

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

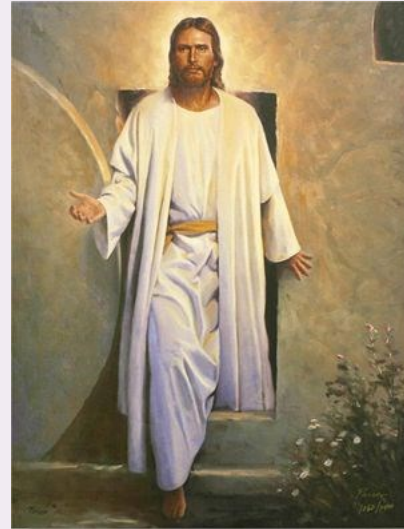
Saturday, April 27th - 3:30 p.m. - Theodore Kazmierczak
Sunday, April 28th - 9:00 a.m. - (Polish Mass) - Wladyslaw & Agnieszka Witek
Sunday, April 28th - 10:30 a.m. - Stella Zerkowski

There will be a Polish Mass next Sunday, April 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

Knights of Columbus Community Service Awards – Our St. Catharine of Siena Council#14880 will be awarding two \$500 cash awards via its Community Service Award Program, intended to award student's dedication to and performance of charitable service. The program is open to St. Catharine of Siena School, Prep Program, and home-schooled students currently in the eighth grade and planning to attend Berks Catholic High School this fall. Applications are being sent to parents/guardians of eighth grade students at St. Catharine's School. In addition, applications can be found on the Knight's table by the Scrip area or by contacting Bill Wertz at pakettle629@aol.com. Please see the application form for additional details.

BLESSING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
Heavenly Father,
accept this Easter candle,
a flame divided but undimmed,
a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.
Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue
bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night!
May the morning Star which never sets find this
flame still burning:
Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the
dead,
and shed his peaceful light on all humanity,
your Son who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.
Blessed are you God, Father of all nations. You are
the God of light, and in you there is no darkness. As
we gather to rejoice in the risen life of your Son
Jesus may our home, and those of our brothers and
sisters, be bright with laughter and warm with love.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.



EASTER

It is a great joy for us, at the conclusion of the long Lenten weeks of preparation, to extend to everyone in our Parish Family the best wishes from all your priests and deacons, that you enjoy a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

This commemoration of the Lord's victory over sin and death is too big to grasp in one day, so the Church wisely celebrates it during the entire week. Each day of this week, the readings of the Mass contain yet another account of the events of Easter Sunday and the risen Lord's appearances to His followers.

All of this to help bolster our faith and belief in that central fact of salvation history: that Jesus suffered, died and then rose again. May the ever growing awareness of this tremendous divine act fill your heart with new hope and peace.

One of the ways of extending the Paschal Mystery into your homes and daily lives, is through the personal use of the special Easter Water that was blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass. Bring a small jar or other container with you; take home some of this water and use it for blessing yourself daily during the entire Easter Season (till Pentecost Sunday).

EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a,37-43: In his sermon Peter sums up the "Good News," the Gospel. Salvation comes through Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, the anointed of the Holy Spirit.

Col 3:1-4: Look to the glory of Christ in which we share because our lives are hidden in Him (through baptism) and we are destined to share in the glory.

Jn 20:1-9: Let us discover the empty tomb and ponder this mystery, and like Christ's first followers be strengthened in our faith.

Today's Message - On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised His Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

On Easter Monday there will be only one Mass at 8:00 a.m. and there will be NO Eucharistic Adoration.

WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

EASTER SUNDAY

MONDAY, APRIL 22

NO ADORATION

GRIEF SHARE - 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

PREP - LEVEL 2 & PARENTS - 1st Communion Practice - 7:00 p.m. - Church

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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

PREP RETREAT DAY - LEVEL 2 - After the noon Mass

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.

Please join us for the 14th ANNUAL MASS, BENEDICTION AND

HEALING SERVICE preceded by Praise & Worship Music. The Mass will be celebrated by Reverend Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. on Sunday, May 5th at St. Catharine of Siena Church, Boyertown Pike. Join us for this special evening as we give thanks to the Lord with Praise & Worship Music beginning at 6:30 P.M. and Mass at 7:00 P.M. Please spread the word. We hope you can join us for this uplifting and solemn service. This Mass does count as your Sunday obligation.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 Barbara Malecki

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

6:30 Eileen & John Anderson

8:00 Margaret McDevitt

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 Al & Maria Franckowiak (55th Wedding Anniversary)

8:00 Sharon Sauppee

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

6:30 Truman Frey

8:00 Joseph Khac

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 Ralph M. Mellinger, Jr.

