<u>Am 8:4-7</u>: The Lord will punish those who cheat, and oppress the poor. There is no place for the gouger, the con-artist, the greedy.

<u>1 Tm 2:1-8</u>: We should pray with a pure heart and blameless hands. Our penitential act in the liturgy must be sincere if our prayers are to meet this demand.

<u>Lk 16:1-13</u>: If we are shrewd in an evil way, we may be admired by other evil people for our cleverness. But we cannot win in the long run. We cannot divide ourselves between God and worldly gain.

<u>Today's Message</u> - Amos cries out against those who exploit the poor for the sake of extortion and greed. They seek to serve only themselves rather than the Lord. By giving ourselves to God rather than money we can truly pray with blameless hands for all those in need, especially the poor whom the Lord will raise up.

**GRIEFSHARE WORKSHOP & SUPPORT GROUP** - At some point all of are hurting and in need; this is never more true than with the loss of a family member or friend. We meet twice a month on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Center Meeting Room of St. Catharine's Church at 2427 Perkiomen Ave. Reading, PA 19606. Please call 610 370-1174 and leave a clear message with your name and number if you would like to attend.

#### **Upcoming Protecting God's Children Workshop**

Who needs to attend? ANY male or female 18 years of age & older who volunteers in an organization within the Catholic Church with children participants. This includes but is not limited to: Teachers and Subs, parents & grandparents who work or volunteer at SCS School, Prep Teachers and Aides, CYO Coaches & Asst. Coaches, Cheerleading Coaches & Asst. Coaches, parent volunteers, Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Brownie & Girl Scout Leaders and volunteers, American Heritage Girl Leaders and volunteers, Adults in both VIP & Guitar Choir's, Summer Festival workers and Knights of Columbus members.

How often does an adult attend? The workshop is a ONE TIME ONLY requirement. There are three other components required which includes; Completing a Background Check Form, signing a Sexual Abuse and Code of Conduct Policy. The Background Check is updated periodically as mandated by the Allentown Diocese. ALL required paperwork and workshop certificate is maintained by the Protection of Youth Coordinator here at St. Catharine's Parish.

# <u>Protecting God's Children Workshops in the Reading Area are as follows:</u>

Where: Immaculate Conception, Douglassville, PA Mon, September 30, 7:30pm – 10:30pm Please pre-register by calling: 610-582-3880

<u>Where</u>: Holy Guardian Angels, Reading, PA Sat, October 19, 9a.m.till 12 noon Please pre-register by calling: 610-929-1416

The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil runs from September 25th to November 3rd. We ask you to fast and pray for the end of abortion and for world peace. A daily prayer vigil will be held in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring a buddy to pray during these times. For more information call: Pro-Life Berks at 610-375-3395.

<u>REMINDER</u>— RCIA WILL START ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER BASEMENT.

<u>Cursillo</u> - A short course in Christianity. During this Year of Faith, a <u>Cursillo</u> weekend is the perfect opportunity to spend some time enriching your Faith. Please consider attending either the Men's Weekend - October 3rd-6th or the Women's Weekend - October 10th- 13th. For more information, please contact Kathy Green at 610-779-2576 or Lisa lanni at (610)223-2123.

Let's build the spirit of community!!! - Saint Catharine of Siena Parish Council will be volunteering with Berks County Habitat for Humanity and we need your help. If you are an able bodied man or woman over the age of 18 please consider joining us. During this Year of Faith, let's join together with our neighbors to help make the dream of owning a home a reality for a local family. If you are interested in helping, let Michael McElderry know through the Parish Council's e-mail account (scsparishcouncil@gmail.com).

Once again, this FALL, we have the opportunity for daily Eucharistic Adoration in our Sister's Convent Chapel. Visitation with Our Lord in His Most Blessed Sacrament will begin October 7th and continue through Sunday, November 3rd, concluding with the Solemn Closing of the Forty Hour Devotion. Jesus will be waiting for your visit daily from 7AM to 9PM. Sign-ups begin this weekend. There are commitment areas in the back of the Church and Chapel.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." St. Alphonsus Liguori For more information, please call William or Sylvia March at 610-944-5174.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORIDNARY TIME

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.

PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:45 p.m. - School

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** 

BIBLE STUDY - 7:15 p.m. - Church Meeting Room

TRANSITIONS – 7:30 p.m.- Parish Center

RCIA- 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

LEGION OF MARY MTG. - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center

UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT MTG. - 7 p.m. -Parish Center

PREP (LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 p.m. – Parish Center

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26** 

VOICES IN PRAISE -7:30 p.m. –Church

PARISH COUNCIL MTG.- 7 p.m. – Parish Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCOUTS MTG. -4:30 p.m. - Social Hall

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** 

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING- 10:30-12 Noon- CHAPEL

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** 

DINNER-MOVIE- 5:30 p.m. – Social Hall

**ATTENTION:** Any student in 7th & 8th Grades from the School or Prep Program who would like to be an altar server, please call the rectory at 610-779-4005. practice dates are: Saturday, September 28th at the Chapel from 10:30 until 12 Noon and Saturday, October 5th at the Church from 10:30 until 12 Noon. You are required to attend both sessions.

Transitions - A Christian Peer Support Group for Separated/ **Divorced** - Are you, or someone you know hurting due to separation or divorce? Transitions is a Christian peer support group designed to help you turn your pain and feelings of loss toward healing and personal growth. We meet every Tuesday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish Center, Perkiomen Avenue, Mount Penn. Come, be with others who will help you through these stressful and confusing times and slowly rebuild your life. Contact Mary Ann Angelo at 610-823-3886 or Bob Spencer at 484-706-0729 with any additional questions.



night DQ St. Catharine's School Tuesday 9/24 - Come out for dinner and/or ice cream and support St. Catharine School night at Exeter Dairy Queen from 5 - 8pm

on September 24th. There will be carnival games and delicious food and ice cream. A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit St. Catharine's Home & School Organization (HSO). Thank you to Exeter Dairy Queen for their ongoing generous support of our school!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23** 

6:30 Deceased Members of the O'Rourke Family

8:00 Louise Wagner

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** 

6:30 Joseph & Regina Kastenmaier

8:00 Roy G. Monde, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:30 Anne Reeser

8:00 John J. Dolan

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26** 

6:30 Wilson Tee

8:00 David & Julia Heifer

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Birch

8:30 James Shaughnessy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 Cindy Bohn

4:00 Charles Kolakowski

6:00 Frank Desiderio

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** 

7:30 James & Loretta Owens

9:00 Devin Suchomelly

10:30 Catherine Kostival (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

12:00 Bob Gallagher

THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

Zach Smith & Kaitlyn Moll

П John Franey & Sheryl Diffenbach

Readings for the Week of September 22, 2013

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

or 16:10-13

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126; Lk 8:16-18

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122; Lk 8:19-21 Tuesday

Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9

Friday Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence

Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31; Lk 9:43b-45

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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Monday 9/23
Rev Daniel G. Gambet, O.S.F.S
Tuesday 9/24
Rev Angel L. Garcia Almodovar
Wednesday 9/25
Rev Andrew N. Gehringer
Thursday 9/26
Rev Robert J. George
Friday 9/27
Rev John M. Gibbons
Saturday 9/28
Rev Francis P. Gillespie, S.J.

Sunday 9/29 Rev David C. Gillis

#### JOIN US FOR DINNER & A MOVIE -YOU ARE

<u>INVITED</u>. Please be our guest for an evening with your parish family sponsored by the Monday Night Faith Sharing Group of St. Catharine's. Let us serve you dinner as you enjoy an inspiring movie. Child care provided. This is a FREE event. SUNDAY September 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30-7:30pm Movie St. Catharine's Social Hall Session 6 Featured Film: "The Indispensable Men, Peter & Paul and the Missionary Adventure" RSVP by SEPT 22<sup>th</sup> to <a href="mailto:scsparishcouncil@gmail.com">scsparishcouncil@gmail.com</a> or 610-779-3415.

Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAFP) - We continue to be amazed at the overwhelming support we regularly receive from our parish family and community. Bins are located in the back of the Church for non-perishable food and hygiene items you may wish to donate. Monetary gifts, volunteer services, and prayers are also appreciated. INFO: Phil/Bonnie 610-779-6045.

<u>Parish Nurse News</u>: Train your brain in "recall" by practice. When you meet someone new, remember his/her name by really paying attention to it, then repeat the name to "consolidate" it in your brain. (WebMD,2012)



# ST. CATHARINE'S LENDING LIBRARY is

growing. The library contains a wide variety of books, audio CD's, music CD's and DVD's, as well as a separate Children's section. If you haven't stopped by in a while, come check it out to see what it can offer to help nurture your faith. The library is located near the Scrip

table. Also, please check at home for any items you may have previously checked out -- many have not been returned. Email <a href="mailto:karin.36@live.com">karin.36@live.com</a> or call 610-779-3642 with any questions.

Like to do needlework or learn something new? Join Siena Stitchers on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Gathering Area. We invite YOU! For more information, please call Judy 610-779 -8654.

<u>Like to decorate</u>? Put your house in our Exeter Women's Club House Tour on December 8th. For more information, please call 610-779-6586.

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

September 28th - 4:00 Mass (Church )

Lector- Bruce Swist Cantor - Joseph Schwartz Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - D. O'Hara- S. O'Hara - R. Ricketts

September 28th - 6:00 Mass (Chapel )

Lector - Bernie Ryan Cantor - Jay Yohn Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - C. Paris - H. Paris - G. Reed September 29th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Kathy Lavanga

Altar Servers - G. Perilli - N. Perilli - M. Smith September 29th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Theresa Pauley

**Guitar Choir** 

Altar Servers- C. Scoboria - J. Scoboria - E. Solecki September 29th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

**Lector - Vince McDevitt** 

**Voices in Praise** 

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - B. Simcik - C. Simcik - A. Sottosanti

September 29th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Rose Anne Uhrig Cantor - Mollie Ziemba

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - A. Smith - A. Smith - T. Stasek

# ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of September 23rd - 28th

8:00 a.m. - G. Reed & C. Wasielevski - (Mon. Wed.) 8:00 a.m. - M. Smith & P. Stiles - (Thurs. - Sat.)

The Polish-American Heritage Association of Berks County will celebrate the impending canonization of the first Polish born pope, Blessed John Paul II, with a showing of the documentary film, Nine Days That Changed the World, on Sunday, September 29, 2013, in the meeting room on the lower level of St. Mary R.C. Church, 250 S. 12th St.in Reading at 2:00PM. There will be light refreshments.

<u>Volunteers are needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word & Sunday School</u>. All materials are provided. Please call Connie Fry for more information at 610-944-0732.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Recruit Matthew Pawlik, Thomas Bristol, Sqt. Brian Perrotto, Sr., Ltc. Grant Vaughan, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Corporal Zachary Wendt, Major Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Captain Jeffrey Van Horn, Lt. Cdr. Allison Rosati Martin, Command Master Chief Marie Rosati Clark, Lt. Brandon Daughtry, David L. Busch, Zachary Deissler, Pamela & Kevin Meyers, Amy & Gregory Boland, Major Adam Sawyer, Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig, Lt. Cdr. Brian Blair & Senior Airman Andrew Hoffman. 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.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven" "a time to be born..."

Recently added: John Demangone, Frank & Hilda Thomas & Mary Manzella-Ernst Please pray for our sick & our soldiers in harm's way:

Paula Abel, Anthony & Genevieve Antonucci, Tara Arnold, Dorothy Auchenbach, Barbara Ash, Paul Bassler, Kailee Baxter, Harrison Bergstresser, Stella Bickleman, Val Billings, Christina Boehning, Thomas Brady, Gerry Brennan, Pierre Briand, Robin Briand, Frank Broga, Delaney Brown, Kathryn Brubaker, Robert Bryden, Emily Buelow, Gina Cady, Jeannine Caffrey, Jim Capaldi, Peg Cappel, Neil Carroll, Mark Christ, Nancy Ciccone, Kevin Cleary, Dr. Sal Corso, Lisa Costello, Barb Cronan, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Theresa DeGeorgio, Julie Denunzio, Melissa DeWees, Steve DiCola, Gerry Didyoung, Loretta Domin, Carmela Donato, Henry Dolinski, Ann Drager, Ron Drager, Father Michael Drury, Leroy Fick, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Margaret Frisbee, Connie Fry, Lia Gallagher, Linda Hall, Ken G., Anna Mae Gantert, Helen Gaunt, Jessica Gaydos, Grace Gerace, Pat Gerace, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Christopher Ginalski, Elinora Goheen, Warren Haggerty, Bob Hamer, Eva Hare, Jason Heckman, Debbie Heberling, William Hedl, Joey Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Richard Heins, Dolores Hildebrand, Mary Hill, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Mario Hipp, Florine Hoover, Michael Hoover, Allison Howard, Jim & Joan Hunsburger, Karen Irey, Genevieve Iswalt, Kathleen Jablonski, Catharine Jagielski, Trey Kelly, Jill Kemp, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, Joyce Kleckner, Marilla Kleinsasser, Benjamin Kline, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Konopelski, Jim Kowalczyk, Barry Kreisher, James Lannigan, Tracy Larish, Donald Lauro, Kelli Leaman, Joseph Leonard, Ann Lesko, Kathleen Light, Elizabeth Lineaweaver, Joseph Lintz, Sandra Loden, Harriet Madara, Petrina Mangino, Bill March, Anna Mastandrea, Julia Marason, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Gary McGee, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Charles McMenamin, Rosemarie McMenamin, Abbie McKinney, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, Nicholas Messica, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, Cora Nacar, Bernie Nowotarski, William Orth, Sr., Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Sophie Parslar, Paula Patton, Peter Pietrzyk, Dolores Pikula, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Anne Poserina, Johann Po, Mary Price, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Josephine (Dolly) Richmond, Ricky Ricketts, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Joseph Salvatore, Anne Schaeffer, Kathleen Schaeffer, Gladys Schell, Ann Schweitzer, Beth Serafin, Garth Shannon, David Sharpley, Sr., Albert Shore, Dawn Siderowicz, Stella Siwicki, Marybeth Slocumb, Janet Smith, Tyson Snader, Norma Sneeringer, Gene Sock, Geraldine Sockel, Kathy Steidle Helen Strohecker, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Earl Suchomelly, Cullen Sullivan, Carolyn Taraba, Jean Thompson, Evelyn Thren, Joseph Thren, John Tittle, Bella Tomalis, Jan Tomalis, Luanna Uhler, Jane Valeriano, Marian Valleau, John Vogel, Lauren Wagner, Marie Weber, Helen Weller, Dave Wentling, Erma Wernicki, Tammy Winne, Leo Woelkers, Bob Zeiler, Sr., Bob Zeiler, Jr., & Father Joe Zingaro.

