

# The Christmas Boutique

**St. Catharine of Siena Church**

4975 Boyertown Pike, (Route 562) Exeter Township

Over 50 Artisans and  
Craftsmen  
For Unique Holiday  
Shopping

Turkey Dinner on  
Friday and  
homemade  
foods  
*available both days*

Home Baked  
Christmas  
Cookies and  
Baked Goods

The Best Basket  
Raffle in Berks  
County!

Boutique Bonanza  
Raffle

Win \$1,000

*Additional Prizes:*

*50-inch TV, iPad, & Gift Cards  
to Stub Hub and Amazon*

Holiday Concert  
By

**Angelorum**

Friday night at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Church

St. Mary's Pierogi  
and Homemade  
Potato Filling

Door Prizes  
And More!

Friday, November 22, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 23, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Saint Mary's News

Saturday, November 9th - 3:30 p.m. - John S. Morawcznski  
Sunday, November 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Halina & Stanislaw Gniadzik  
Saturday, November 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy S. Kosikowski  
Sunday, November 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Anna Nowotarski

The Polish American TV Show - Tom Gajewski interviews people from the Polish American Community on BCTV about topics of interest, events and activities every month. The program airs on Comcast Ch 15 and Service Electric Ch 19 as follows: First Tuesday of every month - 7:30 pm - First Wednesday after First Tuesday - 7:30 pm - First Friday after First Tuesday - 1:30 pm - First Monday after First Tuesday - 10:30 am - Second Tuesday - 3:30 pm. Your feedback and/or ideas for future programs is welcome- Call Tom 610 -698-8731.

The Pierogi Society will resume meeting on November 18 & 19 after 8:00 in the hall below St. Mary's Church, to make pierogi for the Christmas Boutique. Please enter through the side door. We will do the prep work for the potato filling on November 17th immediately after the 10:30 Mass. All are welcome to help and we will train you if you want to learn.

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. of Berks County will hold its annual Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia Dinner on Sunday, December 15th, at the YR Club, 1029 Thrush Rd., Wyomissing. Doors open at 4:15pm. Cocktail hour (cash bar) and hor d'oeuvres 4:30-5:30pm followed by the sharing of the Christmas wafer, dinner, koledy, dessert, coffee and tea. Members: \$55.; Non-members: \$65. For more information and reservations, call Henry Pruski at 610 -372-1279. after 7:00pm. The deadline for reservations is Dec. 6th.

Thank you to all who attended Eucharistic Adoration during the month of October. I know Our Lord is smiling and continues to smile on us as we continue to support this beautiful tradition of the Church, here at St. Catharine of Siena!



Please note: Mass on Saturday, November 23rd will be held at 7:15 a.m. due to the set up of the Christmas Boutique.

*Don't miss out on the annual  
St. Catharine's Turkey Dinner  
at the Christmas Boutique!*



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, starting at 5 p.m.**

Take-Out or Eat-in available. (Limited Seating)

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

*Men's & Women's Advent Events*

*Rest & prepare for Christ's coming.*

Saturday, December 7, 2024

at Saint Catharine of Siena Social Hall

**BOTH events include:**

- + delicious food
- + fellowship
- + guest speaker
- + adoration
- + confession
- + free will offering



*Men's Breakfast*

**9-11 AM**

Be a Catholic man  
In the mold of St. Joesph

Host or join a dinner table.

Contact Ted Matyas at  
Edward.matyas@gmail.com  
RSVP by Dec 2

*Women's Dinner*

**5:30-8 PM**

Women's Advent  
Reflections

Host or join a dinner table.

Contact Cassie Sedlack at  
Bhouji@comcast.net  
RSVP by Dec 2

**1Kgs 17:10-16:** Elijah asks a poor widow for food and water. Regardless of her dire want, she baked a cake for him. The Lord rewarded her and her son with oil and food for a year.

**Heb 9:24-28:** Christ entered into heaven to appear before God, not for sacrifice again, but to take away sin by His sacrifice. Christ will not die again but he will come to bring about salvation for those who wait for Him.

