



Saint Mary's News

Next Weeks Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 29th - 3:30 p.m. - Stanley J. Lubas

Sunday, October 30th - 10:30 a.m. - Stella E. Zerkowski

Monday, November 1st - 8:00 a.m. - Adela Swist

OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

St. Catharine's Family of Faith lovingly extends to you an invitation to gather with your sisters and brothers who support, sustain and encourage each other in the tender love of the Lord. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. Healing comes, however, our hearts are touched by the hand of the Lord. On Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Church St. Catharine's Family beckons you to share with us in a Memorial Mass of love and remembrance of your dearly departed family members.

If you have lost a family member during the 2022 year, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory or place in the collection basket no later than Sunday, October 30th.

OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

Name of deceased: _____

Person requesting: _____

I will attend _____

I will not attend _____

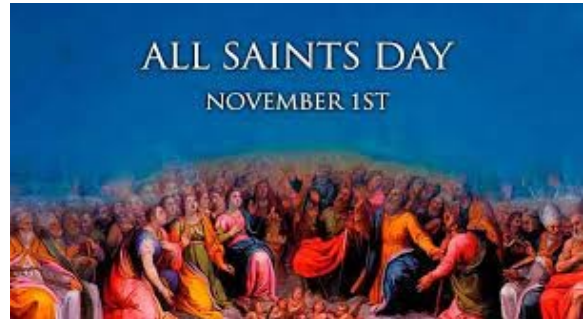


St. CATHARINE'S CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE, our annual kick-off to the holiday seas- is coming up on **Friday, November 18 (5 p.m. - 9 p.m.)** and **Saturday, November 19 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.)**. The Boutique will once again feature the Boutique Bonanza Raffle featuring four tickets to see the Philadelphia Eagles vs. the New Orleans Saints on New Year's Day; a homemade roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Friday night; the huge gift basket raffle; door prizes; homemade foods, and of course, a vast and diverse offering of unique holiday gifts from talented local artisans.

Watch for details on purchasing tickets/raffles in the next couple of weeks.

We are currently looking for VOLUNTEERS to work in the kitchen, food service, the bake sale, the raffle tables on Friday and Saturday and cleanup on Saturday. Contact SCSChristmasBoutique@gmail.com

We will once again be accepting donated baked goods from parishioners. We will also have a cookie baking day on Sunday, November 13 for anyone who would like to participate. Please contact mfeeney@bovertownasd.org for more information.



NOVEMBER 1ST IS ALL SAINT'S DAY. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Masses will be as follows:

- Vigil of All Saints - October 31st
6:00 p.m. (Church)
- All Saint's Day - November 1st
7:15 a.m. (Church)
- 9:30 a.m. ***** (School Gym) *****
- 7:00 p.m. (Church)

There will also be a 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's on November 1st.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18: No one is unimportant in the sight of God. If we serve God willingly, he will receive our prayers.

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18: Paul sees time running out and his life drawing to a close. He is comforted by faith in God's just judgment.

Lk 18:9-14: Pride brings no true reward but only projects an "image." In humility true values are seen.

Today's Message: Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. God hears the cry of the poor and of the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him. Having heard Paul's cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Upper Room

MONDAY OCTOBER 24

ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m.

LEVEL 8 CONFIRMATION PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. - Church

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Knights' Room

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

CONFESSIONS – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Chapel

TUESDAY OCTOBER 25

ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION – 4:30 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26

ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m.

PREP CLASSES – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – School

THURSDAY OCTOBER 27

ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m.

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Parish Center

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28

ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

Parish Nurse News - Medication safety: Keep all medications out of reach for children and pets! Read labels- be sure you take the right medicine at the right time in the right amount. Question your healthcare provider if you are unsure of all medication effects and if you take herbal remedies.

