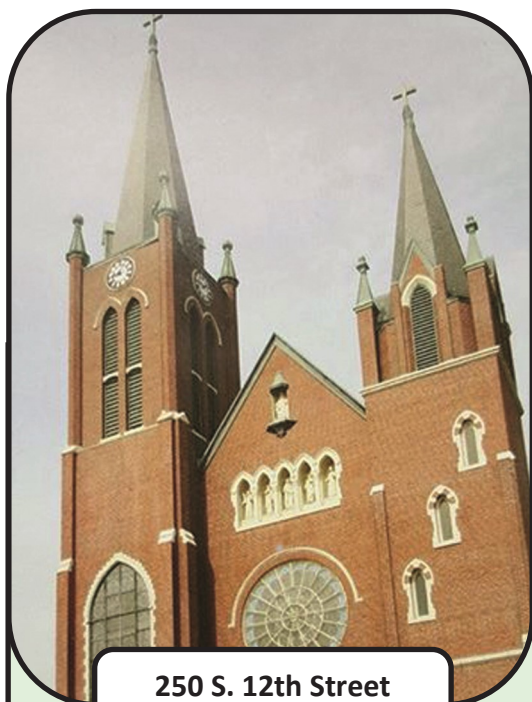


# Saint Mary's

# 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)

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saint Mary's News**

Saturday, March 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - John S. Morawczynski, Jr. (3rd Anniversary)  
Sunday, March 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Andrew Glutz (35th Anniversary)  
Saturday, March 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Doris Kurtz  
Sunday, March 10th - 10:30 a.m. - John Mahoney

**PIEROGI SALE-** Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including March 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pierogis will be sold in the Church basement. Please use the side entrance from the parking lot. Potato, sauerkraut, and possibly cheese pierogis will sell for \$10.00 a dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 a cup. (Weather Permitting) Volunteers are needed to help sell pierogis on Fridays.

**Easter Plants** for the sanctuary can be purchased in memory of your beloved deceased by enclosing \$12 per plant in an envelope provided today on the altar rail. please print name clearly.

*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, 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).*

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**SCS KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS**  
**UPCOMING LENTEN FISH FRYS**

**REMAINING LENTEN FISH FRYS** - The Knights will be hosting the remaining Lenten Fish Frys at the Social Hall from 5-7 PM, cost \$18 per dinner on the following Fridays. **REMINDER:** There are no tickets for these dinners. It is a first come, first serve basis until we run out

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

**SAVE THE DATE !!!**



**SCS Knights 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

More details to be released in the coming weeks  
*Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!*  
**The SCS Knights thank you for your continued support !**

**A LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

Mariawald Renewal Center – Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 9:00AM-3:00PM  
THEME: **“CRUCIFIED KING”**  
FACILITATOR: **Fr. Brian Miller, M.Div., M.A.**, To register, call 610-777-0135 or email [mariawaldcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mariawaldcenter@gmail.com)  
Register by March 5, 2024.  
Cost: \$ 40.00, Lunch Included

Mariawald Renewal Center,  
1094 Welsh Road, Reading, PA 19607

**Ex 20:1-17:** God speaks to His people and gives them a code of life to follow – the Commandments. The first three describe how He is to be worshipped and the remaining rules outline how the people are to respect and live with one another.

**1 Cor 1:22-25 :** Paul admits that the preaching of Christ crucified is regarded as absurd by some. Still, for those who have faith, Christ is the power and wisdom of God.

**Jn 2:13-25:** Jesus becomes angry when the temple, which is to be a house of prayer, is turned into a place of business. He drives the merchants out.

