

# 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@allentowndioocese.org](mailto: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  
8:20 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  
Parish Website: [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)  
Parish Email: [saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com](mailto:saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com)

**ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL:** 2330 Perkiomen Avenue  
Phone: 610-779-5810 • [www.scsreading.org](http://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.

**Saint Mary's News**

Saturday, January 27th - 3:30 p.m. - The Jermac Family  
 Sunday, January 28th - 10:30 a.m. - David Ziegler  
 Saturday, February 3rd - 3:30 p.m. - Marge Lonergan  
 Sunday, February 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased of Chelstowski & Skoraszewski Families

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.

The Lenten Pierogi Society will begin its labors from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Monday, January 29 and will meet each Monday and Tuesday through Lent. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use the parking lot Chapel entrance. New members are always welcome. Volunteers will be needed to peel potatoes and onions after the 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

**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.

**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).**



**Every vote counts!**

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](http://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! Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center.




**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!

**Dt 18:15-20:** The Israelites ask the Lord for a prophet. The Lord promises to select a prophet from among them. He then shall speak for the Lord. Anyone who refuses to listen shall answer to the Lord. A prophet who speaks falsely will die.

**1 Cor 7:32-35:** Paul speaks about the value of a celibate life. One who is unmarried is busy for the Lord. One who is married must be concerned for spouse and family. Paul is anxious to promote what helps a Christian live entirely for the Lord.

**Mk 1:21-28:** Jesus teaches in the synagogue with outstanding authority. In a possessed man, an unclean spirit shrieks out identifying Jesus. Jesus commands the unclean spirit to leave the man. The people are amazed.

**Today's Message:** As Moses challenged the Israelites to listen to God's voice, so we are called to hear the voice of Jesus and live out His teachings by what we say and do, whatever our vocation in life may be.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK- ART SHOW – following all Mases – Social Hall

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT – 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - School

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. - Church

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

AHG – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Social Hall

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

AHG RETREAT – 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – 5:30 p.m. – Social Hall

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

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

PINE WOOD DERBY – Social Hall

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

7:15 Matthew Cahill (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

7:15 Fotios Arnidis

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

7:15 Mary Firth

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

7:15 John Stapleton, Sr. (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

7:15 Rosann Geisinger

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

8:00 Barbara Ianni

4:30 Rick & Dottie Bixler (55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

7:30 Deceased Members of the William R. Bollendorf, Sr. & Anna F. Bollendorf Family

9:30 Angelo Porcaro (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Paul T. Bassler

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of January 28, 2024**

**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

**Monday**

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday**

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday**

**Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest**

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday**

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

**Saturday**

**Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop, and Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**


1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**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).



**For the week of January 28th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church -** Deceased Members of Vrana/Pluchinsky Families

**St. Catharine's Chapel -** Raymond & Harriet Madara

**St. Mary's -** Janice Little

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 1/29	Rev. Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger
Tuesday 1/30 (Father Johnson)	Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil -
Wednesday 1/31	Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons
Thursday 2/1	Rev. David J. Kozak
Friday 2/2	Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel
Saturday 2/3	Rev. Daniel E. Kravatz

**Catholic Trivia** - Question: Which Saint is known as the Angelic Doctor?

- A. Saint Basil the Great
- B. Saint Anthony
- C. Saint Thomas Aquinas
- D. Saint Francis De Sales

Answer on page 6

**Altar Server Mass - Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**11:00am - Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown** - All altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes. A reception for altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass.

Looking for a few good organizations and/or families who would be interested in "hosting" a Donut Sunday this year after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. St Catharine will pay for ALL supplies. We are simply looking for volunteers who could help foster fellowship within the parish by setting up the social hall, picking up supplies ( Donuts, Fruit & beverages), serving and finally clean up. For groups this may be a great way to advertise your organization within the parish. In addition, any tips you may receive can stay with your group as a fundraiser. For families who volunteer this would be a great way to model service for you children. Maybe consider teaming up to serve with a couple other families? Think of the memories! You may modify the menu to reflect a holiday or your preferences. The more volunteers we get the more Donut Sundays we can have. Please consider hosting! Contact Rob Wright at [rwright@readingfoundry.com](mailto:rwright@readingfoundry.com) for more information or sign-up.

**Parish Nurse News** - The extreme cold reminds us to remember skin safety. Use lip balm and skin protectant cream. Wear layers when going outside, and hat and gloves. Pack a spare blanket in the car, and extra lip balm, hat and gloves for each person. Hydration is still a priority, too! Take water with you whenever possible!



**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 15<sup>th</sup> - Live Jazz While You Dine  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 !*



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 & 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 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, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: John McGroarty*, (husband of Barbara McGroarty) & 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.



**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](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!**



**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](mailto: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-kennedy>

**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](http://www.menaliveinchrist.org)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERY MAN THERE!**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**Saturday, February 3, 2024 @ 5:30**  
**@ St. Catharine's Social Hall**  
 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606

**THE MIGHTY MACS**

**FREE admission**  
**FREE dinner\***  
**Fun & fellowship**

A G-rated film based on a true story of a Catholic women's college basketball team that rose from obscurity to national finals.

\*Mac/Cheese, Chili, Salad Bar

R.S.V.P. by Wed, 1/31/24 to [Nancy.vardjan@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.vardjan@gmail.com)

Made with PosterMyWall.com

The Siena Stitchers would like to thank all the parishioners who bought our hand made items. Your generosity enabled us to give over \$850 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.. They were able to help some of the needy families in our own parish. Thank you and God Bless!

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: C.** - Thomas Aquinas is known as the "Angelic Doctor" with the title doctor meaning teacher. He was a prolific writer, including producing the liturgy for the newly created feast of Corpus Christi for Pope Urban IV. He also wrote hymns, some of which are still sung today, such as *Pange Lingua* whose final two verses are the famous *Tantum Ergo*. In 1265 Pope Clement IV summoned him to Rome to serve as papal theologian. While there, he completed his most famous work, the *Summa Theologiae*. It is traditionally held that Thomas was seen at a convent in Naples levitating in prayer before an icon of the crucified Christ and that Christ said to Thomas, "You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward would you have for your labor?" And that Thomas replied, "Nothing but you, Lord." He was canonized by Pope John XXIII in 1323. At the Council of Trent in the 1500's, his *Summa Theologiae* was placed on the altar alongside the Bible.

**Berks Catholic High School Open House- Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nsmith@berkscatholic.org) (all inquiries are confidential).