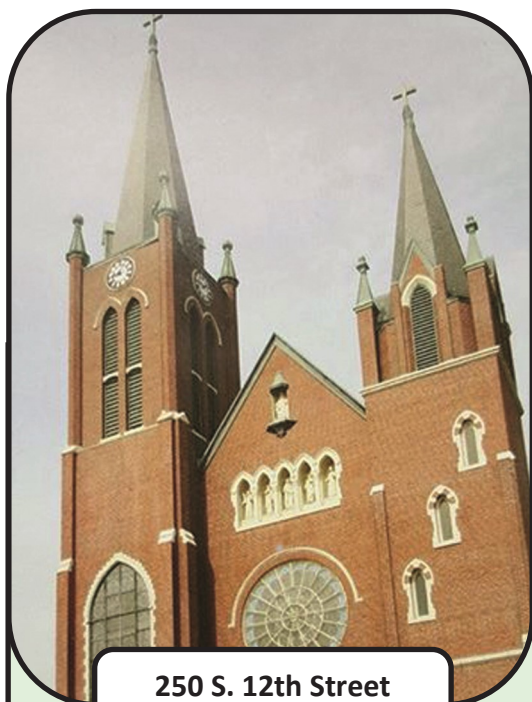


Saint Mary's

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

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
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Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
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, September 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - Dolly & Daniel Piccone

Sunday, September 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Amelia Filipek

Saturday, September 10th - 3:30 p.m. - Marylou & Alfred Schlert

Sunday, September 11th - 10:30 a.m. - Edward F. Krufka

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.



Hawaii Relief Collection - His Excellency Bishop Schlert has authorized a special diocesan collection to be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Allentown to offer aid in response to the wildfire tragedy in Maui, Hawaii. The funds raised through this special collection will be transmitted to the Diocese of Honolulu for distribution through the local Catholic Charities office. **The collection will be the weekend of September 9th & 10th.**

The 2024 Mass Book is open. 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.**



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 !

Jer 20:7-9: Jeremiah admits that he has become a mockery for the Lord. He is derided and reproached, but he cannot help but speak the word of the Lord.

Rom 12:1-2: Paul recommends sacrifice, to offer our bodies as a sacrifice to the Lord. We must ignore the standards of the world and become renewed in spirit to be pleasing to God.

Mt 16:21-27: Jesus foretells His suffering, Passion, and Death. All those who wish to follow Jesus must take up their cross.

Today's Message: Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross; offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. Following Him will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is our help.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

NO CONFESSIONS

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

50+ BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Church Gathering Area

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

MUM SALE – Social Hall

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - 10:00 a.m. - Church

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 3, 2023

Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

4:30 Margaret Raith

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 Jorge Acuna (4th Anniversary)

9:30 Ethel Ashcroft

11:30 Sandra & Steve Bibbo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:15 Geraldine Russo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:15 Mary & Charles Mathews

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:15 Stanley Michlak

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:15 Freddie (Winifred) Perpetua

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:15 Betty Ostachowski (10th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 James Gaffney

4:30 Diane Cibroski

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 Samuel Rangatore (1st Anniversary)

9:30 Michael C. Fura (20th Anniversary)

11:30 Deceased Members of the Scarpaci Family

For the week of September 3rd



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

St. Catharine's Church - Agnes Henry

St. Catharine's Chapel - Betty Vilardo

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 9/4	Rev. Dominic T. Pham
Tuesday 9/5	Rev. Quyet A. Pham
Wednesday 9/6	Rev. Herman Pongantung, M.S.C.
Thursday 9/7	Rev. Robert J. Potts
Friday 9/8	Rev. Msgr. Stephen J. Radocha
Saturday 9/9	Rev. Msgr. James J. Reichert

Catholic Trivia

Question: Who is the patron Saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers and whose Feast day is September 3rd?

- A. Pope Saint Gregory
- B. Saint Alphonsus Liguori
- C. Saint Scholastica
- D. Saint Cecelia

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Mass For Persons With Disabilities - Let us gather as a community of faith! You are cordially invited to Mass with Bishop Alfred Schlert in celebration of persons with disabilities. Join us on September 21, 2023 at 6PM at St. Thomas More Church, Allentown, PA. All are welcome!

Retrouvaille: Rediscover The Love In Your Marriage - Some couples feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, often feeling shut off from one another. Other couples experience severe conflict and never-ending arguments. Retrouvaille offers hope for all these marriages by teaching couples to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way, healing hurts and rebuilding trust and intimacy. No relationship is beyond help. The next program will be held October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

September Food Drive Collection to support the Kennedy House. The Kennedy House is asking St Catharine's parish as a whole to donate as much food as possible to restock their food pantry for the most needy families here in Berks County. The collection will take place for the next four weeks. Collection boxes to be located at all exit doors for easy drop off. God bless you all & thank you.

The Saint Catharine of Siena School Advisory Board is looking for parishioners (21 and older) willing to serve a 3 year term beginning in May 2023. If you are looking for a way to give back and are passionate about Catholic Education, we encourage you to apply. Please email Mrs. Marcella Kraycik (mkraycik@scsreading.org) for an application. Questions about this ministry? Email Mrs. Julianne Smith (juliannejs@gmail.com). Thank you for considering this ministry!

