

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 3rd- 3:30 p.m. - Francis Skoraszewski

Sunday, February 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Richard Zaorski

The Lenten Pierogi Society will continue its labors on Monday, January 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will meet each Monday & Tuesday through Lent. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use parking lot Chapel entrance. New members are always welcome.

SAINT MARY'S 2017 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS: Those desiring statements for their contributions to this parish in 2017 for income tax purposes should PRINT the word STATEMENT on their Sunday envelope. The statements will be available on the table in the vestibule of the church within two weeks of receipt of request.

New Eucharistic Minister & Lector Schedules can be picked up in the Sacristy after Mass today.

Volunteers are needed to help clean the Church next Sunday, February 4th, after the 10:30 Mass.

This week, we are taking up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection

Save the Date!

*A Parish Mission is coming to
St. Catherine of Siena
Monday February 26, through
Wednesday February 28th
The Mission will be conducted
by Father Vinny Fortunato, a
priest with the Capuchin
Franciscan Friars
All are welcome!*

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your **giving record for tax purposes**, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at **dsitler@comcast.net**. **If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement. Statements will be not be ready until the week of the 29th.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .

Please note change in date:
Statements will be delayed until January 29th. I will email and mail all the requests I have received then.



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:
MASS BOOK - 2019 - The Mass Book for 2019 will now open on **Monday, March 5th**. You may stop by to make your requests **Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15-20: The Israelites ask the Lord for a prophet. The Lord promises to select a prophet from among them. He then shall speak for the Lord. Anyone who refuses to listen shall answer to the Lord. A prophet who speaks falsely will die.

1 Cor 7:32-35: Paul speaks about the value of a celibate life. One who is unmarried is busy for the Lord. One who is married must be concerned for spouse and family. Paul is anxious to promote what helps a Christian live entirely for the Lord.

Mk 1:21-28: Jesus teaches in the synagogue with outstanding authority. In a possessed man, an unclean spirit shrieks out identifying Jesus. Jesus commands the unclean spirit to leave the man. The people are amazed.

Today's Message - As Moses challenged the Israelites to listen to God's voice, so we are called to hear the voice of Jesus and live out His teachings by what we say and do, whatever our vocation in life may be.

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions will be held in our Chapel on Perkiomen Avenue. The Adoration will be held from 8:00-9:00 p.m., on First Friday, February 2nd.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

VOICES IN PRAISE REHEARSAL-9 a.m.- Knights' Rm
CHILDREN'S LITURGY- during the 10:30 Mass
Social Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m.
GUITAR CHOIR – 7 p.m. - Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

RCIA- 7 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

NO PREP

LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center

YOUTH GROUP MTG. - 7:00 p.m. - Knight's Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Gathering Area

YOUTH CHOIR - 5:30 p.m. - Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 7:30 p.m. - Knight's Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

AHG - 6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

CHILLI COOK OFF - 5:30 p.m. - Social Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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BAPTISMS - 1:00 p.m. - Church

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

6:30 Deacon Jack DeTurck

8:00 John Fordyce

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30 Annie Jurasinski

8:00 Family of Tom & Madlyn Franek

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

6:30 Steve King

8:00 Linda McLaughlin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 Mary Wright

8:00 Kathleen Jurasinski, (1st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:30 Wilder - Gust Family

8:30 Patricia Dore

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 Jules Carricato , (1st Anniversary)

4:30 Paul T. Bassler , (10th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 Anthony & Patricia Waldman

9:00 Roy Monde, Jr.

10:30 Doris Babula

12:00 Mary George

Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
Monday	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13
Friday	The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
Saturday	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Allentown

Please join us at the Cathedral on February 11th for an afternoon of Adoration, praying the Rosary, and music for Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother. February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. So, to honor her and worship her Son, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after our Noon Mass and silent Adoration will commence. Our priests will be available for confession during this time. At 2:30, the rosary will be recited. After the rosary, the choirs of the Cathedral and Diocese will sing Eucharistic and Marian songs and hymns. The afternoon will end at 3:45 with Benediction. Please join us for all or part of this afternoon. St. John Paul II's apostolic motto was Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) and this expressed his personal consecration to Our Lady. Let's give our hearts to Jesus through His Blessed Mother. Hope to see you there.

