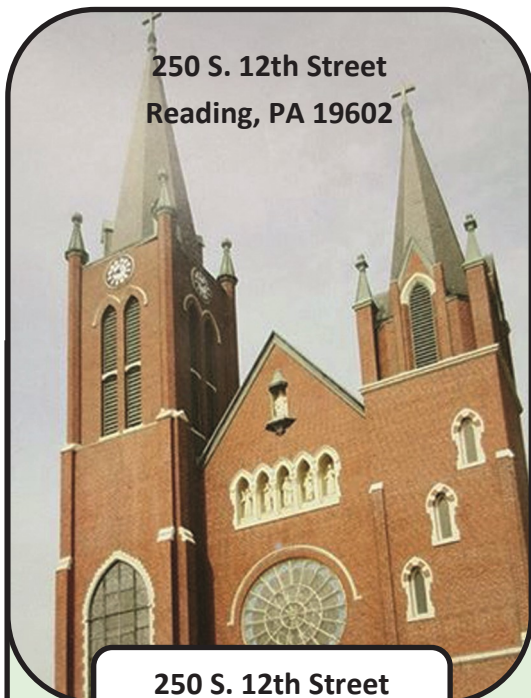


Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish

250 S. 12th Street
Reading, PA 19602



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
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

Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.
Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndioocese.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
8:30 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
Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue
Phone: 610-779-5810 • www.scsreading.org

PREP OFFICE: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue
Phone: 610-779-8535

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, January 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Edward Jagielski
Sunday, January 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Rev. Zdzislaw Kikowski
Saturday, January 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Catherine Pieja-Cirulli
Sunday, January 14th - 10:30 a.m. - Nicholas Nowotarski

SCHOLARSHIPS - On Sunday, May 19, 2024, the Polish-American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding \$25,000 in scholarships to Berks County high school seniors of Polish-American descent. Deadline for submitting the application form for this scholarship is Saturday April 20, 2024. In conjunction with the PABEBC scholarship awards program, the Polish-American Heritage Association of Berks County is awarding a \$2,500 project scholarship to a Berks County high school student of Polish-American descent. For this scholarship the student is required to submit a project on Polish history, culture, and/or traditions. Projects are due on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the Guidance Counselor in all Berks County high schools. They are also available in the Polish-American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington St., Reading, and they can be downloaded from the PABEBC website at www.pabeberks.org, or by contacting Sandy Lubas Hummel, Scholarship Chair for both organizations, at 610-207-7065. Any questions? Telephone Sandy Lubas Hummel.

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your giving record for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at dsitler@comcast.net. If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement. Statements will be not be ready until the week of the 29th of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .



The Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion holds a special place in the spiritual life of Saint Catharine's & St. Mary's. It is an opportunity to gather as a community before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray before the Lord in solemn adoration. It gives us time to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives.

Forty Hours Celebration

January 7, 8, & 9th

All at the Church, including daily Mass for Monday and Tuesday. Come meet the newly ordained priests for 2024.

Sunday January 7th

Location: Church

Adoration 12:30 to 6:00pm

Anointing of the Sick and Benediction 6:00pm

Preacher at Benediction: Deacon JV

Monday January 8th

Location: Church

Daily Mass 7:15am

Adoration 7:45am to 6pm

Evening Prayer and Benediction 6:00pm

Preacher at Benediction: Deacon Keaton Eidle

Tuesday January 9th

Location: Church

Daily Mass 7:15am

Adoration 7:45am to 6pm

Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction 7:00pm

Preacher at Benediction: Deacon Aaron Scheidel

Is 60:1-6: Jerusalem is favored by the Lord. Kings and peoples will come before you. The riches of the earth will be placed at the gates of Jerusalem.

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6: Paul admits that God has revealed the divine plan of salvation to him. Not only the Jews, but also the whole Gentile world, will share in the Good News.

Mt 2:1-12: King Herod, being jealous of his earthly crown, was threatened by the coming of another king. The astrologers from the east followed the star to Bethlehem from which a ruler was to come.

Today's Message: All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 11:30 a.m.

Mass - Church

40 HOURS – 6:00 p.m. - Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass - Church

40 HOURS – 6:00 p.m. – Church

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass - Church

40 HOURS – 6:00 p.m. – Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

AHG - 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 Thomas Schlegel

4:30 Martha Safko

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 Samuel Russo

9:30 Virginia Houck & Family

11:30 Franco & Tonino Fonseca

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 CHURCH

7:15 Monica Sorg

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 CHURCH

7:15 George & Helen Pauley

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:15 Dale Taft

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

7:15 Teddy Schalk

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

7:15 Charles Brensinger

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 Joseph Firth

4:30 Kazmira & Konstanty Skowron

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 John Kost

9:30 Alex T. Hafer

11:30 The Sorg Family

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

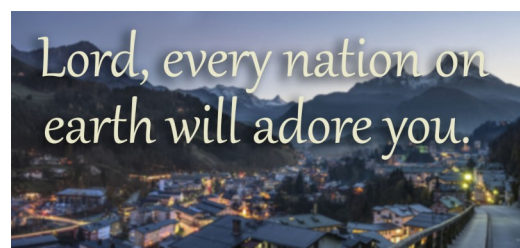


**For the week of January 7th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Joseph S. Kohalmi

St. Catharine's Chapel - Helen Krafczek

St. Mary's - Jane Mensch - Good Health



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/8 Rev. Allen J. Hoffa
Tuesday 1/9 Rev. John A. Hutta
Wednesday 1/10 Rev. Msgr. John J. Grabish
Thursday 1/11 Rev. Augustine L. Idra, A.J.
Friday 1/12 Rev. Francis Iroot, A.J.
Saturday 1/13 Rev. Guency Isaac



