Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



4975 Boyertown Pike Reading, PA 19606

Reading, PA 19602

ST. MARY'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 -3:15 p.m. in the Church. Otherwise, by appointment only

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.A., Pastor Rev. Matthew J. Kuna, Parochial Vicar Deacon Craig Fry Deacon John Stapleton Deacon Gregory Schneider Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal

Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC Direct Line: (800) 791-9209

Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo,

Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services

> P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538 610-871-5200 ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

ST. CATHARINE'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - Church Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 - Church Daily: Monday - Friday - 7:15 a.m. - Chapel 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Friday)

Sacraments Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. in the Church otherwise, by appointment only.

PARISH CENTER: 2427 Perkiomen Avenue Phone: 610-779-4005, FAX: 610-779-0859 Parish Website: www.scsreading.org

Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue Phone: 610-779-5810 • www.scsreading.org

PREP OFFICE: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-8535

PRE-SCHOOL:

Phone: 610-779-5810

Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center, 2427 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, PA 19606

St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement We, the people of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, as brothers and sisters in Christ guided by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and inspired by the works of our patron saint proclaim a desire to grow in our Roman Catholic faith through holiness and a willingness to serve the members of our parish family and community.

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, April 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Danny O'Neill Sunday, April 14th - 10:30 a.m. - Regina Wrobel Saturday, April 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Irene Goodman

Sunday, April 21st - 10:30 a.m. - Frank Wojciechowski, Jr.

This year's Lenten pierogi sale was a huge success. A thank you to the volunteers of the Pierogi Society who worked hard to make this sale a success. Another thank you to all the people who bought the pierogis. The Pierogi Society made 1332 dozen pierogis, or 15,984 individual pierogis. The profit from this year's sales was \$10,310.00. A sincere thank you to all who made this year's sale so successful.



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a continuation of the men's program Into the Breach on Saturday, April 20th, and Saturday, April 27th, from 9-11 am. The 4-20 session will be held in the Social Hall, and the 4-27 session will be held in the Conference Room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. "In the

past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach." (Into the Breach flyer) Into the Breach is a program designed to unite men in fraternal brotherhood to become better Christian men prepared to help lead the Church. Please consider attending either or both sessions. For more information or questions, please contact Bryan Scollick at bscollick@berkscatholic.org. We hope to see you there!

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models and to put charity and community first. Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, The Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Ct and a group of parishioners to bring financial and aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Our council has donated over \$9,000 annual to support our parish, St. Catherine School, our seminarians Special Olympics, Lifeline of Berks County, John Paul Learning Center, Mary's Shelter, Kennedy House Soup Kitchen, Helping Harvest and our Coats for Kids program to name a few.

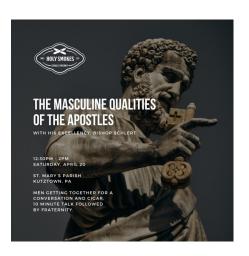
We will be available in the vestibule of the Church after Masses this weekend to answer an questions you have and to help you join through our online membership. Please login to KofC.org for additional information.

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, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, TSgt. 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.



Dear Friends, This weekend we kickoff the 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal in our parish and throughout our Diocese. In 2024 the Appeal will provide support for evangelization, vocations, Catholic education, Catholic Charities and care for our retired and infirmed priests. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising initiative and ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making your gift to the Appeal and support these important ministries. Our parish has been asked to raise \$ 105,853. Lets strive for 100% participation from our parish. Together, I believe we can make our goal. We are stronger together! Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443. With gratitude,

Father Brian Miller



Acts 3:13-15, 17-19: Peter teaches how God glorified his Son, but the people were guilty of crucifying Jesus. They acted out of ignorance, however. Now they are to reform and ask God for forgiveness.

1 Jn 2:1-5a: If anyone should sin, Jesus is an offering for sin – for the sins of the whole world. Anyone who claims to know Jesus but disobeys the commandments is a liar.

<u>Lk 24:35-48</u>: Again, Jesus appears in the midst of his disciples. He proves he is not a ghost. He eats with them and reassures them that all that happened was to fulfill the words of the Scriptures.

