

Saint Mary's News

Next Weekends Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Irene Goodman
Sunday, November 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Joan Ganter

Attention: Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion please call the office at 610-779-4005.

ATTENTION: PIEROGI SOCIETY – The Pierogi Society will meet for two days, Monday & Tuesday, November 11 and 12, at 9:00 A.M. under the Church to make pierogis to be sold as part of the Christmas Boutique at St. Catharine's on November 22nd and 23rd. If you can help out on either of these days, please call St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005 and leave your name.

There will be a **Latin Mass** next Sunday, November 10th, at 12:30 PM in the Church. Reconciliation at noon.



The St. Catharine Christmas Boutique on Nov. 22 and 23 is much more than a craft show. While it offers great Christmas shopping, it also offers great homemade food, a not-to-be-missed bake sale and cookie bar, prizes, raffles and gift baskets. The cash raffle tickets are in today's bulletin....don't miss out on your chance to win some extra cash for the holidays! Mark your calendars now to attend on either Friday, from 5-9 p.m. or Saturday, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We are NOW looking for: **Bakers** willing to share their talents by committing to baking pies, cakes, breads, cookies or novelty items for the Boutique Bake Sale. Email Michele at mfeeney@boyertownasd.org

Volunteers to work the kitchen, food service, the bake sale, the raffle tables on Friday and Saturday and especially cleanup beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Email Jay at jy5600@ptd.net or Kim at balooda@comcast.net

Parishioners to attend and support the event. Come for a holiday roast beef dinner (on Friday), for unique shopping, for baked goods for Thanksgiving, homemade foods, raffles, prizes and more!



THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-November 25th – 6:30 & 8 a.m. – Mass

Tuesday, November 26th – 6:30 & 8 a.m.- Mass

Wednesday, Nov., 27th - 6:30 & 8 a.m.-Mass

Vigil of Thanksgiving Mass – 7:00 p.m.- Church

Thanksgiving Day – 9 a.m. Mass in Chapel

****No 6:30 or 8 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day****

Friday, November 29th – 8:30 a.m.. Mass - Chapel

*****NO 6:30 A.M. on Friday, November 29th *****

Our traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. Please gather together with your fellow parishioners and friends in giving thanks to God for His many blessings. There will be songs of praise before Mass, so feel free to come early and join the singing. Our guitar group will offer the music.

Welcome Visitors: Our parish community warmly welcomes those visitors who are attending Mass with us this weekend. All are always invited to join our faith family in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are glad you chose to worship with us, and we look forward to seeing you again!

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 11:22 – 12:2: The Lord is the most. Everything else is insignificant; everything else depends on Him.

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2: The Lord will come again. Do not be misled by false predictions; rather strive to be worthy of His call.

Lk 19:1 – 10: No one is so evil, so bad, that he cannot be saved. God's love will bring His forgiveness and reunite all who repent.

Today's Message – The Lord is full of mercy and compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. He has come to search out and save what was lost. Let us be more concerned with doing the Lord's work than with idle speculation about when He will come again.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL - 9 a.m. - Knights Room
40 HOURS CLOSING – 4 p.m. - Church

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – After 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
GUITAR GROUP REHEARSAL – 7 p.m. – Church
SDVP – 7 p.m. – Parish Center Basement
BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 8 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

50 PLUS BOARD MEETING – 10 a.m. – Parish Center Basement
RCIA - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

FIFTY PLUS GENERAL MEETING – 1 p.m. – Social Hall
PREP LEVEL 1-7 – 6:30 p.m. – School

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

SIENA STITCHERS – 10 a.m. – Church Gathering Area
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS– 7:30 p.m. – Knights Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

CUB PACK MEETING – 7 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10 a.m. – Parish Center Basement

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL – 9 a.m. – Knights Room
PENANCE INSCRIPTION SERVICE – Following the 12 noon Mass
GRIEFSHARE - 2 p.m. – Parish Center
YOUTH GROUP MEETING – 6:30 – Upper Room

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. INFO: Phil or Bonnie 610-779-6045.