8:30 Anthony Gallagher

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 Mary Rundle (13th Anniversary)

4:30 Deceased Members of the Flay Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 Curtin, Gantert, Kroener & Wagner Families

9:00 Nikolas Janezic (8th Anniversary)

10:30 Nora O'Connor

12:00 Joseph F. Kabat

Readings for the Week of April 21, 2019

Sunday	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

A Heartfelt Thank You

Once again our parishioners here at St. Catherine's showed their care and concern for others. The recent St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Food Drive was a true gift to so many families. Your monetary and grocery donations benefitted so many. These families were so appreciative and asked us to pass along their grateful thank you for helping make this Easter a real Blessing.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/22	Father Joseph Whalen
Tuesday 4/23	Father Robert Wiesenbaugh, S.J.
Wednesday 4/24	Father George Winne
Thursday 4/25	Permanent deacons
Friday 4/26	Monsignor Daniel Yenushosky
Saturday 4/27	Monsignor Vincent York
Sunday 4/28	Father Jared Zambelli

MILITARY RECOGNITION: In an effort to continue to recognize our military troops, changes are underway. The present military board will be removed, and a new display is being created. If you would like any of the pictures on the present board, please let us know. Also, please review the list of names in this announcement and let us know of any updates. If you would like a picture displayed, please drop it off at the parish center. For any questions or concerns please call Beth Pawlik 610-781-2935, David Pawlik 610-781-3093 or Terri Mueller 484-269-7282.

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.

Gethsemane Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 27th, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

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.

Parish Nurse News - Celebrate Easter with Mass and family gatherings! Good meals offer plenty of fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy products, whole grains, fish, and nuts (Principal Wellness Company, 2006). Decorate your table with colorful and tasty fruits and veggies for fun and fewer desserts! Our annual St. Catharine's Health Fair is upcoming! Sunday, May 5th from 8am till noon in the Social Hall!

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

April 27th - 4:30 p.m.

Lector - Melissa Scollick
Cantor - Mollie Ziemba
Voices In Praise Choir - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - K. Swavely - B. Davis - J. Davis
Eucharistic Ministers - Joan Davis - Linda Fetterman

April 28th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Doug McAdams
Altar Servers - J. Bobb - C. Wright - S. Wright
Eucharistic Ministers - Donna Weidner - Steve Gribb

April 28th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Roxanne Richardson
Cantor - Sophia Stankiewicz
Pianist - Kate Bobb
Altar Servers - J. Howard - S. Robinson - E. Schodowski
Eucharistic Ministers - Judy McMahon - Jim Snyder - Ed Smith

April 28th - 10:30 Mass

Lector - Amanda Luckenbill
Cantor - Jeff Tomczyk & Voices In Praise Choir & Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - E. Nguyen - C. Nguyen - M. Partsch
Eucharistic Ministers - Maria Post - Jennifer & Tom Devlin

April 28th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Mary King
Cantor - Jay Yohn
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - D. Perez - K. Nguyen - A. Gillner
Eucharistic Ministers - Michele Boucher - Edrie Watson - David Drezek

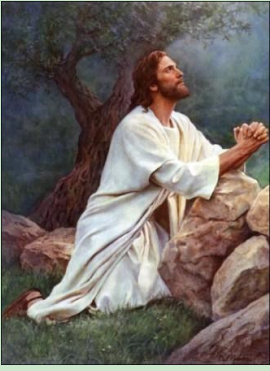
First Holy Communion Choir- All students in grades 6-12 are invited to sing in our First Holy Communion Choir on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 A.M. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays, April 25 and May 2 from 5:00-6:30 P.M. in the Church. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Kate Bobb at 610-689-9816 or loves-2sing@hotmail.com

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE - Saturday, May 11th from 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM in the Parish Center located at 1018 N. 8th Street. Great food and raffle. Tickets for the raffle are 1 for \$2.00 and 3 for \$5.00. One of the prizes being raffled is a 43" 1080p Septer TV. For more information, please call St. Joseph Parish Office at 610-376-2976.

EASTER SUNDAY



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 :
& our soldiers in harm's way:**

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., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty Cathy Duggan, Gina Ebright, Margaret Ehret, Charles Elchlepp, Peter Fantacone, Al Franckowiak, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., David J. Gulati II,, Wayne Hedrick, Catharine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, 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, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon PrechtI, 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, Merritt Weidner, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ruth Yoder, Donna Yohn, Ann Marie Zawislak.... **a time to die: Stanley Kalnoski**, (father of Debra Linton & grandfather of Jennifer Myers & great - grandfather of Leo Myers); **Christa Woeckner; Alfred Szymborski; & Caterina Cirulli**, (mother of Rose Scoboria & grandmother of Joseph, Catherine & Jacqueline Scoboria) & **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.



Congratulations to Maria & Al Franckowiak who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on April 25th! Many more years of happiness!



It's time for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** Our theme this year is Miraculous Mission. Vacation Bible School will be held June 24 - June 28 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am at St. Catharine's School. Students ages 5 and up will learn all about the Miraculous Mission of Jesus. Registration forms can be found on the tables in the back of the Church.

We are looking for volunteers to help make our Miraculous Mission a success. If you feel called to volunteer, please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org. All materials and plans are provided. College students home for the summer are welcome too!

50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **May 1, 2019** at **1:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **April 30, 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

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

JULY 3, 2019: The Happy Boombadears will entertain us with their musical instrument, originated in Bavaria-the BoomBa is the instrument played by the group. Ice Cream Treats

AUGUST 7, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT – Our Summer Picnic– Information to follow

2019 TRAVEL PLANS

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

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 9th Annual Reading/Berks March for Life is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Berks Catholic High School Auditorium, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA. Food and drink will be provided at the High School before and after the Rally. The Rally will begin at 2:00PM with guest speakers: Georgette Forney from the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Stephanie Giles, Director of LifeLines of Berks County. The March for Life will begin promptly at 3:00PM. The March will proceed from West Reading over the Penn Street Bridge. We will hold a prayer vigil outside of the Planned Parenthood in Reading and will then proceed to Holy Rosary Church, located at 3rd and Franklin Sts., where buses will be provided to transport participants back to Berks Catholic High School.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACT PERSONS AND RESOURCES

Altar Servers – (Father John Rother – 610-779-4005)
American Heritage Girls - (Julia Wright - 610-370-9290)
Bible Sharing Group – (Terry Mscichowski 610-779-0999)
Boy Scout- (Terry Wade - 610-478-1200)
Bereavement Support - (Judy Cameron– 610-370-1174)
Catholic Charities - (610-376-7144)
Catholic Soup Kitchen (Sara Miller 610-404-1590)
Choir- (Dave Kostival – 484-332-8695)
Church Library - (Genevieve Samolewicz 610-779-1660)
Cub Scouts – (610-888-5595 Kristen Reinert)
Cursillo – (Bill McMahon 610-779-8654)
CYO President – (Kevin Franey - 610-370-5243)
CYO Athletic Director - (Cristina Schmehl- 610-779-1513)
Disability Advocates -(Carol McCullough 610-370-1660)
Eucharistic Ministers-(Donna Weidner 610-779-8283)
Exeter Food Bank - (Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein - 610-779-6045)
Girl Scouts - (Adrienne Evans - 908-872-6105)
Guitar Choir – (Ann DelCollo - 610-777-5234)
Home School Organization- (Janet Decembrino - 610-370-9131)
Knights of Columbus - (Tom Rochowicz –610-779-2851)
Lectors – (John Vogel 610-779-6287)
Legion of Mary - (Joe Akkara - 610-370-5762)
Little Angels – (Heather Keperling - 610-370-2378)
Maintenance - (Carl Andrzejewski (610-779-4005)
Marriage Preparation - (610-779-4005)
Ministers of Hospitality- (Deacon John Stapleton 610-779-4005)
Parish Nurses - mjauman@verizon.net
Parish School – (Mrs. Marcella Kraycik - 610-779-5810)
Saint Catharine's Pre-School – (610-779-5810)
PREP (CCD) – (Coordinator - Marci Zambito,610-779-8535)
Protecting God's Children Coordinator - (Marci Zambito - 610-779-8535)
RCIA – (Father John Rother - 610-779-4005)
Religious Store - (Bill Wertz - 610-779-5283)
Saint Vincent de Paul Society- (Carol Cinelli 610-779-3113)
School Board - Michele Weber (610-779-8406)
Scrip – (Cristina Schmehl - 610-779-1513)
Senior Citizen Group (50+Club)- (Carol Buddell - 610-401-0600)
Serra Club – (Bob Wright 610-779-9040)
Siena Stitchers - (Judy McMahon - 610-779-8654)
Youth Choir– Kate Bobb - (610-689-9816)
Youth Group - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
Parish Office- (610-779-4005) ; Fax: 610-779-0859
Church Website - <http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/>
Saint Catharine's Parish Center - 610-779-4005
Saint Catharine's School - 610-779-5810