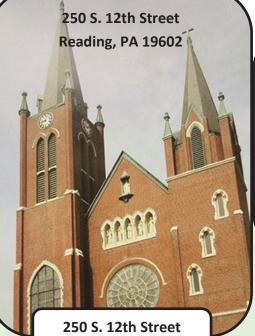
Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish





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

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

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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, March 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Diane & Gary Buzalewski & Family

Sunday, March 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Jospeh & Hattie Blanski Saturday, March 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Genevieve Fura Sunday, March 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Leo & Jospeh 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.

<u>Easter Plants</u> 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.

Choral Meditations on the Seven Sorrows of Mary

Join us Friday, March 22 at 7:00 PM (following the final Lenten 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!



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



2024 Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY, March 23rd & 24th
Palms blessed and distributed at all
Masses

Solemn Blessing and Procession at 11:30 a.m. Mass (begins under the portico – Incense Used)

MONDAY of Holy Week, March 25th

Confessions with Multiple Priests 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Church

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th

Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. (Church)
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
Incense Used

Night Prayer at the Repository 10 p.m. **GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th**

Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. (Church) (followed by Divine Mercy Novena) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

No Confessions and No 4:30 p.m. Mass Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. (Church) (followed by Divine Mercy Novena)

Solemn Vigil of Easter 8:00 p.m.

(begins under the portico – Incense Used)

EASTER SUNDAY March 31

7:30 a.m. with music (organ and cantor) 9:00 a.m. (Guitar Group Mass) Incense Used 11:30 a.m. (Choir Mass) Incense Used 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Church Incense Used <u>Jer 31:31-34:</u> The Lord promises a new covenant wherein His law will be written in the hearts of His people. They will recognize God as their Lord and He will forgive their sins. <u>Heb 5:7-9:</u> We recall how Jesus prayed to His Father. Through obedience to suffering, Jesus became perfect and is the source of salvation for all who obey Him.

<u>Jn 12:20-33</u>: Jesus predicts His glorification. It comes by dying like the grain of wheat. Those who love their life inordinately will lose it. The Father from heaven answers Jesus.

<u>Today's Message</u>: The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Such dying must be cultivated by obedience and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgivenes

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MARCH 17

8th GRADE BAKE SALE

ST VINCENT de PAUL FOOD DRIVE

MONDAY MARCH 18

 $\label{eq:eucharistic} \begin{array}{l} EUCHARISTIC\ ADORATION-following\ the\ 7:15\ Mass\ until\ 8:00\\ p.m.\ -\ Chapel \end{array}$

CONFESŜIONS - 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 MARCH 19

Fr. MILLER'S MINI SERIES – Seven Deadly Sins – 7:00 p.m. - Church WEDNESDAY MARCH ${\bf 20}$

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

PREP - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - School

THURSDAY MARCH 21

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Church

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

FR. MILLER'S MINI SERIES – Seven Deadly Sins – 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY MARCH 22

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

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY WITH CHORAL MEDITATIONS BY

ANGELORUM - 7:00 p.m. - Church

SATURDAY MARCH 23

PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m. - Chapel

SUNDAY MARCH 24

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP - Kennedy House Soup Kitchen



The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of March 17th

St. Catharine's Church - Bob Donfield

St. Catharine's Chapel - Donald E. & Jane E. Byerly

St. Mary's - Zofia & Frank Klinkowski

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:15 Frank S. Marabella

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

7:15 Deceased Members of the Curtin, Gantert, Kroener & Wagner

Families

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

7:15 Susan Anderson

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

7:15 Jack Evans

FRIDAY, March 22

7:15 Patricia Belsterling

SATURDAY, March 23

8:00 Zofiza Dausiene

4:30 Josephine Farrell (6th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, March 24

7:30 The Ankielewicz Family

9:30 Frank Safko (2nd Anniversary)

11:30 Deceased Members of the Nuccio & Impellizzeri Families

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 17, 2024

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

Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS

23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Šunday of the Lord's Passion

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

Additional Confessions

Saturdays - 3:30-4:15 P.M. - Church

Sundays - Church

6:45 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.

