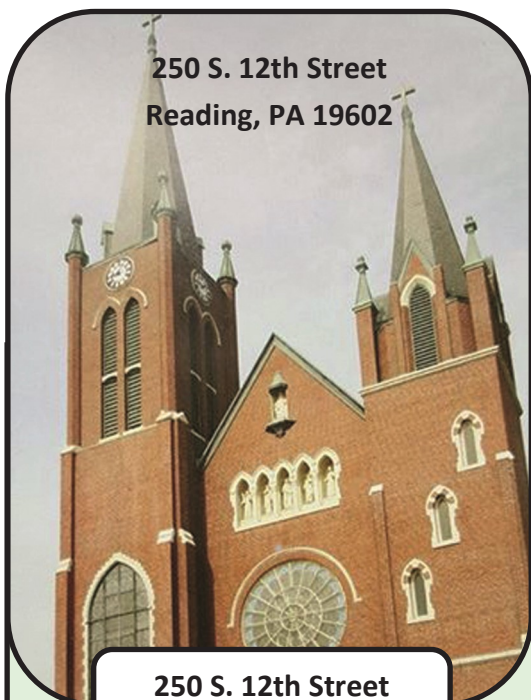


Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish

250 S. 12th Street
Reading, PA 19602



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ST. MARY'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.
Sunday : 10:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 -3:15 p.m. in the Church. Otherwise, by appointment only

Parish Website: www.stmaryrdg.com
If you need assistance please call 610-779-4005.

Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Matthew J. Kuna, Parochial Vicar
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Deacon John Stapleton
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4975 Boyertown Pike
Reading, PA 19606

ST. CATHARINE'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - Church
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 - Church
Daily: Monday - Friday - 7:15 a.m. - Chapel
8:30 a.m. School Mass (Friday)

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. in the Church
otherwise, by appointment only.

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2427 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, PA 19606**

St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, as brothers and sisters in Christ guided by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and inspired by the works of our patron saint proclaim a desire to grow in our Roman Catholic faith through holiness and a willingness to serve the members of our parish family and community.

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, July 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Martha Trout
Sunday, July 16th - 10:30 a.m. - Richard
Zaorski, Sr.
Saturday, July 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Domenic
Martino
Sunday, July 23rd - 10:30 a.m. - John Bonk

Please join us for a special evening on Sunday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. for Praise & Worship music. Mass, Benediction & Healing service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our celebrant will be Rev. John Frink.

Join us for this special evening at St. Catharine of Siena Church on Boyertown Pike as we give thanks to the Lord. Please spread the word. We hope you can join us for this uplifting & solemn service.

This Mass does count as your Sunday obligation.

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*Thank You
Deacon JV!*

Please join us for light refreshments after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on July 22nd in the Social Hall to honor and thank Deacon JV for his ministry at St. Catharine's and St. Mary's. May God bless him in a special way as he begins his final year in the Seminary.

PREP Registration for the 2023-2024 year is open. The Parish Religious Education Program is open to all students in grades 1 – 8. All levels will meet in person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. There is also an option to participate in Family Catechesis at home. Registration forms are available in the back of church or online at www.scsyouth.weebly.com
We are in need of volunteers to help teach or aide PREP classes. All materials and training will be provided. Please look inside your heart and see if you would be able to volunteer your time for the kids of our parish. As it was once sung, "I believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way." For more information please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org

Is 55:10-11: Isaiah uses the example of rain and snow seeping into the ground to make it fertile to show how the word of God filters into the hearts of men. It shall not be void and empty.

Rom 8:18-23: The sufferings and trials of the present are destined to be only a prelude to the glorious future of the children of God. During this life we await the redemption of our bodies.

Mt 13:1-23: Jesus teaches in parables that can be easily understood. He speaks of sowing the message of salvation that by some is heeded for a while, or ignored. Others, however, listen intently and try to live according to the will of God. Jesus explains this parable in detail.

