Acts 9:26-31: Because of Paul’s earlier reputation, the Christians were fearful of him. He was then accepted and began to spread the message of the gospel.

1 Jn 3:18-24: Christians are to love in deed and in truth. A clear conscience is proof of God’s favor. To keep the commandments is to please God.

Jn 15:1-8: Jesus compared Himself to the vine and the branches. Whoever is united to Jesus will do good and be rewarded. But anyone who does not live in Jesus will wither like a cut-off vine.

Today's Message: Saul witnesses the Risen Jesus and boldly proclaims His Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise His name in our assembly of worship.

10TH ANNUAL PRAISE & WORSHIP SUNDAY – MAY 17TH
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE TENTH ANNUAL HEALING MASS PRECEDED BY PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC AND FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION AND HEALING SERVICE. THE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MAY 17TH BY FR. PATRICK LAMB AT ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA CHURCH, BOYERTOWN PIKE. MUSIC BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M. WITH MASS AT 7:00 P.M. JOIN US IN PRAISING THE LORD WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. & MASS AT 7:00 P.M. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON MAY 17TH. THIS MASS DOES COUNT AS YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION.

Welcome!
...Such a simple concept, yet our Parish Survey indicated that Parishioners felt strongly that St. Catharine’s Parish needs to make more of an effort...

We need your help! Please join our Ministry of Hospitality!
Consider assisting us with greeting and seating our Congregation, and/or helping with weekly collections! Simply let us know your interest: a) Which aspect of Hospitality most suits you, b) How frequently you would be willing to serve, c) The Mass of your preference.

All are welcome to join this Ministry (Children in 5th grade or younger will need parental accompaniment.) Families are encouraged to serve together! Please join us in the Social Hall on Saturday May 9 at 9:00 am for an informational meeting & training session. Please contact Jay Yohn at jy5600@ptd.net or (610) 816-8026 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
2015 ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA FALL FEST

