

# 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 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy S. Kosikowski  
Sunday, November 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Anna Nowotarski  
Saturday, November 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Skoraszewski  
Sunday, November 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Bernard Wrobel

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.

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.

**It's finally here!**

**Christmas Boutique 2024**

**This Friday 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. & this Saturday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**



**Don't Miss:**

- Half-Price Basket Raffle Tickets on Saturday from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. ONLY
- Swag Bags for the first 100 guests on Saturday

The Christmas Boutique presents  
Angelorum



**Free Holiday Concert on**

**Friday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church**

**Don't miss this talented chorus of angelic voices under the direction of Beverly McDevitt, Diocesan Music Director**

**Dn 12:1-3:** Daniel describes events that will occur at the end of the world. It will be a time of distress, but the just will live forever in glory while others shall endure horror and disgrace.

**Heb 10:11-14,18:** Jesus, unlike the other priests, offered only one sacrifice for sin and took His place forever at God's right hand. He has perfected those who are being sanctified.

**Mk 13:24-32:** Jesus tells about the end of the world – the darkening of the sun, moon and stars. Then the Son of Man will come in glory. Learn from the signs of the fig tree. No one knows the exact time of this happening.

**Today's Message:** At the end, the Son of Man will return with great power and glory, placing His enemies under His feet. Those whose names are in the Book shall live forever in light and joy.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

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

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

AHG – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

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

**Seven surprising things that happen when you pray the Rosary more often:** 1. Your day proceeds calmly. 2. You can get an extra awareness before the moment of temptation. 3. You become more disciplined. 4. You have more courage. 5. You start to live out the incarnation. 6. You become less selfish. 7. Our Lady reveals insights.



**For the week of November 17th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - David J. Hafer

St. Mary's - Poor Souls in Purgatory

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

7:15 Ralph M. Mellinger, Jr.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

7:15 Ronald Gehret

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

7:15 George Merenich

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

7:15 Eleanor Kaminski

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

7:15 Eloisa Yarza

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**7:15** Alberta Lutz **\*note time change \***

4:30 Geraldine (Delle Palme) Hydock

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

7:30 John S. Bankert, Jr. (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 William H. Hartranft

11:30 The O'Malley Family

**Scripture Readings**

For the Week of November 17, 2024

**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

**Monday**

Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Memorial of Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday**

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday**

Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday**

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 19:41-44

**Friday**

Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday**

Memorial of Saints Clement I, Pope and Martyr, and Saint Columban, Abbott

Memorial of Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday**

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Mk 11:9, 10; Jn 18:33b-37

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

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 11/18	Rev. Robert A. Anthony, M.S.C.
Tuesday 11/19	Rev. Eric R. Arnout
Wednesday 11/20	Rev. Hubert Asante Kumi
Thursday 11/	Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Baddick
Friday 11/22	Rev. Msgr. Andrew R. Baker
Saturday 11/23	Rev. Msgr. William T. Baker

**Parish Nurse News** - Pause. Take a moment each day to pause, consciously and purposefully, in prayer, meditation, rest, and reflection. Reflection focus on positive experiences is known to improve mental health as we appreciate having and learning from new experiences.

**THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 28th& 29th. THE PARISH CENTER WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd.**

All information for the bulletin (12/1/2024) must be received by Wednesday, November 21st by noon.



**Vietnam Disaster Relief  
\$15, 023.00**

**Hurricane Helene & Milton Relief  
\$6,618.00**

**Advent Masses added:**

**Please join us at 6:30 p.m.**

**December 3, 4 & 5  
December 10, 11 & 12  
December 17, 18, & 19**

**All are welcome!**



**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.*

**LOVED ONE REMEMBERED CROSSES** - If you were unable to pick up your cross at the All Souls Day Mass, they are on a table in the Gathering Area. You can take it home with you.

**Endowment for Retired Priests** - The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving.



**The Patriotic Rosary will continue every Thursday at 6pm in the Church. All are welcome.**



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: Mabel Maggio

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 Gantert, Rita Gethmann, Todd Gladfelder, 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, Phyllis 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 Skimski, 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 & brother of Mitch Milanek); Alan Budgeon, Sr. & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11*

*We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: First Lt. David J. Wentling, IV, Second Lt. Nicholas A. Wentling, 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).*

#### 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. 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.

*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!



"Through the generous support in the recent Scouting for Food drive, St. Catharine's contributed enough food to fill four large watermelon boxes, along with cash contributions over \$150. In total, 15 boxes were filled from donations in the Exeter and Mt. Penn areas with the largest donation coming from St. Catharine's. Troop and Pack 358 would like to thank you for your efforts in helping us with this worthy cause."

**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. Joseph

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  
Bhoujii@comcast.net  
610-698-1168  
RSVP by Dec 2

Guidelines and applications for the Diocese of Allentown's Poverty Relief Fund Grants are now available at [www.allentowndiocese.org/poverty-relief](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/poverty-relief). Diocesan Poverty Relief grants, which are funded by parishioners who contribute to a special annual second collection during the weekend before Thanksgiving, support a wide range of local projects and services that alleviate and address poverty throughout the Diocese of Allentown. During this past year, Poverty Relief grants provided more than \$100,000 for hospice and medical care, food for the hungry, clothing, shelter, counseling, and aid for disadvantaged families, and much more throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties. **This year's Poverty Relief Fund collection will take place during the weekend of Nov. 23-24. Contributions to the Poverty Relief Fund can also be made online at [www.allentowndiocese.org/poverty-relief](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/poverty-relief).**

### Monthly Mass for Homeschooling Families

The anticipated Mother of Hope Hybrid Academy invites families to a monthly Mass and social at St. Ursula's RC Church. Homeschooling families with children of all ages, families who are discerning to homeschool their children, and young families are all welcome! Mass will be celebrated in the church on first Wednesdays at 10 a.m., followed by a bring your own lunch social in the St. Ursula school building.

**Remembrance Wreath Ceremonies** - The Catholic War Veterans & Auxiliary, Post 454 will be having Remembrance wreath ceremonies on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at the following two locations: 10:00am at Our Lady of Hungary Cemetery, Pearl St, Northampton, PA 11:00am at Assumption BVM Cemetery, 3163 Cherryville Rd, Northampton, PA.