Save the date!!!

St. Catharine's Men's Retreat

April 27, 28 & 29th

Spiritual Director -

Father John Rother

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/29	Father Joseph Braudis
Tuesday 1/30	Father Edmund Brennan
Wednesday 2/1	Father Richard Brensinger
Thursday 2/2	His Holiness Pope Francis
Friday 2/3	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Saturday 2/4	Bishop Alfred Schlert
Sunday 2/5	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen

FINAL COLLECTION WEEK FOR "BASKETS OF LOVE" Seeing all the items and baskets coming in for our shutin's is exciting. This the last weekend coming up to collect items, then we will be putting the baskets together. So if you would like to be part of our assembly line for our **Baskets of Love** please come and join us on Thursday Feb. 8th at 1 PM at the Church. It will be fun and deeply appreciated. Many hands make the work load light and easy. For more information please call Linda Vogel at 610-779-6287.

Are you carrying the emotional hurt associated with a past abortion? God in his mercy wants you to experience forgiveness and peace. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard retreat sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown. The retreat will be the weekend of March 9th-11th. Please call 610.332.0442 (x2019) or 1-866-3Rachel or email at:projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org Registration deadline is Feb. 26.

Penn State Health St. Joseph is looking for additional weekly volunteers, particularly in the following roles: Information Desks, Clerical, Book Cart, and Patient Services. If you are interested in additional information, please see the posted flyer and/or e-mail Barb Moyer, Director of Volunteer Services, at bmoyer4@pennstatehealth.psu.edu.

Help Needed - Volunteers are needed to help clean the Church on the third Monday of every month & the first Saturday of each month. Please call the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 if you can help!

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.

Blood drive Sunday March 11 in social hall. Email David.Sheehan@med.ge.com or call 800-223-667 to schedule an appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

February 3rd - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Mary King
Cantor - Joe Schwartz
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - K. Nguyen - M. Schneider - E. Oscar

February 4th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Madeline Mullen
Altar Servers - M. Stratton - M. Stratton - M. Pawlik

February 4th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Barry Hannahoe
Guitar Choir
Altar Servers - R. Stoudt - P. McCullough - E. Schodowski
February 4th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mike McCarthy
Voices in Praise
Organist- Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - J. Albert - C. Wasielewski - S. Wasielewski

February 4th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Roseann Uhrig
Cantor- Tracy Scheirer
Organist - Dave Kostival
Altar Servers - C. Wright - S. Wright - E. Wright

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of January 29th - February 3rd

8:00 a.m.- E. Fernandez & M. Schneider - (Mon - Wed.)
8:00 a.m. - O. Chiarelli & E. Schodowski - (Thurs-Sat)
8:30 a.m.. - O. Chiarelli & E. Schodowski - (Friday Only)

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, Second Lt. Morgan Hissick, Lt. Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Spc. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Senior Airman Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Tech. Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, Peter Hinsey, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Major Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Major Jeffrey Van Horn, Lt. Cdr. Allison Rosati Martin, Command Master Chief Marie Rosati France, Lt. Brandon Daughtry, David L. Busch, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. 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.

Parish Nurse News - Remember to support those who have experienced death of a loved one. We all know how hard it is to open up that conversation, but a nice card, gesture or comment, such as "I have been thinking of you" goes a long way.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“a time to be born...”

Recently Baptized:

Please pray for our sick :

Recently added : & our soldiers in harm's way:

