

2023

Christmas

Boutique



Unique Shopping
Great Gifts!

Holiday Bake Sale

Homemade Food

Door Prizes

Gift Basket Raffle

Cash and Prize

Boutique
Bonanza
Raffle!

Home Baked
Cookies

Turkey
Dinner
On Friday

Early Bird
Specials on
Saturday (first hour)



Saint
Catharine
of Siena
Church

KICK OFF
to the
HOLIDAY
SEASON!

Win
\$1,000
CASH!

Win
\$500
gift card to
STUB HUB

Win
Apple
Watch

Win
iRobot
Roomba



Enjoy
SOUNDS of the
SEASON
ANGELORUM
performs in the
church FRIDAY at
6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5 pm until 9 pm

8 am until 2 pm

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, November 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy Zielinski
Sunday, November 5th - 10:30 a.m. - LaSota & Nowotarski Families
Saturday, November 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy S. Kosikowski
Sunday, November 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Halina & Stanislaw Gniadzik

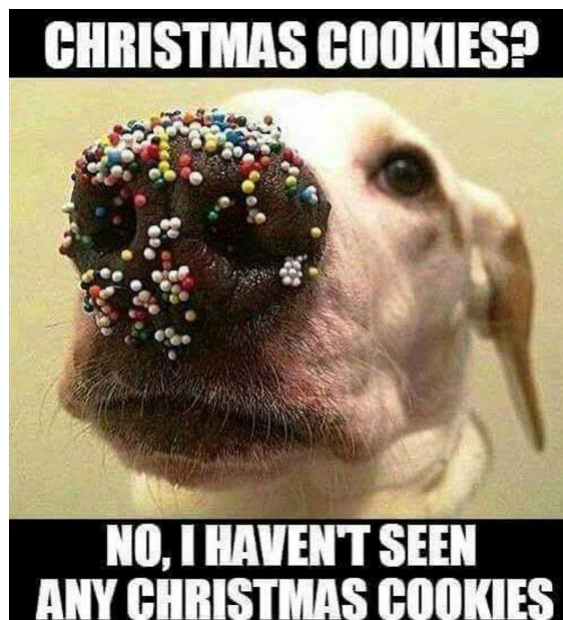
Starting the week of November 13, 2023, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries. **If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep**, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of November 13th.

Father Miller's Bible Study Dates
6:30 p.m. - Church
Wednesday, November 8th
Tuesday, November 21st
Wednesday, November 29th

2024 Sanctuary Candle Memorial - You will have the opportunity to request an intention for the sanctuary candle at St. Catharine's Church, St. Catharine's Chapel or St. Mary's Church. Your request can be in memory of or in honor of a loved one or loved ones. Request forms can be found in the back of St. Catharine's Church or St. Mary's Church. The suggested offering for the intention is \$10.00. **The Sanctuary Candle will only be available until the end of April in the Chapel on Perkiomen Avenue.**



Advent Men's Reflection & Dinner We Wait. We Watch. We Hope.
St. Catharine of Siena Social Hall
December 10, 2023 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
To attend or host a table, please contact Doug McAdams @ (484)709-0152 or email: Jetsfan163@aol.com



The Christmas Boutique features a huge bake sale with hundreds of home-made Christmas cookies which are always a sell-out. We are asking all talented bakers in the parish to make a contribution to the Bake Sale, such as cakes, pies, breads. Please contact Michele at mfeeney@boyertownasa.org Baked goods may be dropped off at the social hall any/me on Thursday November 16 or early in the day on Friday November 17. To volunteer at the Christmas Bou/que on November 17 or 18, please email SCSChristmasbou/que@gmail.com



Advent Women's Evening of Reflection & Dinner: A Season of Waiting, A Season of Hope St. Catharine of Siena Social Hall - December 3, 2023 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM To attend or host a table, please contact Cassie Sedlack @ (610) 698-1168 or [bhoyjiu@comcast.net](mailto:bhoujiu@comcast.net) or Denise Ianni @ (610)223-2391 or lightbulblou@verizon.net

Mal 1:14b - 2:2b, 8-10: I have sent a curse upon you, says the Lord, since you have turned from me. You have not kept my ways. Only one God has created us. Why do we break faith with one another?

1 Thes 2:7b-9: Paul tells the Thessalonians how he wanted to share the teachings of Jesus with them as well as his own life. He works day and night for them. The word of God works in those who believe.

Mt 23:1-12: Jesus warns that the Pharisees speak many words boldly, admonishing others to observe the Law but their deeds fail in fulfilling the Law. They act only to be seen. Only the humble will be exalted.