Friday evening of the festival is an adult only focused evening of dinner and music. Only individuals 21 and over will be permitted to purchase tickets for this event and there will be a limited number of tickets.

~~~ ADULT DINNER & DANCE – (21 Years & Over Only) - Friday, October 16th, 2015 - SCS Social Hall, Rte. 562 in Exeter Township

THE UPTOWN BAND
(7:30 – 10:30 PM) - Featuring Erich Cawalla & Jenifer Kinder

MORE DETAILS TO COME IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 14TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Masses will be as follows:

Wed.- May 13th - Vigil of Ascension Thursday
6:00 p.m. (Chapel)
Ascension Thursday - May 14th
6:30 a.m. (Chapel)
8:00 a.m. (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. (Church)

Mother’s Day Carnations for Lifeline: Please support the annual Mother’s Day Carnation sale to support Lifeline of Berks County. Lifeline has been offering life affirming alternatives to pregnant girls and women in Berks County for over 40 years. Flowers will be sold after Masses Mother’s Day weekend with a suggested donation of $2 per flower. Additional donations are also gladly accepted. This is a great way to honor our Mothers, our “Lifeline” to us being here!
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
SUNDAY, MAY 3
CHILDREN’S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass
BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. - Church
MONDAY, MAY 4
Eucharistic Adoration–after the 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.
Serra Mtg. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center
St. Vincent De Paul Mtg. – 7 p.m. Parish Center
Guitar Choir – 7 p.m. – Church
TUESDAY, MAY 5
Bible Study- 7:15 p.m.- Church Conference Rm.
50+ Board Mtg. – 10 a.m. – Parish Center
MAY Procession – 7 p.m. - Church
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
50+ General Mtg. – 1 p.m. – Social Hall
Legion of Mary Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center
THURSDAY, MAY 7
“Sienna Stitchers” – 10 a.m. – Gathering Area
Youth Choir- 5 p.m. – Church
K of C Mtg. – 7:30 p.m. – Social Hall
Creighton Session – 7 p.m. – Parish Center
FRIDAY, MAY 8
Cub Pack Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall
SATURDAY, MAY 9
Baptism Workshop – 10 a.m. – Parish Center
Ministers of Hospitality Mtg. – 9 a.m. – Social Hall
SUNDAY, MAY 10
Children’s Liturgy – during the 10:30 Mass

Are you unemployed, underemployed, or know someone who is? At our next meeting, the Berks County chapter of Joseph’s People will hold our rescheduled meeting about how to customize your resume to an open job position. The meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 at St. Catharine of Siena Parish Center, 2427 Perkiomen Ave. in Reading. Information: josephspeople.org or send e-mail to atticus0621@gmail.com

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a $120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six $20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at www.2015baa.org.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
MONDAY, MAY 4
6:30 Irene M. Arnold
8:00 August & Arlene Goldsmith
TUESDAY, MAY 5
6:30 Deceased Members of the Kimbel Fam.
8:00 John & Eileen Anderson
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
6:30 Maryanne Ekterowicz
8:00 Thomas K. Schadt
THURSDAY, MAY 7
6:30 Diane Cerra
8:00 Victor Teves
FRIDAY, MAY 8
6:30 Wanda Myslinski
8:30 Sarah DiFulvio (3rd Ann.)
SATURDAY, MAY 9
8:00 Catherine Borst
4:00 Frank Mierzwinski, Jr.
6:00 Jean Zielinski
SUNDAY, MAY 10
7:30 Living and Deceased Mothers
9:00 Living and Deceased Mothers
10:30 Living and Deceased Mothers
12:00 Living and Deceased Mothers

Readings for the week of May 3, 2015
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Monday
Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday
Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday
Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday
Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11
Friday
Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced as follows:

II Jamie McHale & Michael Williams

Men and Women: Do you feel called to enter a deeper relationship with God? The Secular Carmelites of West Reading would like to invite you to please come and see what we are all about. Date: Sunday, May 17th Time: 1:00 p.m. Place: Sacred Heart Chapel, West Reading. More information or questions, please call Kathryn Holden at 610-488-7156 or Theresa Pauley at 610-462-6886.

Gethsemane Cemetery’s Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 25th, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. – Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine.
**ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH**
**READING, PENNSYLVANIA**
**MAY 3, 2015**

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**

- **May 9th** - 4:00 Mass (Church)
  - Lector: Joanne Pumariega
  - Cantor: Kate Bobb
  - Organist: Joe Schwartz
  - Altar Servers: B. Fuchs - K. Fuchs - J. Grams
- **May 10th** - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
  - Lector: Bernard Ryan
  - Cantor: Mollie Ziemba
  - Organist: Dave Kostival
  - Altar Servers: N. Griffith - W. Griffith - R. Griffin
  - Guitar Choir: Voices In Praise

**ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS**

- **Week of May 4th–9th**
  - 8:00 a.m.– I. Fries & E. Fries (Mon - Wed.)
  - 8:00 a.m. – M. Feeney & J. Iswalt (Thurs– Sat)

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

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

**ST. CATHARINE’S TEEN STUDY 2015**

May 3rd. Come to St. Catharine’s Church, Boyertown Road and play a game of dodgeball in the Social Hall. Next we will go to the Children’s Liturgy Room for snacks and discussion regarding our faith. Drop off is 6:00 pm and Pick up is 7:30 pm. Bring Your Bible and invite a Friend. For those who have been confirmed up to 12th grade. *Parents if you feel you have a 7th/8th grader who wants to engage in a more meaningful study of their faith prior to confirmation contact Jason Bingaman at bing1989@icloud.com. Please also contact Jason if you have a son or daughter interested in joining the group or with any questions about the teen study. Teen Study led by Jason Bingaman and Susan Kopecky.

