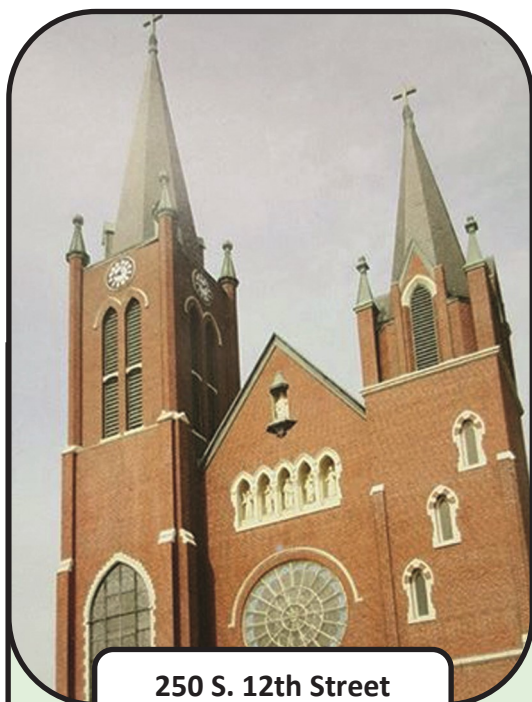


Saint Mary's

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

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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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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 19th - 3:30 p.m. - Lytton C. Davis
 Sunday, August 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Lytton Davis
 Saturday, August 26th - 3:30 p.m. - Felix Reid
 Sunday, August 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Wayne Lubas

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.



***"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 UNDER 21 ADMITTED

**11 Horse Races, Opportunity to Name a Race Horse-
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at 610-779-8833**

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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 !



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 **this weekend 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.

Is 56:1, 6-7: The prophet warns his people that for salvation, they must do what is just, love the Lord, and keep the sabbath. God will then lead them to His mountain and accept their sacrifices.

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32: Paul is proud of his ministry and he is anxious to lead his Jewish brothers and sisters to reconciliation with God. In spite of their disobedience, God has been merciful toward them.

Mt 15:21-28: A Canaanite woman whose daughter is possessed comes to Jesus and asks for a favor with perseverance. Jesus commends her great faith and cures her daughter.

Today's Message: All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and to know His ways. God's gifts and His call are to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus comes to recognize the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

CYO MEETING - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center Basemnet

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

AHG – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 20, 2023

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

Monday

Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday

Memorial of Saint Louis of France and Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

7:15 Theodore Borek (25th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:15 Tony Screpsi (33rd Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, August 23

7:15 Thomas "Butch" Mathews

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

7:15 Joan Smolnik (1st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

7:15 Mary Lee Davis

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 Antonia Moreno (1st Anniversary)

4:30 Robert Krize

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 Marge Lonergan

9:30 Lewis Ianni (5th Anniversary)

11:30 Carol A. Menet (18th Anniversary)

For the week of August 20th



The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Joseph Klick

St. Catharine's Chapel - Bob & Katrina Norberg

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 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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/21	Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski
Tuesday 8/22	Rev. Anthony P. Mongiello
Wednesday 8/23	Rev. Joseph T. Muller, M.S.C.
Thursday 8/24	Rev. Michael E. Mullins
Friday 8/25	Rev. Elias D. Munyaneza, A.J.
Saturday 8/26	Rev. Msgr. John P. Murphy

Catholic Trivia - Question: Who is considered to be the Apostle to the Gentiles?

- A. St. John
- B. St. Peter
- C. St. Paul
- D. St. Thomas

Answer on page 6

If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is let Josephs People help! join us on Zoom on Tuesday 12th at 7 pm. our topic will be "Are you stuck in your job search and what to do about it " We have helped thousands of people over the years and there is never a fee for our services. Details to follow call John Senick for more info 484-651-0498. Please reach out if you have any questions and concerns.

Siena Stitchers will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month beginning September 7th at 10am in the Knights Room. New members are always welcome. Call Anita @ 610779-1571 or Barb @610 779-8346.

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.

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

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.**



Thank you so much to the Knights of Columbus who took time out of their busy schedule to clean the kitchen in the Social Hall. It looks fantastic!

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.

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: Peter Kaminski, Jr.**, (husband of Donna Kaminski & father of Pete Kaminski, III) ; **Henry Duval**, (husband of Theresa Duval) & 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.**



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.



American Heritage Girls is kicking off a new year of fun for girls ages 5-18. Join us for an info session and kickoff party on August 25th from 6:30-8:00 in the social hall. Games, craft and snack! For more information go to www.americanheritagegirls.org and contact Julie Wright at ahgtrooppa1111@gmail.com

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Silence - Cardinal Robert Sarah reminds us that, "In silence, we enter into the presence of God in our hearts". How many individuals, couples and families find it hard to find silence in today's ever-present noise and distractions? Often the noise affecting us is held in the very palm of our hands. Relationships need intentional attention and effort in order to be healthy and something beautiful. They don't just happen. This is true for every human relationship including our personal relationship with Jesus. This silence, which fosters strong relationships, rarely occurs naturally in our ever busy, ever distracted world. Yet if we desire a strong relationship with Christ, our marriage and spiritually healthy children, we must seek it out and fight the current that says otherwise.

Pro-tip: We can "discipline the mind and heart by fixing our gaze on the cross" (Cardinal Robert Sarah)

Challenge for the week: Pick two days a week to be completely screen free, as in all screens, not just this week, but every week for the next month. See how this "silence" opens up time and focus for your spouse, your children and yes, the Lord.

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, 4. 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 mkraycik@scsreading.org



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Church. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



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.

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: C. St. Paul is considered to be the Apostle to the Gentiles despite not being one of the original 12 Apostles. An Apostle is defined as "one who is set forth and entrusted with a mission." St. Paul was clearly sent by Jesus as stated in Acts 9:15. Paul indicates in Galatians 2:7-8 that he was charged to take the mission to the Gentiles and that Peter would take the mission to the Jews.

Parish Nurse News - Easing stress eases arthritis symptoms. Make healthy physical and mental exercises part of your every-day routine. Walk, garden, and join a group (arthritis, diabetes, bereavement, etc.) to share your thoughts with people in similar circumstances. And, make a daily moment to deep breathe and completely relax! (WebMD.com/arthritis.April, 2022)