St. Catharine of Siena Council 14880 To join: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>

All contributions for 2023 must be received by December 31, 2023 to be included on your statement. Thank you for your generosity during the past year. If contributions are received after December 31st they will be applied to your 2024 statement.

Prayer For Healing

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.



New Catholic App that's free for you and for our parish.

Here is another way to stay in touch with your parish. The app is called Tabella. It contains prayers, novenas, podcasts, and faith formation which includes Fr. Mike Schmitz's year of the Bible and year of the catechism series. Another important feature is the community page for each parish. One has been set up for St. Catharine's. In this community section you will be updated with the daily parish liturgies and events. The bulletin will be posted there every week along with weather cancellations, reminders of holy days of obligations, confession times, and reminders about the events happening in the parish. See one

of our youth group members in the back of the Church to help you with installing the app on your phone or mobile devices.

St. Catharine's & St. Marys' Parish Welcomes All -

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.

We believe that the more you study the faith and encounter God in prayer, the more you learn to trust God with all you have. Carve out time in your day to nurture your relationship with God and consider spending time with others reading the scriptures and growing in faith.

Siena Stitchers have homemade hand stitched items for sale! All proceeds go to Saint Vincent de Paul.



NOW THAT THE WINTER IS REALLY UPON US, WE WANT TO REMIND THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COME TO MASS ON DAYS THAT ARE STORMY, ICY OR BITTER COLD. ONE DAY OF HEROICS COULD LEAD TO MANY MONTHS IN BED RECUPERATING.



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, Tara Arnold, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Maura Barrasso, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Jason Beshore, Jodi Bixler, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Bruce Brandfon, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnus, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet

Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, 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, Julia Karpati, 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, Pat Lenich, Alma Lonergan, Del Long, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Aleigha Manderbach, 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, Nada Rathkey, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Mary Jane Skowron, 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, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** **Helen Nowortarski; Joan Kriebel & Barbara Ianni**, (mother of Denise & Lisa Ianni) & 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.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., 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, TSgt. 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.**



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

This ministry allows you to provide a complete ready-to-eat meal for our Parish Priests by bringing: a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evening meal as your schedule allows.

Through the grace of God our Priests are ordained so that they may bring us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a service to them for these beautiful gifts they bring us, we are starting this new ministry, 'Feed the Priests'.

- On the day you signed up to bring a meal to the Parish Center by 4:00 p.m.
- Meal will be for 2 priests.
- Fully cooked ready-to-eat meal.
- We ask that you put the meal in a disposable container.
- Include heating instructions if necessary.
- Example of a full meal would include a salad, meat, starch,

vegetable and possibly a dessert.

Please call Diane at the Parish Center if you can help at 610-779-4005.

**THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR
PARISH AND OUR PRIESTS!**

DID YOU KNOW? - Through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Pennsylvania Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC), businesses and individuals can lower their tax bills by donating to private schools, scholarship organizations, pre-K programs, and other educational enrichment initiatives. The bulk of the tax credits — \$110 million per year — are reserved for donors that give to scholarship organizations, which provide financial aid to children attending K-12 private schools. The program also sets aside a small amount of tax credits for donors that give to pre-k scholarship funds. At Saint Catharine of Siena School, our EITC and OSTC program plays an essential role in the school's financial strategy as well as the fulfillment of our mission. Saint Catharine of Siena School is seeking donors to participate in the EITC/OSTC program to alleviate the burden of financial aid on our operating budget AND to give as many children access to a Catholic, Saint Catharine of Siena education as possible. If you are interested in learning more about this tax credit scholarship program, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Conlon, SCS Advancement Director @ 610-779-5810.

*May God Bless you abundantly
in the New Year for your
generous stewardship this past
year.*

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 -

February 7, 2024: Pastor Timothy Cramen will sing and play the guitar. Cake, coffee, tea, and water will be served.

March 3, 2024: Speaker Scott Hoh will discuss Estate Planning. Coffee, tea, water, and cake will be served.

Trips

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 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654 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.



SCS is looking for a few unusual, strange, and educational items to increase curiosity and a love of learning through wonder, awe, and discovery! Please call the office 610-779-5810 to arrange a drop off if willing to share. SCS would love to incorporate nature items into discovery such as:

- Bird nests (please put in a ziploc bag or clear salad container) If you know which species built which nest, please feel free to identify, bird feeders and bird houses
- Clean animal bones such as jaws, skulls, etc. (identify, please if you can)
- Snake skins or Empty hives, wasp nests, etc
- Unusual shells, ocean specimens, or beach treasures
- Any interesting artifact of nature that can be observed and researched in wonder and awe