



The Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena

1825 West Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104-5617

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 8:00am; Evening: 4:15pm
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am & 12:00 Noon
Weekdays: Monday - Friday: 6:30 & 8:00am
Holydays: Consult Bulletin

Most Rev. John O. Barres, S.T.D., J.C.L.,
Bishop of Allentown

Rev. Msgr. Andrew R. Baker, S.T.D., *Pastor*

Rev. Eric R. Arnout, M.Div., *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Allen J. Hoffa, M.Div., *Parochial Vicar*

Mr. William R. Hassler, *Permanent Deacon*

Rev. Mr. Brian M. Miller, *Transitional Deacon*

Sister Laura Berryman, S.C.C.,
Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Robin Fredericks, *School Principal*

Mr. Larry J. Reiser, *Financial Secretary*

Beverly McDevitt, *Director of Music*

Karon C. Coughlin, *Parish Secretary*



PARISH REGISTRATION

Catholics living in the Cathedral boundaries should be registered in the parish. Registration is required for the administration of the Sacraments, the attendance of the School & PREP program and for the issuance of certificates for Baptism & Confirmation. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the parish priests to register in the parish. Drop-in registration will not be taken.

PHONE NUMBERS

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SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

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SACRAMENT

OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays: 15 minutes before each Mass
Saturdays: 3:15 - 4:00pm
Holydays: Consult Bulletin

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples are encouraged to meet with their parish priest at least one year in advance, but no later than six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Weddings at 11:00am & 1:30pm on Saturdays only.

BAPTISMS

First Sunday of every month. Preparatory class Thursday evening before.



CATHEDRAL PARISH VISION STATEMENT

To be a place where the faithful can gather together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, to teach Christ's saving doctrine, and to practice the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love. (cf. CCC, 2179)

Please visit us on our parish website: www.cathedral-church.org



The Fourth Sunday In Lent

March 14, 2010

But we must celebrate and rejoice because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found. Lk 15:32

Sunday, March 14, 4th Sunday in Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32; Ps 34

4:15 PM Michael Lukatch (Sat.)
7:30 Susan Erich
9:00 The People of the Parish
10:30 Mary E. McFadden
12:00 Noon William A. Baker

Monday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

6:30 Gene Lucadamo
8:00 Mary O'Neill Tanner
12:15 PM Evelyn Weber

Tuesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

6:30 Edward Krufka 30th Anniversary
8:00 Margaret M. Kilroy
12:15 PM John Gilbert

Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

6:30 George Trexler
8:00 Kevin Ique
12:15 PM Louise Lin
2:00 PM Stations of the Cross (School Children)

Thursday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

6:30 Sue Boughman
8:00 Rita Deitschler
12:15 PM Clare Krause

Friday, March 19, St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Confessions: 1:00 - 2:00 PM; 5:45 - 6:45 PM

6:30 Maria Ferreri
8:00 Hugh J. O'Donnell
12:15 PM John & Louise Melchior (School Children)
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

8:00 McGettigan Family

Sunday, March 21, 5th Sunday in Lent

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

4:15 PM Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Medvitz (Sat.)
7:30 Margaret Wascoe
9:00 The People of the Parish
10:30 Margaret M. Kilroy
12:00 Noon Jane Krupka Salini 1st Anniversary

The Pastor's Corner:

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Another great Lenten practice is almsgiving.

Jesus teaches us that "when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6: 2-4).

Almsgiving is any material favor done to help someone in need for the sake of Christ. As Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25: 40).

Pope Benedict teaches us that "almsgiving, according to the Gospel, is not mere philanthropy: Rather it is a concrete expression of charity, a theological virtue that demands interior conversion to love of God and neighbor, in imitation of Jesus Christ, who, dying on the Cross, gave His entire self for us... There is little use in giving one's personal goods to others if it leads to a heart puffed up in vainglory: For this reason, the one who knows that God 'sees in secret' and in secret will reward, does not seek human recognition for works of mercy."