Sunday Reflection *In the Gospel, Christ exhorts us to be persistent in our prayer, even if we think God doesn't hear us. We can easily ask ourselves, why isn't God answering our prayers? We are faithful to Him. We go to Mass and say our prayers. It's really a great test of faith. We need to have faith that Christ is hearing us and possibly even preparing us for something greater. May this be our prayer this week, that we will have the faith to know God hears our prayers, and that we receive even greater than we are expecting.*

Catholic Men's Conference "Warriors for Christ" is being offered by the Commission for Men on November 19, 2022 at DeSales University. Men of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to learn how to be a Catholic man in the world today and listen to keynote speakers Devon Schadt, Dr. Edward Sri, and Father Patrick Lamb. To learn more and view the flyer, visit the Commission for Men website <https://www.menaliveinchrist.org/events/conference/>

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:15 Frank & Caroline Kasprzak**and**
Sandra & David Rickert (41st Wedding Anniversary)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:15 Sister Therese McGuire ** and**
David Hafer

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:15 Loretta A. Domin**and**
Carol Buddell

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:15 Catherine Didyoung**and**
Jesse Arnold

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:15 Charles Joseph Youse
8:20 Peter Di Angelis (School Mass)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00 Alice K. Brennan (29th Anniversary)
4:30 Deceased Members of the Sauppee & Nangle Families

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:30 John S. Palkon
9:30 Adam Gajewski **and**
Ida Borzacchini
11:30 Robert Bechtel (2nd Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 23, 2022

Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Monday

Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; 17a; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

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

Please join us for the All Souls Day Mass on Sun., Nov. 6, 2022 @ 3:00 in the Chapel of Resurrection at Gethsemane Cemetery. All are welcome.

Hearts Come Home at Christmas Mon. 12-5-22, 7-9 PM, a Life After Loss seminar.

Email judyacameron@comcast.net to register.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/24	Rev. James M. T. Connolly
Tuesday 10/25	Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Coyle
Wednesday 10/26	Most Rev. Edward Cullen
Thursday 10/27	Rev. Harold F. Dagle
Friday 10/28	Rev. Charles J. Dene
Saturday 10/29	Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. De Santis

7th 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 9, 2022. A toy collection box will be placed in your building in October. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through age 12) and place them in the box between before December 1st. We are also asking for shoebox gifts for children aged 13-18. 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)

50 Plus News

Special note- Questions or inquiries concerning the 50+ club, between the dates of 10/22/22 thru 11/14/22 should be directed to Kathleen Zagar, phone, 610-698-3289. You can see us on Facebook for additional information. **Anyone attending the 50+ meeting will be asked to show proof of Covid Vaccination. If an attendee does not have proof of vaccination, he/she will be asked to wear a mask.**

Meetings

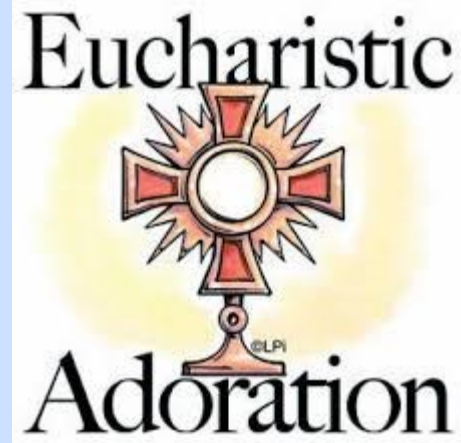
Wednesday, 11/2/22, John Vogel will be presenting a program with information about changes in Medicare for the New Year.



The Christmas party, 12/7/22, will be held at the Doubletree starting at 12:00 PM. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes dinner plus live entertainment. For more information, please call Kathleen Zagar, 610-698-3289. There is no need to be a 50+ Club member to attend the Christmas party! Come and join the fun!

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



Fall Daily Eucharistic Adoration - Once again, this Fall we have the opportunity for daily Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel (Perkiomen Avenue). Visitation of our Lord in His Most Blessed Sacrament will be weekdays 8:00am (after 7:15 Mass) to 8:00pm, starting Monday, October 24th through Friday, November 19th, concluding with our Parish Mission. Jesus looks forward to your visit!

What is Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the most helpful to us." St. Alphonsus Liguori.

How to Sign-Up – Sign up will be available after all Masses (daily and Sunday). A tentative schedule and sign-up sheets will be available at the backs of the Chapel and the Church. For more information please call Sue Hissick and leave a message at 610-568-6328.

