

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 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy S. Kosikowski
Sunday, November 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Halina & Stanislaw Gniadzik
Saturday, November 18th - 3:30 p.m. - John Michael Yerger
Sunday, November 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Good Health - Vincent Skimski

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. of Berks County will hold its annual Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia Dinner on Sunday, December 17th, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 701 Penn St. in Reading. Doors open at 4:15pm with a cocktail hour (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres at 4:30pm followed by the sharing of the Christmas wafer, dinner, singing of koledy, dessert, coffee and tea. Members: \$65.00; Non-members: \$75. For more information and reservations, call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279 after 7:00pm. The deadline for reservations is December 8.



The Holiday Concert at the Christmas Boutique. - Enjoy a night of holiday magic at the Christmas Boutique this Friday, Nov. 17! Bev McDevitt will present concert with her new diocesan women's choir, Angelorum. Angelorum's new CD will be available for purchase. Come for a holiday turkey dinner at 5 in the social hall, enjoy the concert at 6:30 in the Church sanctuary and stay for some great Christmas Shopping from our talent artisans and craftsmen. The boutique continues Saturday, Nov 18 from 8 -2, with half-price basket raffle tickets and swag bags for the first hour only (8 a.m. - 9 a.m.)

2024 Sunday Missals and Advent Supplies are now available in the **Church Store**. Included with the Advent supplies are candles, wreaths, calendars, and the "Little Blue Books" – daily meditations for the Advent/Christmas season. The 2024 Sunday Missals are also available at the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can pick up their Missals in the Priests' Sacristy.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES?



NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Baked Goods Needed for Christmas Boutique - The Christmas Boutique features a huge bake sale with thousands 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, cupcakes, pies or breads.

Please contact Michele at mfeeney@bovertownasd.org

This address was incorrect in last week's bulletin in the event you tried to use it. You may also text her at 610-406-1924.

Baked goods may be dropped off at the social hall anytime on Thursday November 16 or before 1 p.m. on Friday November 17. For information on the Christmas Boutique, please email SCSChristmasboutique@gmail.com

WELCOME! If you are visiting, we hope you find us to be a warm and welcoming faith community. If you are new to the area, we encourage you to register as members. You can do this by meeting Father Miller or Father Kuna after Mass. We are happy you are here!

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 23rd & 24th THE PARISH CENTER WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH. There is no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, November 27th.

LOVED ONE REMEMBERED CROSSES – If you were unable to pick up your cross at the All Souls Day Mass, they are on a table in the Gathering Area. You can take it home with you.

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

Wis 6:12-16: Wisdom is found by those who seek it. Those who watch for wisdom shall find it. Wisdom graciously appears.

1 Thes 4:13-18: Those who die believing in Jesus will rise with Him. They will in the Last Judgment rise first to enjoy God's life with Jesus.

Mt 25:1-13: Jesus compares heaven to the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids awaiting the master. Only those who are ever watchful will be ready to meet Him.

Today's Message: We seek many things in this life, but we should seek first the Lord and His wisdom. By so living, we will keep vigil for the Lord as we await His return in glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

PREP – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Knights' Room

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Knights' Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE – 5:00- 9:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE – 8:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:15 Virginia Higgins (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:15 Melissa M. Floresca (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:15 Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Thren

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:15 Betty Stasek

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:15 Robert Bechtel, Sr.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 Jay Yohn

4:30 Sharon Sauppee (14th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:30 Paul Flamm

9:30 Geraldine (Delle Palme) Hydock

11:30 Nicholas Lintz

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 12, 2023

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

Monday

Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Wis 2:23-3:39; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Proper readings for Peter & Paul: Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 14:22-23

Sunday

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

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 12th

The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of



St. Catharine's Church - Winifred Perpetua

St. Catharine's Chapel - Darek Ankielewicz & Family (Special Intention)

St. Mary's - Dorothy S. Kosikowski

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/13	Rev. Thomas P. Bortz
Tuesday 11/14	Rev. Ronald P. Bowman
Wednesday 11/15	Rev. Richard C. Brensinger
Thursday 11/16	Rev. Thomas R. Buckley
Friday 11/17	Rev. Douglas C. Burns, O.S.F.S.
Saturday 11/18	Rev. Christopher S. Butera

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which Saint is the first U.S. Citizen to be canonized?