...and a time for peace."

...a time to die: *Jean Thompson*, (mother of Sandy McDevitt, grandmother of Shea & Margaret McDevitt & great-grandmother of Madelyn & Hannah McDevitt); *John Nowicki*, (grandfather of Julianne Smith, great-grandfather of Mason, Colby, Rowan & Arabella Smith); *Leslie Spencer*, (son of Joseph & Carlita Spencer); *Timothy Gipprich*, (brother of Peter Gipprich)

& 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. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and prayers are still requested. 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.

### **Youth Ministry News:**

<u>Jr. & Sr. High Youth</u> – Come get lost at the best CORN MAZE around – Mast Farms in Morgantown! Saturday, September 28th. Meet in the social hall after 4:00 Mass. Dinner included! Cost is just \$5.00. Permission slips available on the Youth Group table at the church or at the Parish Center. RSVP by 9/26 to Julie Wright – prtyof10@ptd.net.

**Little Angels** (children 0-6 years of age *and* their parents) & **Kids for Christ** (7-11years) will be hosting a <u>Pizza and Movie Night Sat Oct 19th 5-7:30</u>. Each ministry will have an age appropriate movie and activity in a different location of the church. Please RSVP with either Heather (LA) at 610-370-2378 or Julie (KFC) 610-370-9290 by 10/18.

Junior High and Senior High <u>Youth</u> are both invited to participate in <u>Life Chain Sun Oct 6th</u>. Time TBA. This is a silent, positive, one hour pro-life witness on Penn Ave by Chef Allen's so if you have a homemade sign to hold, bring it. If not, we will supply one for you. This counts for service hours! Following the "chain" we will go to Friendly's for <u>ice-cream and social</u>. Permission slip required. Parent drop off and pick up. Parent helpers welcome. Call Deanna at 610-406-0452 for more information.

The highly-acclaimed national touring production of the hit Off-Broadway comedy, "The Queen of Bingo" is coming to Berks Catholic's Franco Post Auditorium on Friday, Sept. 27 at 7:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 28 at 3pm & 7:30pm. Professional actors, Rowan Joseph and Shane Partlow, one of the teams on the upcoming season of the hit TV series "The Amazing Race" star, along with Berks actors Barry Ciabattoni and Alex Krick, as two sisters on the other side of 50 want to add a little fun, zest, and excitement to their lives, but where to find it? BINGO!!! The audience joins in the fun playing a real live Bingo game with one lucky audience member winning a FREE 10lb. frozen turkey at every performance. "The Queen of Bingo." Tickets are on sale weekdays at the school or by mail. Order forms are available at the of church or on the Berks Catholic www.berkscatholic.org. All orders received by mail will be available at Will Call and will be at the discounted rate. All seats are general admission and cost \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door. The show runs 90 minutes (including intermission) with a portion of the proceeds going to support the school's performing arts programs.