**Knights of Columbus Council
#14880**



The Wawa Shorti coupons are back. \$5.00. Email Dave Korch at dkorch1@comcast.net



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: Stella Watkins & Caleb Bateman

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Jo Ann Bechtel, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Della

Chmielewski, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Donald Entzminger, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Lydia Griffith, David J. Gulati II, Al Heck, Mary Hedrick, Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Carol Hess, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Nikki Lyn Kells, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Joanne Marnell, Angela Marroccoli, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Carol Moore, Charles Mountz, Ruth Mountz, Madeline Mullen, Jerome Nigh, Frank Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Sharon Prechtl, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Peggy Reid, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Barry Scheirer, Carolyn Schott, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Jan Tomalis, Kimberly Trigstead, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Aiden Watkins, Frank White, Bernette Wrobel, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Sandy Sullivan & 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 raising funds to place Christmas wreaths on veteran's graves at Forest Hills Cemetery in December. There will be troop members in the gathering area the weekend of November 12th and 13th after all Masses. For every \$15 we raise we can purchase one wreath. A portion of your donation will also support our troop activities. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated! For online donations go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org and enter our local troop code – PA0275.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, Airman Ethan Kosmoski, Ensign Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Sgt. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Staff Sgt. 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. **Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to dsitler@comcast.net.**



St. Catharine's Parish Mission - It's Back - Save the Dates

Please save the dates of **November 27, 28, & 29, 2022** for the upcoming **Advent Parish Mission**. This year's mission will be presented by Fr. Bill Garrott, OP, a Dominican Preacher who has preached nearly 200 parish missions throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities on piano and guitar.

BERKS CATHOLIC NEWS



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

social studies teacher grades 9-12
math teacher grades 9-12
please contact
nvilardo@berkscatholic.org

-BE A SAINT - Berks Catholic High School has openings in grades 9-11 for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact nicky smith for information on how to **BE A SAINT** and about preparing young men and ladies to be college ready and life ready. All inquiries are confidential. 610.374.8361 ext 244 or nsmith@berkscatholic.org

-Berks Catholic High School is accepting Applications for the 2022-2023 School year. Please contact nsmith@berkscatholic.org with questions and to schedule a shadow day. All inquiries are confidential.

EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY will continue to accept PERSONAL HYGEINE products and any non-perishable food item on an on-going basis. Bins are located in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. For more information, please contact Phil & Bonnie Blankenstein at 610-468-5126.

Catholic Women's Morning of Reflection is being offered by the Commission for Women on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at St. Mary' Church, Kutztown. The bilingual event will feature Mass with Father Kuna following by three speaker sessions and a Q&A Panel discussion. Cost is \$15 per person to attend and includes a light breakfast. For more information and to register, <https://register.allentowndiocese.org/day-of-reflection/>



Baby Bottle Drive

We Need You!
Make some change in your own community!

How to donate

- Visit the narthex
- Grab a baby bottle (or two)
- Fill with loose change & cash
- Make checks payable to "Lifeline of Berks County"
- Return filled bottle to the narthex by specified date!

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Sign up for Lifeline's Monthly Newsletter!

lifelineofberks.org

Visit Us!

610 - 374 -8545
612 Reading Ave.
West Reading, PA



Pick up: Oct. 22nd & 23rd

Return: Nov. 5th & 6th

(returns can also be made directly to our clinic on Reading Ave.)

The **Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAFP)**, distributes food monthly to local residents in need. We have witnessed a growing need in our community. EAFP now serves an average of 200 families per month, so we **need more volunteer support**. The pantry is open the 3rd Friday of each month located at Exeter Twp School District Administration Bldg, 200 Elm Street (Former Lausch Elementary School). Volunteers are needed for food distribution/clean-up from 1:00-6:00pm on the 3rd Friday and also for setup on the Thursday prior from 8-11am. **Partial hours are fine!** To volunteer or learn more, simply contact eafpvunteers@gmail.com and we will be in touch!