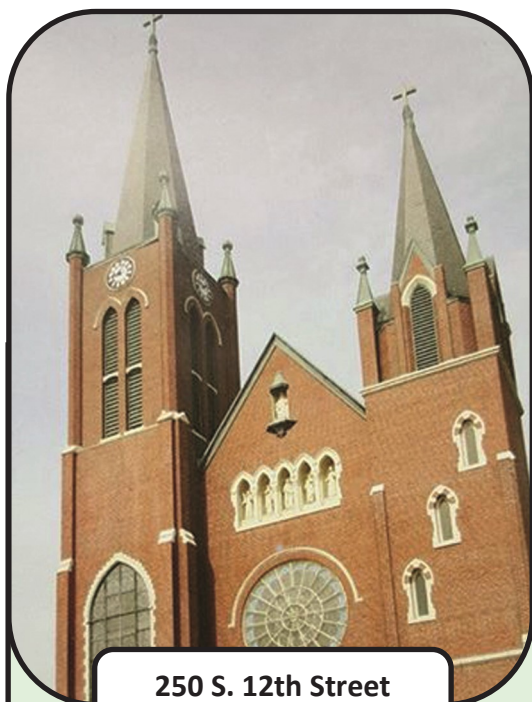


Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



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
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Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

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P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
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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.

PARISH CENTER: 2427 Perkiomen Avenue

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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.

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, August 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Connie Fry
 Sunday, August 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Thomas & Jadwiga Fura (45th Wedding Anniversary)
 Tuesday, August 15th - 8:00 a.m. - Mary Mest
 Saturday, August 19th - 3:30 p.m. - Lytton C. Davis
 Sunday, August 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Lytton Davis

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.

The Polish American Heritage Association and the Columbiettes, Light OF Christ #8726, proudly present the author of "One Star Away", Imogene Salva, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, at the Reading Public Museum, at 5:30 p.m. It is a story of Imogene's family, who survived the WWII deportation from Poland to a Siberian labor camp. It is a story of survival, separation, and sacrifice. For tickets (\$10.00) and advance book copies (\$15.00), contact Marilyn at 610-779-5523 or marilynwla@aol.com; Chris at 610-743-5613 or cearl47@comcast.net

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.



"KNIGHT AT THE RACES"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

POST TIME: 6:00 PM
St. Catharine of Siena
Church Social Hall

COST: \$30.00 per person
(Admission includes pasta buffet, salad, snacks, homemade desserts, beer, wine, soda & water)

NO ONE UNER 21 ADMITTED

11 Horse Races, Opportunity to Name a Race Horse-\$5.00, Money Wheel, 50/50 Drawing, and Door Prizes

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS, AT THE PARISH CENTER, OR

CALL BOB HOFFMAN
at 610-779-8833

ALL EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCS KNIGHTS' CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BASED CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

The SCS Knights are grateful and very blessed for your historical support of our Council's events. Because of you, we are able to contribute to and satisfy many needs within our Church and local community. Many thanks !

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a: The Lord tells Elijah to await Him on the mountain. Elijah's faith is tried as he witnesses a devastating wind, an earthquake, and a fire. After these, the Lord speaks to Elijah in a tiny whispering sound.

Rom 9:1-5: Paul admits that grief is in his heart. He would even accept separation from Jesus if it would help his brothers and sisters who have been privileged to know the revelation of God through the ages. Blessed be God forever.

Mt 14:22-33: Jesus feeds the crowds and then withdraws to pray. His disciples want to cross the lake, but a threatening storm arises. Jesus appears and Peter gets out of the boat to walk to Him, but because Peter doubts, he begins to sink. Jesus saves him and admonishes him for his little faith. Then Jesus calms the storm.

Today's Message: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends His hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through His quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 5:00 p.m. & NO CONFESSIONS

LIFE AFTER LOSS - 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

GROTTO DEDICATION – following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Knight's Room

ITALY TRIP INFORMATION NIGHT - 7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

CURSILLO INFORMATION MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

ULTREYA 10:00 a.m. – Knights' Room

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 13, 2023

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

Monday

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday

Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 – 19:1

Friday

Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

4:30 Shirley Mae Lubas (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30 Helen Sarnoski

9:30 Brian Higgins

11:30 Michael Bollendorf, Sr.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

7:15 Richard Gaffney

6:30 p.m. Melissa Floresca (CHURCH ROUTE 562)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

7:15 Kloma Ulrich (CHURCH ROUTE 562)

6:30 p.m. Maureen & Barry Scheirer (50th Wedding Anniversary) (CHURCH ROUTE 562)

WEDNESDAY, August 16

7:15 Marguerite A. Arthur (30th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

7:15 Wayne Cumiskey

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

7:15 Jane & James O'Malley (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 Jack Gaffney

