

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.

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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.

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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, October 14th - 3:30 p.m. - Irene Didyoung
Sunday, October 15th - 10:30 a.m. - The Zaorksi Family
Saturday, October 21st - 3:30 p.m. - Michael Setley
Sunday, October 22nd - 10:30 a.m. - Raymond G. Podguski

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.

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.

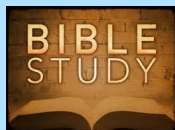
OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

Name of deceased: _____

Person requesting: _____

I will attend _____

I will not attend _____



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

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 25:6-10a: The Lord will set up a sumptuous feast for His people. He will wipe away their tears. Then the people will recognize Him as their Lord and God.

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20: Paul admits that he has learned how to live and accept joy and sorrows, pleasures, and pain. This lesson he has learned in Jesus.

Mt 22:1-14: Jesus teaches using the parable of a king who gave a wedding banquet. Invited guests refused to come or mistreated His servants. The king destroyed these and invited the poor and simple. Even one of these did not accept His kindness.

Today's Message: The Lord invites us to a banquet, one of the favorite images of messianic times. This banquet is spread before us and can fully satisfy our needs, yet how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us?

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP - 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Upper Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Knights' Room

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

AHG – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.– Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:15 Mary Jean Mc Closkey (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:15 **COMMUNION SERVICE**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:15 **COMMUNION SERVICE**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:15 **COMMUNION SERVICE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:15 **COMMUNION SERVICE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 James Dube

4:30 Knights of Columbus Council 14880

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 Deceased Members of the Horrigan & Kreisher Families

9:30 Melissa Floresca

11:30 Joseph Lintz

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 15, 2023

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

Monday

Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday

Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5,11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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.



For the week of October 15th

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

**St. Catharine's Church - Deceased
Members of the Impellizzeri & Nuccio
Families**

**St. Catharine's Chapel - Brian
Wentling**

St. Mary's - Poor Souls in Purgatory

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/16	Rev. Zachary R. Wehr
Tuesday 10/17	Rev. Leon Weisenberger, M.S.C.
Wednesday 10/18	Rev. Joseph T. Whalen
Thursday 10/19	Rev. Samuel Yeboah
Friday 10/20	Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky
Saturday 10/21	Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York



The traditional choir has begun a new season. 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 meet on Sundays 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.

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which author wrote the most words in the New Testament?

- A. Saint Paul
- B. Saint Matthew
- C. Saint Luke
- D. Saint John

Answer on page 6

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen.

Deacon JV has the opportunity to go to Rome with the Seminary in March for his Priesthood Preparation Retreat. If you would like to donate, please make the check payable to St. Catharine's and put Deacon's name in the memo line.

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.

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.**



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, 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, Chuck Holt, 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, Harvey Snyder, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Maureen Truckly, 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:** & 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 Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAFP), distributes food monthly to local residents in need. We continue to witness the growing need in our community. EAFP serves an average of 200+ families per month, so we need more volunteer support. The pantry is open the 3rd Friday of each month located at Exeter Twp School District Administration Bldg, 200 Elm Street (Former Lausch Elementary School). Volunteers are needed for food distribution/clean-up from 1:00-6:00pm on the 3rd Friday and also for setup on the Thursday prior from 8-11am. Partial hours are fine! To volunteer or learn more, simply contact eafpvolunteers@gmail.com and we will be in touch!

On behalf of the Kennedy House, thank you to all patrons of St Catharine's who contributed to the September food drive for the Kennedy House food drive initiative.... God Bless you and your family.

Parish Nurse News - A few quick tips! For healing, increase foods with vitamin C, vitamin A, and protein. For bone health, vitamin D and exercise, check with your healthcare provider if starting a new regimen. For mental health, daily thoughts of gratitude, and smile! Check out interesting segment on smiling for health online at TED Talks: Smiling by Ron Gutman (7 minutes).



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.

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 Kravcik mkravcik@scsreading.org for an application. Questions about this ministry? Email Mindy Anderson 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

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 will be available at the November 1st, 50+ club 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.**



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 Mkrcaycik@scsreading.org or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19606 (610-779-5810)

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



Catholic Trivia ANSWER: C. - Saint Luke is the patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, surgeons, students and butchers. His feast day is October 18th. The Gospel according to Luke is the first part of a two-volume work that continues the biblical history of God's dealings with humanity found in the Old Testament, showing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Luke's story of Jesus and the church is dominated by a historical perspective. This history is first of all salvation history. God's divine plan for human salvation was accomplished during the period of Jesus, who through the events of his life fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies, and this salvation is now extended to all humanity in the period of the church - Acts. Using a word count, the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles account for 27.48% of the New Testament. Saint Paul 23.48%, Saint John 20.35%, and Saint Matthew 13.29%. Mark, Peter, James, Jude and others also contributed.



8th 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 1st. 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.

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)