Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish

Reading, PA 19606

4975 Boyertown Pike

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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PREP OFFICE: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue Phone: 610-779-8535 **PRE-SCHOOL:** Phone: 610-779-5810

Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center, 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.

250 S. 12th Street Reading, PA 19602

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

Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.A., Pastor Rev. Matthew J. Kuna, Parochial Vicar Deacon Craig Fry Deacon John Stapleton Deacon Gregory Schneider Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

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Saint Mary's News

Saturday, August 5th - 3:30 p.m. - Frank Wojciechowski, Jr. Sunday, August 6th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Pingitore & Bonanno Families Saturday, August 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Connie Fry Sunday, August 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Thomas & Jadwiga Fura (45th Wedding Anniversary) Tuesday, August 15th - 8:00 a.m. - Mary Mest

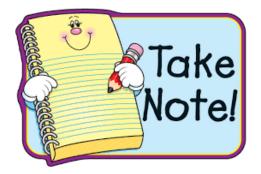
The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their annual picnic on Sunday, August 20th, Lower Alsace Fire Co. picnic grove at 1pm. Food, refreshments, fun & music. Members - \$10.; Non-Members - \$15. Reservations are a must. Deadline: Monday, August 7th. For questions or reservations, call Nadine 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.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY IS ON AUGUST 15TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be as follows:

Monday , August 14th -Vigil of Assumption 6:30 p.m. - Church (Route 562) Tuesday, August 15th-Feast of the Assumption (Route 562) 7:15 a.m. - Church (Route 562) 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church 6:30 p.m. - Church (Route 562)

Please note all Masses for Assumption will be held at the Church on Route 562, except for the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Mary's.



The 2024 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, August 22nd. In person requests will not be taken during this time. Please write out your requests (Include the intention, requested by, and date. Also include your name and contact information and a check for the amount due). You can mail, drop them off at the Parish Center or put them in the collection basket. Requests will be dated upon arrival and will be honored to the best of our ability. The Mass form will be available on the tables in the Gathering area the weekend of August 19th and will be also available online. If possible, indicate an alternate date in case your first choice is not available. The offering for each intention is \$10. You may request **two** Mass intentions per deceased; one of which will may be a weekend Mass. The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you. If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Parish Center between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at 610-779-4005. If you are handicapped or a shut-in, please call the Office and we will help you.

Please note: We will do our best to accommodate everyone; however, we will be working with a limited amount of Masses and we ask for your patience.

Monday, August 14th there will No Confessions and Adoration will close at 5:00 p.m.

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

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14: Daniel's vision portrays the Son of man who has power, glory, and dominion. Thousands minister to him. His dominion is everlasting.

2 Pt 1:16-19: Peter was an eyewitness of the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus in power and glory. He proclaims Jesus' message with authority; his teaching is trustworthy and reliable.

Mt 17:1-9: Jesus becomes transfigured before Peter, James, and John. God speaks to us: "This is my beloved Son, ...listen to Him."

Today's Message: Transfigured in glory, the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion. He will come again in glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS - 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Chapel BLESS THIS SPACE -7:00 p.m. - Parish Center THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 PRAY THE ROSARY - 6:45 a.m. - Chapel SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Center

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 6, 2023 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 Monday Memorials of Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Martyr and Companions, and Saint Cajetan, Priest Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21 Tuesday Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 Wednesday Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martvr Nm 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28 Thursday Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26 Friday Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28 Saturday Memorial of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20 Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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 www.olme.org for more details and to register. Space is limited.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 Deceased Members of the Smith Families** SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 Kevin Michael Heck Ellen Siciliano

Anna Sajdak (4th Anniversary) 11:30 MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Dr. Clete Cinelli (33rd Anniversary) 7:15

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 Brian Higgins 7:15

4:30

7:30

9:30

WEDNESDAY, August 9

Wanda & Raymond Myslinski 7:15

- **THURSDAY. AUGUST 10**
- Joseph Tomalis (2nd Anniversary) 7:15
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
- Luigi Borelli 7:15

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- Carrie Ann Canon (1st Anniversary) 8:00
- Shirley Mae Lubas (5th Anniversary) 4:30

SUNDAY, AUGÚST 13

- 7:30 Helen Sarnoski
- 9:30 **Brian Higgins**
- Michael Bollendorf, Sr. 11:30



For the week of August 6th

The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

- St. Catharine's Church Maria Stubblebine
- St. Catharine's Chapel Angelo Porcaro
- St. Mary's Poor Souls In Purgatory

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 Ĥodgson, 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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday, 8/7 Tuesday, 8/8 Wednesday, 8/9 Thursday, 8/10 Friday, 8/11 Saturday, 8/12

Rev. David J. Loeper Rev. David Lopez, F.S.S.P. Rev. Phillip J. Maas Rev. Stephen L. Maco Rev. Leo J. Maletz Rev. John C. Maria

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which Old Testament Prophets appeared with Jesus at the Transfiguration?

- Elijah and Jeremiah Α.
- Β. Moses and Isaiah
- C. Moses and Elisha
- D. Moses and Elijah
- Answer on page 6

PREP Registration for the 2022-2023 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. Registration forms are available in the back of church or online at www.scsyouth.weebly.com.