4:30 Daniel DiFulvio (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 Russell & Josephine Magazzu

9:30 Central Catholic High School Coaches, Steve Hydock & Andy Hydock & Deceased Members of the George Hydock Family

11:30 Fernando Cuesta (5th Anniversary)

For the week of August 13th



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

St. Catharine's Church - Rita Leier

St. Catharine's Chapel - Connie Fry

St. Mary's - Stanley & Estelle Bonk

*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.***

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/14	Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
Tuesday 8/15	Rev. Keith A. Mathur
Wednesday 8/16	Rev. Msgr. John B. McCann
Thursday 8/17	Rev. Robert J. McConaghy
Friday 8/18	Rev. Brian M. Miller
Saturday 8/19	Rev. Ronald J. Minner

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which Pope declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an infallible teaching?

- A. Pope Pius XII
- B. Pope John XXIII
- C. Pope Urban VIII
- D. Pope John Paul II

Answer on page 6

Parish Nurse News - Type 2 Diabetes occurs when our body lacks the ability to use insulin properly. There are several options for treatment, especially diet and exercise. Sometimes medication must be added. Follow your healthcare provider's advice, walk daily, make healthy food choices fun, smile often, and reach out when you need to talk to a friend! (<https://www.webmd.com>Diabetes>Reference>, 2023).

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 7th during the Extravaganza 2023 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address & phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610.374.1695 or e-mail Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org.

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.

Coming soon....

CURSILLO

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 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.

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.

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.**

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.

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

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

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

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, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Tom Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, 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, Chad Vogel, 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:** & 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.

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.**

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

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. 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.

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

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



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.

Financial Stewardship

June 4th, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 20,894	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 907,674	\$ 1,147,629
Year to date deficit	\$ 239,955	

June 11th, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,796	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 925,470	\$ 1,171,050
Year to date deficit	\$ 245,580	

June 18th, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 15,403	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 940,873	\$ 1,194,471
Year to date deficit	\$ 253,598	

June 25th, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,566	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 957,439	\$ 1,217,892
Year to date deficit	\$ 260,453	

July 2, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,312	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 18,312	\$ 23,421
Year to date deficit	\$ 5,109	

July 9th, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 16,325	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 34,637	\$ 46,842
Year to date deficit	\$ 12,205	

July 16th, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,838	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 52,475	\$ 70,263
Year to date deficit	\$ 17,788	

July 23rd, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,900	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 71,375	\$ 93,684
Year to date deficit	\$ 22,309	

July 30th, 2023

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 21,439	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 92,814	\$ 117,105
Year to date deficit	\$ 24,291	

Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and other ways, to make our parish great. Please consider online giving. It's safe, easy and secure. Visit our website for more information.

Come help your neighbors by volunteering for a few hours at Exeter Area Food Pantry! We serve approximately 200 local families each month. When help is needed: THURSDAY 8/17 from 8-11am (set up tables, unload & organize food). FRIDAY 8/18 from 1:30-4pm (Give: shoppers, food stations, restock, breakdown boxes & car loading) FRIDAY 8/18 from 3:30-6pm (Give & Clean up) Please reply to this email to volunteer. Location: Lausch Admin Building, 200 Elm Street, Reading, PA 19606. SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS: Please bring your plastic grocery bags to EAFP. They will be used to pack up groceries.

PRODUCE: have a bountiful garden and able to share some? Please drop off your produce at EAFP setup on Thursday 8/17 between 8-11am. For more volunteer opportunities contact: eafpvolunteers@gmail.com

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII issued the Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus in which he proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption: "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." This is celebrated on August 15th.

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Community - Being a Catholic family in today's world is seriously counter cultural. It can feel lonely and you may find it hard to swim against the secular current as you try to live out the faith with your spouse and children. One tool that helps, and is needed in every stage of the family, is the support, encouragement and yes, fun, that comes from relationships with other faithful couples and families. Other people who can help support you in the messiness of life with their prayers, their ears to listen, their words of encouragement and when needed, actual physical help (You have a new baby! Let me drop off a meal for you. OR. You had water in your home from the flood! Oh No! How can I help you?). Community doesn't just happen. First it takes stepping out of our comfort zones and meeting people at church and related diocese events. Find other faithful Catholics. Then you need to nurture those initial connections. Over time these connections can become very strong and will help to inspire and support your marriage and family in the faith, as you do the same for them, in the brotherly love that is friendship in Christ.

Pro-tip: If we want to have a world where people care about each other and feel welcome, we have to be the one willing to make that change.

Challenge for the week: Stay after Mass and linger in the gathering areas. Make eye contact and resolve to say hi to one new couple or family. Ask them their names and which Mass they typically attend. Next time you see them reach out and start the conversation where you left off the time before. Attend parish events outside Mass. Still too shy? Get to know father first, then ask him to introduce you.