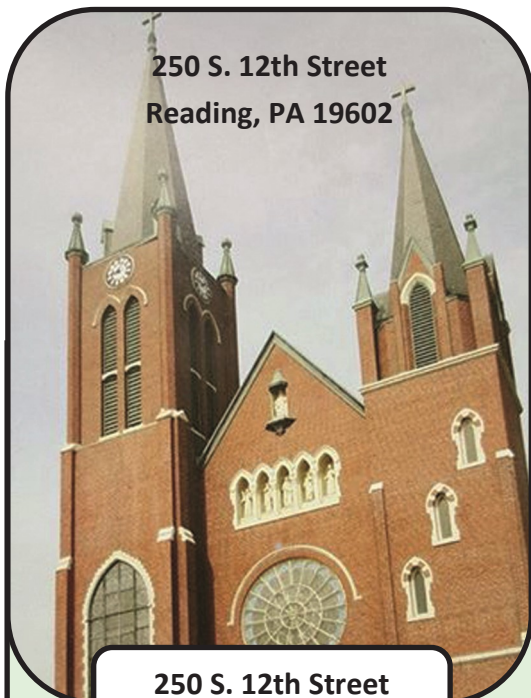


Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish

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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

Pastoral Staff

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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.

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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, January 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Mensch (Good Health)

Sunday, January 21st - 10:30 a.m. - Henry Skowron

Saturday, January 27th - 3:30 p.m. - The Jermac Family

Sunday, January 28th - 10:30 a.m. - David Ziegler

Starting the week of March 15, 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 March 15.



COOKS WITH COLLARS

Father Miller, Father Kuna, Deacon JV & Jeff need your help!

Father Miller, Father Kuna, Deacon JV & Jeff will represent Saint Catharine's & St. Mary's in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often for our Diocesan top chef! Each vote is just \$10.00. All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making St. Catharine's & St. Mary's a winner!



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS



LENTEN FISH FRY - The Knights will be hosting the Lenten Fish Frys at the Social Hall from 5-7 PM on the following Fridays

February 16 - Live Music While You Dine -
Keyboard & Guitar

March 15th - Live Jazz While You Dine
March 22nd

Last year we fell victim to a price increase as a result of increased costs for the fresh fish, ingredients for stewed tomatoes, mac n' cheese, cole slaw. and supplies. We are pleased to announce this year we can hold our price at last year's price of \$18 per dinner.

One additional important change to note, **EXCEPT FOR** the crab cake dinner discussed below, the Fish Frys will be 100 % walk-ins. **No pre-orders** will be taken. As a result, the event will be operating on a first come, first serve basis until we run out.

CRAB CAKE DINNER – **Father Miller and the SCS Knights will be hosting a Crab Cake dinner on Friday, March 1st from 5-7 PM.** The dinner will include the Knights' typical Fish Fry side dishes **but** with crab cakes. The \$20 meal will include crab cakes, stewed tomatoes, mac & cheese, coleslaw, rolls, a dessert, and drinks (beer & wine available for a small contribution if you so choose).

This event will be a **pre-order only event** as discussed above and the contact info for orders will be released in the bulletin in February.

*Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!
The SCS Knights thank you for your continued support !*

Jon 3:1-5, 10: The mercy of God is shown to the people of Nineveh. He sends Jonah to Ninevah to preach penance for sin. The king proclaims a universal fast to appease the Lord.

1 Cor 7:29-31: Paul warns the Corinthians of the shortness of time in this world. All must conduct themselves worthily in the eyes of God and be detached from this world's pleasure.

Mk 1:14-20: Jesus began to preach the "good news" of salvation. He called Simon and Andrew, James and John, to follow Him. At once, they accepted the call to become "fishers of men."

Today's Message: The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's Kingdom?

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass - Chapel

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Chapel

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School

BOOK DISCUSSION - BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST with

Deacon John Stapleton 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

AHG – 6:00-8:0 p.m. – School

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ART SHOW - Social Hall after all Masses

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 Jan Peoples

4:30 Dick Horrigan (11th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30 Luz Gomez

9:30 Earl Heintz (13th Anniversary)

11:30 Sandra Bibbo (5th Anniversary)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

7:15 Helen Krafczek

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:15 Tammy Swavelly (4th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:15 Dolores Nowicki & Marcia Nowicki Slotkowski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

7:15 Helen Stroud

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 George Ashton

4:30 Adam Gajewski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30 Jan & Maria Witek & Joseph

9:30 Francis Peter Lloyd

11:30 Collin R. Bollendorf

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 21, 2024

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

Monday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr and Saint Marianne

Cope, Virgin

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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.



