<u>Dn 7:13-14</u>: Daniel foresees the coming of the Son of Man. He receives all honor and glory. All peoples of every nation serve him. His kingship shall last forever.

Rv 1:5-8: By the shedding of His blood, Jesus has made us a royal nation of priests to serve God. The Lord God is the Alpha and Omega - the beginning and the end. He is almighty.

<u>Jn 18:33b –37</u>: Before, Pilate, Jesus admits that He is a king but that His Kingdom is not of this world. Jesus says that He came into the world to testify to the truth.

<u>Today's Message</u> - To Jesus Christ be glory and power for ever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and His Kingdom is everlasting, a Kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

Our traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 25th 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.

Holy Guardian Angels Church, Hyde Park, will conduct its 22nd Annual Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m. in the Church. Why not begin this Advent season with an afternoon of sacred music and liturgical prayer? For more information, please call 610-921 -2729.

THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-November 23rd - 6:30 & 8 a.m. - Mass

Tuesday, November 24th - 6:30 & 8 a.m.- Mass

Wednesday, Nov., 25th - 6:30 & 8 a.m.-Mass

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

Thanksgiving Day – 9 a.m. Mass in Chapel

No 6:30 or 8 a.m. Mass

Friday, November 27th -8:30 a.m.. Mass

NO 6:30 A.M.



OUR THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, You are the giver of all gifts Fill our hearts with thanks for Your loving care.

Often we are like the ungrateful lepers who forgot to thank You for their cure.

Today we give special thanks for all Your blessings: for our country, our family,

and our friends-all those through whom You show us Your kindness and love.

Help us to pray, like Mary, Your Mother.
In joy and sorrow, Mary's heart was
always filled with gratitude.
We ask you Lord to bless those
who can't be with us today. Keep them close
to You.

Fill us with gratitude and help us pray daily:

For all that has been: Thank you, Lord!
For all that will be: Yes, Lord!
Amen.
THIS THANKSGIVING DAY
WE WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU
for all you do...

TO OUR PARISHIONERS

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION- after 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m. PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:45 p.m. – School GRIEFSHARE MTG. -7 p.m. – Parish Center

GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. – Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 RCIA – 7 p.m. –Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 PREP (LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 PM. -School

LEGION OF MARY MTG. – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center VIGIL MASS FOR THANKSGIVING – 7 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
PARISH CENTER CLOSED

THANKSGIVING MASS- 9 a.m. - Chapel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

<u>2016 Sunday Missals and Advent Supplies</u> 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 2016 Sunday Missals are also available at the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can pick up their Missals in the Priests' Sacristv.

<u>Do you need help?</u> St. Catharine of Siena, in coordination with Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) wishes to remind everyone that if your present financial circumstances are such that you have the need for some basic needs of help or if you are in need of food for your family, please call SVDP at 610-779-4005. You may also contact the local food pantries in our area. Exeter Food Bank at Reform Lutheran Church, 3670 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606 on the 3rd Friday of the month. Call 610-572-2344 to arrange appointment time. In His Name Pantry, 705 Friedensburg Road, Reading, PA 19606 and call 610-779-4030 to arrange appointment for the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Retired and Infirmed Priests Annual Fund, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" Thank you to those who gave so generously to the Chosen, Blessed, Shared Annual Fund. Everyone can support retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes can be returned in the mail or in the collection basket. Your generosity supports retired priests from all five counties of our Diocese!

<u>Discernment Retreat - December 11 – 13 -Friday 6PM</u> - Sunday 1PM Villa Maria House of Studies - Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. (<u>Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com</u> or <u>610-889-1553</u>)

The Feast of our Lady Guadalupe will be celebrated at the Santander Arena on Saturday, December 12th. The Solemn Mass will be celebrated in the evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. Las Nochecitas begins at 4:30 a.m. The Spanish novena will begin on December 4 –7th at St. Joseph Church, continues at St. Margaret Church the evenings of December 8-11th. Unless advised otherwise, all evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to honor the patroness of the Americas.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:30 John Ciocci

8:00 John Anderson (22nd Ann.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:30 Harold W. Wieder (1st Ann.)

8:00 Alberta Lutz

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:30 Russell & Josie Magazzu

8:00 Jim Wolff

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NO 6:30 -THANKSGIVING

9:00 Mildred Giambrone

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

NO 6:30

8:30 Samuel Russo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 Edmund Dolinski

4:30 Donald Styer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30 Russell Magazzu

9:00 Mary Grace Riili

10:30 Robert Flay

12:00 Joseph Kabat (16th Ann.)