**Today's Message:** The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by His being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**

DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT SERIES – “Sacrifice” – 6:30 p.m. – Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until **6:00 p.m.** - Chapel - **NO CONFESSIONS**

BLESS THIS SPACE– 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION – 6:30 p.m. – Church

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

MARY’S WAY OF THE CROSS – following the 7:15 Mass – Chapel

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

PREP - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - School

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

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, MARCH 8**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00 p.m. - Church

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – Parish Center

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

BLOOD DRIVE - Social Hall

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

8:00 Bernie & Mary Ryan

4:30 Mary Lou & Leon Zientek

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

7:30 Edward Baver (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Skopek & Hrezik

Families

11:30 Baby Isabella George (17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**

7:15 Robert Schock

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

7:15 Michael D. Rutkowski

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

7:15 Geraldine Buser (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

**FRIDAY, March 8**

7:15 Peter & Regina Shepos

**SATURDAY, March 9**

8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kohut

4:30 Deceased Members of the Smith Family

**SUNDAY, March 10**

7:30 Justine Walsh (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 John Leier

11:30 Mary & Sam Pizzuto

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of March 3, 2024**

**Sunday**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Monday**

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday**

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

For the week of March 3rd  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine’s Church - William H. Hartranft

St. Catharine’s Chapel - Daniel Antonucci

St. Mary’s - Mary & Gene Pondo



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/4	Rev. Joseph T. Muller, M.S.C.
Tuesday 3/5	Rev. Michael E. Mullins
Wednesday 3/6	Rev. Elias D. Munyaneza, A.J.
Thursday 3/7	Rev. Kevin M. Nadolski, O.S.F.S.
Friday 3/8	Rev. Richard O. O'Nyamwaro, A.J.
Saturday 3/9	Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Orsulak

**Catholic Trivia** - Question: Which American born Catholic Saint was born in Philadelphia in 1858 and is the Patron Saint of racial justice and philanthropy?

- A. Saint John Neumann
- B. Saint Charles Borromeo
- C. Saint Katharine Drexel
- D. Saint Frances Cabrini

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**Lenten Reconciliation:** During the Season of Lent, parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass on Saturday and Sunday. It is our hope that the parishioners of St. Catharine's & St. Mary's will use this as an opportunity to better prepare themselves during their Lenten journey.

**Stations of the Cross:** will be celebrated every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. except March 22nd. at the Church on Boyertown Pike.

**Choral Meditations on the Seven Sorrows of Mary:** Join us Friday, March 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM (following the final fish fry!) for a special Lenten devotion, as we meditate on the Heart of Our Mother of Sorrows. The devotions will include traditional prayers and reflections on Our Lady's Seven Sorrows, as well as choral meditations by *Angelorum*, our diocesan women's schola under the direction of Ms. Beverly McDevitt. This will be a fitting way to enter into the solemn celebrations of Holy Week!

**Eucharistic Adoration:** is held every Monday: the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from after the 7:15 AM Mass until 8:00 PM. All are invited and encouraged to spend some quality prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament.

**SECOND COLLECTION – "ALMSGIVING"** - "...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret." (Ash Wednesday's Reading) - **During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection on select weekends for special needs:** March 10th - St. Francis Home & March 24th - Rice Bowl - Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.



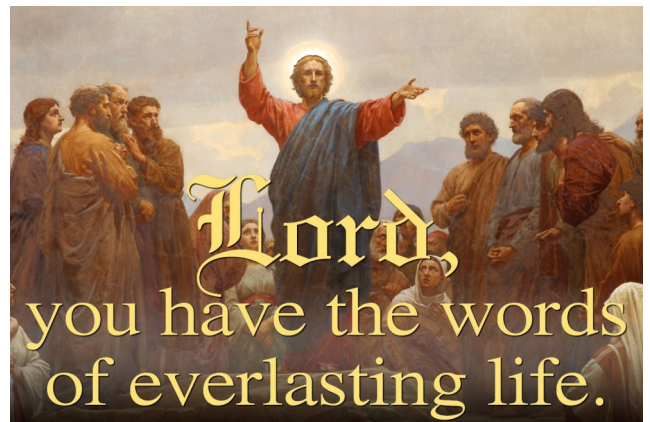
If you're a parishioner and haven't already taken the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey, NOW is the time! It's the very important first step in growing in our discipleship as a parish. We are currently assessing our parish's greatest strengths and opportunities, and need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive to reflect more of Christ's love in our community.



Scan the QR code to begin the Survey

go online to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b3bd95>

Fill out a paper copy located by the SCRIP table





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: Brielle & Chase Bellott

**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, Stella Deeble, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, Charles Elchlepp, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Doris Harner, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Carol & John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, James Hett, Michael Hivner, Chuck Holt, Margaret Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Julia Karpati, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, 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, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, 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  
**Time to die: Robert Kuzicki & John Yoshida** & 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.

