolls, Italian Easter meat pies, handmade rosaries, pysanky eggs, Easter flowers, braided palm. NEW THIS YEAR; VENDER CRAFT TABLES! Breakfast & Lunch served from our kitchen. Questions, call 610-562-7657.

YOUTH NEWS

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE This Summer, the Senior High Youth Group will again attend a Steubenville Youth Conference on the Main Campus in Steubenville, Ohio. This event is open to students graduating grade 8 – students graduating grade 12. The dates for this energizing weekend are July 12 – 14, 2019. This weekend is filled with talks from nationally renowned speakers and music leaders as well as amazing experiences to be with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Cost is \$90 and includes housing and meals at the conference as well as coach bus transportation. These spots do fill up quickly and will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Forms are available at the back of the church near the scrip table, or on the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com Check out the website www.steubenvilleconferences.com to learn more about this amazing weekend. The deadline to register for the Steubenville Youth Conference is March 31, 2019.

Youth Group Mission Trip - The Senior High Youth Group has the opportunity to travel to Charlotte, NY with Group Mission Catholic Workcamp. This opportunity gives us a chance to live out Roman Catholic social teaching by serving low income, elderly, disabled, or veterans with much needed home repairs. Group Mission Catholic Workcamp is led by trained Catholic youth ministry professionals, Capuchin Franciscan brothers and priests. All programming is designed to connect teens' service activities to their relationship with Jesus. To learn more, check out www.groupmissiontrips.com. The trip will be July 21, 2019 – July 27, 2019. The cost of the trip is \$200 (fundraising opportunities will be available) and is open to 2019 graduated 8th graders – 2019 graduated seniors. **Only 4 spots remain. Registration closes March 31.** Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! Forms can be found on the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.com

The next Youth Group Upper Room meeting is Sunday, March 31. We meet from 6:30 – 8:30pm. All teens in grades 9 – 12 are encouraged to attend. If you have never been there now is the time!

The Church Store has received a number of new items. There are some specialty rosaries with cases, new books and missals, statues of saints, and Lenten items. Also, the **White Easter Mediation Books**, daily readings and meditations for Lent, are now available. The Church Store is located just outside the Social Hall.

The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** for young Women on Sunday, March 31, 2019 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at Sacred Heart Convent, our Motherhouse.

Attention 2019 Confirmation Class – Inscription Service will be March 31. Students and at least one parent are asked to attend the 12 Noon Mass and remain for a short meeting.

50+ CLUB NEWS

The Special Event Everybody's Birthday for the 50+ Club will be held on April 3, 2019 at 12:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on April 2, 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

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

JUNE 5, 2019: Maria Damone, a wonderful singer, will be singing all types of music, some patriotic and others. Coffee & cake

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 Show 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 20, 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 St. Francis Hospice Home in Shillington, PA is in need of additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to it's residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. No medical background is required, just a willing heart. Any amount of time can help. For more information please contact Sandy Niehenke, manager of St Francis Home, directly at [610-898-4242](tel:610-898-4242).