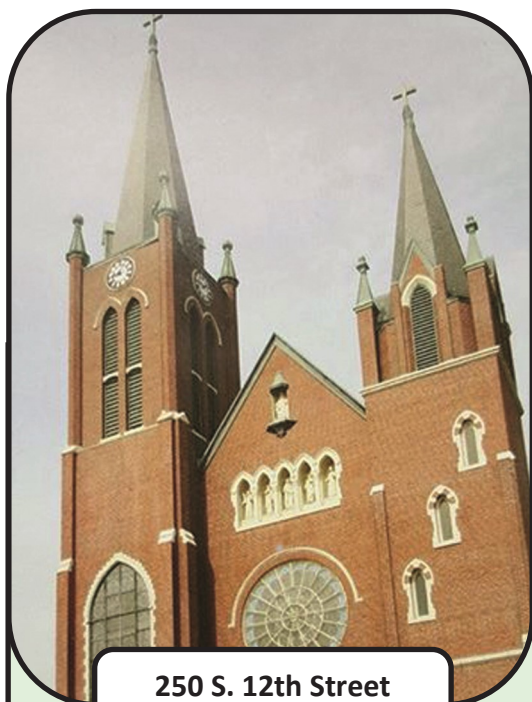


Saint Mary's

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
Direct Line: (800) 791-9209

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Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org



**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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Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

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**Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center,
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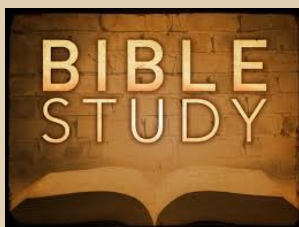
St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement

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

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, October 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Chelstowski
Sunday, October 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Lauren Myland
Saturday, October 14th - 3:30 p.m. - Irene Didyoung
Sunday, October 15th - 10:30 a.m. - The Zaorksi Family

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

OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

St. Catharine's Family of Faith lovingly extends to you an invitation to gather with your sisters and brothers who support, sustain and encourage each other in the tender love of the Lord. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. Healing comes, however, our hearts are touched by the hand of the Lord. On Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Church St. Catharine's Family beckons you to share with us in a Memorial Mass of love and remembrance of your dearly departed family members.

If you have lost a family member during the 2023 year, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory or place in the collection basket no later than Sunday, October 29th.

OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

Name of deceased: _____

Person requesting: _____

I will attend _____

I will not attend _____

2023 Christmas Boutique



**Mark the dates on your calendars
NOW!**

The annual Christmas Boutique will be held on Friday, November 17 from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday, November 18 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will once again feature unique Christmas Shopping from talented artisans, the amazing basket raffle, the Christmas Bonanza Raffle (with some great NEW prizes), homemade foods and the traditional holiday turkey dinner! Details will be announced in coming weeks.

If you are interested in becoming involved with this great event or in the preparations, email us at scschristmasboutique@gmail.com

Is 5:1-7: Isaiah uses the story of a vineyard to show how the Lord respects His people. The vineyard is well cultivated, but it does not produce. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel and the people of Judah His cherished plants.

Phil 4:6-9: Pray to God for your needs. God will guard over you. Discern what is true, noble, and good and pure, loved and honored, virtuous or worthy of praise. God's peace will be with you.

Mt 21:33-43: Jesus uses the parable of a vineyard owner. Salvation is offered to all. The chosen who reject Christ are really turning Him over to the whole world. The vineyard will be leased to others. The Kingdom of God will produce fruit.

Today's Message: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. At vintage time the master will return to receive the harvest. May we bear fruit in plenty, and be pleasing in His sight by living lives that are marked by love and respect.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 9:00 a.m.

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Chapel

CUB SCOUTS - 6:30 p.m. - Social Hall

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

4:30 Nick D'Alonzo (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30 Bill Bradley (17th Anniversary)

9:30 Deceased Members of the Suchomelly & Bukowski

Families

11:30 Deceased Members of the Impellizzeri & Nuccio

Families

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 John Yetzer

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:15 Thomas Fry

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:15 Charles Mathews

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:15 Fotios Arnidis

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:15 Robert Gallagher

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 Joseph Tomalis

4:30 George Auchter (10th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 Tom Franey, Jr.

9:30 Deceased Members of the Green & Albright Families

11:30 Deceased Members of the Filipek Family

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 8, 2023

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

Monday

Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, and Saint

John Leonardi, Priest

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15. 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16; 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

*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 dsutler@comcast.net.***

For the week of October 8th

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

St. Catharine's Church - Connie Fry

St. Catharine's Chapel - Felix Reid

St. Mary's - Poor Souls in Purgatory

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/9	Rev. Andrew Torma, M.S.C.
Tuesday 10/10	Rev. James M. Torpey
Wednesday 10/11	Rev. Msgr. James A. Treston
Thursday 10/12	Rev. Simone Volavola, M.S.C.
Friday 10/13	Rev. James J. Ward
Saturday 10/14	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wargo



Join our team of faith-filled professionals... Looking to return to the classroom after being home on family leave? Looking to return to the classroom from retirement? Looking to work in an innovative, exciting, and faith-filled environment? Then Saint Catharine of Siena is the place for you! Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators. Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for: Classroom Aides,

Science teacher: If you are passionate about education, research, and mentoring, we encourage you to apply. If you know of anyone who may be interested in working with our students, please reach out and share this posting. We need your help spreading the word. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for our need. Please send resume, all clearances, references, and certifications to Mkrcycik@scsreading.org or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606 (610-779-5810)

Catholic Trivia - Question: Which is true about Eucharistic Adoration?