Today's Message: "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest". May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 17

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 20

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, JULY 22

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 16, 2023

Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12-13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 15

4:30 Scott A. Marino (28th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 16

7:30 Mae Miller-Dieter

9:30 Joseph McCullough (9th Anniversary)

11:30 William J. Kostival (19th Anniversary)

MONDAY, JULY 17

7:15 George Ashton

TUESDAY, JULY 18

7:15 Tim Reich

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

7:15 Zelda Marcinkowski

THURSDAY, JULY 20

7:15 Kathleen Wentling

FRIDAY, JULY 21

7:15 William Abramowicz

SATURDAY, JULY 22

8:00 Virginia Higgins

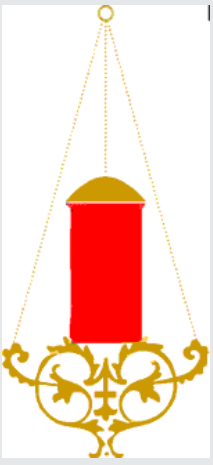
4:30 Lynn Adams (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 23

7:30 Florence Russo

9:30 Sean J. Wertman

11:30 Edward Johnson (1st Anniversary)



For the week of July 17th

**The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Deceased of The Di Spirito Family

St. Catharine's Chapel - Bob Wright

St. Mary's - The Bezak Family - Good Health

Bless This Space: August 7th @7PM at St. Catharine's 2427 Perkiomen Ave. Reading, After grieving a loss, this group is for connections, conversation & continuing inspiration to a legacy of love. Email judyacameron@comcast.net for details.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/17	Rev. Simon Kimaryo, A.J.
Tuesday 7/18	Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka, A.J.
Wednesday 7/19	Rev. Msgr. Nevin Klinger
Thursday 7/20	Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil
Friday 7/21	Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons
Saturday 7/22	Rev. David J. Kozak



St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus #14880 understands that times are still difficult for many living here in our community. We feel that no child should be without a warm coat this winter. Over the past several years we have donated cases of coats to students at St. Catharine School and want to continue this charitable event. We are conducting our

2023 Coats for Kids campaign at St. Catharine's and are your help to keep our youth warm this winter. Through a matching gift from our state council, your donation of \$10.00 will provide coats for 2 children. Please help us with this endeavor. Send your check, made payable to the Knights of Columbus #14880, to: Knights of Columbus #14880, PO Box 4247, Reading, PA 19606.

Catholic Trivia Question: Which Saint canonized on Oct. 12, 2012 is the patron Saint of ecology, the environment and people in exile?

- A. St. John Paul II
- B. St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- C. St. Paul VI
- D. St. Gertrude of Nivelles

Answer on page 6

Celebrate NFP, Family, & The Gift of Life. Sunday, July 30, 2:00-4:30pm - Saint Catharine of Siena Parish, 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading. Families from around the Diocese are invited to join in a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by an outdoor celebration featuring light refreshments and family-fun activities! For questions: Kristin Osenbach 610-866-0581 x 2035 or kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org

Marriage and Family Life - #1 "Honor"

When getting married in the Catholic Church one of the vows made by the couple is to honor each other. But what does that even mean? Some definitions say to highly value something- to appreciate, cherish and recognize it as a priceless treasure. Its most basic meaning may be to "hold dear". There is a tenderness related to this word in marriage. It is seen in the way a person protects, cares for, or warmly encourages the other. It's making the other know they are valuable to you.

Pro-Tip: Put your hand-held device down, then make eye contact when speaking to your beloved and smile. The warmth in your eyes and on your face will convey much to your spouse, and your children as well. Don't be afraid to give more hugs and hold hands.

Challenge for the week: If you have not been married in the Catholic Church speak to a Fathers Miller or Kuna this week. If married in the Church, recommit to your vows of love and honor for your spouse, intentionally demonstrate your commitment.



**"Save the Date"
Saturday, September 30th
Knight at the Races**

50 Plus News

Please call, President, Kathleen Zagar, for any 50+ club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-698-3289. You can see us on Facebook for additional information. **Anyone attending the 50+ meeting will be asked to show proof of Covid Vaccination. If an attendee does not have proof of vaccination, he/she will be asked to wear a mask.**

Meetings

August 2, 2023, Special Events, 50+ club picnic! This "Reservation Only" event will start at 12 o'clock noon.

September 6, 2023, Michael Dodd will provide entertainment, entitled, "Singing through History"! Coffee, tea, water, and desserts will be served.

The cost for members will be \$20 and for nonmembers, \$22. Please make checks payable to St Catharine's 50+ club and either bring the check to a monthly meeting or send it to Janina Ankielewicz, 33 Christine Drive, Reading, PA 19606. If you have additional questions, call Janina at 267-252-0611.

