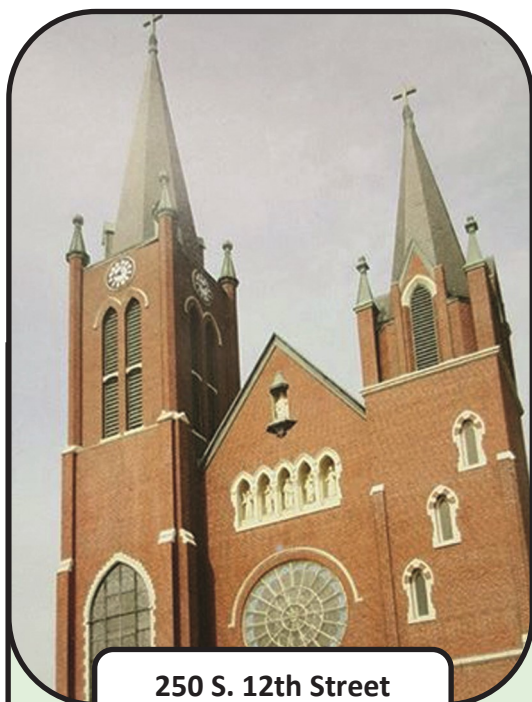


Saint Mary's

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
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Deacon John Stapleton
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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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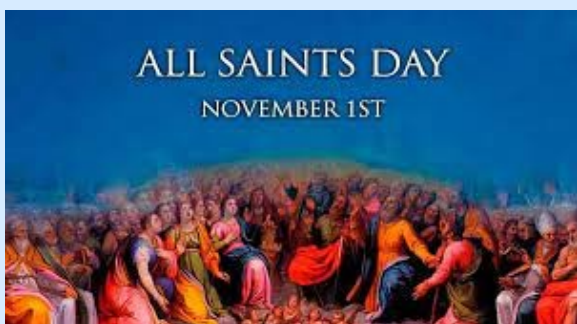
St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement

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 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Della Chmielewski
Sunday, October 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Patrick A. Floriani
November 1st 8:00 a.m. - Dolores Hinnershitz
Saturday, November 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy Zielinski
Sunday, November 5th - 10:30 a.m. - LaSota & Nowotarski Families

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.



NOVEMBER 1ST IS ALL SAINT'S DAY. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Masses will be as follows:

Vigil of All Saints - October 31st
6:30 p.m. (Church)
All Saint's Day - November 1st
7:15 a.m. (Church)
6:30 p.m. (Church)

There will also be a 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's on November 1st.



2023 Christmas Boutique

Friday, November 17 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, November 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Enjoy great Christmas Shopping and Fine Foods!
NEW for 2023!

Boutique Bonanza Prizes
• FIRST: \$1,000 CASH!

- SECOND: Philadelphia Eagles Merchandise with a \$500 Gift Card to STUB HUB
....use for sporting, theatre or music events!
- THIRD: iRobot Roomba with WiFi
- FOURTH: Apple Watch

Raffle Tickets will be in the bulletins the weekend of Oct. 28/29

NEW for 2023!

ANGELORUM Cathedral Choir
Beverly McDevitt will present her new choral group in a holiday concert in the Church on Friday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Ex 22:20-26: The Lord warns His people neither to oppress foreigners nor to harm widows or orphans. Consideration for the poor and needy should be a prime concern.

1 Thes 1:5c-10: You received the word of the Lord in spite of great hardships. You then became model Christians for your neighbors. You turned from idols to worship the true God.

Mt 22:34-40: Jesus tells the scholar of the law that the greatest of all the commandments is love – to love God with all your being and your neighbor as yourself. This sums up the whole law.

Today's Message: We are to love the Lord with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves. By thus fulfilling these two great commandments, we hope to become models of faith and imitators of the Lord who gave himself totally for our sakes.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

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

CUB SCOUTS MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

50+ BOARD MEETING - 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

PREP – 6:30 p.m. Mass - Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS – 6:30 p.m. - Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Knights' Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

AHG - 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00 Elizabeth Houlihan

4:30 Bill & Maria Bunch (50th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:30 John S. Palkon

9:30 Robert Bechtel, Sr.

11:30 Stanley Sajdak (23rd Anniversary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:15 Marie Stasek-Gazavi

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:15 Gene F. Sterner

6:30 p.m. Joseph & Regina Kastenmaier

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:15 Michael T. Rutkowski

6:30 p.m. Jan L. Peoples - (Church)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:15 All Souls - (Church)

6:30 p.m. All Souls - (Church)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:15 Nicholas A. Floriani

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 Deceased Members of the Paul Family

4:30 Deceased Members of the Koch, Price, & Hughes Families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:30 James Menicucci

9:30 James Gaffney

11:30 Anthony F. Marino

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 29, 2023

Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Monday

Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 & 4, Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Friday

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

For the week of October 29th

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

**St. Catharine's Church - Madeline &
Ben Belletiere**

**St. Catharine's Chapel - Bryan
Ankielewicz & family (Special Intention)**

**St. Mary's - Maxalene & Henry
Korch**

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/30	Rev. Eric R. Arnout
Tuesday 10/31	Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Baddick
Wednesday 11/1	Rev. Msgr. Andrew R. Baker
Thursday 11/2	Rev. Msgr. William T. Baker
Friday 11/3	Rev. Msgr. Algimantas A. Bartkus
Saturday 11/4	Rev. Msgr. William F. Bayer

Catholic Trivia - Question: When is All Saints Day observed?