Today's Message: The prophet denounces those priests who in their pride have turned away from the Law, causing others to go astray. Jesus, too, is critical of those religious leaders who fail to practice what they preach. All, rather, are called to greatness through humility and service by sharing their lives with others.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

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

CUB SCOUTS MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. – Church

BLESS THIS SPACE – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

PREP – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - School

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 Deceased Members of the Paul Family

4:30 Deceased Members of the Koch, Price, & Hughes Families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:30 James Menicucci

9:30 James Gaffney

11:30 Anthony F. Marino

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:15 Paul Nguyen

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:15 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:15 Dolores Klein

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:15 Ruth Mountz

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:15 Bridget A. McDevitt

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 Deceased Members of the O'Brien & Porcaro Families

4:30 Dolores Vozella

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:30 Mike & Madeline Mullen (54th Wedding Anniversary)

9:30 The Sauppee & Nangle Families

11:30 Ken Higo (5th Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 5, 2023

Sunday

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

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

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14;

Mt 25:1-13

We pray for the Gift of Peace** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, Airman Ethan Kosmoski, LTJG 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, 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.



For the week of November 5th

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Deceased
Members of the Santos & Gomes
Families

St. Catharine's Chapel - Mary Ann
Kruse

St. Mary's - Stella Sikorski Albrecht

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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| Monday 11/6 | Rev. Henry Beck, O.F.M. |
| Tuesday 11/7 | Rev. Joseph P. Becker, O.S.F.S. |
| Wednesday 11/8 | Rev. Frans J. Berkhout |
| Thursday 11/9 | Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Biszek |
| Friday 11/10 | Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin |
| Saturday 11/11 | Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian |

Catholic Trivia - Question: Which Church is the Cathedral Church for the Diocese of Rome.

- A. St. John Lateran
- B. St. Peter's Basilica
- C. St. Paul Outside the Walls
- D. St. Mary Major

Answer on page 6

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Second Collection -

This weekend the second collection will support the Campaign for Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, which has been forming priests to serve in our communities for more than 190 years. Please join this special effort on behalf of our seminarians today and our priests for tomorrow. You can make a gift online at AllentownDiocese.org/scbs.

Deacon JV has the opportunity to go to Rome with the Seminary in March for his Priesthood Preparation Retreat. If you would like to donate, please make the check payable to St. Catharine's and put Deacon's name in the memo line.

Parish Nurse News - Healthcare visit reminders! Tell your primary care about other doctors you see and any Urgent Care or Emergency Department visits. Talk openly about your concerns, your provider is your health and wellness guide! Take notes, ask questions. Whenever possible, bring a relative or friend, two sets of ears are better than one sometimes. The other person hears information when you may have been too anxious to listen carefully. (Capital Blue Cross.com)

The Exeter Women's Club 25th Holiday House Tour will be on Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at Boscov's East or the Exeter Community Library.



Thank you, SCS Alum Elizabeth Lavanga for hosting SCS Surgeons in Training today! What an amazingly authentic learning experience for our 8th graders and 7th grade gifted students. Students experienced scrubbing in, the

arduous task of "gearing up," suture kit tools identification, and real world suturing on medical grade equipment! Thank you to the our Ascanio, Vu, Perez, and Lavanga Families for donating the medical apparel to add to the total learning experience for our Wildcats! Scan the QR Code with your phone to see an AMAZING SCS Surgeon in Training!

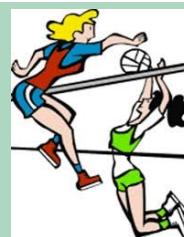


Mmm....Mac n Cheese! Boy Scout Troop 358 makes the best! Place your order this weekend at the scrip table! Pickup is after all Masses on Sunday, November 12th. Purchase extra pans and freeze for upcoming busy holidays! Small and large size pans available.



SCS is looking for a few unusual, strange, and educational items to increase curiosity and a love of learning through wonder, awe, and discovery! Please call the office 610-779-5810 to arrange drop off if willing to share. SCS

would love to incorporate nature items into discovery such as: Bird nests (please put in a ziploc bag or clear salad container) If you know which species built which nest, please feel free to identify. **Clean** animal bones such as jaws, skulls, etc. (identify, please if you can), Snake skins ,Bird feeders and bird houses, Unusual shells or beach treasures , Any interesting artifact of nature that can be observed and researched in wonder and awe.



Congratulations to our Girls Volleyball Team! They are your 2023 Berks County Volleyball Champions! Great job, Team and Coaches!



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: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Kathy Odenweller-Barns, Maura Barrasso, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Jason Beshore, Jodi Bixler, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Bruce Brandfon, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry

Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, David J. Gulati II, Doris Harner, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Carol Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, James Hett, Michael Hivner, Carolyn Hoffman, Chuck Holt, Margaret Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Judith M. Koch, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Doug Kroener, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Alma Lonergan, Del Long, Jane Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Maryann Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Robert Moyer, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, Harvey Snyder, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Mark Speece, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Maureen Truckly, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, Alan Wachowicz, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Anna May Mast, Henry Skowron**, (husband of Mary Jane Skowron) & 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.

SUNDAY MISSALS for 2024 are now available. They may be picked up at the Church or at the Parish Center. The cost is \$4.00 each.

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal - Many thanks to those who have made a commitment to this year's *Because We are Catholic Appeal*. Please enjoy a recent video message from Bishop Schlert to see how your contributions make a difference in the lives of children, families, friends, and neighbors throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can visit www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org to watch the video and support the Appeal today.

Designed with Purpose: NFP Date Night
Thursday, November 16, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Open church with Adoration, Confession, and Benediction from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at Assumption B.V.M. Church, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem 18015. Followed by fellowship & discussion at the Copperhead Grille, with free appetizers and a drink on us, cash bar available, 5737 PA-378, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Women's Advent Retreat: A Season of Joy
Saturday, December 16, 9:00 am - 12 noon, St. Mary's Church Hall, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg, PA. Open to women of all ages, the morning will feature breakfast, fellowship, Keynote by Fr. Stephan Isaac, and prayer. Co-Sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown's Bishop's Commission for Women and the Catholic Women's Society of Giving.

Endowment for Retired Priests - The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 8 & 9, 2023.



2023 Confirmation Class

Landon David Campbell
 Paige Madeline Claudfelter
 Chloe Elizabeth Dauble
 Liam Patrick Dolan
 Colton Andrew Drumheller
 Angela Veronica Duff
 Noelle Clare Evans
 Whitney Christopher Femina
 Levi Sebastian Fox
 Lincoln Michael Glennon
 Logan Thomas Gonzalez
 Chase Michael Gonzalez
 Maxamillian Peregrine Grande
 Michaelena Elizabeth Guarino
 Emily Elizabeth Ann Hammond
 Xavier George Jacobs
 Connor Sebastian Keperling
 Benjamin Patrick Kopanski
 John (John) Kurvas
 Luke (Luke) Linderman
 Emmitt James Lutz
 Mason Michael Mace
 Jay'Vien James Martinez
 Madelyn Anne McDevitt
 Wyatt Telemachus Miller
 Ashton David Miller
 Gage Andrew Morta
 Isabella Elizabeth Myers
 Zackary Christopher Natale
 Anelly Elizabeth Perez
 Owen Michael Schafer
 Jacob Sebastian Schmehl
 Charles (Charles) Schofield
 Charles Nicholas Sing
 Liam Michael Smith
 Alexis Veronica Spitz
 Kendall Anne Stoudt
 Michael Christopher Tomaszewski
 Viet Paul Vu
 Robert Peter Wiegand
 Logan Thomas Wiegand
 Jack Sebastian Woodard

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A. - St. John Lateran serves as the The Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It is the Catholic cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome in the city of Rome, and serves as the seat of the bishop of Rome, the Pope. The feast day for the dedication of the Lateran Basilica is November 9th. It was originally built by the Emperor Constantine in about 324 on the Lateran Hill in Rome.

50 Plus News

Please call, President, Kathleen Zagar, for any 50+ club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-698-3289. You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

Meetings

November 1, 2023 - John Vogel will be discussing Medicare Updates. Members may bring their favorite soup in a crockpot, identifying the soup on a small card.

December 6, 2023- 12:00 noon - 50+ Club's Christmas party at the Doubletree. \$35 for members and \$37 for nonmembers. Christmas party flyers will be available at the November 1st, 50+ club meeting. Please call Janina at, 215-644-7396 for reservations.

The deadline for the Christmas Party Reservations will be November 24.

April 18–21: Parade of Nations and Virginia International Tattoo - \$770 per person double occupancy (The Virginia International Tattoo incorporates groups from around the world, including acrobats, choral groups, and precision military drill teams.) Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 for trip information. Trip reservations/ down payment deposits are currently being taken by Pat White, \$200 per person. Check should be made payable to St Catharine's 50+ club.

Please call Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 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 PM on the first Wednesday of most months at Saint Catharine's Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events' months of April, August, and December.**

Kid Challenges - Kids are so much fun but also, so much work.

Every stage presents new challenges. When kids are little, they need help with everything. As they grow older, peers start to have major influences over their thinking. Older couples have seen the heartache of teen breakups and stayed up late worried about curfews and poor decisions. You may have little kids still. Enjoy this innocent stage, but remember that when you become a parent, you sign up for a lifetime of service. Don't shy away from the difficulty. Embrace the role God has given you to guide and shape a young life. (Family First 2023)

Pro-tip: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Challenge of the week: Play "Questions" at the dinner table this week. Everyone at the table gets a certain number of questions to ask (2 or 3). Parents ask kids and kids get to ask the parents. Some questions should be light hearted, some more thought provoking. Here is the catch, each person must be willing to answer every question you ask of another. For example, you ask the three-year-old, What's your favorite color and why. After she answers, you also answer your favorite color and why. Questions get more interesting as the kids get older. The "and why" is important to ask your child. Also important is your answer "and why" to the question as the parent. This game is sure to spark additional conversation and give you a better idea of how your children's moral compass is developing.