

Jer 33:14-16: Jeremiah reveals the promise of the Lord made to the House of Israel. A shoot from David shall do what is right and just. Judah and Jerusalem shall be safe.

1 Thes 3:12-4:2: Paul prays that the Lord will increase his love among the Thessalonians. In turn they must live a life pleasing to God so that they may progress in the way of perfection.

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36: Jesus tells His disciples that there will be signs for His second coming. The sun, moon, stars, anguish among people, fright - these will warn of His coming. They should watch, pray and stand secure before the Son of Man.

Today's Message - We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing His covenant and decrees.

2016 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 2016 Sunday Missals are also available at the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can pick up their Missals in the Priests' Sacristy.

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.

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

Parish Nurse News - Less salt to lower blood pressure? Avoid canned soups. Use left-over turkey to make your own delicious soups and casseroles



Christmas Confession Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 12th & 19th -

3:30-4:15 p.m. - Church;

Monday, December 21st &

Tuesday, December 22nd

4-5 & 7-8 p.m. - Chapel

Christmas Masses

**Christmas Vigil - 4 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. -
Church**

**12 Midnight- * Incense -Church - This
is the Choir Mass music starting at
11:30 p.m.**

9:00 p.m. - Saint Mary's

Christmas Day - 8 a.m. - Church

10:00 a.m. - Saint Mary's

**10:30 a.m.* Incense - This is the
Guitar Choir Mass - Church**

Solemnity of Mary - Mass Schedule

**New Years Eve - 3:30p.m. -
Saint Mary's**

**New Year's Eve- 4:30 p.m. - Church;
New Year's Day - 8:00 a.m., 10:30
a.m. - Church**

**New Years Day - 10:00 a.m. -
Saint Mary's**

**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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
NO PREP

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE- 7 p.m.-Church
GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. – Knights’ Rm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

50+BOARD MTG. – 10 a.m. – Parish Center
CONFIRMATION – 4:30 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

50+CHRISTMAS PARTY
PREP (LEVELS 1-5) 6:45 PM. -School
LEGION OF MARY MTG. – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center
UNEMPLOYMENT MTG. – 7 p.m.- Parish Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

“SIENA STITCHERS” – 10 a.m. –Gathering Area
K of C MTG. -7:30 p.m. – Knights’ Rm.
YOUTH CHOIR – 5 p.m. – Church
VOICES IN PRAISE – 7 p.m. – Church
PARISH COUNCIL MTG. – 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

AMERICAN HERITAGE MTG. – 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. -Church

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 Joseph Shillingford
8:00 Paul Tortorelli (1st Ann.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:30 Diane Cerra
8:00 Rudy Goretski (6th Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:30 Rundle-Rodoff Family
8:00 Charles J. Chiarelli (29th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30 Stella Steinmetz (9th Ann.)
8:00 Owen A. Holbrook (3rd Ann.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 Living and Deceased of the Parish
8:30 Sister Helene Joseph, IHM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 Loretta Jenkins (1st Ann.)
4:30 Frank Majka

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30 Robert Bates, Jr.
9:00 Chester & Dorothy Sychterz
10:30 Richard Heins
12:00 Dick White

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2015

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8,9,10,11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

November 1st , 2015

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,423	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 386,710	\$ 421,578
Year to date deficit	\$ 34,868	
Last Year	\$ 19,479	

November 8th , 2015

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,550	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 408,260	\$ 444,999
Year to date deficit	\$ 36,739	
Last Year	\$ 20,497	

November 15th , 2015

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,949	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 430,209	\$ 468,420
Year to date deficit	\$ 38,211	
Last Year	\$ 21,193	

A sincere “THANK YOU” to our parishioners and visitors who choose to contribute to St. Catharine’s. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/30	Father George Bur
Tuesday 12/1	His Holiness Pope Francis
Wednesday 12/2	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Thursday 12/3	Bishop John Barres
Friday 12/4	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
Saturday 12/5	Father Christopher Butera
Sunday 12/6	Msgr. Albert Byrne

LIFE AD CAMPAIGN of 2016

Please demonstrate your support for the **Life Ad 2016 Campaign** sponsored by the Catholic Community of Berks County by signing your name to St Catharine's list of supporters. This Life Ad will be published in the Reading Eagle on Friday, January 22, 2016, the anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the United States.