Antietam High School is looking for someone to host a teaching assistant from Germany from October 1st through May 30. He will be able to pay \$400/month rent for a bedroom with access to a bathroom and kitchen. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please contact Kathy Fegely at Antietam High School at 610-779-3545.

Have you ever wondered about God: why He created the world, and you? How about Jesus? Does He know who you are ... and does He care? These are the BIG questions we all have about who we are and how we fit into God's design. There is still time to register for ICF 101 - Christian Anthropology in Berks County. This course is open to PREP and Catholic school teachers, home schoolers, and EVERYONE who wants to learn about God's loving plan for us! Tuesdays, September 24, October 1, 8 and 15: 7 pm 9 pm, Berks Catholic High School. Cost: \$30 Visit www.allentowndiocese.org/icf to register and pick up course outline; call us at 610-289-8900 ext. 221.

The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) helps doctors and health care professionals grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity, and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. The CMA offers professional, spiritual, and moral support through local chapters and annual national conferences featuring world-class speakers and CME credits. The CMA set a record for new members and chapters in 2012. Be part of the New Evangelization and join the CMA to help build a culture of life in health care and to provide a voice for Catholic medical and ethical principles in society. Visit www.cathmed.org to learn more about the CMA and the benefits of membership.

#### **50 PLUS NEWS**

The Board Meeting will be held on October 1st at 10 AM at the Parish Center. The Members Meeting is at one o'clock on October 2nd. at the Church Hall on Rt. 562.

**Sunshine Information:** Call Rosalie Snyder at 610-779-6562 for member condolence or get well cards.

Friends Helping Friends . Now on sale.. Shop Boscov's all day Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013. Discount cards are \$5.00 each and all proceeds benefits our 50 + club. See Pat White or call her at 610-582-1437.

Italian Festival October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: If anyone can bring in some Italian Foods, Cookies, Breads for our October Italian Festival we would greatly appreciate these items.

November 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Bring in your Surprise Packages for our auction.

December 4th: Get ready for our Christmas Party at the Reading Country Club. Cost is \$30.00. Payable at the October or November meetings. See Pat White or call her at 610-582-1437 if you have any questions.

"Bunco" - Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$3.00. Game starts promptly at one o'clock. We meet at the church Hall. Please bring along your card tables each month.

Please park and enter in the rear of the building, only the back door will be open.

If you know of anyone who would like to join our club, or go on our trips just bring them along to the next meeting and they can sign up at that time. All are welcome.

St. Benedict's Bereavement Support Group is for those grieving the death of a loved one. The group offers an opportunity to come together to work through the grieving process with the support of others who have experienced this difficult journey. The group meets for five consecutive weeks beginning Oct. 2, 2013 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the rectory meeting room. It is free, non-denominational and open to all. To register or for more information call Judy Campion (610-775-7782) or the parish office (610-856-1006).

1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER. Oct 16, 2013 @ Victor Emmanuel II from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Don't miss out on a delicious meal while helping Holy Rosary Church. Dinner includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Butter. Cash Bar, Homemade Baked Goods available with Free Coffee Tickets prices are \$10.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for Children Tickets will be on sale in the Church vestibule at all Masses. For Tickets call Barry @ 610-823-0713, or Mary @ 610-777-6262.

The Office of Marriage and Family Life Formation will offer a seminar is for engaged or married couples with children from another relationship on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 6:30-8:00 PM at Berks Catholic High School, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, certified therapist will be discussing strategies to help parents strengthen blended families and build a Catholic home by focusing on the specials needs of the children. This seminar is free. Please register by October 22nd at 610-289-8900 ext.228 or email MFLF@allentowndiocese.org.



Help Saint Catharine's earn cash for their school with Box Tops for education. - Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10 cents. You can also shop on line through Box Tops Market Place at MAKEOUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE! (boxtops4education.com/marketplace).

Harvest Fest 2013: St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg will be held on Friday, October 4th from 4-9 p.m. & Saturday, October 5th from 12-7 p.m. For more information please call 610-562-7657.

**Blood donors** the next drive will be on Sunday, October 13th in the Social Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please call Dave 610-779-2250 to schedule an appointment.

St. Margaret's Church, Center Ave & Springs Streets will start the 80th Year of the Solemn Miraculous Medal Novena on Monday, September 30th. Recitation of the rosary starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by Novena prayers and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. The Singing Rosary will be played at 6:15 p.m. on October 7th & November 11th. There will be a different homilist every Monday.