**Diocesan Lent Retreat Series** - Join us for a Lent retreat series, featuring speakers from our Diocese. The event series is as follows:

**Mon, March 4 - St. Catharine of Siena, Reading, Topic "Sacrifice" by Rob Johnson**

**Mon, March 11 - Ss. Peter and Paul, Lehighon, Topic "Promise" by Kristin Osenbach**

**Mon, March 18 - Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, Topic "Holy" by Fr. John Trigilio**

Schedule of the night: 6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration, 7:30pm presentation, 8:00pm refreshments

**We Are Remembered 33rd Easter Mass**

The 33rd Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the diocesan "We Are Remembered" Ministry will be celebrated by Father Stanley Moczydlowski Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Whitehall. "We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one," says the ministry.



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me to drink" It seems everywhere you turn, people are struggling to pay their bills and put food on their tables, but some are struggling even more! Could you just share some of what you have in your pantry or shelves? Cereal, canned fruit, tuna fish, jelly, peanut butter, etc. are needed. Every little bit helps. We will and they will be so grateful for your kindness. Begin gathering items for our St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive and bring them to Mass with you on the weekend of March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. God Bless You - For Loving One Another.

**Parish Nurse News** - Dental health! Remember that dental health also affects overall health. Be sure to brush teeth twice daily, floss daily, see your dentist twice yearly. Drink plenty of water and avoid those sugary drinks!

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: C.** - Saint Katharine Drexel was born into a wealthy family. Her father was a banker, and sadly, her mother died 5 weeks after her birth. She was raised by her devout father who prayed for 30 minutes every night and by her step-mother who opened their home to care for the poor. Katharine was touched by the poverty she saw when she traveled, and she became a religious Sister and an educator to help them. She dedicated her life to helping Native Americans and African Americans. In 1915, she founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University for African Americans. She is the 2<sup>nd</sup> American born Saint and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

**St. Monica Ministry** -The next St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour will take place at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 12. We will come together before the Blessed Sacrament to ask Our Lord's mercy and to invoke the powerful intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Presiding at the Holy Hour will be Rev. Brendon Laroche, parochial administrator of St. Ursula Parish, Fountain Hill. Immediately after the Holy Hour, a meeting and book discussion will take place in the parish hall. All are warmly welcome to attend, and no registration is necessary. For more information, please email [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)

Daily Masses With Bishop Schlert,  
Because We Are Catholic

Thursday, April 25 - Sacred Heart, Palmerton - 8:30 am  
Wednesday, May 22 - St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield - 8:30 am



St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood drive on Sunday, March 10th. Please call Dave Gibney at 484.332.1624, or schedule online at <https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/85668>. Anyone who is in good health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more,

may donate whole blood every 56 days. (16-year old donors require parental consent).

Did you know: 40% of the US population is eligible to donate – but only 5% do on a yearly basis.

Statistics show that 25% or more of us will require blood at least once in our lifetime.

Every 2 seconds, someone in the US requires a blood transfusion. It only takes about 45 minutes of your time to save a life.

Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 27 hospitals served by the blood center.

## 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

March 6, 2024: Speaker Attorney Scott Hoh will discuss Estate Planning. Refreshments 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" The Milhouse Trio will provide entertain. Reservations and cancellation must be received no later than March 20, 2024

May 1, 2024: Michael Kropp will play the guitar and sing songs from the 50s – 60s – and 70s! Refreshments will be served

### 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. **There are a few seats available!** At this time, full payment will be required when signing up for this April trip.

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. Please note the June Mystery Trip is full. Pat White is taking names to be placed on a waiting list!

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



**Mother - Daughter Tea** - Mothers, together with their daughters ages 9 to 13, are invited to spend a memorable afternoon exploring God's gift of femininity. The event is on April 28th, 2024 from 1-4pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall in Allentown. The event will feature presentations on the physical and emotional changes girls experience, the sacredness of life, and

empowering tips about modesty, virtue, and personal style. Your daughter is welcome to invite another special woman in her life to attend. A light lunch, door prizes, and games will be included.

Register here: [allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407](https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407)