Readings for the week of November 22, 2015

Sunday Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint

Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Saint Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest,

and Companions, Martyrs Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Saint Catherine of Alexandria,

Virgin and Martyr

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;

Dn 3; Lk 21:12-19

 Thursday
 Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3; Lk 21:20-28

 Friday
 Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3; Lk 21:29-33

 Saturday
 Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25;

1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Pvt. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Airman First Class Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Staff Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, Airman First Class Domenic Martino, Peter Hinsey, LC. Matthew Pawlik, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Sergeant Zachary Wendt, Major Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Captain Jeffrey Van Horn, Lt. Cdr. Allison Rosati Martin, Commander Master Chief Marie Rosati Clark, Lt. Brandon Daughtry, David L. Busch, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Major Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig & Lt. Cdr. Brian Blair. 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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/23 Father Joseph Braudis
Tuesday 11/24 Father Edmund Brennan
Wednesday 11/25 Father Richard Brensinger
Thursday 11/26 Father Michael Briggman
Friday 11/27 Father Thomas Buckley
Saturday 11/28 Father James Burdess
Sunday 11/29 Father Douglas Burns

<u>Saint Vincent de Paul</u> will begin collecting children's new and gently used hats, gloves, mittens, boots, and scarves. Collection bins will in the rear of the Church. Thank you for your generosity!

18TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR will be presented by the Women's Club of Exeter Township Sunday, December 6th from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00. For more information, please call 610-779-6506.

Parish Nurse News - Find ways to relax before the holiday stress begins: consider a massage, aromatherapy with lavender scents, taking time in a cozy spot in your home to read or enjoy music.

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 26TH & 27TH. THE PARISH CENTER WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH.

There is no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, November 30th.

St. Benedict's presents - Our Third Annual Advent Vespers - Sunday, December 13, 2015 - 4:00PM. ome and enjoy our Parish Choir, under the direction of Andrew Angstadt, as we embrace this beautiful season of Advent and prepare our hearts for the joyous season of Christmas. This will be an afternoon filled with sacred scripture, prayer, and music that will melt your hearts and fill you with the spirit of Christmas. All are welcome! For Questions or Directions call: 610-856-1006

Come take a look at the more than 150 titles that have been added to the Church Library, including books, CD's and DVD's by Father Larry Richards, courtesy of a generous donation by the Knights of Columbus. The library is located in the gathering area and operates on an honor system. Please remember to sign out all items and return them in a timely manner so they can be enjoyed by others. Call 610-779-3642 or karin.36@live.com with questions.

Weekend Mass Schedule

November 28th - 4:30 Mass (Church)

Lector- Substitute Cantor - Michele Feeney Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - J. Iswalt - O. Iswalt - J. Wentling November 29th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Kathy Lavanga

Altar Servers - C. Kominick - B. Kominick - J. Konopelski

November 29th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Barry Hannahoe

Guitar Choir

Altar Servers- A. McElderry - E. McElderry - G. McElderry

November 29th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Vince McDevitt

Voices In Praise

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Nally - V. McDevitt - S. McDevitt

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

Lector - Edrie Watson Contemporary Music

Altar Servers - B. McNish - M. McNish - W. McNish

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of -November 23rd - 28th

8:00 a.m. - C. Nguyen & A. Nguyen - (Mon - Wed.)
9:00 a.m. - A. McElderry & G. McElderry - (Thursday)
8:30 a.m. - A. McElderry & G. McElderry - (Friday Only)
8:00 a.m. - A. McElderry & G. McElderry - (Saturday)

All are welcome to join the "Ministry of the single-hearted" for our advent prayer series "Not just running with Jesus" at both Immaculate Conception Church, Douglasville and St. Aloysius Church, Pottstown. For more information or seminar registration please Visit: <u>Single-hearted.com</u> or call John Paul Kasperowicz at <u>215-499-1641</u>.

<u>Cub Scouts Need Your Help!!</u> Cub Scout Pack 358 has lost Santa's contact information. The Cub Scout Pack would like to invite him to their December pack meeting in the Social Hall. If anyone can help the Scouts get in touch with Santa, please contact Thomas Ferrante at 610-608-8006.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING... memory writes on every page of the calendar. A support group offering caring presence, strength, and wisdom meets two Mondays a month at St. Catharine's of Siena Church, Mt. Penn 19606, at 7 PM. To register call 610 370-1174.