In Christ,
Monsignor Baker

STEWARDSHIP BOX

Sacrificial Giving—WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

March 6/7, 2010

Stewardship Collection: \$20,124.50 Children: \$57

Envelopes: Regular Sunday: 734

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have made bequests to the parish. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for future generations. If you have already made provisions in your Will for our parish, please advise Monsignor Baker so we can insure that your wishes are carried out as you intend and you can be enrolled in the Siena Society. For more information please fill out the Siena Society brochure found in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule and return it by dropping it off at the Rectory or dropping it in the collection basket.

Sacrificial Giving—Upcoming Collections

Sunday, March 13/14— Two Collections

Regular Sunday Offering

CYO Booster Club Collection

Sunday, March 20/21— Two Collections

Regular Sunday Offering/Fuel

Easter Flowers Collection

Sunday, March 20/21— One Collection

Regular Sunday Offering/Debt Reduction

Note: The 12:15 PM Mass on March 19th will be attended by the school children and there will be music as well. This may lengthen the time of the Mass.



Parish Penance Service

Is God calling you this Lent to look into your heart and **change** the things which are **sinful** and **experience** the **healing** mercy of Jesus Christ in the

Sacrament of Reconciliation? Will you be a different person on Easter than you were on Ash Wednesday? God desires all of us to “turn away from sin and become faithful to the Gospel.” Everyone is encouraged to attend our annual

Parish Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM.

Our Lenten Obligation

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one’s needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their “Easter Duty.” They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time.

In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (**February 21 until May 30, 2010**). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year.

Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity.



The Women’s Alliance will be selling a wide variety of **Easter Candy** after all the **Masses next weekend of March 20th and 21st** in the Vestibule of the Church. Purchase your Easter Candy early and support the Women’s Alliance!



Stations of the Cross...Stations of the Cross for **Children** will be celebrated every **Wednesday of Lent at 2:00 P.M.** Stations of the Cross for **Adults** will be celebrated every **Friday of Lent at 7:00 P.M.**

Eucharistic Adoration...on every **Friday of Lent the Blessed Sacrament** will be **exposed** on the altar **from after the 8:00 A.M. Mass until 7:00 P.M. when Stations of the Cross will be celebrated.** All are invited and encouraged to spend some quality prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament. **Adoration sign up sheets** are **posted** on the **bulletin board** in the **vestibule of the Cathedral.** Please **sign up for a half hour period of adoration each week.** This gives us assurance that someone will be present at all times while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Operation Rice Bowl...eating one sacrificial meal a week and donating the **proceeds** to the **Operation Rice Bowl program** which feeds the hungry in mission countries as well as our own community. The weekly donations can be placed in the **Rice Bowl containers** located at the **entrances** to the Cathedral.

Parish Retreat – Have you thought about going on the **Parish Retreat, March 26, 27, 28 as your Lenten Discipline?** Take some time to focus on our Lord’s great love for you. For more information, please call **Vince and Jeannie Wolheiter** at 610-434-8191, or **Fr. Hoffa** at the **Rectory** 610-433-6461.

The Women’s Alliance

Celebrate the start of Spring and nearness of Easter by joining The Women’s Alliance for an **Evening of Reflection** on **Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 PM** in the **Parish Activity Center.**

We will start the evening off with musical selections by **Madeline Link and Abigail Lo.** **Father Andrew Gehringer** will speak about **“Prayer and Discernment for our Continuing Understanding of God’s Call in the Church.”** Even if you gave up sweets for Lent, you can enjoy the sweetness of fellowship with other parishioners. We look forward to seeing you there! Light refreshments will be served.

We Need You! The Women’s Alliance is seeking **volunteers** for our **2009-2010 Board.** Several positions are open. **Current and new members** welcome! Please call Deb Dougher at 610-432-9650 for details. This is a great way to serve your Parish, meet new Friends and have **FUN.**

Cathedral School News:

Wednesday 3/17 - Stations of the Cross - 2:00 PM
Friday 3/19 - Mass - 12:15 PM—Cold lunch
Monday - Friday - 3/22 - 26 - IOWA Testing
Grades 2 - 7

**St. John Vianney Regional School
Open House**
Sunday 3/14/10 in the PAC 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Monday 3/15/10 in PAC 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Registration will be held and tours will be given of the
school campus. If you have any questions, please call
610-435-8981.