Paula Abel, Anita Adamo, Stella Albrecht, Jeannine Ambrosi, Sue Ambruch, Tony Angello, Anthony Antonucci, Tara Arnold, Beverly Bansner, Kathy Barnes, Denny Bastian, Kailee Baxter, Melanie Bechtel, Debi Bennett, Harrison Bergstresser, Jan Bertolet, Sandy Bibbo, Stella Bickleman, Nicky Biondo, Karen Bird, Christine Blair, Kim & Michael Blair, Catherine Blanchard, Christina Boehning, Agnes Bohner, Linda Brent, Susan Brennan, Maria Briand, Robin Briand, Frank Broga, Kathryn Brubaker, Robert Bryden, Renee Brzostek, Emily Buelow, Renee Burns, Marvin Bush, Jeannine Caffrey, Ronald Calabrese, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Bob & Patty Cavallino, Fiorentino P. Cerullo (Patrick), Brianna Chery, Mark Christ, Marilyn Clifford, Nancy Ciccone, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Lisa Costello, Jeannie Crass, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Ryan Curley, Larry Curtin, Robin Cuzner, Yvania Dawson, Tony DeAngelis, Charles De Naples, Julie Denunzio, Jennifer Devlin, Melissa DeWees, Gretchen Dialectus, Paula DiBuilda, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, Becky and Chuck Drennen, Father Michael Drury, Dick Dunn, Gina Ebright, Dorothy Eisenhart, Lu Ann Eyre, Peter Fanticone, Jack Farrell, Josie Farrell, Jared Fenstermacher, Pearl Fillman, Devonna Fisher, Jennifer Flook, Laurie Flynn, Frances Ford, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Al Franckowiak, Margaret Frisbee, Kim Furtow, Shelley Fox, Anna Mae Gantert, Donna Gentry, Grace Gerace, Pat Gerace, Joseph Gierschick, Jr, Frank Gill, Wayne Gillmor, Margo Girardi, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Johanna Goheen, Albert Gombar, Claire Griffith, Ruth Guyah, Jacob Hafer, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Jeanne Goodwin Hall, Beverly Hannahoe, Richelle Harbst, Eva Hare, Maria Harp, Leann Harris, Debbie Heberling, Jason Heckman, William Hedl, Robyn Hefferan, Diane Herbein, Emory Hilton, Melissa Himmelberger, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Donna Hofmann, Mark Holtzman, Siegfried Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Erick Jefferson, Steven Julian, Brian K, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Blake Kauffman, Andrew Kazmierczak, Alex Kelso, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, John Kirsch, Joyce Kleckner, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Benjamin Kline, Jean Kline, Ginny Koch, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Kolakowski, Mary Konopelski, Jack Kuhn, Dolores Lamp, Jeffrey Lamp, Darryl Larish, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Vanessa Leaizer, Harry Logan, Helen Long, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Julia Marason, Megan Marino, Dale Martino, Angela Marroccoli, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Ann Matthews, Jim McGinnis, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Teagan McDonnell, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Ainsley McLain, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Rosemary McNish, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, James Minner, Jacob Mower, Goup Toy Moy, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, Gordon Newmoyer, Bill Norquist, Bernie Nowotarski, Evelyn Oquendo, Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Anne Poserina, Potts Family, Sharon Precht, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Thomas Rathman, Lori Rears, Roger A. Reto, Rosemary Rice, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mary Ryan, Elizabeth Fassig, Joann Sacco, Anne Schaeffer, Mary Schalk, Gladys Schell, Ann Schweitzer, Robert Senick, Beth Serafin, Tom Shaaber, Garth Shannon, David Sharpley, Sr., Earl Sheetz, Dawn Siderowicz, Janet Smith, Patricia Smoyer, Tyson Snader, Susan Sneddon, Mike Spear, Mark Speece, Julie Staber, Christopher Starr, Maureen Steimetz, Pam Stribbling, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Ken Styer, Earl Suchomelly, Cullen Sullivan, Gerry Sullivan, Carolyn Taraba, Hilda Thomas, John Tittle, Joe Tomalis, Wendy Tustin, Donald Ulrich, Jane Valeriano, Alan Wachowicz, Sherry Wainwright, Patty Wagner, Mark Walter, Marie Weber, Charles Wettstein, Amber White, Frank White, Annetta Wilson, Leo Woelkers, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr. & Bob Zeiler, Jr.

...and a time for peace ...a time to die: *Marge Lonergan*, (sister of Lettie Franey) 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.



Attention Parishioners:
Do you have health and wellness expertise? Consider sharing your knowledge at our parish Health Fair on May 6th. Time: 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. For more information, please contact Shirley Dominick via cell phone at 610.291.8131 or email at shirleymdominick@yahoo.com Donations for door prizes are also welcome!



