

# 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  
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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  
8:20 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 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Lauren Myland  
Sunday, September 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Casimir E. Lubas, (24th Anniversary)  
Saturday, September 30th - 3:30 p.m. - Monica Zaorski  
Sunday, October 1st - 10:30 a.m. - Stefania & Feliks Uciniski

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 this weekend.



OPPORTUNITY FOR DAILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL (PERKIOMEN AVENUE). VISITATION WITH OUR LORD IN HIS MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE FROM 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND THRU FRIDAY, UNTIL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH.

**WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IS THE ACT OF WORSHIPPING GOD AS HE IS PRESENT IN THE CONSECRATED EUCHARIST. "OF ALL DEVOTIONS, THAT OF ADORING JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS THE GREATEST AFTER THE SACRAMENTS, THE ONE DEAREST TO GOD AND THE ONE MOST HELPFUL TO US." St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Please visit the sign up tables at the back of the Church or Chapel. For more information, please call Sue Hissick and leave a message at 610-568-6328.



**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 UNDER 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***



**Father Miller's Bible Study Dates**

**6:30 p.m. - Church**

**Wednesday, September 27th**

**Tuesday, October 10th**

**Monday, October 16th**

**Wednesday, October 25th**

**Monday, October 30th**

**Wednesday, November 8th**

**Tuesday, November 21st**

**Wednesday, November 29th**

**Is 55:6-9:** Seek the Lord. His ways are far above human ways. The thoughts of God are not the thoughts of human beings. God is rich in forgiving.

**Phil 1:20c-24, 27a:** Paul notes that whether he lives or dies, his life belongs to Christ. It would be more beneficial for the Philippians for Paul to continue living in the flesh to bring them the message of Jesus.

**Mt 20:1-16:** Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of God is like the landowner who hires early in the morning, again at midmorning, at noon, and in midafternoon. At payment time, all the workers receive the same wage. How just and generous God is!

**Today's Message:** How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to those who are quick to respond to His invitation, as well as to those who are slow to hear His call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

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

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

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. – Church

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 -7:30 p.m. - Church

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

KNIGHT AT THE RACES – 6:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of September 24, 2023**

**Sunday**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday**

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday**

**Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**

**Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday**

**Memorial of Saint Wenclaus, Martyr and Saint Lawrence**

**Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs**

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**

**Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Saturday**

**Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor**

**of the Church**

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5;

Mt 21:28-32

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

4:30 Orlando & Cianciosi Families

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

7:30 Gantert & Raduazzo Families

9:30 Jack Gaffney (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Rachel Druzba

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

7:15 Robert Kogut (13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

7:15 Suzanne Wilde

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

7:15 Marie Marthe Briand

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

7:15 Genevieve & Stephen Luksie

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

7:15 Adam Krafczek

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

8:00 Michael C. Fura


4:30 Kathleen Bryan

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

7:30 Cora Nacar (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 Mary I. Mathews (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Catherine D. Kostival (19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)



**For the week of September 24th**

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

**St. Catharine's Church - Deceased of The Vrana Family**

**St. Catharine's Chapel - Joseph Elia**

**St. Mary's - Peter P. Kaminski, Jr.**

*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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).***

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 9/25	Rev. Thomas G. Shanfelt
Tuesday 9/26	Rev. Barnabus O. Shayo, A.J.
Wednesday 9/27	Rev. Joseph A. Sheehan
Thursday 9/28	Rev. Msgr. Joseph P.T. Smith
Friday 9/29	Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Sobiesiak
Saturday 9/30	Rev. Leo S. Stajkowski

**Catholic Trivia** - Question: Which one of the following are NOT associated with Saint Pio of Pietrelcina?

- A. Prophecy to 27 year old Father Karol Wojtyla that he would ascend to the highest position in the Church
- B. Stigmata
- C. National Centre in Pennsylvania
- D. Patron Saint of Italy

Answer on page 6

**Parish Nurse News** -Healthy eating now will help to avoid health conditions down the road! Cook with oils with healthy fats, such as olive oil. Choose 1-percent milk and low fat yogurts. Read labels to choose less-sodium options, and enjoy fresh fruit for dessert rather than baked goods!

**Celebrate St. Columbkil's 25th Basket Party** on October 26-29th. Drawing: Oct. 29th at 12:30 pm Special Raffle: Two framed prints by "Painter of Light", Thomas Kinkade, and much more. St. Columbkil Church [200 Indian Spring Rd. Boyertown, PA](http://200.Indian.Spring.Rd.Boyertown,PA). For info/tickets 610-367-2371 or [stcolumbkil.org](http://stcolumbkil.org)

**Mass for Healing** - Please join us for a special evening on Sunday, October 29th here at Saint Columbkil. Praise & Worship music begins at 6:30 pm, and Mass, Benediction and healing service will begin at 7 p.m. Our celebrant will be Rev. John A. Frink. Please spread the word. We hope you can join us for this uplifting and solemn service.

