

# 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

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**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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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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Saint Mary's News

**Saturday, March 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Doris Kurtz**  
**Sunday, March 10th - 10:30 a.m. - John Mahoney**  
**Saturday, March 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Diane & Gary Buzalewski & Family**  
**Sunday, March 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Joseph & Hattie Blanski**

**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.**

The Polish American TV Show - Tom Gajewski interviews people from the Polish American Community on BCTV about topics of interest, events and activities every month. The program airs on Comcast Ch 15 and Service Electric Ch 19 as follows: First Tuesday of every month - 7:30 pm - First Wednesday after First Tuesday - 7:30 pm - First Friday after First Tuesday - 1:30 pm - First Monday after First Tuesday - 10:30 am - Second Tuesday - 3:30 pm. Your feedback and/or ideas for future programs is welcome- Call Tom 610-698-8731.

**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.

### **Fr. Miller's Mini Series on the 7 deadly sins**

In preparation for the upcoming Penance Service on March 25th, Fr Miller will give a 2 day talk on the history and nature of the Church's understanding on the 7 deadly sins. This will be a great opportunity to do a thorough examination of conscience in preparation for the Lenten penance service. The dates are March 19th and March 21st both 7pm at the Church.

### **Lenten confessions for Berks County**

Just like in Advent, the parishes of Hga, St Ignatius, and St Catharine's will be hosting confessions before Easter. This will be the last public opportunity to go to confession before Easter. There will be multiple priests at these confessions.

**Sunday HGA 7pm - March 24th**

**Monday St. Catharine's 7pm (Church) March 25th**

**Tuesday St. Ignatius 7pm - March 26th**



Catholic Leadership  
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Disciple Maker Index Survey

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

**2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23:** The Israelites were repeatedly unfaithful to God. They ignored the prophets sent to them. God allowed them to fall to the Chaldeans. Jeremiah had foretold this punishment.

**Eph 2:4-10:** God's mercy and love brought Jesus into the world. Salvation is God's gift; it is not the work of human beings. Jesus leads all to perform good works.

**Jn 3:14-21:** Jesus is to die on the cross - the proof of God's unlimited love for His people. God sent Jesus that we might believe. Through belief in Him human beings will be saved.

**Today's Message:** God pardons and raises up those who have been unfaithful, those who have loved the darkness rather than the light. For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to deliver the world from exile.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

BLOOD DRIVE – Social Hall  
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP – School Cafeteria - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m. - Chapel

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

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

PREP - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - School

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

AHG – 6:00-8:00

FISH FRY – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

READING ULTREYA – Knights' Room - 9:30 – noon

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAKE SALE – Social Hall

ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD DRIVE

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

7:15 Richard E. Puwalski

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

7:15 Richard Stasek

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

7:15 Linda Raith

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

7:15 Mark Lundquist (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**FRIDAY, March 15**

7:15 Marie & Robert Grippe, Sr.

**SATURDAY, March 16**

8:00 Gerry Merinsky

4:30 Marilyn Clifford

**SUNDAY, March 17**

7:30 Geraldine Russo

9:30 Robert & Catherine Doyle

11:30 Thomas Fry

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of March 10, 2024**

**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

**Monday**

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday**

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

*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).***



**The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of  
March 10th**

**St. Catharine's Church -  
Genevieve Fura**

**St. Catharine's Chapel - Patricia  
Belsterling**

**St. Mary's - Mike & Madeline  
Mullen**



**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 3/11	Rev. Luigi Palmieri
Tuesday 3/12	Rev. Gregory Pendergraft, F.S.S.P.
Wednesday 3/13	Rev. John S. Pendzick
Thursday 3/14	Rev. Dominic Thao Pham
Friday 3/15	Rev. Quyet A. Pham
Saturday 3/16	Rev. Herman Pongantung, M.S.C.



**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>

Catholic Trivia - Question: What is the Fourth Sunday in Lent called?

