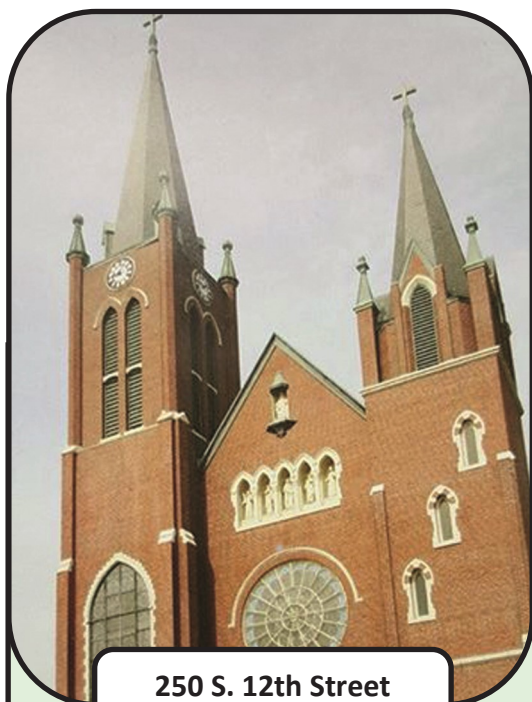


# Saint Mary's

# 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  
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@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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  
Phone: 610-779-4005, FAX: 610-779-0859  
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**PRE-SCHOOL:**  
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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, January 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Catherine Pieja-Cirulli  
Sunday, January 14th - 10:30 a.m. - Nicholas Nowotarski  
Saturday, January 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Mensch (Good Health)  
Sunday, January 21st - 10:30 a.m. - Henry Skowron

**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](http://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 .**



**Three different Beautiful Eucharist**

**Book discussion opportunities:**  
**January 19th @ 9:30am in the Social Hall with Fr Brian Miller**  
**January 19th @ 1:00pm via Zoom with Fr Brian Miller**  
**The meeting ID is 8680949188**  
**Passcode is 726383**  
**January 24th @7:00pm in the Social Hall with Deacon John Stapleton**

**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.

**1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19:** The Lord called Samuel, but he did not recognize Him. Samuel receives advice from Eli, who is already a prophet for the Lord. Following instructions from Eli, Samuel listens to the Lord.

**1 Cor 6:2-13c-15a, 17-20:** The body is made for the Lord. With the price of the Cross, Jesus redeemed all humanity. The Holy Spirit dwells within each person.

**Jn 1:35-42:** It was John the Baptist's purpose to point out Jesus, the Messiah. Andrew and his companion followed Jesus. Andrew summons Peter. Jesus identifies Peter and gives him a new name.

**Today's Message:** Through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be His disciples. How well do we listen to His voice? How willing are we to do His will?

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass - Church

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. - Church

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

BOOK DISCUSSION – BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST with Fr. Brian

Miller – 9:30 a.m. – Social Hall

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

**7:15 Mary Glutz (33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

7:15 Anne Marie Hendrzak

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

7:15 Margaret M. & William R. Bollendorf, Jr.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

7:15 Al Melcher

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

7:15 Joseph Yokitis

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

8:00 Jan Peoples

4:30 Dick Horrigan (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

7:30 Luz Gomez

9:30 Earl Heintz (13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Sandra Bibbo (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of January 14, 2024**

**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

**Monday**

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday**

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday**

**Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday**

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday**

**Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

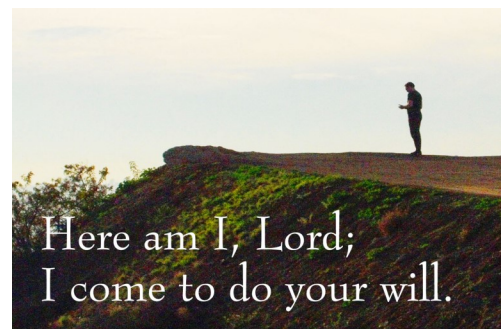


**For the week of January 14th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Maryann  
Burchill**

**St. Catharine's Chapel - Deceased  
Members of the Wertz/Henry Families**

**St. Mary's - Donald & Jane Byerly**



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday 1/15    | Rev. Stephan A. Isaac       |
| Tuesday 1/16   | Rev. Msgr. David L. James   |
| Wednesday 1/17 | Rev. Richard W. James       |
| Thursday 1/18  | Rev. Ronald V. Jankaitis    |
| Friday 1/19    | Rev. Dominik P. Kalata      |
| Saturday 1/20  | Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, A.J. |

**Catholic Trivia** - Question: Which Saint and Doctor of the Church has his Feast day on January 13<sup>th</sup>?

- A. Saint Hilary of Poitiers
- B. Saint Gregory the Great
- C. Saint John Chrysostom
- D. Saint Augustine of Hippo