<u>Today's Message</u>: Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: The suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

CUB SCOUT FUDGE SALE - Social Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 15

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

CONFESSIONS - 7:00-8:00 p.m. - CHURCH

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE - 6:30 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

PRAY THE ROSARY - 6:45 a.m. - Church

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

AHG - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA - 6:30 -10:30 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m. - Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 8:00-11:00 a.m. - Social Hall

READING ULTREYA - Conference Room - 9:30 -12 noon

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY – following the 7:30 & 9:30 a.m. Masses -

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP - - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - School Cafeteria



For the week of April 14th The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Nick D'Alonzo

St. Mary's - Joseph & Stella Albrecht

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 Deceased Members of the Kaminski & Lewandowski Families

4:30 Theresa A. Mellinger

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 Charles Wettstein (6th Anniversary)

9:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

11:30 Elizabeth Horvath

MONDAY, April 15

7:15 Paul Dengler

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:15 Alverta & Frank Gantert

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:15 Alois & Alice Koch

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:15 Albert Lellig

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7:15 Anna L. Finley

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 Mark Speece

4:30 Thaddeus "Ted" Malecki (3rd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 Marie Marthe Briand

9:30 John Burns

11:30 Sharon Michalski

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 14, 2024

Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:51; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Mass of Thanksgiving for Homeschooling Community

All homeschooling families are invited to an end of the year Mass of Thanksgiving for the Homeschooling Community with Bishop Schlert on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:30pm. The Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena. Allentown.

Mass will feature a special blessing for those graduating High School. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the lower level. Registration required by May 5.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/15
Tuesday 4/16
Wednesday 4/17
Thursday 4/18
Friday 4/19
Saturday 4/20
Rev. Joseph F. Tobias, M.S.C.
Rev. Eric N. Tolentino
Rev. Andrew Torma, M.S.C.
Rev. James M. Torpey
Rev. Msgr. James A. Treston
Rev. Simione Volavola, M.S.C.

Catholic Trivia—- Question: What was St. Bernadette looking for when the apparition of the Blessed Mother appeared to her in Lourdes, France?

- A. Her cat
- B. Firewood
- C. Water
- D. Flowers and Berries

Answer on page 6

Spring is here! Do you need a garage or closet clean out? Well, good news! Boy Scout Troop 358 will be hosting a community yard sale in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00-12:00. Bring your items and rent a space to sell your stuff! \$20 gets you a large space. To reserve a spot and for further information contact Scoutmaster Terry Wade at scstroop358@gmail.com or call/text Rob Wright 610 -587-6324.

Everyone is invited next weekend, April 21st for fellowship in the Social Hall after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. The St. Vincent DePaul Society will be our hosts for doughnuts, coffee and juice.



Tara Lawlor is participating in a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) as a Visionary of the year. All donations go to the LLS. The campaign runs until June 6. Please donate and share.



Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array? https://www.legionofmaryallentown.org

Please visit our website. A 33 day consecration to Mary will begin in April. Come join Mary's army!

LegionMotheroftheChurch@gmail.com



SCS Knights 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament



Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Held at SCS Church Grounds (pavilion area); If raining, moved indoors to Social Hall
Limited to First 32 Teams Registered

Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am
Play Starts at 11:30 am

Cost: \$60 per Team
(includes beef BBQ, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional fixings and snacks)

REGISTRATION ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS & LIMITED TO THOSE AGED 21 or OLDER Once 32 Teams are entered, Registration is closed Registration Deadline is May 5th, 2024

Prizes: 1st Place = \$300 2nd Place = \$200 3rd Place = \$100

TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT,
NO PERSONAL BAGS PERMITTED
& CANCELLATION SCORING WILL BE USED
FIND TEAM REGISTRATION FORMS ON TABLES
IN THE NARTHAX

CONTACT: John Arty @ (484) 269-4195

2024 Steubenville Youth Conference

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Youth Conference Main Campus 3 on July 12-14, 2024 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us.



All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group.

Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org or check out the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com for more information

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: Lennon Sullivan, Lorenzo & Gianna Natal

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Richard Albelt, Anthony Antonucci, Tara Arnold, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Otto Bennett, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Maura Barrasso, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Jason Beshore, Jodi Bixler, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Bruce Brandfon, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Bill Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Rita Gethmann, Todd Gladfelter, Doris Harner, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Carol & John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, James Hett, Michael Hivner, Chuck Holt, Margaret Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Julia Karpati, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Doug Kroener, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Alma Lonergan, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, Diane Rymshaw, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman A Time to die: Maureen Truckly, (wife of Franciso Truckly); Maryann Marino; Thomas Rathman, (son of Phyllis Rathman) & 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.