- A.    Rose Sunday
- B.    Laetare Sunday
- C.    Mothering Sunday
- D.    All of the above

Answer on page 6

**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**

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 entertainment. 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, 2024: Parade of Nations

Pat White will still take reservations, entire amount (\$770, double occupancy) is due at the time of reservation.

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

August 23, 2024: New Hope Railroad and Peddlers Village, Lunch at The Cock and Bull. \$160 per person

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

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

November 20, 2024: Hunterdon Hills N. J. , 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.

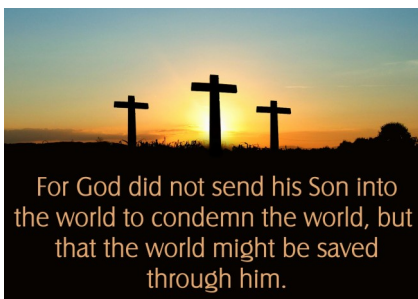


CCHS Class of 1964 is selling Alumni Magnets for our Reunion on September 14th 2024. They are \$5.00 each & \$6.00 each if mailed. Contact Pat White 610-583-1437 if interested.

**Special thanks to Lutz Funeral Home** for tinting the windows in the East Narthex of the church which will help improve energy efficiency, increase privacy, and improve appearance and presentation for funeral visitations.

**MONTH OF MAY ROSARY** - The rosary will be said before all Masses in the month of May to honor our beloved mother, Mary. This is a great ministry for you to become involved with! In the coming weeks, there will be a sign up sheet in the back of the Church. We need volunteers to lead the rosary before Mass. The format will be provided. If you can speak, you can lead in prayer. Please check your calendars now and see if there is an extra 1/2 hour that you can carve out before Mass to lead us in the rosary.

**Parish Nurse News** - Reading has great health benefits! Slows heart rate, reduces muscle tension, lessens stress, and keeps your mind sharp! Be aware of negative stories and crime novels that may not be helpful for stress reduction or sleep. Choose positive stories to read to children and read often! (A. Buttimer, MS NCC, RYT, LPC, Thomas Chapman Family Cancer Wellness at Piedmont. Piedmont Healthcare.)



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.



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: Leo Knarr & Briella O'Donnell

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 **A Time to die: Paul Dengler** (brother of William Dengler); **Teresa Brennan; Carolyn Graczyk** & 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.

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The St. Catharine's School Board invites you to attend the

# BINGO Extravaganza

IN SUPPORT OF

**St. Catharine of Siena School**

Join us for food, friends, drinks and **BINGO!**



April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, | 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM

St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall  
4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading PA 19606

**Bingo Card Pack (\$30)**

includes bingo 12 games

**4 Seats at Bingo table (\$175)**

includes 4 reserved seats, 4 bingo card packs, 4 drink tickets, and 4 raffle tickets

**Bingo table (\$350)**

includes 8 reserved seats, 8 bingo card packs, 8 drink tickets, and 16 raffle tickets

Food, wine, beer and raffle tickets available for purchase at event!

*Save your spot today!*

<https://go.dojiggy.io/bingo2024>



Email [jkane@rossimechanical.com](mailto:jkane@rossimechanical.com) with any additional questions



Help Us Help Them  
Next week is our Annual St. Vincent de Paul Society food collection. We hear words from families "I never thought this would happen to us", but it did. Layoffs and illness are just some of the causes of their very reduced

incomes at this time. This is why we here at St. Catharine's do our Lenten food drive to help those in need. Help us fill their grocery bags to feed their families by bringing your donations next weekend March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to put something in one of our 3 poor boxes in the back of the church, we would be grateful. If you have any questions, please call Linda Vogel (610-779-6287) Thank you all for your compassion.

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: D.**—The answer is: All of the above. The fourth Sunday in Lent is commonly known as Laetare Sunday, meaning "rejoice". It is a day of celebration that gives hope as Easter is closer. Priests traditionally wear rose or pink vestments. An alternative name is "Mothering Sunday", a day when some Christians visit their mother church where they received the sacrament of baptism. This tradition began in the Middle Ages in the United Kingdom and Ireland.



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL  
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# PRE-K STORYTIME

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

10:00 - 10:45 AM

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