Calling all Golfers!
13th Cathedral School Open
Thursday, May 13, 2010
Woodstone Golf Club, Danielsville, PA
All proceeds benefit Cathedral School
Call Cathedral School 610-435-8981 or email
cath_golf@hotmail.com for more information.

**CATHEDRAL CASH
SELLING HOURS**
Thursdays 6:00—7:30 P.M., Saturdays 4:00—5:30 P.M.
Sundays 8:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon

**News from the Center for
Religious Education**

MARCH

14 Classes (Daylight Savings Time begins)
*Faith Commitment Day (Grade 2) -
9:00AM Mass followed by Banner Making
in PAC
18 *Thursday—Grade 7 Confirmation Parent &
Candidate Meeting—7:00 PM (PAC)
(Attendance is mandatory)
21 PREP Mass—9:00 AM (Grade 3 reading)-
followed by classes
28 Palm Sunday—Classes—
all classes attend 10:30 AM Mass

APRIL

4 NO Classes—Happy Easter!
11 Classes
Sister Laura's Wishlist
*A new DVD player for the Center for Religious
Education

Please **do not** double park or stop on **18th Street** when
picking up PREP children. Also, please **do not** park in
parking lot driveways, crosswalk or alleys. **Remind** your
children to **use** the **posted crosswalks**. We thank you for
your cooperation for the safety of our church family!

Cathedral Youth Group News

Sunday, Mar. 7th - Women's Alliance Soup Supper
1-8 PM - those who want to volunteer RSVP to Gina
Morton at ginarod@hotmail.com.
**Sunday, Mar. 14th - 6:30 - 8:30 PM - A Night of Prayer
and Praise for Vocations - with Bishop Barres.** See
announcement below.
Friday, Mar. 26th - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
4-8PM - those who want to volunteer RSVP to Gina
Morton at ginarod@hotmail.com.
July 9th - 11th - Steubenville Youth Conference in
Steubenville, OH. Students entering 9th grade through
those who have just graduated from high school are
eligible to attend. More details to follow. Any questions
please call or email Father Hoffa or Gina Morton.

**Night of Prayer and Praise for Vocations with Bishop
Barres: Sunday March 14, 2010 from 6:30-8:30** at the
Cathedral. Our **Cathedral Youth Group** invited young
people and families from around the diocese for a **night of
prayer and praise** celebrating the vocations our diocese
has been blest with and to pray for vocations to come.
There will be **talks** given on both **priestly and religious
vocations** as well as a **homily** given by **Bishop Barres**
during the **Holy Hour**. Please come and join us for this
awesome and free event. *If you have any questions or to
reserve space for a group please contact Fr. Allen Hoffa
at 610-433-6461 or frhoffa09@hotmail.com.*

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**Cathedral CYO Wildcats
Spring Sports Sign Ups**

Baseball

7th & 8th Grade Boys

Softball

7th & 8th Grade Girls

Volleyball

5th, 6th, 7t, & 8th Grade Boys

Soccer

K thru 12th Grade Boys & Girls

PLEASE CONTACT

Greg Johnson

gjohnson@luptons.com or 610-439-6277

Volleyball—A boys and girls 3rd & 4th grade
volleyball program will be held at St. Paul's gym.
This "**Skills, Drills, and Playing Time**" program will
be registering players on Monday, March 29, 2010
between 6:00 - 7:00 PM at St. Paul's gym, 3rd &
Susquehanna Streets in Allentown. The instructor will
be **Julie Cressman**, District 2 CYO Volleyball
Commissioner and the cost will be \$20.00 per child.
The dates of the clinic and games will be April 5, 8,
12, 15, 22, 26 and 29th. 3rd graders will play 6-7 PM
and 4th graders will be between 7:00 -8:00 PM. For
more information, call Julie Cressman 610-791-2603.

Lenten Baked Fish Fry

The Cathedral Knights of Columbus, Council 14397, will host a Lenten Baked Fish Fry on Friday, March 26th from 5:00—8:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center.