Parish Nurse News - Physical and emotional well-being are enhanced by our pets! Certified therapy dogs promote hope and healing, can aid in alleviating pain and emotional stress (Paws for Wellness Program, Reading Hospital, Tower Health).

2020 Sunday Missals are now available in the Church Store. Missals can also be obtained at the Parish Center. In addition, Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors can pick up their complimentary missals in the sacristy at the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 All Souls
8:00 Roger Lengel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30 Dorothy Milstead
8:00 All Souls

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 All Souls

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 Anna Sajdak

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30 Thanh Bui (Gym)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 Genevieve McNally
4:30 Geraldine & Samuel Russo

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 Ruth Kennedy
9:00 Lawrence Sacco (1st Anniversary)
10:30 Angela Parzanese
12:00 Elizabeth Stauffer

Readings for the Week of November 3, 2019

Sunday

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22—12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14;
2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Monday

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sunday

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;
2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38

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, Private First Class Connor A. Soja, Lance Corporal Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, Captain Morgan Hissick, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Sgt. 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, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Cdr. 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 11/11	Rev. Michael Camilli
Tuesday 11/12	Rev. Msgr. John Campbell
Wednesday 11/13	Rev. William Campion
Thursday 11/14	Rev. Thomas Carney
Friday 11/15	Rev. Msgr. Michael Chaback
Saturday 11/16	Rev. Msgr. John Chizmar
Sunday 11/17	Rev. Donald Cieniewicz

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. Brochures and giving envelopes will be available in the narthex, and you will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Saint Catharine of Siena School Board - There will be two positions available on the St Catharine of Siena School Board starting next year. Please consider serving on this important ministry. Parents who have students in the school as well as individuals who do not have children in the school are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be 21 years old. Selected candidates will have orientation in March 2020 and are asked to serve a 3 year term beginning in September 2020. **Please email the school @mkraycik@scsreading.org for an application. The deadline to submit an application is December 17, 2019.**



4th Annual Toy Drive -

(sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church)
To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

St. Catharine of Siena has agreed to join all our local Churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need. Parents will select toys for their children on December 13, 2019. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through teen) and place them in the box between before December 8th. This event has brought much joy to the families of the Exeter Area Food Pantry for the past three years, providing parents with an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for their children without compromising their ability to keep food on the table. Let's strive to be a beacon of light to them by making sure there are enough items for all the families to benefit. **If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480)**

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

November 9th - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector - Helen Veet
Cantor - Jay Yohn
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - E. Nguyen - C. Nguyen - D. Schmehl
Eucharistic Ministers - Mark Abramowicz & Marica Wert

November 10th - 7:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Melissa Woodard
Altar Servers - E. Fries - K. Amey - M. Griffin
Eucharistic Ministers - Joanne Loeper & Mike Balla

November 10th - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Lector - Vince McDevitt
Guitar Group
Altar Servers - K. Vagnoni - M. Vagnoni - E. Schodowski
Eucharistic Ministers - Mary Murphy - Mary Anne & Mike McCarthy

November 10th - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector - Chris Marabella
Voices & Praise Choir
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - G. Donato - E. Oscar - D. Formando
Eucharistic Ministers - Judy McMahon & Myra & Bill Headen

November 10th - 12:00 p.m. Mass

Lector - Gretchen Wentling
Cantor - Tracy Scheirer
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - A. McElderry - G. McElderry - M. McElderry
Eucharistic Ministers - Milton Vincente - Helen Veet - Michele Boucher

SIENA STITCHERS: Looking to learn a few stitches or meet some new friends? Siena Stitchers welcomes back to our new season anyone interested in stitching. We'll be meeting at Church 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 10:00a.m. Any questions? Call Judy (610-779-8654) or Anita (610-779-1571).