**St. Vincent De Paul Baby Shower**

Celebrate Mothers’ Day next week by bringing a baby gift to Church to help a new mother give her baby a good start to life. Gifts can be dropped off at the tables located at the back of the Church. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked “Baby Shower” in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Filled bottles can be returned to the tables at any time during the month.

**We pray for the Gift of Peace** in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Commander Daniel M. Simon, Airman First Class Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Staff Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, Ill, Airman First Class Domenic Martino, Peter Hinsey, LC. Matthew Pawlik, Thomas Bristol, Lt. Grant Vaughan, 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.
To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven”

“a time to be born…”

Recently Baptized: Destinee Felicia Melendez
Recently added: Ursula Pledger, Lu Ann Eyre & Frances Ford

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


...and a time for peace.”

...a time to die: Joan Essick, (sister of Gerald Young) & 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Youth News

Youth Bonfire: Saint Catharine’s youth ministry will be having an End of Year Bonfire on May 30th at 5pm and will take place at the Church pavilion. Come celebrate the end of the academic year with food, fun, and fire.

Teens and parents are invited to participate in a very preliminary planning meeting for next year’s youth ministry program Monday, May 4th 7:00pm in the parish center. In addition we will finalize plans for the “End of the Year” picnic set for 5/30 and hear how the preparations for the Steubenville Youth conference set for this summer are coming along. All are welcome.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SAVE-THE-DATE!!!
The 14th Annual St Catharine's Golf Tournament
Friday May 8th at Golden Oaks Golf Club
1:00pm Shotgun Start
90.00/player includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes.
Sponsorships are available
Email josephcmiller@msn.com for information.
School News

Saint Catharine of Siena School has opened enrollment for new students for the 2015-2016 academic year. If you would like a full-time Catholic education for your child, now is the time to visit and register. Call the school office to arrange a tour of our parish school. (610-779-5810)

TUITION TRANSFER GRANTS

Saint Catharine of Siena School is excited to announce that the Bishop’s Commission on Catholic Schools will offer $1500 Tuition Transfer Grants to any parishioner who transfers their child into the second to seventh grades from any private or public school. No financial aid forms are required for this two year grant and it is a direct reduction from your school tuition ($1,000 in year one and $500 in year two). Saint Catharine of Siena School has been very effective at preparing our children for a successful high school and college experience. Our excellent faculty is dedicated to maximizing the God given potential of each child entrusted to our care in a nurturing family atmosphere. With our small class sizes and many extracurricular activities, your child will have a greater opportunity to participate and lead throughout the year. Saint Catharine of Siena School = Academic Success + Catholic Values - For more information and a tour, please call our Principal Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM or Administrative Assistant Mrs. Maryann Weiser at 610-779-5810.

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS - Some scholarships are now available for students who are currently attending a Reading public school and would like to transfer to Saint Catharine of Siena School. In order to qualify, the family’s income must meet the requirements of the EITC-OSTC.

Pre-Kindergarten – St. Catharine’s Pre-Kindergarten (four-year old program) is located in the school building. Three options are offered: five days full-day, three full-days (M, W, F), or three half-days (M, W, F). The hours are: 8:30 - noon for half-day and 8:30 - 2:30 for full-day. Children can also use the before and after care program if needed. If you are looking for a pre-kindergarten program for your child for the 2015-2016 academic year, call the school office for more information. (610-779-5810)

Age Requirements for Registration.

Pre-Kindergarten: Children must be 4 years of age by October 15, 2015.
Kindergarten: Children must be 5 years of age by October 15, 2015.
First Grade: Children must be 6 years of age by October 15, 2015 and completed a kindergarten program.

The monthly meeting for the 50+ Club will be held on May 6, 2015 at 1:00 pm. The board meeting will be held on May 5, 2015 at 10:00 am.

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May 6th: Speaker – Stephanie Giles from Life Line. Free will donations or offerings to be collected for the babies. Snacks, Appetizers, Cake and Coffee

JUNE 3rd: Outdoor Picnic and Bingo at Exeter Community Park from Noon until ???. Cost: $15.00 members, $20.00 non-members Contact: Madeline Mullen at 610-370-1298 Deadline for payment is May 28, 2015

JULY 1st: Speaker: Cindy Kauffman, History of the Pagoda – Italian Sandwiches

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****Attention Members – if you have moved or changed phone numbers, please give us the updated information. Contact: Karen Garverich 610-375-3025

2015 TRAVEL PLANS

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE – INSPIRE: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 - Cost: $75.00

TALL SHIPS, PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN: Friday, June 26, 2015 Cost: $76.00

HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 - TWIST & SHOUT - Cost: $95.00

RIVER LADY LUNCH CRUISE: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 - Tuckerton Seaport & Baymens Museum – Price Later

LONG ISLAND – HAMPTON, NY: September 24, 25, 26, 2015 - Cost: $455.00 - $50.00 deposit required

SPLIT ROCK LODGE: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 - Lake Harmony, PA Cost: $78.00

Mount Airy Casino: Monday, November 9, 2015 - Barbra and Frank Show Cost: $80.00

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. Checks should be mailed to Nancy Hoy at 24 Christman Rd. Reading, PA 19606

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