8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.

10:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

Please note: There will be no confessions and no 4:30 Mass on Holy Saturday.

Additional Clergy Confessions (multiple priests)

Monday, March 25th - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Church

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/18 Tuesday 3/19 Wednesday 3/20 Thursday 3/21 Friday 3/22 Saturday 3/23 Rev. Robert J. Potts
Rev. Msgr. Stephen J. Radocha
Rev. Msgr. James J. Reichert
Rev. Anthony Ripp, M.S.C.
Rev. Eugene P. Ritz
Rev. Philip F. Rodgers

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which symbols are associated with Saint Patrick?

- A. a book and a sword
- B. a cross and a baptismal font
- C. kevs and a fish
- D. a burning heart and a white lily

Answer on page 6



St Catharine's Parish "Adopt A Flower Bed"

The Facilities Sub-Committee is looking for volunteers to maintain and beautify our church property by reviving the "Adopt A Flower Bed" program that worked very well in the past. We've noticed some individuals are still taking pride and ownership in the beds they adopted years ago, even though the program sort of fizzled out for various reasons. It's simple! You choose the flower

bed, use your own gardening tools, weed or plant and water flowers in your bed and maintain it throughout the year. Volunteers can be a parish group/organization, a family, a couple, an individual, or teens who need service hours. If you are interested and would like more information please call Beth Pawlik at: 610-781-2935.

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Natural light is healthy! Boosts Vitamin D, wards off Seasonal depression, safer than fluorescent light improves sleep! Catch a few rays when you can, exercise outdoors, move your desk closer to a window, eat lunch outside when possible. Enjoy! (Healthline, 2020https://www.healthline.com/health/natural-light-benefits



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 610-582-1437 if interested.

The Siena Stitchers will have an assortment of Easter items as well as other articles for sale in the Church. All proceeds will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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. There are a few seats available!

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.

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.

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: Hayden Fox & Kaius Valentin

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, Diane Rymshaw, 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: & 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.



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.

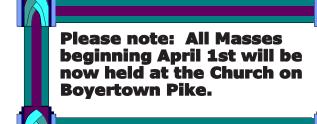
Lenten confessions for Berks County

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

Tuesday St. Ignatius 7pm - March 26th





Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is back! At SCUBA VBS, kids celebrate God's Greatness! SCUBA is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-fun gizmos, team

building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. NEW this year is the Saint of the Day! Plus, we'll help kids discover how they can shine Jesus' light in everyday life.

VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 17, 2024 thru June 21, 2024 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2024. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available on the tables in the back of the church or at www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.

2024 Steubenville Youth Conference

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Youth Conference Main Campus 3 on July 12-14, 2024 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us.



All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group.

Contact Marci Zambito

at <u>mzambito@scsreading.org</u> or check out the youth website at <u>www.scsyouth.weebly.com</u> for more information.





SCS KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING LENTEN FISH FRY

March 22nd

REMAINING LENTEN FISH FRY - 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



SCS Knights 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament SATURDAY, MAY 11th, 2024



Catholic Trivia ANSWER: B.-St. Patrick was born in Britain in about 389. He was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland when he was about 16. He worked there as a shepherd and learned about Irish culture. After six years as a slave, he escaped by boat and went home. He studied the faith in Italy and France and after being ordained, he was sent to Ireland as a missionary where he baptized thousands. Since he understood their traditions, he was skilled at explaining Christianity in a way that made sense to the Irish people. He often used imagery as Jesus did. One example is showing them a shamrock to explain the Trinity. Additional symbols associated with Saint Patrick are a shamrock, harp, demons and a serpent, even though the legend of St. Patrick banishing snakes from Ireland is likely false because post-glacial Ireland is not known to have had snakes. The other symbols are associated with: A: St. Paul; C: St. Peter; and D: St. Catharine of Siena.

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.

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.