Adults \$8, Ages 6-12 \$5; children under 6 Free. **Take out available.**

Menu:

Baked Fish, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Desserts
Tickets will be sold after all Masses on March 13, 14 and March 20/21. For further information, please call Tom at 610-740-1649.



Our Knights of Columbus will be selling **Easter Ham raffle tickets** after all Masses for the next 2 weeks. 6 to 7 to 9 pound Hatfield hams will be raffled off at the Lenten Fish Fry dinner on March 26th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. Winners will be notified by phone and hams can be picked up on Sunday, March 28th after the 9, 10:30, and 12:00 Noon Masses in the Parish Activity Center.

Thank You! - I would like to personally thank everyone from the Youth Group, including the mothers who assisted the Women's Alliance with our Soup Supper on Sunday, March 7th. You all did a superb job and we are greatly appreciative.

Sincerely, Donna Yeager, President, Women's Alliance

ATTENTION! Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can pick up their new schedules in the vestibule after Mass on Saturday, March 20 or Sunday, March 21. You save us money by picking up your schedule. Remember-Saturday/Sunday, March 20 and 21.



Parking for Wednesday, March 31st Mass of the Oils! Special permission has been granted for our parishioners to use the Allentown Fairgrounds for Wednesday's Chrism Mass overflow parking. The area to use is the same area we use for our weekend Masses. Use Gate 2, 18th & Chew or St. Cloud & Chew and park along the fence. There will be an officer on duty to assist if needed.



In observance of the Sacred Triduum and Easter, the Rectory will close on Holy Thursday, April 1st, and will not reopen until 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 6th.

Easter Flower Offering Envelopes dated March 20/21st in your offering packets can be dropped in the offering basket throughout the month of March.



Let Us Continue to Pray for those

who are sick in our parish community James Lawrence, Elizabeth Dax, Julie Domonkos, Caroline Hefe, Gary Bowers, Natalie Schuelz, Jean Sheaks, Ethel Thomas, Gordon L. Gladden, Harriet Jones, The Hentz Family, Barbara A. Reilly, Joseph Kochan, Katie Hines, Joseph Fryzol, George Spillane, Steve Becsey, Gabriella Snyder, Edward Hillanbrand, Filomena Bachman, Francis Ryan, Alfred Keglovitz, Dominic Scotto, Alice Gallagher, Andrew Krempasky, William Kerr, Trina Trexler, Robert Kosharek, Nick Sorrentino, Joyce Clause, Sharon James and family, Mary Altieri, Elizabeth Benko, David Hartley, Michael Skrypczak, Michael Butrie, Joseph Nelligan, Patricia Schuessler, Michelle Gimbert, Fred Jerant, Faye Clark, Anna Janowiak, Joseph Janowiak, John Kessler, Brett Weber, Joe and Loretta Hartman, Evelyn Skurla, Marie Kerson, Evelyn Breitseller, Veronica Stelzman, Albert Griech, Barbara Vulgaris, Nathan Goodson-Gregg, Linda Durman, Mary Cashmore, Sarah Colon, George Bernecker, Debbie Stellar, John Laubach, and Joseph Kwiatek. Please let us know when your loved one is better. Thank you.

Cedarbrook Mass will be celebrated for residents on Tuesday, March 16 at 2:00 PM. If you are available, we would love to have your help escorting residents. Please meet at 1:30 PM at the Cedarbrook auditorium. Any questions, call Phyllis Koch at 610-437-0315.

Because We Care - The parish-based support program for those who are trying to cope with the death of a loved one, will meet on Thursday, March 18th in the Msgr. Ott Room of the Cathedral Rectory 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME. For more information, call Deacon William Hassler at 610-432-8177.



Join The Women's Alliance for our **Spring Trip** to see two lovely Mansions along the Delaware on April 24th (Grundy Mansion and Pennsbury Manor). Guides will dress in period clothing so we can fully enjoy the experience. In between tours we will partake in a delicious luncheon at The King George Inn. Lunch selections will include a choice of Lemon Sage Chicken, Orange Roughy or London Broil, with vegetables medley, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert, iced tea, coffee and tea. Leave St. Catharine's at 10:00 AM; tour Grundy Mansion at 11:30—12:30 pm; lunch; tour of Pennsbury Manor from 2:45—4:45 pm. Arrive back at St. Catharine by 6:00 PM. **Cost \$50. Open to both men and women!** For reservations or additional information, please contact Donna Yeager at 610-821-9394.

