Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish

Reading, PA 19602

250 S. 12th Street

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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.

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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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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 29th - 3:30 p.m. - Della Chmielewski Sunday, July 30th - 10:30 a.m. - Lis & Kazmierczak Families Saturday, August 5th - 3:30 p.m. - Frank Wojciechowski, Jr.

Sunday, August 6th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Pingitore & Bonanno Families

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their annual picnic on Sunday, August 20th, Lower Alsace Fire Co. picnic grove at 1pm. Food, refreshments, fun & music. Members - \$10.; Non-Members - \$15. Reservations are a must. Deadline: Monday, August 7th. For questions or reservations, call Nadine at 610-736-3035. The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be running a bus trip to Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY, known as "Little Poland" on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Will leave from the former K-mart parking lot in Shillington at 8:30am. Return to Reading approx. 9:00pm. Payment required with reservation. Members: \$65. Non-Members: \$70. Deadline for reservations is August 25th. For questions or reservations, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523.

The National Polish Apostolate Committee, together with Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami, Episcopal Liaison to Polish Apostolate, invites the faithful to the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa to the National Shrine in Doylestown, PA (654 Ferry Road) on Sunday, August 27th. This feast coincides with the 45th Anniversary of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla's election to the Sea of Peter. The theme of Pilgrimage of Polonia this year is "Highlight and Support the Legacy of Saint John Paul II". This year a recipient of the "Pride of Polonia" award will be Fr. Krzysztof Wiekiczko, OSPPE. The event will commence with musical performances of children from Polish Saturday School at 11 A.M., followed by a solemn Mass at 12:30 P.M. celebrated by His Excellency Archbishop Thomas Wenski.



To the friends and parishioners of St. Catharine's and St. Mary's a great thank you is in order for the labor and donations it took to freshen our Grotto dedicated to

our Blessed Virgin Mary. A kneeling wall, rock benches and pillars as well as decorative stone and sealers were introduced to provide a very peaceful and solemn atmosphere for reflection and prayer. Rosaries are provided within the Grotto for your convenience. Corporately we would like to thank Kennedy Concrete Inc., Alliance Gator Sealers, Integral Lighting, New Line Hardscaping and Fleetwood Building Block Inc.

A dedication to the Grotto will be held on Tuesday, August 15th after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Everyone is invited.



Dear Priests, Deacons, and Parishioners of Saint Catharine of Siena,

With immense gratitude and a heart full of joy, I extend my sincerest thanks for your unwavering support during my summer assignment at our beloved parish. Your prayers, thoughtful cards, and generous gifts have been a tremendous source of strength and encouragement as I prepare to return to Vietnam to see my family and complete my final year at the seminary in Latrobe, PA.

Your kind words and well-wishes have deeply touched my heart, and I feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring congregation. Your generosity will also be of great practical help as I undertake my trip to Vietnam and continue my studies in the seminary.

I will remember each one of you in my daily Mass and prayers, asking the Lord to bestow His abundant blessings upon you for your love, compassion, and kindness.

With heartfelt gratitude and love,

Rev. Mr. Van-Vien (J.V) Nguyen



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH **READING, PENNSYLVANIA**

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12: Solomon prays for wisdom to lead the people of God. God is pleased that Solomon asked above all else to know right from wrong. God promises him wisdom and understanding that will be unequaled either in times past or in the future.

Rom 8:28-30: God makes all his works of creation fit into His divine plan. He planned to share the image of His Son with us so that we might be justified and thereby enter into eternal glory.

Mt 13:44-52: Jesus compares the value of the Kingdom of God to a hidden treasure, to a most valuable pearl, to a dragnet. It is beyond human comprehension. In the end, God's angels will sort out those who have lived good lives from unrepentant sinners.

Today's Message: The person of true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus, one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH **MONDAY, JULY 31** EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Chapel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 50+ CLUB PICNIC – 12:00 noon – Reservation Only THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - 7:00 p.m. -Knights' Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m. - Chapel

For the Week of July 30, 2023 Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Monday

Scripture Readings

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Memorials of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, and Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53 Friday

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58 Saturday

Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
SATURDAY, JULY 29		
4:30	Alois & Rosa Sager	
SUNDAY, JULY 30		
7:30	Deceased Members of the Mullen Family	
9:30	Richard & Virginia Seisler	
11:30	Yohn & Moyer Families	
MONDAY, JULY 31		
7:15	Donald Entzminger	
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1		
7:15	Myrna Warwick (1 st Anniversary)	
WEDNESDAY, August 2		
7:15	The Cerra Family	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3		
7:15	Anthony F. Marino (7 th Anniversary)	
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4		
7:15	Bob Wright	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5		
8:00	Irene Arnold	
4:30	Deceased Members of the Smith Families	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6		
7:30	Kevin Michael Heck	
9:30	Ellen Siciliano	
11:30	Anna Sajdak (4 th Anniversary)	



For the week of July 31st

The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Deceased Members of **Burns & Grim Families**

- St. Catharine's Chapel Bob Wright
- St. Mary's Joseph Witek

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. John Baptist de La Salle Church in Shillington, on first Friday, August 4th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Poor Boxes are located in the Gathering Area of the Church. All money collected stays within our parish.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/31 Tuesday 8/1 Wednesday 8/2 Thursday 8/3 Friday 8/4 Saturday 8/5

Rev. Patrick H. Lamb Rev. Daniel T. Lannen O.S.F.S. **Rev. Brendon M. Laroche** Rev. Keith R. Laskowski Rev. William J. Linkchorst Rev. John J. Little

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which Saint canonized in 1622 is the patron of the Society of Jesus, soldiers, and educators?

