

# 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

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

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

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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  
Phone: 610-779-4005, FAX: 610-779-0859  
Parish Website: [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)  
Parish Email: [saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com](mailto:saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com)

**ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL:** 2330 Perkiomen Avenue  
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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

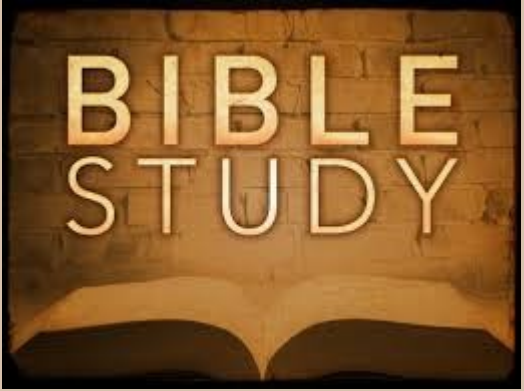
We, the people of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, as brothers and sisters in Christ guided by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and inspired by the works of our patron saint proclaim a desire to grow in our Roman Catholic faith through holiness and a willingness to serve the members of our parish family and community.




**Saint Mary's News**

Saturday, September 30th - 3:30 p.m. - Monica Zaorski  
Sunday, October 1st - 10:30 a.m. - Stefania & Feliks Ucinski  
Saturday, October 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Chelstowski  
Sunday, October 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Lauren Myland

Starting the week of November 13, 2023, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries. **If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep**, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of November 13th.



**Father Miller's Bible Study Dates**  
6:30 p.m. - Church  
Tuesday, October 10th  
Monday, October 16th  
Wednesday, October 25th  
Monday, October 30th  
Wednesday, November 8th  
Tuesday, November 21st  
Wednesday, November 29th



**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, Chapel and St. Mary's. For more information, please call Sue Hissick and leave a message at 610-568-6328.



SCS's annual Walk-A-Thon is October 20, 2023. Students and priests will be present October 14th & 15th at all Masses collecting generous donations to support our walking for SCS. We thank you in advance for your support of our school. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family's intentions.



**EVENT DETAILS:**  
In-Store Only  
Event Date: Wednesday, October 18th  
Store Hours: 8am-11pm  
Individuals can purchase a Friends Helping Friends 25% off\* shopping pass for \$5 Each.

Shopping passes are valid In-store only on Wednesday, October 18th, 2023.  
\*Some exclusions apply.  
**The entire \$5 goes directly to SCS School.**  
Register To Win: Ballot boxes will be located at each Boscov's store on the day of the event. Customers can fill out the bottom portion of their Shopping Pass, tear it off and drop it in the ballot box. **One customer from each store will receive a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card!**  
Contact: School Office 610-779-5810 or email [mdachille@scsreading.org](mailto:mdachille@scsreading.org). Coupons are available in the School Office.

**Ez 18:25-28:** The Lord's way is fair and just. It is when sinners repent from their faults and do what is right that they are to live. Because of this reform, they deserve to live.

**Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5:** Paul encourages us to unify, to be of one heart and mind, to possess a single love for one another. We should adopt the attitude of Jesus. At His name every knee should bend.

**Mt 21:28-32:** Jesus cites an example of a son who after having second thoughts obeyed his father. Even sinners, once they repent and sincerely search after God, will be saved.

**Today's Message:** Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

BLOOD DRIVE – Social Hall  
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Holy Hour - Chapel

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8 p.m.  
**CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Chapel**  
BLESS THIS SPACE - 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center  
GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. – Church

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8 p.m.  
50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8 p.m.  
50+ GENERAL MEETING 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall  
PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8 p.m.  
PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel  
SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Knights' Room  
RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m.- Knights' Room

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8 p.m.  
AHG - 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel  
BLESSING OF THE PETS – 11:00 a.m. - Pavilion

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

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)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2**

7:15 Rita Dougherty

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

7:15 Joseph Mraz

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

7:15 Marie P. Bassler (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5**

7:15 Dorothy M. Killian

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**

7:15 Peter Ruggieri

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

8:00 Mary Fitzgerald (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
4:30 Nick D'Alonzo ( 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

7:30 Bill Bradley (17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
9:30 Deceased Members of the Suchomelly & Bukowski Families  
11:30 Deceased Members of the Impellizzeri & Nuccio Families

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of October 1, 2023**

**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

**Monday**

**Memorial of the Guardian Angels**

Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Tuesday**

Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday**

**Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday**

**Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin**

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday**

**Saint Bruno, Priest and Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin**

Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday**

**Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

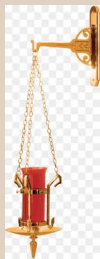
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

*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).*



**For the week of October 1st**

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

**St. Catharine's Church - Violet Leier**

**St. Catharine's Chapel - Marie P. Bassler**

**St. Mary's - Poor Souls in Purgatory**

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 10/2	Rev. Jason F. Stokes
Tuesday 10/3	Rev. Jonas Tandyu, M.S.C.
Wednesday 10/4	Rev. Jerome A. Tauber
Thursday 10/5	Rev. James P. Thomas
Friday 10/6	Rev. Joseph F. Tobias, M.S.C.
Saturday 10/7	Rev. Eric N. Tolentino



The traditional choir will resume on Sunday, October 15. We have delayed the start of this music ministry until the installation of the new sound system in the Church is complete. (Installation is scheduled for the second week of October.) It is a great privilege to serve in music ministry, as it is an example of true stewardship: the sharing of one's time, talent and treasure. Active participation in choir is an opportunity to deepen your faith life and have a greater understanding of our liturgical rituals. The traditional choir sings at the 11:30 mass and practices on Sunday mornings before the Mass. (No evening commitment is needed for rehearsals!) We will meet on Sunday, October 15 at 9:45 a.m. in the former preschool room. No experience is needed; only a desire to have an active role in the liturgical life of the Church. Contact David Kostival for additional information at. [dkostival@comcast.net](mailto:dkostival@comcast.net) OR 484-332-8695.