- A. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that Adoration is the first act of the virtue of religion.
- B. St. Alphonsus Liguori is quoted as saying that you will probably gain more by praying 15 minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day.
- C. From October 2nd thru 27th St. Catherine's has daily Eucharistic Adoration at the Chapel Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM.
- D. All of the above.

Answer on page 6

Parish Nurse News - Mental health is a vital part of wellness! If you are in need of support or have questions, or want to help a friend, there are several resources in our area. Check with your healthcare provider, child's pediatrician, and local agencies, including: The Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance, R U OK Berks for suicide prevention and support for loved ones, Service Access Management, and Family Guidance Center.

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.**



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., MONDAY 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.

For more information, please call Sue Hissick and leave a message at 610-568-6328.

Save money!

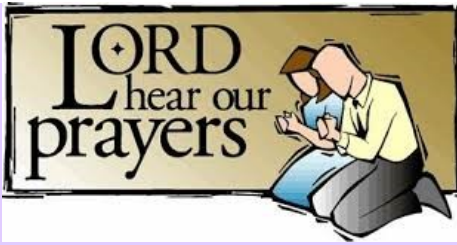


Support SCS Home and School Organization. **Shorti (6") Hoagie Coupons are \$5.00 each** Can be used at any Wawa. Readily available in the school office. **Paying via cash or check-return payment with stub to school office** Paying via Venmo- @SCS-HSO with name, phone number or email, and # of hoagies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

summary of payment.

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 www.josephspeople.org

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 mkrcycik@scsreading.org for an application. Questions about this ministry? Email Mindy Anderson melinda.e.anderson@gmail.com. Thank you for considering this ministry!

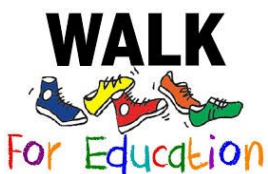


Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

a time to be born...
Recently Baptized:

Please pray for our sick: Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Pat Auchter, Baby Lanzo, 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, 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, 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 Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Mary Lou Miller; Gloria Romanski, (mother of Janet Romanski) & 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.



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.



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. **Coupons are available in the School Office.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 14880 and the students of St. Catharine of Siena School, we want to thank the parishioners of St. Catharine's for your generous donations to our Coats for Kids campaign. Thanks for your generous donations, we can provide 72 winter coats to keep our children warm this winter.

May God bless each and every one of you!

Vivat Jesus

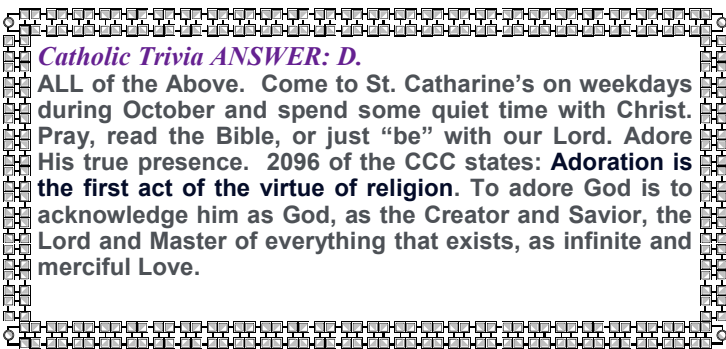


Marriage & Family Life - Play improves many aspects of our lives from our cognitive, physical, social and emotional wellbeing to relationships that benefit from the positive time spent together. Best of all, play done in the name of Christ is holy! Play actually finds its roots in God Himself who is the creative author of life. In the Bible, He often inspires expressions of creativity such as singing, leaping, dancing and merrymaking. We must play with, and not only pray and work with, our spouse and our children. Think back to your childhood. If it was happy, you may recall that some of the best times were spent with your parents while they were fully engaged and interested in spending time with you in some fun pursuit. Other happy memories may have been of your parents being affectionately silly with each other in the family home, or you may have made merry on your own when you taught yourself to juggle or ride a bike. Pro-tip: "Grown-up people may be in some small degree useful to teach children to work, but children are even more urgently needed to teach grown-up people to play" -G.K. Chesterton Challenge: Make time this week for both spontaneous fun (tickles!) and something more organized (Game night with family and friends). Be creative.



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 or 484-332-8695.



Advent Day of Prayer- December 9, 2023, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
 Advent is the time of promise! Join us as we explore the doors that await us during this time of promise. Sr. Nancy Lampietro will guide us as we seek and find the door/doors that call to us to open our hearts. We will follow where God leads, not with certainty but rather to be present where we are. This is the place our God is waiting to meet us; waiting to show us the doors that will incarnate His promise to us. Sr. Nancy is a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood. She is a Theologian with specialization in Formative Spirituality, and Spiritual Direction, and leadership. To register: call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or Email: mariawaldcenter@gmail.com Register before 12/4/2023 Cost: \$40.00

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.**