Rosary for Life

At the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Immaculate Conception Parish, 501 Ridge Avenue, Allentown. Come to our International Rosary and pray for LIFE every Tuesday at 1:30 PM, led by Sister Martha Zammatore.

Upcoming Bulletins

Please Note!

**Announcements for BOTH the
Palm Sunday and Easter Bulletins
are due on:**

THE SAME DATE!

Weekend—March 27/28

Palm Sunday

Due by Thursday, March 18!

&

Weekend—April 3/4

Easter Sunday

Due by Thursday, March 18!

If you have an **insert for the bulletin** for
PALM SUNDAY AND/OR EASTER,
please call **Karon** at the Rectory by
Monday, March 15th.

Thank you!

610-433-6461.

St. Stephen of Hungary Parish, 510 W. Union Street, Allentown, has **Eucharistic Adoration** each Thursday during Lent from the close of the 8:00 AM Mass to just before the 12:10 pm **Traditional Latin Mass**. The Sacrament of Penance will also be available during the time of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. Stop in during your lunch break and spend some time with Our Lord. He is waiting for you.

Meeting Announcement

Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Allentown Chapter, is holding an **open meeting** in the **Franciscan Hall of St. Francis of Assisi Church**, 11th & Washington Sts., Allentown on **Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 PM**. The purpose of the meeting is to **plan a voter registration drive**. Other pro-life activities may be discussed. The meeting is open to everyone who would like to help promote the pro-life message. Questions: call Jerry McAfee at 610-437-0028.

The Holy Father's March Mission Prayer

That the churches in Africa may be signs and instruments of reconciliation and justice in every part of that continent.

CATHEDRAL HAPPENINGS

Sunday, March 14

Church

1:30 - 4:00 PM - Baptisms

Parish Activity Center

9:00 - 12:00 PM - Prep Banner Making

1:30 - 3:30 PM - St. John Vianney Reg. Sch. Open House
Vestibule

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Fish Fry Ticket Sale/Ham Raffle Sale

Monday, March 15

Parish Activity Center

6:30 - 8:30 PM - St. John Vianney Reg. Sch. Open House

Tuesday, March 16

Msgr Ott Room

7:00 - 9:00 PM - RCIA

Parish Activity Center

6:00 - 9:30 PM - Boy Scout Troup 74

Wednesday, March 17

Parish Activity Center

6:30 - 8:30 PM - Cub Scout Den Meeting

Bishop Thompson Room

6:00 - 8:00 PM - Pick-up Gianni's Order

Thursday, March 18

Bishop Thompson Room

3:30 - 5:30 PM - Catechist Class

Msgr. Ott Room

7:00 - 9:00 PM - Because We Care

Church

5:30 - 6:30 PM - Living Word

Music Room

7:30 - 9:00 PM - Cathedral Choir

Parish Activity Center

1:30 - 4:30 PM - Golden Agers Social Meeting

6:00 - 9:00 PM - 7th Gr. Confirmation Parent Meeting

Friday, March 19

Kitchen

3:30 - 9:30 PM - WA Candy Preparation

Saturday, March 20

Bishop Thompson Room

9:00 - 11:00 AM - Stewardship Committee Meeting

Parish Activity Center

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM - Pep Rally

Vestibule

12:00 - 5:00 PM - Fish Fry Ticket Sale/Ham Raffle Sale

4:00 - 5:30 PM - Women's Alliance Candy Sale

Sunday, March 21

Parish Activity Center

3:00 - 5:00 PM - Coffee and donuts for St. Patrick's Parade

6:00 - 9:00 PM - Youth Group

Vestibule

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Fish Fry Ticket Sale/Ham Raffle Sale

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Women's Alliance Candy Sale

Holy Baptism

Let us welcome **Ethan James Coleman** and
John Joseph Craig into our parish family.
Congratulations to their parents!