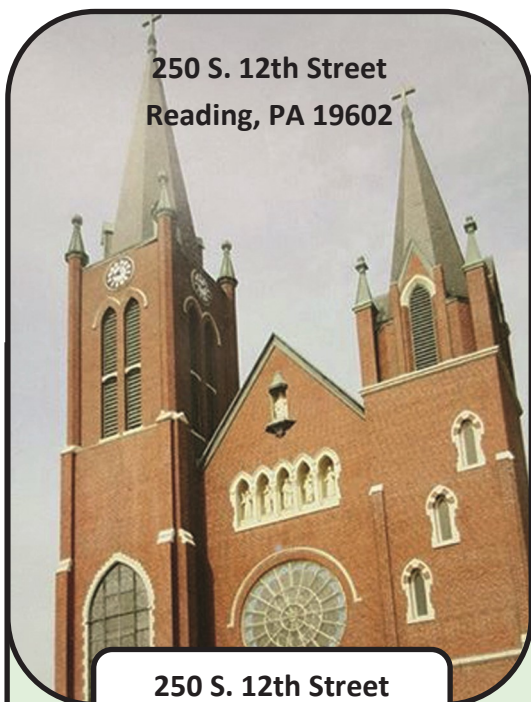


Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish

250 S. 12th Street
Reading, PA 19602



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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

Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.A., Pastor
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Deacon Gregory Schneider
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4975 Boyertown Pike
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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 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Genevieve Fura
Sunday, March 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Leo & Joseph Blanski
Sunday, March 31st - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

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.



Monday March 25th

Benediction will end at the Chapel at 6pm and reopen at the Church at 630 p.m. Confession will take place at the Church starting at 7pm with multiple priests.

Beginning April 1st

Daily Mass, Monday Adoration, and Monday night confessions will take place at the Church located here 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, Pa 19606

April 1st Mass will be at 9am for the Easter holiday with no adoration and no confessions.

April 2nd and onward Mass will be at 715am with Monday adoration beginning after Mass and confessions starting at 7pm.

Week of April 8th

Parish office will be closed for packing and moving to a new location.

Monday April 15th

Parish office will reopen at new location : 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, Pa 19606

Please Note: Office could open sooner if moving and setting up is finished earlier. Parish office phone number will remain the same. 610-779-4005.



2024 Holy Week

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)

Blessing of Easter Food at St. Mary's Church : 10:00 a.m.

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)
9:30 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



- Pre-K through 8th grade Catholic school
- Safe school environment
- Committed to academic excellence
- Weekly specials include: Music, Art, French, Library, Technology/Maker's Space, Gym
- After-care available

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Is 50:4-7: The Servant was persecuted and struck by his own people; he was spit upon and beaten. He proclaims the true faith and suffers to atone for the sins of His people. Here we see foreshadowing of the true servant of God.

Phil 2:6-11: Paul urges us to humility by which we are made like to Christ, our Lord, who, putting off the majesty of His divinity, became man and humbled Himself in obedience to the ignominious death of the cross.

Mk 14:1 – 15:47: Mark recounts the events that led up to the betrayal of Jesus and His final condemnation – His death on the cross. At the Last Supper, Jesus institutes the Holy Eucharist.

Today's Message: Jesus humbled Himself out of love for us, did not shield His face from buffets and spitting, but offered His life on the cross. He relied on His Father's love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
SENIOR HIGH YOUTHGROUP – Kennedy House Soup Kitchen
MONDAY, MARCH 25
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 6:00 p.m. - Chapel
CUB SCOUTS MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall
LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center
PENANCE SERVICE & CONFESSIONS – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. - Church
TUESDAY, MARCH 26
LIVING STATIONS – 1:15 p.m. - Chapel
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS – following the 7:15 Mass – Chapel
PREP - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - School
THURSDAY, MARCH 28
MORNING PRAYER – 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Mercy Novena – Church
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7:00 p.m. – Church
NIGHT PRAYER AT THE REPOSITORY – 10:00 P.M. - Church
FRIDAY, MARCH 29
MORNING PRAYER – 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Mercy Novena - Church
LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – 3:00 p.m. - Church
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00 p.m. – Church
SATURDAY, MARCH 30
MORNING PRAYER – 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Mercy Novena - Church
BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD AT ST. MARY'S – 10:00 a.m.
SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER – 8:00 p.m. - Church

**For the week of March 24th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Thomas Klick

St. Catharine's Chapel - Deceased Members of the Parish

St. Mary's - Poor Souls in Purgatory

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:15 Cora Nacar

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:15 Max Curtin (4th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:15 Kenneth Sullivan

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 Morning Prayer followed by Divine Mercy Novena - Church

FRIDAY, March 29

8:00 Morning Prayer followed by Divine Mercy Novena - Church

SATURDAY, March 30

8:00 Morning Prayer followed by Divine Mercy Novena - Church

SUNDAY, March 31

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
9:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
11:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 24, 2024

Sunday

Palm Sunday 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

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Holy Thursday

Chiasm Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16b, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions

will be held at St. Paul's Church, N. 9th & Walnut Streets on a regular basis. The one hour Adoration will be held from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Please note members have decided to keep the 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. time frame. All are welcome.