Trips for 2023 - Call Pat White at 610-582-1437 for trip flyers and more detailed trip information. **As trips are filling up, call Pat to confirm there are openings before you send a check.**

September 19-23, Niagara Falls \$895 per person for double occupancy, \$1095 for single occupancy.

October 18, 2023, Wednesday, Penn's, Peak, "Dolly, and Kenny Tribute", \$95. Please add reservations are closed, waiting list, only!

November 15, 2023, Wednesday, "Holidays at Mount Hope", \$95

Please call Bev Gallo at 610-763-7058 with the name of members who are sick or 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 Saint Catharine's Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events' months of April, August, and December.**

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: Hildegard Greenlund

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, Baby Lanzo, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Robert Flipping, Tom Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Carl Gethmann, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Lydia Griffith, David J. Gulati II, Doris Harner, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Carol Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, James Hett, Michael Hivner, Carolyn Hoffman, Margaret Iuso, Peter Kaminski, Jr., Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Judith M. Koch, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Doug Kroener, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Marniece Lepore, Alma Lonergan, Daniel Lonergan, Del Long, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Maryann Marino, Joanne Marnell, Angela Marroccoli, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Robert Moyer, Madeline Mullen, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Henry and Mary Jane Skowron, Harvey Snyder, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Janet Ustaszewski, Milton Vicente, Rex Voelker, Alan Wachowicz, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **Time to die:** **Stephen Longo**, (Father of Rachael D' Angelo) & 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: Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, Airman Ethan Kosmoski, 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, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Staff Sgt. 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.



**St Benedict's
67th Chicken BBQ**
Tickets - \$15.00
Picnic Grounds , Route 10
Plowville, Pa
Saturday, August 5th
12 p.m– 7 p.m.

2023 St. Benedict's Chicken BBQ Raffle
1st Prize: \$500
2nd Prize: \$300 - 3rd Prize: \$100 -
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**You can purchase tickets for the
Chicken BBQ
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at the Saint Catharine's
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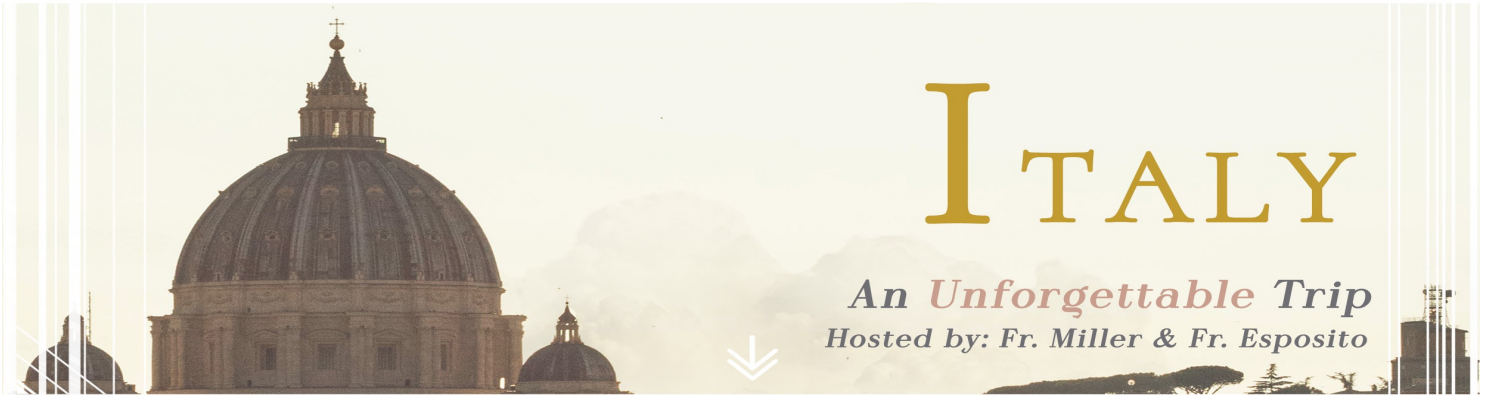
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If interested or have any questions, please
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**There will be a information meeting on
Thursday August 17th for the trip to
Italy at the Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: B. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans. Kateri was the first Native American Saint, was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680. Her Feast day is July 14th. Her name, Katerina, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena.