

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Alvah Schaefer
Sunday, May 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Martha Lubas

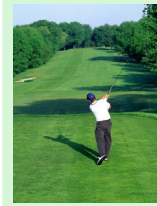
LENTEN PIEROGI SALE RESULTS: Deposits \$13,763.00, Expenses \$2,727.14, Profit \$11,035.86. A total of 1,555 dozen pierogis (18,660 individual pierogis) were made. A sincere thanks to all the hardworking volunteers who made this year's sale such a success.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: SPC Specialist 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.



St. Vincent De Paul Baby Shower

Let's celebrate the gift of new life! During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be holding its baby shower to help local mothers and their newborns. Formula, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, and clothing are just a few gift suggestions. There will be tables at the back of the church where you can drop off your gifts. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter and Catholic Charities. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!



**St. Catharine of Siena
18th Annual
CYO Golf Tournament
Saturday, May 11, 2019
Berkleigh Golf Club**

**4-Person Scramble Format
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT Noon
SHOTGUN STARTS AT 1:30pm
DINNER AND PRIZES
TO FOLLOW GOLF**

Live Music · Raffle · Lots of Prizes · and more!

To register: Mail this entry form along with your check (payable to St. Catharine's CYO) to St. Catharine's at 2427 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, PA 19606

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

· For Group Players ·

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Group Name: _____

Number of Golfers: _____ x \$100 = _____

Additional dinner guests: ___ x \$60 = _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

I cannot play this year but would like to donate: _____

· Sponsorships ·

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities available! For more information, email golf4scs@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 5:12-16: Through signs and wonders – miracles – the Lord supports the work of the Apostles and leads people to the Faith.

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19: In symbol and allegory the glory of the Lord is depicted.

Jn 20:19-31: Jesus is risen; He comes and stands before His disciples. He encourages them and strengthens their faith.

Today's Message - As Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus, so too were many brought to faith through the various signs and wonders wrought by the apostles. They proclaimed as Lord "the stone rejected by the builders" the First and the Last of the One who lives."

WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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

PREP RETREAT DAY - LEVEL 2 - After the noon Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 29

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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

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

PREP - LEVEL 2 & PARENTS - 1st Communion Practice -

7:00 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, MAY 2

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

KOC MEETING - 7:30 p.m. - Knight's Room

FRIDAY, MAY 3

CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 4

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 a.m. - Church

SUNDAY, MAY 5

HEALTH FAIR - 8 –12 –noon - Social Hall

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

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 29

6:30 Deceased Members of the Kimbel Family

8:00 Margaret Aulenbach

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:30 Peter & Regina Shepos

8:00 Ralph Orlando (19th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

6:30 Platko, Rickert & Verbosh Families

8:00 Louise Pettyjohn

THURSDAY, MAY 2

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

8:00 Robert L. Loeper (10th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, MAY 3

6:30 Mark Lundquist

8:30 Carol (Cookie) Bricker (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00 Richard Stratton

4:30 Josephine Farrell

SUNDAY, MAY 5

7:30 Catherine (Kitty) Schalk

9:00 Eileen & John Anderson

10:30 James J. Schofield

12:00 Charles Wettstein

THE BANS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

I Beth Nussbaumer & Paul Cerra
I Brittany Keller & Tim Nyman

Readings for the Week of April 28, 2019

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
Monday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Saint Pius V, Pope Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Saint Joseph the Worker Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

Parish Nurse News - Time to jump into Spring with motivation for heart and mind health! Plan to attend our annual St. Catharine's Health Fair, Sunday, May 5th from 8am till 12 noon. Many opportunities for health and wellness learning, sampling, and winning door prizes. Open to all parishioners and friends of all ages!

Please kindly remember in your prayers all of the living and deceased priests and deacons of our Diocese. Please also pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations - O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom he has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Serran Prayer for Vocations— O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

May 4th - 4:30 p.m.

Lector - Sue Hissick

Cantor - Hailey Zambito

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - S. McDevitt - V. McDevitt - M. McDevitt

Eucharistic Ministers - Brian Scollick & Lorraine Simon

May 5th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector- Russ Jirik

Altar Servers - E. Fries - I. Fries - K. Amey

Eucharistic Ministers - Mike Jurasinski - Linda Fetterman

May 5th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Al Worrall

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - P. McCullough - C. Kominick - B. Truong

Eucharistic Ministers - Cheryl Willman - Cassie Sedlack - Pat

McNeil

May 5th - 10:30 Mass

Lector - Ed Dougherty

Voices In Praise Choir & Organist - Dave Kostival

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

Eucharistic Ministers - Peter Will - Jennifer & Tom Devlin

May 5th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Mike McElderry

Contemporary Ensemble

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

Eucharistic Ministers - Michele Boucher - Joan Davis - Helen

Veet

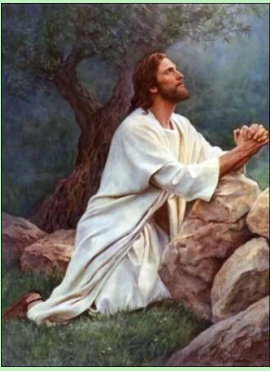
HELP SUPPORT EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY by donating hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc.). This collection will be on an ongoing basis. A collection bin will be located in the back of the church. A sincere thank you to all of our generous and dedicated volunteers, those who have made 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.

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING- Online registrations are still being accepted!! Take advantage of our Early Bird special and register before June 1st. This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. **TO REGISTER OR FOR INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac** For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email dfowler@berkscatholic.org

DIVINE MERCY 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, 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, Leo Loeper, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jeff McCoy, Jacob McCue, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtel, 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: Edith Hinnershitz**, (mother of Earl Heintz –deceased) & grandmother of Tara Lawlor & Andrea George & great grandmother of Ryan, Caroline, Sadie & Kevin Lawlor & Alex, Peter & Robert George); **David Barr**, (son of Mary Barr & brother of Jen Campbell) **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.

Berks Catholic's News

Berks Catholic H.S. and Cyber Crunch are teaming up to bring you this opportunity. Sat. May 11, 2019 from 9-11 a.m. Berks Catholic Parking Lot. For more information and to pre-register please visit: <https://bit.ly/shredBC>

3 Great Camps: Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camp - Berks Catholic will be hosting Saints Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camps for grades 1-8, June 10th-14th. For more information contact Tony Balistrere at 610-374-8361, ext 224 or tbalistrere@berkscatholic.org. For camp information and registration forms go to www.berkscatholic.org

Berks Catholic H.S is centered on the 4 pillars of God, Family, Academics, and Fun and is dedicated to providing a challenging academic environment for a diverse population of young men and women. Please contact Nicky Smith to schedule a personal tour. nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 610.374.8361 ext.244



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 PLUS 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 **ONLY 10 SEATS LEFT, CALL PAT ASAP.**

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 Boy Scouts will have a spaghetti dinner fund raiser in the Social Hall, after Saturday Mass, on

May 11th. The dinner will be served from 5:30 until 7pm. Tickets can be purchased after each Mass, at a table in the back of Church. Tickets will also be available at the door, on the day of the event.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. **Victim Assistance Coordinator CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER (800) 791-9209.** To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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.