Parish Nurse News - Building connections in school, work, and neighborhoods is important for our mental health, learning, and growth! Encourage your children to be thoughtful of others at school. Adults, smile at coworkers, sometimes a "Good morning" makes a world of difference to both people! And, when you can, buy a lemonade at your neighbors' lemonade stand for a treat and a smile!

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/25	Rev. Juan E. Rodriguez
Tuesday 3/26	Rev. Paul L. Rothermel
Wednesday 3/27	Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Sacks
Thursday 3/28	Rev. Msgr. Walter T. Scheaffer
Friday 3/29	Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert
Saturday 3/30	Rev. Msgr. Francis P. Schoenauer

Catholic Trivia - Question: Which of the following is NOT a symbolic meaning of the palm branch?

- A. Shade
- B. Victory
- C. Peace
- D. Eternal Life

Answer on page 6



SCS Knights 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament



Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Held at SCS Church Grounds (pavilion area); If raining, moved indoors to Social Hall

Limited to First 32 Teams Registered

Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am

Play Starts at 11:30 am

Cost: \$60 per Team

(includes beef BBQ, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional fixings and snacks)

REGISTRATION ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS & LIMITED TO THOSE AGED 21 or OLDER
Once 32 Teams are entered, Registration is closed
Registration Deadline is May 5th, 2024

Prizes: 1st Place = \$300 2nd Place = \$200
3rd Place = \$100

TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT, NO PERSONAL BAGS PERMITTED & CANCELLATION SCORING WILL BE USED
FIND TEAM REGISTRATION FORMS ON TABLES IN THE NARTHAX
CONTACT : John Arty @ (484) 269-4195

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 19th, 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 with any additional questions

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for April 6 & 7, 2024 - Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist (OLME) invites you to join us for Divine Mercy Weekend with Bishop Alfred A. Schlert (Bishop of Allentown) and the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Doors open at 6:15 pm on Saturday, April 6th, and at 9:15 am on Sunday, April 7th.. Registration is required. Visit our website: www.olme.org

Daily Masses with Bishop Schlert

Thursday, April 25 - Sacred Heart, Palmerton - 8:30 am

Wednesday, May 22 - St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield - 8:30 am

Monday, September 9 - Our Lady of Mercy, Easton - 8:00 am

Thursday, September 12 - Holy Guardian Angels, Reading - 8:00 am

Monday, September 16 - St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City - 6:00 pm

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: Jack Serafin & Savannah Schmehl

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, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, 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 Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Stella Deeble** & 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.



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



The miracle of Easter is a testament to God's love and power. Praying that you experience this mighty love in your life.



The Knights of Columbus is a grassroots Catholic fraternal organization that works in service to the needs of our community. Our focus is centered on, and around, establishing programs which directly impact upholding and fostering the principles of the Catholic Church, aiding or assisting in our community's needs, promoting the family, developing our youth, and growing brotherhood of our council.

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.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models and to put charity and community first.

Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, The Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Ct and a group of parishioners to bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families.

Our council has donated over \$9,000 annual to support our parish, St. Catherine School, our seminarians Special Olympics, Lifeline of Berks County, John Paul Learning Center, Mary's Shelter, Kennedy House Soup Kitchen, Helping Harvest and our Coats for Kids program to name a few.

We will be available in the vestibule of the Church after masses the weekend of April 13 -14th to answer a questions you have and to help you join through our online membership. Please login to KofC.org for additional information



"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.

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A.

Palms are symbolic of peace, victory and eternal life. Palm Sunday is March 24th. All four Gospels tell the story of palm branches being laid before Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Palm branches symbolize respect, goodness, peace and victory, including victory over death. Palm Sunday marks the last week of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. Just a few days after Jesus is joyfully welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna" he will be crucified, die and after three days, rise from the dead conquering sin and death. As it is said, by His life, death and resurrection, Christ has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. The palms distributed on Palm Sunday are blessed, so they should not be thrown away. Many people weave them into crosses or braids and keep them in their homes throughout the year until they are returned to Church to be burned for the following Ash Wednesday.