1st Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held Feb. 3, 5:30 -7:30 in the Social Hall, sponsored by SCS HSO!
Fun for the whole family. Chili tasting, food and drinks for purchase, games and more.
\$5 for Adults and FREE for children.
And if you have a favorite chili recipe, we still have room for a few more entries. Prizes for the top chili recipes! But hurry! Space is limited!
Contact Nan Beaver at nan@slicedbread.info

Youth News - Sunday 2/18 – Snow tubing open to all Junior and Senior high youth and friends. Back by popular demand! We will travel to Blue Mountain Ski Resort for an afternoon of Snowtubing. We will leave St. Catharine's Church after the 10:30am Mass and travel to Blue Mountain Ski Resort. A cost of \$30 will include: transportation, a pizza lunch, and three hours of snowtubing. (2pm – 5pm. We should return between 7:00pm – 7:30pm). Permission forms and money are due to the Parish Center no later than Monday, February 12. Forms can be found on the parish website (coming soon) or the youth group table at the back of the church. Please also be sure to fill out a waiver form for Blue Mountain (below). We will need parent drivers with all diocesan clearances to help out for this awesome afternoon. Interested chaperones please contact Marci Zambito (610-223-7189) or mzambitoscs@gmail.com.

Friday 2/23 – Sunday 2/25 - Senior High School Retreat. Reservations going on now. All current high school youth are welcome and invited to participate, however space is limited so do not delay. Held at beautiful Camp Manatawny, Douglasville and led by teens, like you, from St Catharine's & St Benedict's parishes. This year's theme is the "Beatitudes". It's not to be missed! \$50 non-refundable fee covers food, lodging & programming. Last year's participants are still talking about the fun they had and the memories they made. Do something for you and your relationship with the Lord this Lent. *Be a part of this year's retreat!* Permission slip online. Turn into the parish center in marked envelope.

Sunday 7/29 – Saturday 8/4 - Mission trip to Scranton, Pa with Group Mission Trips. Reservations going on now. All current 8th -12th graders are welcome to participate in home repair and construction mission work! Space is limited so contact Julia Sneeringer (jsneer12@gmail.com) to learn more and sign up by 1/31/18.

The Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding \$24,000 in scholarships in April of 2018. Scholarship application forms and guidelines are available in the office of the guidance counselor in all Berks County high schools and the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County Cultural Center in the Goggleworks. Guidelines and application form can also be downloaded from the PABEBC website at www.pabeberks.org. Application forms are due no later than Saturday, March 17, 2018 to scholarship secretary Ronald Savitski, 159 Texter Mountain Road, Wernersville, PA 19565. Questions regarding the scholarship program can be directed to Mr. Savitski by phone at 610-693-9792 or email r.savitski@msn.com.

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50+ CLUB NEWS

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on **February 7, 2018**. The board meeting will be held on **February 6, 2018** at 10:00 am. Please call Carol Buddell, President of the 50+ club at 610-401-0600, with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 7, 2018: Valentine Day Celebration - Cupcakes and coffee. \Speaker: Pat White – 2018 trip schedule & pictures from Vermont

March 7, 2018: St. Patrick Day Celebration, wear your Green. Cake and coffee. Entertainment: Harold Graeff from Timeframe – 4 Men to sing for us, Irish songs & other music

APRIL 4, 2018: SPECIAL EVENT - Everybody's Birthday Celebration. Victor Emmanuel's restaurant, great menu, more information to follow.

2018 TRAVEL PLANS

Pat will have the travel plans for 2018 from April to November at the February meeting.

Call **Pat White 610-582-1437** for trip information

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, 4975 Boyertown Pike in Exeter Township, dues are \$5.00 per year. ALL ARE WELCOME

Prayer for Teachers

Heavenly Father, who promised that all those who instruct others in the ways of holiness will shine as stars for all eternity, fill our hearts and minds with true knowledge and the art of teaching. Give us patience and understanding, justice and prudence, humility and fear of the Lord. Grant us wisdom and charity so that with a pure and holy love of God we ourselves may enjoy all these gifts and impart them to our students. Teach our children to be obedient to your laws and open to your inspiration. Let them be instruments of your peace in their homes, in our land, and in the family of nations, as they become children of God in the mystical Body of Christ. May the blessings of your sevenfold gifts be in all who teach and in all who learn through the Holy Spirit who is the love of the Father and the Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ- the Divine Teacher. Amen. (OSV)