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**Valerie (Farrell) Wertman is a long time parishioner.** **Sixth Annual "Sean Wertman Memorial 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament" on Saturday, March 9th, 2023.** Please help to end addiction "One Basket" at a time...while having fun and displaying good sportsmanship! Where: Exeter Senior High School gyms for boys and girls in **5th and 6th grades & 7th & 8th.** The purpose is to increase awareness of over the counter medicine abuse and a fundraiser for Adult\Teen Challenge Rehab. \$80 per team entrance fee. For sign ups and more info call or text Roger or Valerie Wertman at 610-779-8943. You can also leave a voicemail, or [rogerwertman@yahoo.com](mailto:rogerwertman@yahoo.com) or on Facebook - (**Sean Wertman Memorial BB Tournament. Forms and details can be found on Facebook. Venmo accepted!** Please help this important cause. **Team sponsors and donations are appreciated!**

Advent Reflection Nights for Women and Men were a big success with 136 women on the first Sunday of Advent and 50 men on the second Sunday participating. Each enjoyed a shared meal, great speaker, fellowship with friends and Adoration of our Lord on the Blessed Sacrament. The parish looks forward to bringing similar events to you in the future as together we build a vibrant Church community centered on Christ where all are welcome.



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, Richard Albelt, 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, Bill Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, 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, 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, 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, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, Dan Zielinski, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Mary, Lynagh; Susan Yapsuga**, (mother of Marisa Gilbert, Alicia Dauble, Kristen Reinert; grandmother of Morgan, Joshua & Luke Gilbert, Aidan, Chloe, Andrew & Hunter Dauble, Braylon, Cayden & Sienna Reinert) & 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.**

**Parish Nurse News** - Consider a month alcohol-free. Give a healthy example to children and other adults. Benefits include improvement in insulin, blood pressure, body weight, sleep, mood, social interactions, and cancer-related factors. (G. Koob, PhD, Nat'l. Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, WebMD, Dec.2023).

**LOSS OF SPOUSE SEMINAR-** living a life honoring their memory on 2-5-24 @ 7 PM St. Catharine's 2427 Perkiomen Ave. Registration required and details found at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**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.**

**Retreat Registration** - All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to our 2024 youth retreat, "OUR FATHER", to be held February 23-25 at Camp Manatawny. This retreat is run by teens from the St. Catharine's, St. Ignatius, and St. Benedict's Youth Groups. Cost is \$50. Registration forms can be found on the tables in the back of the church or from the youth website [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) Space is limited. Register now to reserve your spot. You will not be disappointed!

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 50 Plus News

Please call, President Kathleen Zagar for any 50 Plus 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 6, 2024: Speaker Attorney Scott Hoh will discuss Estate Planning. Coffee, tea, water, and cake will be served.

April 3, 2024: "Everybody's Birthday Party" at Victor Emmanuel's. More information to follow.

#### Trips

April 18–21: Parade of Nations in 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.)

Trip reservations /Down payment deposits are still being taken by Pat White. \$200 per person

Checks should be made payable to St Catharine's 50 Plus Club, final payment is due February 10, 2024.

May 15, 2024: "Daniel", Sight and Sound, \$120 per person. Meals on your own at Cracker Barrel.

June 12, 2024: Our Mystery Trip, \$145 per person

July 17, 2024: Murder Mystery at Mount Hope, \$80 per person

August, 2024: Potomac Eagle Train Trip with a three course meal, more information to follow.

September 25, 2024: The Music of Frankie Valli, Penn's Peak, \$85 per person

October 21, 2024: The Music of Patsy Cline, Dutch Apple Theatre, \$120 per person

November 20, 2024: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Christmas Show", \$120 per person

Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654. For trip information.

Please call Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 with the names of members who are sick or who 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 St Catharine Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events month of April, August, and December.

**Marriage and Family Reflections** –Make Church Your Second Home- Home is defined as "the place where one lives permanently, especially as a member of a family or household". A happy home is even more. It is where we find others who love us unconditionally in spite of our shortcomings, a place to serve as we care for each other, a place to learn new skills & develop talents to share with family and then later to take into the world. It is the place we eat most of our meals, find rest and recharge. Home should be a happy place for us to be. Now think of church. We learn of Christ's saving doctrine at each Mass. We serve others and perform good works when we get involved in one of the many groups within the parish. We receive and share brotherly love at Mass and in the relationships formed there. In the Eucharist we find rest and recharge in order to bring Christ's love into the world.

Pro-tip: "Sometimes we think that we don't hear God's voice. Not because He isn't speaking, but because WE have the volume of the world way too loud". – Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta

Challenge of the week: Commit to participating in Mass regularly. Spend more time at church outside of Mass by attending an additional activity the parish is hosting or get involved with a group/ministry that could use your help. Don't see a group offered you wish your parish had? Talk to father and get it started. Make Church your second home!

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A.** Saint Hilary lived in France in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries and is the patron saint of children academically behind, children learning to walk, mothers, and the sick. He is invoked against rheumatism and snakebites. Hilary was elected Bishop of Poitiers in about 350. Hilary wrote a Latin commentary on the Gospel of Matthew as well as other Church writings defending the truth and condemning heresies such as those that denied the divinity of Christ. He is considered by some as the first Latin Christian hymn writer. St Augustine of Hippo called him "the illustrious doctor of the churches" and he was formally recognized as a Doctor of the Church in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

***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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).***