Flower Bed" The Facilities Sub-Committee is looking for volunteers to maintain and beautify our church property by reviving the "Adopt A Flower Bed" program that worked very well in the past. We've noticed some individuals are still taking pride and ownership in the beds they adopted years ago, even though the program sort of fizzled out for various reasons. It's simple! You choose the flower bed, use your own gardening tools, weed or plant and water flowers in your bed and maintain it throughout the year. Volunteers can be a parish group/organization, a family, a couple, an individual, or teens who need service hours. If you are interested and would like more information please call Beth Pawlik at: 610-781-2935.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is back! At SCUBA VBS, kids celebrate God's Greatness! SCUBA is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-fun gizmos, team building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities

that help faith flow into real life. NEW this year is the Saint of the Day! Plus, we'll help kids discover how they can shine Jesus' light in everyday life. VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 17, 2024 thru June 21, 2024 from 9:00 am -11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2024. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available on the tables in the back of the church or at www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Welcome Spring! Get outside for sunshine and Vitamin D. Remember the sun screen to protect your skin even on overcast days. Be mindful of friends, relatives, and neighbors who may enjoy a short outdoor visit, a meal, a fresh flower, or a handmade card to say that you, or your children, are thinking of them!

Beaded Rosary Making Class

Calling all families and all who like to pray the Rosary. The art of Rosary making is a wonderful ministry that teaches a person how to make rosaries which can be shared with your fellow brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. If you are interested in learning how to make beaded rosaries, this is the class for you!

Please join us on April 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, to learn this beautiful craft.

The class is free and all supplies necessary will be provided to complete one Rosary per person (or Rosary bracelet for children).

Space is Limited, please contact Lisa lanni at LLlanni@verizon.net. or (610) 223-2123, to reserve your spot.

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: B. -In 1858, fourteen year old Bernadette was sent with her younger sister and a friend to gather firewood. While they were out, a beautiful lady wearing blue and white appeared to her above a rose bush in a grotto. The vision appeared to her sixteen more times and told her to uncover water and drink and wash in it. The next day, the small muddy trickle of water had fresh clear water flowing from it into the river. It has continued flowing since then. During the sixteenth vision, Bernadette asked her name, and the woman said "I am the Immaculate Conception." She was also told by her to build a chapel there. The Sanctuary of our Lady of Lourdes is now a major pilgrimage site with many healings attributed to the water. St. Bernadette's feast day is April 16th.

50 Plus News

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

Meetings

May 1, 2024: Michael Kropp will play the guitar and sing songs from the 50s – 60s – and 70s! Refreshments will be served

Trips

May 15, 2024: "Daniel", Sight and Sound, \$120 per person. Meals on your own at Cracker Barrel. There are a few seats available!

June 12, 2024: Our Mystery Trip, \$145 per person. Please note the June Mystery Trip is full. Pat White is taking names to be placed on a waiting list!

July 17, 2024: Murder Mystery at Mount Hope, \$80 per person

August 23, 2024: New Hope Railroad and Peddlers Village, Lunch at The Cock and Bull. \$160 per person

September 25, 2024: Penn's Peak Music of Frankie Valli.

\$85 per person

October 21, 2024: Dutch Apple,

Music of Patsy Cline \$120 per person.

November 20, 2024: Hunterdon Hills N. J., Christmas Show \$120 per person.

Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654. For trip information. Please call Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 with the names of members who are sick or who 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 St Catharine Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events month of April, August, and December.

A request for prayers: Please keep Shawn Kaeser & Family in you thoughts and prayers. Shawn is in end stage kidney failure and is in need of transplant. Shawn is currently receiving dialysis and is on the transplant list at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Please pray that a donor may soon be found. The Kaeser Family thanks you for your prayers and support. If anyone is interested in learning more about being a living donor please call Shawn at 610-906-2833 or e-mail kaeser1969@icloud.com. Lehigh Valley Hospital at 610402-8506 -www.lvhn.org/livingdonor.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday - Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, 2024 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

St. Benedict Council's Annual Golf Outing Friday, May 17th - Blackwood Golf Course

Registration at 7:30 a.m. - Four Person Scramble - Shotgun Start at 8:45 a.m. \$400 for foursome & \$120 for individual. For more information or to register please call St. Benedicts at 610-856-1006.

Knights of Columbus Community Service Award — Our St. Catharine of Siena Council#14880 will again be providing a \$1000 cash award via its Community Service Award Program, intended to award student's dedication to and performance of charitable service. The program is open to St. Catharine of Siena School, public school, and home-schooled students currently in the eighth grade and planning to attend Berks Catholic High School this fall. Applications are being sent to parents/guardians of eighth grade students at St Catharine's School. In addition, public and home-schooled students can secure applications by contacting Bill Wertz at pakettle629@aol.com. Please see the application form for additional details.