Your donations not only publish this Ad but also provide financial support to St. Mary's Shelter/home. If you are unable to donate at this time, Please consider giving us your signature support. It is important to raise the awareness that many people support the homeless pregnant woman.

Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.

NOTE: Volunteers will be available after Mass the weekends of December 5 & 6 and December 12 & 13 to assist you with your signature information. For an added convenience, you may mail your information to the parish center or drop it in the collection basket.

Please PRINT name clearly. We can only use the following Examples: John Smith, John and Mary Smith or The Smith Family.

Name: _____

Donation: _____ If you are making a donation by check,

please write it to "Life Ad Campaign 2016". Thank you.

Deadline for Campaign: Friday, December, 18, 2015

Weekend Mass Schedule

December 5th - 4:30 Mass (Church)
Lector- Rosemary Caffrey
Cantor - Kate Bobb
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - C. Nguyen - A. Nguyen - M. Partsch
December 6th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector- Melissa Woodard
Altar Servers - F. Miravich - S. Miravich - L. Gilbert
December 6th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - John Vogel
Guitar Choir
Altar Servers- M. Ream - R. Griffin - M. Griffin
December 6th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Mike McCarthy
Voices In Praise
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - D. O'Hara - S. O'Hara - M. Pawlik
December 6th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
Lector - Rose Anne Uhrig
Cantor - Leah Rile
Organist - Joe Schwartz
Altar Servers - E. Miller - L. Miller - G. Perilli

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of -November 30th - December 5th

8:00 a.m.- V. McDevitt & Substitute - (Mon - Wed.)
8:00 a.m. - N. Lamp & E. Fernandez - (Thursday - Saturday)
8:30 a.m. - N. Lamp & E. Fernandez - (Friday Only)

Cub Scouts Need Your Help!! 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.

Saint Vincent de Paul 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

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.

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 Nohecitas 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Recently added: Wayne Hedrick, &

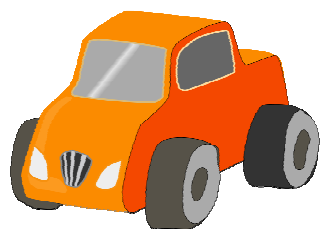
Please pray for our sick & our soldiers in harm’s way:

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, Siegrid Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Karen Irely, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Baby Jessica Jara, Erick Jefferson, Randy Johns, Blake Kauffman, Beth Kase, Blaine Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehler, 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 Messina, 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, Jay Yohn, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr., Bob Zeiler, Jr. & Mary Zettlemoyer.

...and a time for peace.”

...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. 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.



USED TOY DRIVE: Boy

Scout Troop 358 will hold their annual used toy drive December 5th & 6th . We are looking

for toys that are clean, have all or most of their parts and in good condition. No stuffed animals please. The scouts will be packing up the toys to be delivered to local children in need. There will be a toy collection box at the entrance. **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

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

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

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 - Christmas Party at the Reading Country Club. Doors open at 11:00 AM, dinner served around 12:00, live entertainment from 1:30-3:00.

JANUARY 6, 2016 - New Year Celebration – Snacks & Appetizers for your table. Speaker: Pat White – Will discuss 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**

MARCH 2, 2016 - **St Patrick Day Celebration. Wear your green!** Entertainment: Keyboard music to entertain us **CAKE and COFFEE**, Irish crème for the coffee.

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. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

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 **all parishioners** who can help donate for this project with our youth.

Details for all who can help donate: **Drop off begins now and goes until December 11th**, 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. Don't forget to donate a pack of white socks to fit shoe size 7-9.**

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.