**Do you like to knit, crochet, etc., or would you like to learn?** Siena Stitchers will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 10 a.m. at the Church. We will be happy for you to join us.

**The Saint Catharine of Siena School Advisory Board** is looking for new members! Parishioners (21 and older), 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](mailto:mkraycik@scsreading.org) for an application. Questions about this ministry? Email Mindy Anderson [melinda.e.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:melinda.e.anderson@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**

**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.

**November 1, 2023** - John Vogel will be discussing Medicare Updates.

Members are asked to bring their favorite soup in a crockpot, identifying the soup on a small card.

**December 6, 2023**- 12:00 noon - 50+ Club's Christmas party at the Doubletree. \$35 for members and \$37 for nonmembers.

Christmas party flyers with the reservations' stub attached will be available at the October 4, 50+ meeting. Please call Janina at, 215-644-7396 for reservations.

**Special note-a 2024 trip preview! April 18–21: Parade of Nations and Virginia International Tattoo - \$770 per person double occupancy (The Virginia International Tattoo incorporates groups from around the world, including acrobats, choral groups, and precision military drill teams.)**

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.**



**Blessing of Animals/Pets**

We will have the Blessing of the Animals on **Saturday, October 7th at 11: 00 a.m.** at the Pavilion. There will be a short service and a blessing. We encourage you to bring your animals/pets for this special blessing. All pets should be contained with a leash for their own safety as well as the safety of the other people who will be present. **All pets are welcome!**

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: Emmett & Jonah Kozlowski & Evelyn Davis**

**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, 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, Mary Lou Miller, Cynthia Mitchell, Robert Moyer, Madeline Mullen, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, 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: Bob Donfield**, (brother of Ann Claire McNish); **John Balatincz**, (husband of Shirley Balatincz); **Betty Valgus** & 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 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.**

### Marriage and Family Life - Dedicate the day

It can seem sometimes like the world is moving a million miles an hour. As technology advances to make life "easier", it could be argued the opposite has occurred. It can feel like we have so many demands placed upon us that pop up each day that need to be addressed, immediately, of course. These demands happen at home, school, work and beyond. This is stressful on people and is certainly stressful on our most important Earthly relationship, the family.

Pro tip: Do not get out of bed without first dedicating the day to the Lord. Thank Him for a new day and give your troubles to Him in advance. Ask for His help.

Challenge: Set your alarm to go off 5 minutes earlier than typical. Use that time to talk to God, every morning. Consider increasing the time as you build your relationship with the Lord. Perhaps add a morning rosary walk with the dog each day or a few minutes reading the daily Mass readings. See how your day changes. It will be time well invested.

St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood drive on **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.

# SAVE THE DATE

*We Still Do . . . and Always Will*

FEBRUARY 10, 2024 at 4:30 MASS

ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Renewal of Wedding Vows Ceremony & Dinner in the Social Hall*



## 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.](#)

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: D.** -September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the feast day of St. Padre Pio. He became a Priest in Italy in 1910. While hearing confessions in 1915, he felt pain. He noticed the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appearing on his hands and feet. The experience was painful and bleeding occurred. The wounds smelled of roses, and although they continued to weep, they never became infected. Doctors who later examined the stigmata were amazed at their perfectly round shape. In 1947, 27-year old Father Karol Józef Wojtyła (later [Pope John Paul II](#)) visited Pio, who heard his confession. Wojtyła confided that during this meeting, Pio told him he would one day ascend to "the highest post in the church," Padre Pio is known to advise, "Pray, hope and don't worry" and is known as the patron Saint for healing. The National Centre for Padre Pio is located in Barto, PA and includes a museum showing the history and relics of Saint Padre Pio. The Patron Saints of Italy are St. Francis of Assisi and St. Catharine of Siena.

**Homebound Communion Calls** - Anyone who is homebound and would like to receive Communion on a weekly basis, please call the parish office at 610-779-4005 or email [dsitler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).

**HARVEST FEST '23 at St. Mary Church**, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg: Friday, Oct. 6 (4-9 PM) and Saturday, Oct. 7 (12-9 PM). Music, homemade ethnic food, activities, ongoing entertainment and games for all ages including bungee jump & rock wall, hay rides, bounce house, bingo, theme baskets, quilt & cash raffles, corn maze and more! Free admission, plenty of parking, no coolers, no BYOB/F. Questions: 610-562-7657 ext. 0 or [www.stmaryhamburg.org](http://www.stmaryhamburg.org) or Facebook.