**Mk 12:38-44:** Jesus exposes the scribes who have betrayed their office. The wealthy contribute much to the collection from their surplus but the two coins from the widow are of more value before God.

**Today's Message:** The Lord provides for Elijah's need as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege or excess. In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering himself to take away our sins.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

SOCIAL SUNDAY – after all Masses – Social Hall

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

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

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

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#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 Anthony Rearden (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Deceased Members of the Koch, Price & Hughes Families

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 Michael P. Reid

9:30 James Gaffney

11:30 Adam Calvaresi (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:15 Caryl Gonzalez

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:15 Jerry Mangino

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:15 Marian Egitto

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:15 Betty Stasek

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:15 Al Lauter

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00 Zachary Simpson

4:30 Sharon Sauppee

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Vaccarelli Family

9:30 Paul Flamm, Jr. (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 John McGroarty

## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of November 10, 2024

#### Sunday

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

#### Monday

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

#### Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29; Lk 17:7-10

#### Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6; Lk 17:11-19

#### Thursday

Phmn 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25

#### Friday

Memorial of Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37

#### Saturday

3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

#### Sunday

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32



For the week of November 10th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Mark Speece

St. Mary's - Madeline & Mike Mullen (55th Wedding Anniversary)

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 11/11	Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York
Tuesday 11/12	Rev. Christopher M. Zelonis
Wednesday 11/13	Rev. Msgr. Edward S. Zemanik
Thursday 11/14	Rev. George Osei Ababio
Friday 11/15	Rev. Jojappa Adagatla, M.S.C.
Saturday 11/16	Rev. Luke Anderson, O. Cist.



The Christmas Boutique features a huge bake sale with hundreds of home-made Christmas cookies which are always a sell-out. We are asking all talented bakers in the parish to make a contribution to the Bake Sale, such as cakes, pies, breads. Please contact Michele at [mfeeney@boyertownasd.org](mailto:mfeeney@boyertownasd.org) or text 610-406-1924. Baked goods may be dropped off at the social hall anytime on Thursday November 21st or early in the day on Friday November 22nd To volunteer at the Christmas Boutique on November 21st or 22nd please email [SCSChristmasboutique@gmail.com](mailto:SCSChristmasboutique@gmail.com)

**Parish Nurse News** - We are busy with holiday preparations, relatives, and events. Remember this of others who may seem thoughtless, but who may be challenged by thoughts of the upcoming season. Kindness towards others is a gesture that makes a healthful difference for them and for you!

The **Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAFP)**, distributes food monthly to local residents in need. We continue to witness the growing need in our community. EAFP serves an average of 250+ families per month, so we **need more volunteer support, including bilingual (spanish/english) volunteers.** The pantry is open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month located at Exeter Twp School District Administration Bldg, 200 Elm Street (Former Lausch Elementary School). Volunteers are needed for food distribution/clean-up from 12:45-6:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and also for setup on the Thursday prior from 8-11am. Partial hours are fine! To volunteer or learn more, simply contact [eafpvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:eafpvolunteers@gmail.com)

*Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. - Our Lady of Fatima*

Formed is a Catholic online streaming service that provides movies, books, educational materials, documentaries, daily reflections, seasonal programs, lives of the saints, and so much more; all at no cost to our parishioners. It is an amazing resource for our children, teens and adults. Use the links below to signup/view content. [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) [formed.org](http://formed.org)

**Welcome!** If you are visiting, we hope you find us to be a warm and welcoming faith community. If you are new to the area, we encourage you to register as members. You can do this by meeting Father Miller or Father JV after Mass. We are happy you are here!



**THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday-November 25th - 7:15 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, November 26th - 7:15 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, November 27th - 7:15 a.m. - Mass

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

**Thanksgiving Day - 9:00 a.m.**

**Friday, November 29th - 9:00 a.m**

*Our traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27th 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.*

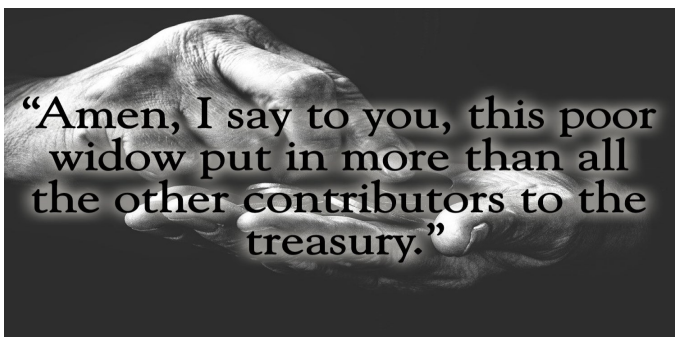
Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

a time to be born... Recently Baptized: Perry & Richie Scaffidi

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Joseph Albert, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Joan Antush, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Irene Bezak, Joseph Bezak, Jason Beshore, JoAnne Biscanti, Jodi Bixler, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Maria Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Therese (Brenner) Cooney, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Barbara D'Augustino, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Jocelyn Franek, Abby Franey, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Ganter, Rita Gethmann, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Chuck Holt, Margaret Iuso, Michael Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Lynn Keys, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Jackie Kopicki, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinozzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Barbara Schock, Edward Senkowski, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skinski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Richard Uliasz, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Lyn Weidenhammer, Frank White, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: Tara Reed, (daughter of Jackie Kopicki); Bronislaw Soltysik (father of Michelle Wonder) & 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.

*We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).*



(sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church)

To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

St. Catharine of Siena has agreed to join all our local Churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need. Parents will select toys for their children on December 13, 2024. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through age 13) and place them in the box between before December 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also seeking gift sets for the older children (14-18). Art sets, shaving sets, nail care sets, hair care sets, etc. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer at 610-779-3480)

**50 Plus News**

Please call, Acting President Bev Gallo for any 50 Plus Club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-763-7058. You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

**Meetings**

January 8, 2025: Pat White will review the trips for 2025. Refreshments will be served.

**Trips**

All trips for the year are closed!

December 4, 2024: The 50+ Christmas Party will be held at the Doubletree Hotel. The cost is \$35 for members and \$37 for nonmembers. Flyers will be available at the next meeting. Deadline for the Christmas Party reservations/cancellations is 11/25/24. For more information call, Janina Ankielewicz 215-644-7396.

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 months of April, August, and December.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church *capella* or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostela, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent.

BISHOP'S COMMISSION FOR WOMEN INVITE YOU:

*Advent Retreat*

"Finding Hope Through Prayer"

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024  
9am - 1pm

St. Francis of Assisi - 1046 West Cedar Street, Allentown, PA

KEYNOTE FROM FR. JOHN FRINK & MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

Fee: \$15

CONTACT: RTULLOCH@ALLENTOWNDIOCESE.ORG

SCAN TO REGISTER



Join our team of AMAZING educators ! Looking to teach in faith filled school? Looking to get back in the classroom from retirement? Looking to get back into the classroom after family time? Then we are looking for you! We are in search of a Long Term Substitute Job Function: Third Grade

Long Term Substitute—responsible for covering all the teacher's duties, such as teaching classes, and helping students adjust to a new routine. This position has the possibility to turn in a full time teaching position for the 25-26 school year. Please contact [Mkraycik@scsreading.org](mailto:Mkraycik@scsreading.org) for more details.

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**GIVING**  
...  
GENEROUSLY

October 6, 2024 - \$20,387.00  
October 13, 2024 - \$17,580.00  
October 20, 2024 - \$17,518.00  
October 27, 2024 - 16,856.00

**Women's Club of Exeter Township homemade Christmas Cookie Sale** \$10.00 a pound. Pick-up is Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Lutheran Church 1375 Friedensburg Road. Order by phone 610-779-6506. Ask about our Chocolate Covered Pretzels. Deadline is November 30.