- A. October 29th
- B. October 31st
- C. November 1st
- D. November 2nd

Answer on page 6

Catholic Answers To: Ethical Questions at the End of Life -On November 12, there will be an End of Life program at Assumption BVM in Bethlehem. The presentation will be sponsored by the Knights of Malta. The speaker will be Dr. Minh Nguyen, who is a medical doctor at LVHN as well as a Knight of Malta. RSVP [here](#). Contact: Maggie Riggins, mriggins@allentowndiocese.org

Parish Nurse News - Hearing is one of our vital senses! Pediatric ear pain can indicate an ear infection. Call the pediatrician if your child complains about ear pain. Adults with hearing difficulties must be sure to inform all healthcare providers. Background noise distorts words, and the provider may be unaware that you are missing important information during your visit. Communication is key! (Dickson et al., 2022. Journal of Emergency Nursing).

St. Joseph Church - RUMMAGE SALE!!! HOME MADE FOOD! FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH FROM 4 - 7 PM SAT, NOVEMBER 18TH FROM 9 - 5 PM . WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR THIS SALE. ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM 10 - 4 PM. PLEASE CALL 610-376-2976 BEFORE YOU DROP ITEMS OFF SO WE CAN OPEN UP THE PARISH CENTER.

LESS THIS SPACE- study group for continuing inspiration and conversation following participation in Life After Loss seminars. St. Catharine's, 2427 Perkiomen Ave., 7PM, 11-6-23, email judyacameron@comcast.net for details.

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Second Collection - On Nov. 4th & 5th, the second collection will support the Campaign for Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, which has been forming priests to serve in our communities for more than 190 years. Please join this special effort on behalf of our seminarians today and our priests for tomorrow. You can make a gift online at AllentownDiocese.org/scbs.

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.

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!



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, Rosemary Ludwig, Maryann Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Robert Moyer, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, 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, 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, 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 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be handing out bags after Mass today for the annual Scouting for Food Drive. We ask that you return your bags next week, November 4 & 5, with non-perishable food items. All food will be donated to Helping Harvest Food Bank and will go to local families. Please help us help those in need. We thank you for your generosity and your support."

SUNDAY MISSALS for 2024 are now available. They may be picked up at the Church or at the Parish Center. The cost is \$4.00 each.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS in honor of The Sacred HEART OF Jesus will be held at **St. Margaret's Church, located at Centre Avenue and Spring Street in Reading on first Friday, **November 3rd**, from **4:00 to 5:00 P.M.** Everyone is welcome.**

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal - Many thanks to those who have made a commitment to this year's *Because We are Catholic Appeal*. Please enjoy a recent video message from Bishop Schlert to see how your contributions make a difference in the lives of children, families, friends, and neighbors throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can visit www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org to watch the video and support the Appeal today.

Marriage and Family Life - #14 Low Points - The wedding day is usually a beautiful moment in time - the dress, the ceremony, the smiles and laughter. *Not every day will be so blissful.* That couple celebrating 77 years together grieved for years over the death of their child. Decades later, it still hurts. You may face job loss, poor health, fractured friendships. The low points of life will impact you both and may last a while. But remember that no matter how long they last, you will be walking through those valleys together. The support of a spouse means you have someone to lean on through those extended rough patches. (Family First 2023)

Pro-tip: Suffering? Learn from, and connect, with the saints.

Challenge this week: There are plenty of saints who were married and suffered greatly while on earth, yet found strength and peace in God, that modern married couples can learn from. Consider for example Sts. Louis and Zeilie Martin. They had to bury 4 of their 9 children. What heartache they must have endured, and yet, their example of love, and faithfulness in the mist of tragedy, was not lost on their 5 children who lived into adulthood and all entered religious life. Their daughter, St. Therese, would later write of her parents, "God gave me a father and a mother who were more worthy of heaven than of Earth". Pray our own children can one day say the same.

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.

The deadline for the Christmas Party Reservations will be November 24.

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. Trip reservations/ down payment deposits are currently being taken by Pat White, \$200 per person. Check should be made payable to St Catharine's 50+ club.

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.**



Congratulations to Maria & Bill Bunch who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May they be blessed with many more years together!

VISIT OF THE APOSTLE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE - RELIC OF ST. JUDE

DATE: Tuesday, November 7, 2023
LOCATION: Holy Infancy Parish - 312 E. 4TH ST. BETHLEHEM, PA
VENERATION BEGINS: 1:00 PM
MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 7:00 PM
VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM

For more information about St. Jude and the relic tour, please visit <https://apostleoftheimpossible.com>.

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: C.

November 1st. All Saints Day is celebrated on November 1st followed by All Souls Day on November 2nd. All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation where we offer prayers for those Saints who went before us and are in Heaven, both those Saints recognized by the Church and those who have not been canonized. All Souls Day is a day to pray for all the faithful departed and to offer prayers for those in purgatory. Halloween is October 31st. All Hallows is Old English for Feast of the Saints. All Hallows Eve, known as Halloween on October 31st is the "hallow" or "Holy" eve before All Saints Day. Modern Halloween traditions are thought to have come from Christians wearing saintly and evil costumes to act out the battle between good and evil.