- St. Ignatius Loyola
- St. Thomas Aquinas Β.
- C. St. Charles Borromeo
- D. St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

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Parish Nurse News

Sleep heals and de-toxifies! Develop good habits to prepare for sleep. De-stress with positive thoughts and deep breathing. Relax. Avoid late evening meals, video games, and caffeine. Tuna, almonds, chickpeas, tart cherries, and especially milk, are natural sleep aids. Night shifters need an extra hour of sleep, consistent routines, exercise, and try yoga before going to bed! Check with your doctor for advice (WebMD, 2022; Healthy sleep @ optum.com July 2023, Healthier workforce.co.uk.)

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

"Save the Date" Advent by Candlelight for Women, December 3, 2023 & Advent for Men, Jesus is Coming, December 10, 2023.



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.

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. Reservations are now closed.

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

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. Reservations are open again for this trip!

November 15, 2023, Wednesday, "Holidays at Mount Hope", \$95. Reservations are open again for this trip!

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.



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https://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/ wp/online-giving/

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:

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Tara Arnold, 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, 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 Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman Time to die: Anna Kopala & 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.



Allentown Diocese (AD)

Men and Women's Cursillo Weekends Cursillo has been a powerful means of spiritual growth for Catholics throughout our diocese as well as Catholics around the world for decades. We are pleased to announce this year's weekends are as follows:

Men:	Thurs Evening 9/21/23 to Sun Afternoon
9/24/23	
Women:	Thurs Evening 9/28/23 to Sun Afternoon
10/1/23	
	(Must be 18yrs of age to attend)

Where: Mariawald Renewal Center, Mohnton, PA

For more information call or text: Beth Pawlik: 610-781-2935 or Michael Pawlik: 610-781-4400.

Save the date.... Friday, 8/18/23 6:30pm for a <u>Cursillo Information</u> <u>Night</u> in the Church social Hall. Pizza and drinks will be served. Please text or email Beth at: 610-781-2935 or <u>bap3mem@ptd.net</u> if you would like to attend.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS August 25-26, 2023!

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist (OLME) invites you to attend. Come and Experience the Joy of our Lord with special guest speaker Matthew Leonard, founder of The Science of Sainthood. OLME is located at 640 East Main Street Birdsboro PA 19508. Please visit our website <u>www.olme.org</u> for more details and to register. Space is limited.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There will be a information meeting on Thursday August 17th for the trip to Italy at the Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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 <u>judyacameron@comcast.net</u> for details.

Celebrate NFP, Family, & The Gift of Life. this 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!

Marriage & Family Life - "Pray together"

Prayer is something we do together as a family whenever we attend Mass, which is the Church's greatest prayer. But how many of us pray consistently outside Mass, let alone, together? What a rich tradition of prayer is found in our beautiful Catholic faith! Prayers of Adoration, Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving and Praise are all here to be learned and experienced. Prayer is ultimately and simply an intentional conversation between us and God. This conversation is worth inviting our spouse to share with us and it's worth teaching to our children. If not us, then who?

Pro-tip: "The family that prayers together, stays together" Father Patrick Payton, CSC. Challenges for the week (pick one, pick all): Visit our chapel Monday for any amount of time between 8am-8pm for Eucharistic Adoration with your spouse and children (No kids still at home? Invite your grown children and grandkids to join you!). Not sure what to do while there? Consider Scripture to read, learn to pray the Rosary, simply tell the Lord what's on your heart, take the time to listen and be silent. *Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A. St. Ignatius Loyola is the patron saint of the Society of Jesus, soldiers, and educators. Ignatius passed away on July 31, 1556, at the age of 64. He was beatified by Pope Paul V on July 27, 1609 and canonized on March 12, 1622. His feast day is July 31.* When he was a young man, he was a soldier for Spain, but after being seriously injured, he began studying while he recuperated. He earned a Master's Degree at the age of 44 and is well known for his Ignatian spiritual exercises.



The 2023 Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday, September 17, 2023** at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown. If you are celebrating a special anniversary, we welcome you to register at www.allentowndiocese.org

Looking to clear out and purge? SCS is hoping you can help us help you purge some items from your household. We are in need of the following items to boost our STEM/Innovation/ Creativity Resources: 1. Legos, 2. K'Nex, 3. Duplo Blocks, . Wooden blocks, 5. Matchbox/Hotwheels cars and old track sets, 6. Empty Paper towel rolls, 7. duct tape, masking tape, 8. Scrabble game board letters If you are able and willing to provide these items, we would most grateful! They will certainly go to a good home at 2330 Perkiomen Avenue. Should you have any questions regarding these items, please contact Mrs. Kraycik <u>mkraycik@scsreading.org</u>