<u>OPEN REGISTRATION</u>- Berks Catholic is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact Nicole Smith to find out all the great opportunities a Berks Catholic education offers. 610.374.8361 nsmith@berkscatholic.org

December portrait appointments for the parish directory are now open. To make an appointment for Nov 24th-25th, 27th-28th or Dec 2nd-5th, or to change/cancel an existing appt, call 1-888-227-6072 or schedule online at www.church-directories.com. If unable to sit for a portrait, submit your own photo with name caption to support@legacyinspiration.com or Karin.36@live.com by December 1st. Families/individuals who sit for a photo session receive a free directory and portrait. Contact Karin at 610-779-3642 with questions.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven" "a time to be born..." Recently Baptized - Andrew J. Fox & Finn P. Hallman Recently added: Jay Yohn, Robert Hough & Please pray for our sick & our soldiers in harm's way:

Paula Abel, Sara Abraham, Anita Adamo, Mike Alfiero, Tony Angello, Anthony & Genevieve Antonucci, Tara Arnold, Barbara Ash, Kathy Barnes, Bob Bates, Kailee Baxter, Diane Becker, Rev. David Beebe, Harrison Bergstresser, Stella Bickleman, Michael Billings, Val Billings, Karen Bird, Catherine Blanchard, Michael & Kim Blair, Charles Bobb, Christina Boehning, Adolph Bomba, Edward Boris, Thomas Brady, Robin Briand, Frank Broga, Kathryn Brubaker, Robert Bruno, Robert Bryden, Emily Buelow, Frances Byrne, Gina Cady, Jeannine Caffrey, Peg Cappel, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Mark Christ, Nancy Ciccone, Kevin Cleary, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Anna Corso, Lisa Costello, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Robin Cuzner, Jean Czapka, Yvania Dawson, Kathy DeAngelo, Tony DeAngelis, Theresa De Georgio, John Demangone, Julie Denunzio, Melissa DeWees, Paula DiBuilda, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, Henry Dolinski, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, Kathy Doyle, Father Michael Drury, Becky & Chuck Drennen, Dick Dunn, Lu Ann Eyre, Peter Fanticone, Jack Farrell, Josie Farrell, Pearl Fillman, Devona Fisher, Jennifer Flook, Laurie Flynn, Frances Ford, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Jean Freeze, Margaret Frisbee, Kim Furtow, Adam Gajewski, Anna Mae Gantert, Helen Gaunt, Donna Gentry, Grace Gerace, Pat Gerace, Joseph Gierschick, Jr, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Ken Goodman, Johanna Goheen, Claire Griffith, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Jeanne Goodwin Hall, Beverly Hannahoe, Bob Hamer, Eva Hare, Jason Heckman, Debbie Heberling, William Hedl, Robyn Hefferan, Diane Herbein, Dolores Hildebrand, Melissa Himmelberger, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Michael Hoover, Siegried Hosey, Allison Howard, John Hull, Karen Irey, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Baby Jessica Jara, Erick Jefferson, Randy Johns, Blake Kauffman, Beth Kase, Blaine Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehlor, Trey Kelly, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Joyce Kleckner, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Jean Kline, Benjamin Kline, Ginny Koch, Judy Koch, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Kolakowski, Mary Konopelski, Jim Kowalczyk, Jack Kuhn, Mary Kusek, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Kathleen Light, Sandra Loden, Harry Logan, Olivia & Liam Lynch & family, Harriet Madara, Eleanor Majka, Petrina Mangino, Julia Marason, Bill March, Megan Marino, Tony Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Mathews, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Sarah Mc Mahon, Charles McMenamin, Rosemarie McMenamin, Rosemary McNish, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, Nicholas Messica, Joseph W. Miller, Jacob Mower, Goup Toy Moy, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, Madeline Mullen, Patrick & Louise Murtagh, Gordon Newmoyer, Joseph Nicholas, Bill Norquist, Bernie Nowotarski, Virginia O'Brien, Jean Olsefsky, Molly Oliver, William Orth, Sr., Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Peter Pietrzyk, Dolores Pikula, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Doreen Piscotty, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Ursula Pledger, Anne Poserina, Lisa Poslock, Potts Family, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Ricky Ricketts, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Rita Rose, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Anne Schaeffer, Gladys Schell, Ann Schweitzer, Beth Serafin, Tom Shaaber, Garth Shannon, David Sharpley, Sr., Earl Sheetz, Rosemary Shollenberger, Dawn Siderowicz, Janet Smith, Patricia Smoyer, Tyson Snader, Rosalie Snyder, Julie Staber, Pam Stribbling, Helen Strohecker, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Earl Suchomelly, Cullen Sullivan, Carolyn Taraba, Paul Teske, Hilda Thomas, Mary Thorne, John Tittle, Bella Tomalis, Jan Tomalis, Robin Trate, Michael Trivel, Wendy Tustin, Jane Valeriano, Henry Von Spreckelsen, Alan Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Marie Weber, Vera Wert, Leo Woelkers, Julia Wolff, Lana Worrall, Hana Yago, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr., Bob Zeiler, Jr. & Mary Zettlemoyer.

...and a time for peace."

...a time to die... Robin Trate, (daughter of Leona Toole) & Bill Schneider, (husband of Melissa Schneider & father of Malena Schneider) & 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.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 7 P.M. – SAINT CATHARINE'S CHAPEL

ST. MARY'S VIGIL – 5 P.M.

FEAST DAY -TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
6:30, 8, 9:30 A.M. -SAINT CATHARINE'S
CHAPEL
7 P.M. - CHURCH

ST. MARY'S - 10 A.M.

MASS INTENTIONS FROM ST. CATHARINE'S TO BE SAID AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday, November 28th - Marie lezzi - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 5th - Joseph Salvatore - 3:30 p.m.

New York City Bus Trip to see the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes Show! -Wednesday, December 16th. Bus departs from Douglassville at 7:45 a.m. and leaves New York at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$112.00 per person for show& bus. Please call Maria Bunch for more information or tickets at 610-582-4632.



Special Evening for All Men of St. Catharine Siena and St Mary's to

Celebrate Advent

The Knights of Columbus wish to invite all men of both parishes to a Special Event to celebrate the Joy of the Advent Season. The dinner and service will be held on Wednesday December 16th. A not to be missed meal provided by the Knights of Columbus of chicken, meatballs, rigatoni, salad, rolls, soda, beer and coffee with desert will be served. Social Hall: 4975 Boyertown Pike Dinner @ 6:00 pm - No Cost Service @ 7:30 pm Msgr. Domin leads the service and homily that will truly get you in the Spirit of the Season. The event will end around 8:15 pm. RSVP required by 12/13

> please email George Violand at gvioland@ptd.net

SEND A LITTLE WARMTH

Those who don't have a place to live are in need of a little warmth for the winter. Junior and Senior High Youth Ministry are teaming up to make blankets and to donate socks. We are reaching out to <u>all parishioners</u> who can help donate for this project with our youth.

Details for all who can help donate: <u>Drop off begins now and goes until December 11th.</u> 16" by 16" cut squares. Prewashed materials maybe used (jeans, towels, flannel sheets and blankets, wool blankets, fleece). **NOTHING that will unravel or be too light-weight.** <u>Don't forget to donate a pack of white socks to fit shoe size 7-9.</u>

Drop Off Places:

At the back of St. Catharine's Church near the scrip table. Sharon D'Andrea's home (1111 Stonehenge Dr.). Susan Kopecky's home (711 Shelbourne Rd).

We appreciate your generosity.

YOUTH (grades 6-12) - Sunday December 13th at 6:00-8:00 pm in the Social Hall. Bring a SHARP pair of material cutting scissors, if you have one. Pizza, drinks and snacks will be provided. Contact Susan Kopecky at 610-370-0557/skjoyinhim4life@gmail.com or Sharon D'Andrea at 610-507-9267.

50 PLUS NEWS

The monthly meeting (Christmas Party) for the 50+ Club will be held on **December 2, 2015.** The board meeting will be held on **December 1, 2015** at 10:00 am.

DECEMBER 2, 2015
Club. Doors open at 11:00 AM, dinner served around 12:00, live entertainment from1:30-3:00. Please mail reservations to: Carol Buddell, 750 Lilac Ln., Reading, PA 19606. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, November 24, 2015. No refunds after November 24

JANUARY 6, 2016 - New Year Celebration – Snacks & Appetizers for your table. Speaker: Pat White – Will discussion all the travel trips for 2016

FEBRUARY 3, 2016 - Souper bowl, donation of your favorite soup and bread. CAKE and COFFEE BINGO - BINGO - BINGO. Wear Your Team Colors

2015 TRAVEL PLANS

Sands Casino: Wednesday, December 9, 2015, Tony Orlando Show Cost: \$75.00

For reservations or trip information, please contact Nancy Hoy at 610 -779-5409 or Marniece Lepore at 610-603-9023

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 on Route 562 in Exeter Township, dues are \$5.00 per year. <u>ALL ARE WELCOME</u>