**For the week of January 21st
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Maryann Burchill

St. Catharine's Chapel - Poor Souls in Purgatory

St. Mary's - Joseph & Katherine Rosol

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/22	Rev. Shaju J. Kanjiramparayil, O.S.F.S.
Tuesday 1/23	Rev. Venantius T. Karobo, A.J.
Wednesday 1/24	Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn
Thursday 1/25	Rev. Martin F. Kern
Friday 1/26	Rev. Simon Kimaryo, A.J.
Saturday 1/27	Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka, A.J.

Catholic Trivia— Question: What particular day of prayer is designated by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal for January 22nd in the US?

- A. Day of Prayer for Vocations
- B. Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities
- C. Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea
- D. Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Answer on page 6

Parish Nurse News - Remember the value of daily exercise, especially during cold, gray months! Try yoga, walks around the house, balance exercises or light squats while standing in place. Check with your doctor before starting a new routine. And get outside for a few minutes of natural sunlight when possible! (WebMD Simple Fitness How-tos, Dec.2022).

SURVIVING DIVORCE—a confidential program offering hope and healing from divorce is being held every Monday (starting now) through March 25, 2024, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Saint Benedict Church, [2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, \(Plowville\) 19540](#). For more information, please contact **Joe Boylan, 610-781-6415** or joeboylan17@gmail.com

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 Space is limited. Register now to reserve your spot. You will not be disappointed!



Valerie (Farrell) Wertman is a long time parishioner. Eighth 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 3rd & 4th & 5th & 6th.** The purpose is to increase awareness of over the counter medicine abuse and a fundraiser for Adult\Teen Challenge Rehab. \$100 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 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!**

Berks Catholic High School Open House- Tuesday, January 30th 5:30-7:00pm. Come feel the energy of our community! Open registration for new students, activity fair, tours, opportunity to speak with teachers and administrators.! Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/GA1wnt4wp4aM2x9G9>

For more information about Berks Catholic High School or to schedule a Shadow Day, please email nsmith@berkscatholic.org (all inquiries are confidential).

Partner School and PREP School Night at Berks Catholic- Tuesday, January 30th- Boys Basketball. JV starts at 6. All Partner and PREP students admitted for free. Wear your school or BC spirit wear.

If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! 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

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: Sadie & Henry Holtzman

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: 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 Burkhardt, 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, 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:* & 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 dstiler@comcast.net.

Kennedy House. Want to volunteer and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the **Kennedy House** in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either **Saturday, February 17th and or Sunday, February 18th** or both days! Times are from 9:30-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270 or sk1699@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there.

Also, if you are unable to help but would be willing to **donate** food or other supplies we would need, please contact me as well.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ACA823A4FA7-47110214->

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. Our 50+ Member Price is \$27.00 and \$29.00 for nonmembers. Please call Janina at 215-644-7396 for more information, as attendance is "By Reservation Only"

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.

A Time For Prayer - Allentown Diocese Commission for Men presents a Morning of Reflection Saturday, March 2, St. Jane de Chantal, 4049 Hartley Ave., Easton Mass at 9:00 AM, coffee and doughnuts, with speakers starting at 10:00 AM Speakers: His Excellency Alfred Schlert; Father Alex Brown, St. Anne's Bethlehem; Father Keith Laskowski, Our Lady of Mercy, Easton Confessions available, admission is free, but please register at www.menaliveinchrist.org
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERY MAN THERE!



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

Family Reflection - EGO - Psychologists have defined and redefined the term ego over the years. Often, we think of it as referring to a person's self-perception or, in a more negative way, as "an inflated feeling of pride in your superiority of others". When we consider the term ego with that more prideful definition, we could say that ego actually stands for "Edging God Out". For that is what the sin of pride is all about. That kind of ego refuses to acknowledge and reflect divine charity. It is a hesitation or negligence in responding to divine love. It is refusing the joy that comes from God and is repelled by divine goodness. In short, it is a hatred of God. -CCC2094

Pro-tip: "God demonstrates His own Love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us". Romans 5:8

Challenge: Go to the Sacrament of Confession. Bring your children and teach them to go regularly. Invite your parents or a friend who may not have been in a while. Stop ego, stop "Edging God Out".

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: D. - In section 373, the Roman Missal calls for all dioceses in the US to observe January 22nd as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Priests wear either white or violet vestments. This day coincides with January 22, 1973, when the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in the *Roe v. Wade* decision. Since that time, over 62 million children have lost their lives to abortion. The Annual March for Life began in 1974 to try to reverse that. Although *Roe* was finally reversed in 2022, some state constitutions still protect abortion rights, so the March for Life continues. The theme of the 2024 march to be held in Washington DC on January 19th is "With Every Woman, For Every Child". Hundreds of thousands of people come from all over to participate in the March for Life. If you can't be there with them, you can still pray: "Mary, Mother of all Life, help us to respect human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death."