**Catholic Trivia**— Question: Which Saint, known as the Little Flower, is the patron saint of florists, foreign missions, the loss of parents, priests, and the sick?

- A. Saint Therese of Lisieux
- B. Saint Clare of Assisi
- C. Saint Rita of Cascia
- D. Saint Rose of Lima

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**If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help!** Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, October 10th at 6 pm. Our topic will be " How can you stay LinkedIn during your job search" We have helped thousands of people over the years and there is never a fee for our services. Email Paul Licata for more info at [pauljosephlicata@gmail.com](mailto:pauljosephlicata@gmail.com) [www.josephspeople.org](http://www.josephspeople.org)

**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.

**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 [mkravcik@scsreading.org](mailto:mkravcik@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**

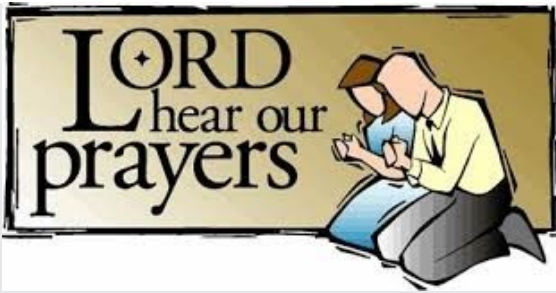
**October 4, 2023** - Jill Marie will discuss the history of Tom Sturgis Pretzels. Samples will be available. Water, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert will be served.

**November 1, 2023** - John Vogel will be discussing Medicare Updates. Members may 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 Pat White at 610-582-1437 for trip information**

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.**



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: Gage Cerra

**Please pray for our sick:** Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, Baby Lanzo, Maura Barrasso, 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: Helen Panariello; Betty Fotias ; William Kelleher, Jr. & 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.**

An illustration of various animals including a golden retriever, a German shepherd, a rabbit, a chicken, a pig, and a cat, surrounded by several hearts of different colors (red, pink, purple).

**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!**



**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive  
(sponsored by  
Schwarzwald  
Lutheran Church)  
To Benefit the Exeter  
Area Food Pantry**

St. Catharine of Siena has agreed to join all our local churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need. Parents will select toys for their children on December 8, 2023.

A toy collection box will be placed in your building in October. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through age 13) and place them in the box between before December 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also seeking gift sets for the older children (14-18). Art sets, shaving sets, nail care sets, hair care sets, etc.

This event has brought much joy to the families of the Exeter Area Food Pantry for the past seven years, providing parents with an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for their children without compromising their ability to keep food on the table. Last year gifts were provided for 325+ children.

An additional flyer with more complete information will be available at the collection box, from your church secretary or by emailing [bdj43077@msn.com](mailto:bdj43077@msn.com).

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480)

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS** will be held at St. Peter's The Apostle Chapel, the Chapel is accessible from the rear parking lot of the Church. The Devotions will be from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on First Friday, October 6th. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



**Save money!  
Support  
SCS Home and School  
Organization.**

**Shorti (6") Hoagie Coupons are \$5.00 each**  
Can be used at any Wawa.  
Readily available in the school office.  
**Paying via cash or check- return payment with stub to school office**  
**Paying via Venmo- @SCS-HSO with name, phone number or email, and # of hoagies in summary of payment**

**Marriage & Family Life** - First Fruits - Ever wonder why we don't think twice about spending an extra \$20 on a treat for ourselves, but struggle to add an additional \$20 to our current weekly contribution to the Church? Why is it we have automatic withdrawal set up for important household bills to be paid on time, but show up to Church forgetting money for the collection? Many people have anxiety about money and it's not uncommon for couples to argue about money. A reorientation in how we view money can help decrease troubles and help to foster peace in our homes. This can be done by remembering all we have is actually a gift from God. He wants us to be stewards of His gifts, but not "attached" to them. By giving back to God our first fruits we help to work with God to build this kingdom on Earth and decrease an unhealthy attachment to things of this world.

Pro tip: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...try me in this, says the Lord" -Malachi 3:10

Challenge for the week: If you don't have a budget, the time to start is now. Budget from your first fruits your weekly contribution to church. Set up an automatic withdrawal account with the parish. It's easy to do. Use your budget to help yourself and your family to live within your means.



**STAND UP FOR LIFE  
AND LIBERTY**

**At the Berks County Life Chain**

**This Sunday!**

**2:00 to 3:30 PM**

**Penn Avenue, West Reading  
Please join us!**

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A.** - St. Therese of Lisieux's feast day is October 1<sup>st</sup>. She was born in France in 1873, entered the Carmel at age 15 following her older sisters, and she died in 1897 at the age of 24. In "Story of a Soul", her autobiography which was written at the request of the prioress at Carmel, Therese made an extraordinary promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth. She is known as the Saint of the "Little Way" as she believed in doing little things well and with great love. In 1997, she joined a special group of saints when St. Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a doctor of the Church because of her writings and spirituality. St. Therese stands out among the doctors of the Church as one of four women doctors and the youngest at the time of her death.