Volunteers are needed to help with PREP classes. We need a teacher for Level 8 (September and October only!) and aides in levels 1, 3, 4, 6, and 8. 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." Volunteers will need all diocesan required clearances. For more information, please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO ...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

Confirmation will held be on Tuesday, October 24th at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

October 4, 2023

Jill Marie will discuss the history of Tom Sturgis Pretzels. Samples will be available. Water, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert 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 Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 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.



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: Women: | Thurs Evening 9/21/23 to Sun Afternoon 9/24/23 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 Cursillo Information Night in the Church social Hall. Pizza and drinks will be served. Please text or email Beth at: 610-781-2935 or bap3mem@ptd.net if you would like to attend.

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, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, Baby Lanzo, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Jodi Bixler, 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, Joe Essig, 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, Greg & Kevin Masters, 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 Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman A Time to die: Franco Fonseca, (brother of Maria Post) Anna Sajdak, (sister of Michael Jurasinski) & Joseph Gierschick, (brother of Pauline Cappel, James, Charles & Richard Gierschick & brother of Frances Van Coeur) & 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.

Marriage & Family Life

"Holding a Grudge" - Holding a grudge is directly related to not forgiving another. It is poison to relationships because it maintains feelings of anger, bitterness and resentment toward another person. Sadly, many people feel this negative emotion toward the person, or persons, they should love the most, their family. This often arises over relatively small things, sometimes larger ones, but the result is always the same if it is not dealt with and dropped: disfunction and disunity.

Pro-tip: It is not possible in the long run to stay angry or hold a grudge with someone you are actively praying for over time, as in daily. Even when you don't feel like praying for their wellbeing, do it. With time you'll actually really mean the prayers you are offering for them and the grudge will be gone!

Challenge for the week: Identify the person(s) you have a grudge against. Go to Confession and confess this sin. In addition to offering God's mercy to you during Confession, Father may also be able to offer additional direction and resources to help heal the relationship(s). Remember to pray daily for the wellbeing of those you hold a grudge against, especially those in your own family. A dedication to the Grotto will be held on Tuesday, August 15th after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Everyone is invited.

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.

Deacon JV address: Rev. Mr. Van-Vien Nguyen, Saint Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pa 15650.

Hope Rescue Mission has a <u>clothing donation box</u> located behind our Church on Route 562. Since 1894, Hope Rescue Mission has been a place of refuge for the homeless men of Berks County, PA. They offer four residential programs that men can work their way through to transition back into the community as productive and independent individuals. They accept <u>all</u> clothing and shoes.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD





Please join us on 8/16 in the school play yard from 10:30-12:30 pm, for a Summer Social.

The uniform corner will be open and available for your back-to-school needs. We will have complimentary treats while supplies last! Hope to see you there! New uniforms at reduced prices are on

sale in the office. New uniforms can also be ordered through Lands' End and FlynnO'Hara Gym uniforms can be purchased through Sneaker Villa.

We are looking for SCS Alum and BCHS student volunteers to set, man the stands, and tear down. If interested, please click here <u>https://forms.gle/UkYdwwNa2hxw16N27</u>



Please be sure to join us for Back to School Night! We will be hosting an Activities Fair in the cool, airconditioned cafeteria. Please join in on the fun and get the information YOU need from the various parish clubs, after school programs, parental involvement groups, and tuition reduction programs we offer.

Activities Fair: 6:00-7:30, In cafeteria, Light refreshments for hungry, working parents Chance to win a raffle basket "Meet the Teacher" Sessions: 6:00-7:00, Session 1: Parents of Middle Schoolers only session, 10 minute switches 7:00-7:20, Session 2: 8th Grade Parent's meeting (mandated for 8th Grade parents of the Class of 2024) 7:00-7:20, Session 2: Grades PreK-5 7:25-7:45, Session 3: Grades PreK-5

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: D. Moses and Elijah appeared when Jesus was transfigured and His face and clothes became dazzlingly bright. Popular theory is that Moses represented the Jewish Law and Elijah represented the Jewish Prophets. Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high Mountain when this occurred. It is thought to have been Mt. Tabor. The Transfiguration is celebrated on August 6th which is the dedication date of the first Church on Mt. Tabor. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, the Transfiguration occurred because the divine glory which was Christ's was allowed for a moment to shine through His human body.



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



CLARE OF ASSISI HOUSE—will be having a Panera fundraiser on Friday, August 11th, from 4:00pm-8:00pm. This will be at the Panera location at 4395

Perkiomen Avenue. Simply present one of the flyers found in the gathering space and place your order. You may also place your order online at Panerabread.com, using the digital fundraiser promo code FUND4U. Panera will donate 40% of all sales for those using the flyer or digital promo code. So come out, enjoy your meal, and support **Clare of Assisi House**.

Parish Nurse News - Pay special attention to medication instructions and warnings to avoid injury. Some medications, including antibiotics, warn to avoid sunlight. Find temporary alternative in-door activities to avoid the sun. Others warn against operating machinery, this includes lawn mowers and power tools. Be mindful of medication restrictions and stay safe!

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