- A. Saint John Neumann
- B. Saint Katharine Drexel
- C. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
- D. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

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THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-November 20th - 7:15 a.m. - Mass

Tuesday, November 21st - 7:15 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, November 22nd - 7:15 a.m. - Mass

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

Thanksgiving Day - 9:00 a.m. Mass in Chapel

Friday, November 24th - 9:00 a.m.. Mass - Chapel

Our traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 22nd 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.

THE SCS KNIGHTLY NEWS



THE SCS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE HOSTING A



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2023 (at the SCS SOCIAL HALL)

Visits with Santa and Breakfast will begin following the 7:30 AM Mass and will conclude at 11:30 AM

Each child Visiting with Santa will receive a small gift bag from him

BREAKFAST MENU: Scrambled Egg Casseroles (Plain Egg, Ham & Cheese, or Western Style) Bacon, Sausage, French Toast Sticks, Home Fries, Toast, Coffee, Milk & Juice.

An opportunity for a free will offering will be available to cover the cost of the breakfast

The SCS Knights thank you all for your support through the year and wish you and your families all the blessings of this joyous Christmas Season !





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: Devin Brennan

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 Burkhardt, 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, 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:** & 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.



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 bhoujii@comcast.net or Denise Ianni @ (610)223-2391 or lightbulblou@verizon.net



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

Parish Nurse News - With the holiday season approaching, keep in mind friends and family who have experienced the death of a loved one. This year or any year, people often feel a renewed sense of loss at this time. Remind them that you are thinking of them, ask them to share a holiday memory, or plan time for a visit.

Siena Stitcher's will be setting up Christmas tables soon. They will have homemade items for sale. Please use the special envelopes provided and place them the poor box. **All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society who help our parish families in need.**

Boy Scout New & Used Toy Drive - Boy Scout Troop 358 will hold their annual New and Used Toy Drive beginning November 25. We are looking for new or used toys that are clean, have all or most of their parts, and are in good condition. No plush toys please. The scouts will be cleaning the toys and delivering them to the Opportunity House who will then deliver them to children in need. Toys will be collected at the beginning of Mass on November 25 & 26 and December 2 & 3. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

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.

Simbang Gabi Schedule (Christmas Novena Masses) in Berks County - December 9, 10,11 (Sat, Sun, Mon) Holy Guardian Angels Church, Kutztown Road, 7 PM (*Dec 9 , Sat. Potluck night) December 12, 13, 14 (Tues, Wed, Thurs) St Catherine of Sienna Chapel, Perkiomen Ave, 7 PM Dec 15, 16,17 (Fri., Sat, Sun) Immaculate Conception Church in Douglassville, 7 PM (Dec 17, Sun., Potluck night & Christmas Party

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: C. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini's feast day is Nov.13th. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and is the universal patroness of immigrants. Although born in Italy, she travelled to the United States as a missionary in 1889 at the urging of Pope Leo XIII. She personally founded 67 schools, hospitals and orphanages in New York, Chicago, Denver, New Orleans and other US cities. She became a U.S. citizen in 1909, died in Chicago of Malaria in 1917, and was proclaimed a Saint by Pope Pius XII in 1946. Saint John Neumann, the 4th Bishop of Philadelphia, was canonized in 1977; Saint Katharine Drexel, who founded Xavier University, was canonized in 2000; and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American, was canonized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI.

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

December 6, 2023- 12:00 noon - 50+ Club's Christmas party at the Doubletree. \$35 for members and \$37 for nonmembers. Please call Janina at, 215-644-7396 for reservations.

January 3, 2024- Pat White will present the 2024 trips. Coffee, tea, water, and cake will be served.

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 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654 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**

Marriage & Family - How you argue matters -When one person "wins" in marriage, then one person "loses". This really means you both lose. Arguments will happen. It's part of marriage. But knowing how to argue and why to argue is important. When you disagree, prioritize both sides being heard. Marriage is not a battle of wills. It's a combination of two lives that are now one flesh. Arguments provide you both the opportunity to practice intentional listening and growth as a couple. Let your spouse speak, and then be slow to anger and try to peaceably move forward together. (Family First 2023)
Pro-tip: "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19)
Challenge of the week: Plan a time this week to sit with your beloved and discuss what's on your mind. Start with prayer. Practice active listening. Respond with "I feel" statements vs "you" statements. Try to put yourself in the other's shoes.

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.