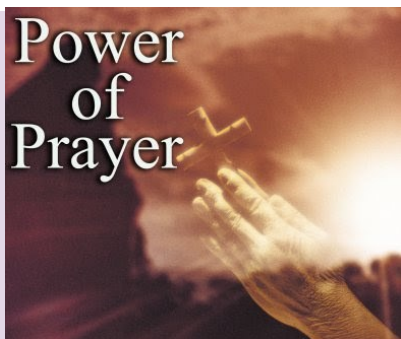
**Registration is now open for the
2020-2021 School Year!**

Please contact Nicky Smith for information on how to *Be A Saint* and about preparing young men and women to *Be College and Life Ready*. All inquiries are confidential.
nsmith@berkscatholic.org or 60.374.8361 ext. 244

Berks Catholic Homecoming 2019

Berks Catholic Christmas Vespers - Berks Catholic High School invites you to celebrate the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ with our Christmas Vesper Prayer Service on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, West Reading. **Admission is free and open to the public.**

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:

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm' s way: Stella Albrecht, Anthony Antonucci, Beverly Bansner, Marie Bassler, Becky Batistini, Melody Bechtel, MaryAnn

Beeman, Debbie Bennett, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Mike Bristol, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Joseph Capilo, Nancy Cassidy, Mary Christ, Larry Curtin, Joan Davis, Charles DeNaples, Jennifer Devlin, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Louis Fiorini, Joseph Gierschick, Jr., Luke Gilbert, David J. Gulati II, Roberta Hedl, William Hedl, Jr., Wayne Hedrick, Katherine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Christine Jenkins, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Sharon Kieffer, Mary Kolakowski, Dorothy Kosikowski, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, David C. Lellig, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jim McGinnis, John Mercadante, Jr., Dolores Miravich, David Mourman, Anthony Myers, Patrick Nelis, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon Prechtel, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Thomas Rochowicz, Sr., David Samsel, John Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, Tammy Scrobe, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Eugene Sock, Dean Soltzfus, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Marie Sullivan, Sandy Sullivan, Kim Trois, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Merritt Weidner, Frank White, Theresa White, Leo Woelkers, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zimmerman.

A time to die: *Kenneth Finney*, (son of Charles & Joanne Finney) & *D. Erma Wernicki*, (mother of Nicholas Wernicki) & *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.



American Heritage Girls Troop 1111 is accepting donations for Wreaths Across America. Look for us in the gathering area after all Masses the weekend of November

8th/9th. Your \$15 donation supports our troop and the purchase of a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave at Forest Hills Cemetery at our ceremony on December 14th. You can also contact Julie Wright at prtyof10@ptd.net for more information.

ALL INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN OF THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24TH MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.



Christmas is coming!

Everyone loves getting gift cards. Why not purchase your gift cards through our Scrip program? It's easy, convenient, and makes your

gift go farther by also benefiting our school!

3 Reasons for buying Scrip Gift Cards for Christmas:

- 1) it makes shopping easy for "YOU"
 - 2) the RECIPIENT will love it
 - 3) it benefits St. Catharine's School & Church!
- Giving gift cards this Christmas? Spread the cheer by purchasing them through our SCRIP Program which benefits our school & parish!

50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **November 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm**. The board meeting will be held on **November 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

NOVEMBER 6, 2019: Robin Gillmore, a representative of the Veteran Coalition of PA, will present information about the nation's largest nonprofit organization assisting veterans. **Cake & Coffee.** *Free will donations for the Veterans would be appreciated.*

Socks, sweat shirt or sweat pants, size XL-XXL, as examples, monetary donations are always welcome.

DECEMBER 4, 2019: SPECIAL EVENT - CHRISTMAS PARTY, Crowne Plaza. Choice of meal will be Salmon Picasa, Stuffed Pork Loin and Chicken Cordon Bleu. Great entertainment will be provided by Glenn Miller. Contact: Carol Searfoss 484-236-1016 for more information.