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.**

PURPOSE OF THE BERKS COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

The Berks County LIFE CHAIN will provide a visual statement of solidarity by our local Christian community that abortion is grievously wrong and that the church Christ founded is opposed to the unmerciful killing of pre-born children. Please join with hundreds of Berks County Christians, representing 60+ churches standing on both sides of Penn Avenue, while holding 17" x 22" signs that read: Abortion Kills Children; Jesus Heals and Forgives; Adoption, the Loving Option; Lord, Forgive us and our Nation; Abortion Hurts Women; and Life, the First Inalienable Right. **Our bold, prayerful witness is scheduled from 2:00 to 3:30 PM, on Sunday, October 1, 2023; and we regard it as an extension of our regular worship on the Lord's Day.** An estimated number of babies killed annually in Berks County exceeds 1,000; approximately 10-15 babies murdered weekly at Reading's Planned Parenthood facility. A powerful LIFE CHAIN on October 1 will offer strong encouragement and hope for reducing that number. With your firm support, we are confident of having a strong chain, able to change the lives and minds of those who pass by. We have a comprehensive LIFE CHAIN manual to lead us each step of the way, but more importantly, we in the local Life ministry are experiencing peace with this project because we believe God has approved this event. Please join with us. **Let us invest at least one hour to save a lifetime.**

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: **Brigitte Matyas**

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, Baby Lanzo, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Jason Beshore, 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, 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, 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, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Jeffrey Schloder, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Henry and Mary Jane Skowron, Harvey Snyder, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, Alan Wachowicz, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Daniel Lonergan** (brother of Lettie Franey) & **Mary Ann Kruze**, (wife of Norman Schuhwerk) & 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.

The Senior High Youth Group will kick off the new year on Sunday, September 17 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Upper Room (former convent on the SCS School grounds). All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org or check out the website www.scsyouth.weebly.com for more information.

Cub Scout Recruiting - Please considering joining us Sept 11th in the Church Social Hall at 630 pm for an info session and/or to signup with the Pack. More information can be found at www.scscubpack358.com or email us at scscubpack358@gmail.com.

Parish Nurse News - Healthy habits can be easy! Start a simple routine and increase gradually. Try these. Add a few more vegetables to each meal and increase your walk by a block, then 2 blocks. While walking, feel gratitude for friends, loved ones, store employees, and for work! Happy Labor Day.

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.

It's time to train new Altar Servers. We are looking for students in grades 4–12 who would like to accept this awesome opportunity!
What is an Altar Server?

- ◆ An Altar Server has the privilege of serving God in a special way by assisting the priest at Mass.
- ◆ Altar Servers gain a deeper understanding of the Mass and its sanctity.
- ◆ Altar Serving promotes positive character qualities such as responsibility and teamwork .
- ◆ Altar Serving is a great opportunity for the youth to be involved in Parish Ministry.

Training for new altar servers will be Saturday, September 9 and Saturday, September 23 at 10 am in the Church. Please email Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org to sign up.

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A. Pope Saint Gregory is the Patron Saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers. Pope Gregory is commonly known as Gregory the Great. He is famous for the Gregorian chant. He was Pope between 590-604, is a Doctor of the Church, was the first Pope to come from a monastic life, and was well known and respected for his reform of the liturgy.

If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is let Josephs People help! join us on Zoom on September 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 @ 610-779-1571 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



Congratulations to Lynn & Larry Curtin who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 7th. May they be blessed with many more years together!

Obedience - Obedience is a word that many in our freedom loving society push back from. Probably because they don't understand it. But obedience is crucial to successfully completing any given task and actually gives us the freedom to be successful within its boundaries. For example, if a team was not obedient to the rules of baseball, the game they played would not be baseball. If a person did not follow the rules of proper grammar and syntax of a given language, what they spoke would be hard to understand. If a person was not obedient to the law of the road, they would soon get a ticket, or worse, an accident. Likewise, God has set some structure in place for marriage and family. If you are married in the Church, you promised at your wedding to love and honor your spouse for your whole life, even when it was hard. You promised to accept children and raise them in the faith. Obedience to these are crucial for a happy marriage and a healthy family. Biblically speaking, obedience means "hearing the word of God and acting on it. It implies aligning our will to God's Will: doing what God has asked us to do". Are we doing this as well as we could be in our families?

Pro-tip: Obedience accompanies faith. Hebrews 11:6,8.
Challenge: Ask God this week to increase your personal faith that you may be obedient to your promises to your spouse and family. Also, teach your children to pray for their faith to grow that they may follow God's Will in their lives.

St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood drive **on Sunday, Sunday, October 1st** Please call Dave Gibney at **484.332.1624**, or schedule online at [https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/85668](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive%20schedule/85668). Anyone who is in good health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more, may donate whole blood every 56 days. (16-year old donors require parental consent).

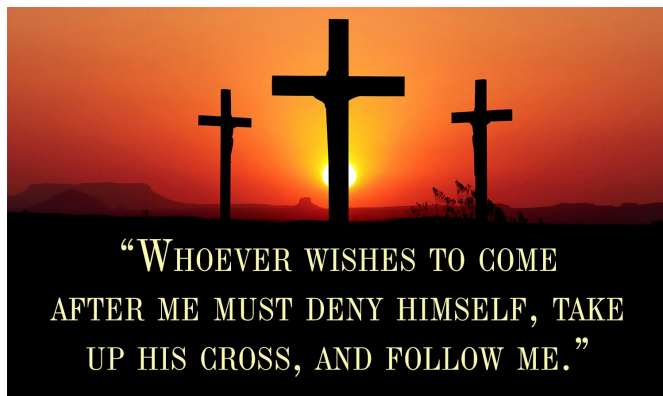
Did you know:
40% of the US population is eligible to donate – but only 5% do on a yearly basis.

Statistics show that 25% or more of us will require blood at least once in our lifetime.

Every 2 seconds, someone in the US requires a blood transfusion.

It only takes about 45 minutes of your time to save a life.

Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 27 hospitals served by the blood center.



“WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.”