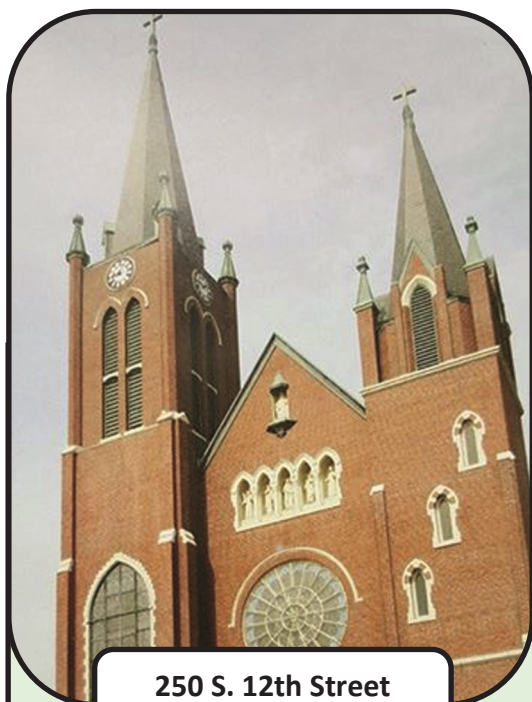


# Saint Mary's

# 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](http://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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Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
Direct Line: (800) 791-9209

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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  
Phone: 610-779-4005, FAX: 610-779-0859  
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Parish Email: [saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com](mailto:saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com)

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**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.

**Saint Mary's News**

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

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

Saturday, September 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Margaret Gombar, (5th Anniversary)

Sunday, September 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Betty & Nicholas Mesisca

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. 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:marilynwla@aol.com); Chris at 610-743-5613 or [cearl7@comcast.net](mailto:cearl7@comcast.net). Tickets will be available after Mass on September 23rd & 24th.



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 this weekend.

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 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 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**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 !*

**Ez 33:7-9:** Ezekiel is charged to dissuade evildoers from their faults. If evildoers do not heed this warning, then they will die for their guilt.

**Rom 13:8-10:** All who love their neighbors truly fulfill the law. The commandments forbidding adultery, stealing, murder, and coveting are all summed up in this law of laws.

**Mt 18:15-20:** To correct another person's fault, first speak to him or her. If this fails, invite a witness or two. But if the person continues in this fault, note it before the Church assembly. Pray together and make your petitions in the name of Jesus.

**Today's Message:** May our hearts not be hardened, but may we turn from our sin. In our love for one another, we may be called to confront our sister and brother for the wrong they may be doing.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

MUM SALE – 9:30-11:30 - Social Hall

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

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

**CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Chapel**

CUB SCOUT RECRUITING – 6:30 – Social Hall

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

PREP OPENING MASS – 6:30 p.m. - Church

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

AHG – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of September 10, 2023**

**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

**Monday**

Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday**

**Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary**

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday**

**Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Friday**

**Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday**

**Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

4:30 Diane Cibroski

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

7:30 Samuel Rangatore (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 Michael C. Fura (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Deceased Members of the Scarpaci Family

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

7:15 Deceased Members of the Sowizdral & Vaccarelli Families

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

7:15 Mary Firth (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

7:15 Josephine Di Filippo (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

7:15 Adam & Bertha Michalowski

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

7:15 Anna Corso (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

8:00 Charlotte M. Stamm

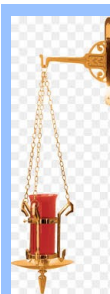
4:30 Frank J. Kosikowski

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

7:30 Virginia Higgins

9:30 William Schott

11:30 Vela Coyle



**For the week of September 10th**

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

**St. Catharine's Church - Frank J. Kosikowski**

**St. Catharine's Chapel - Loeper/ Sheetz Families**

**St. Mary's - Paul Samsel**

*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 [dstitler@comcast.net](mailto:dstitler@comcast.net).*

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 9/11	Rev. Anthony Ripp, M.S.C.
Tuesday 9/12	Rev. Eugene P. Ritz
Wednesday 9/13	Rev. Philip F. Rodgers
Thursday 9/14	Rev. Juan E. Rodriguez
Friday 9/15	Rev. Paul L. Rothermel
Saturday 9/16	Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Sacks

**Catholic Trivia** - Question: *Who was canonized in 1888 and is the patron Saint of African missions and interracial justice?*

- A. Saint Patrick
- B. Saint Peter Claver
- C. Saint Isaac Jogues
- D. Saint Martin de Porres

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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!

**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 Kracyk ([mkracyk@scsreading.org](mailto:mkracyk@scsreading.org)) for an application. Questions about this ministry? Email Mrs. Julianne Smith ([juliannejs@gmail.com](mailto:juliannejs@gmail.com)). Thank you for considering this ministry!

**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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**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**

**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.**

**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 23 at 10 am in the Church. Please email Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) to sign up.

**CYO Annual Collection - September 16/17, 2023**  
**- There will be a special collection the weekend of Sept 17 for the St Catharine of Siena Parish CYO. The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) provides athletic, social, educational, and volunteer programs to develop the mind, bodies, and spirits of the youth in our community. We promote good sportsmanship at every level and strive to maintain high quality programs that allow everyone to participate. Thank you for your participation**



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, John Balatincz, 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, 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, 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: Janina Overley**, (wife of Scott Overley) & **Mary Ann Kruse**, (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](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) or check out the website [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) for more information.

### 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.**

Hope Rescue Mission has a **clothing donation box** 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 all clothing and shoes.**

**Catholic Trivia Answer: B.** - Peter Claver was born in Spain, and entered the Jesuits in 1601. He was encouraged to go to the missions in America, and in 1610 he landed in Cartagena, Colombia. Peter was ordained in Cartagena in 1616. Cartagena was one of two ports where slaves from Africa arrived to be sold in South America. He worked daily to minister to the needs of the 10,000 slaves who arrived each year. Peter gave short instruction in the Catholic faith and baptized as many as he could. He baptized more than 300,000 enslaved people. His feast day is September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Stitches** 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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)



**SUNDAYKIDZ**

Down

1. Popular fruit given to a teacher as a gift.
2. Used for writing; and has an eraser.
3. Large green area on the wall of a classroom.
4. The school room where all the books are.
5. The adult who helps you learn throughout the year.
6. Used for sticking things together, usually in art class.
7. Playtime on the playground.
8. The yellow vehicle used to take children to and from school.
9. What you read and learn with.
10. Painting, drawing, coloring
11. The bag students use to carry belongings to and from school.

Across

2. Used for writing; and has an eraser.
6. Used for sticking things together, usually in art class.
7. Playtime on the playground.
9. What you read and learn with.
10. Painting, drawing, coloring
11. The bag students use to carry belongings to and from school.

Answers: Across (2) pencil, (6) glue, (7) recess, (8) books, (9) teacher, (10) art, (11) backpacks  
Down (1) apple, (3) chalkboard, (4) library, (5) teacher, (6) schoolbus, (8) schoolbags

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**Blood Drive!**

**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> . 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.