JANUARY 8, 2020: NEW YEARS CELEBRATION with members to bring appetizers and snacks to share - Cake and Coffee. Let's play BINGO

FEBRUARY 5, 2020: Valentine Day Celebration with cakes and coffee. Speaker: Pat White – 2020 trip schedule

2020 Trip information will be announced at the **February meeting.**

Royal Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas on Anthem of the Sea, leaves **Feb 7th to Feb 15th,** Balcony-\$840.00, Ocean View-\$748.00 Double Occupancy +\$116.00 Gratuity. This trip is definitely a go, so please call Pat White for more information.

Pat White 610-582-1437 for trip information

Please call **Rosalie Snyder at 610-779-6562** with the name of members who are sick or have died.

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 at 4975 Boyertown Pike, Rt. 562, Reading, PA.

Join us in a Mass for those suffering from addiction. All are invited. St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church 243 North Lawrence Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 Celebrant, Rev. Bill Donnelly, O.S.A. **Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 12:00 noon**

VETERANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Liz and Doug Graybill, Founders of Veterans Making A Difference, a 501c(3) non-profit organization, manages the Paul R. Gordon Veteran Social Center located at 645 North 6th Street, Reading (corner of 6th and Greenwich Streets. The Veteran Social Center is for all military, active and veterans to come and socialize. The last Saturday of each month is the Veteran Food Pantry. We hand out clothing, personal care items, and food also as needed during the month. If interested in preparing a meal, donating non-perishable food, or for a tour of the Veteran Social Center, please call Liz Graybill at 484-577-6898 or at lizgraybill@yahoo.com.

EXETER TOWNSHIP JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: All senior citizens are invited to a free dress-rehearsal of the Exeter Township Junior High School Musical "Frozen JR." on Thursday, November 14th, at 9:30 a.m. A free breakfast for Exeter School District residents will be served in the ETJHS cafeteria starting at 8:25 a.m. To reserve a seat for breakfast and/or obtain a Senior Citizen PASS, telephone 610-779-0700 (ext., 1001) no later than November 4. **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.

CYO Mass & Food Drive Date: Sunday, Nov 24, 2019- Time: 11 :00 AM—Location: Berks Catholic Auditorium - CYO participants are request to bring a non-perishable food item/items and wear their team jersey.

Theme: Christ our Hope: In Every Season of Life! Deadline for Essay Submission: December 2, 2019. The *Stand Up For Life Essay Contest* is a voluntary contest open to all students in grades seven through twelve in public and private schools in the Allentown Diocese, as well as home-schooled students at those grade levels. Four winners will be chosen in each deanery – a first and second place winner in each division. From these deanery winners, the top four essays will be chosen, and the winners awarded the following prizes at an awards banquet in January: Grades 7 & 8: \$100 First Prize Second Prize \$50 . Grades 9 - 12: \$200 First Prize Second Prize \$100. For more information, visit: allentowndiocese.org/essaycontest

ANNUAL ADVENT RETREAT: Love Beyond All Telling - December 13-15, 2019 - Can we pause in our Christmas preparations and reflect upon the Word of God and our own desire to make a difference in our world? Offering: \$175 PP SNG OCC \$165 PP DBL OCC Deposit: \$80. Check In begins December 13 at 6:00 PM, First Session: 7:30 PM. To register or for more information, please call 610.867.8890 or email stfranciscenter@gmail.com

Valerie (Farrell) Wertman is a long time parishioner. Fifth Annual "Sean Wertman Memorial 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament" on Sunday, November 10th, 2019. Please help to end addiction "One Basket" at a time...while having fun and displaying good sportsmanship! Where: Exeter Senior High School gyms for boys and girls in **5th and 6th grades & 7th & 8th.** The purpose is to increase awareness of over the counter medicine abuse and a fundraiser for Adult/Teen Challenge Rehab. \$60 per team entrance fee. For sign ups and more info call or text Roger or Valerie Wertman at 610-779-8943. You can also leave a voicemail, or rogerwertman@yahoo.com or on Facebook - ([seanwertmanbb](https://www.facebook.com/seanwertmanbb)). **Forms and details can be found on Facebook.** Please help this important cause. **Team sponsors and donations are appreciated!**