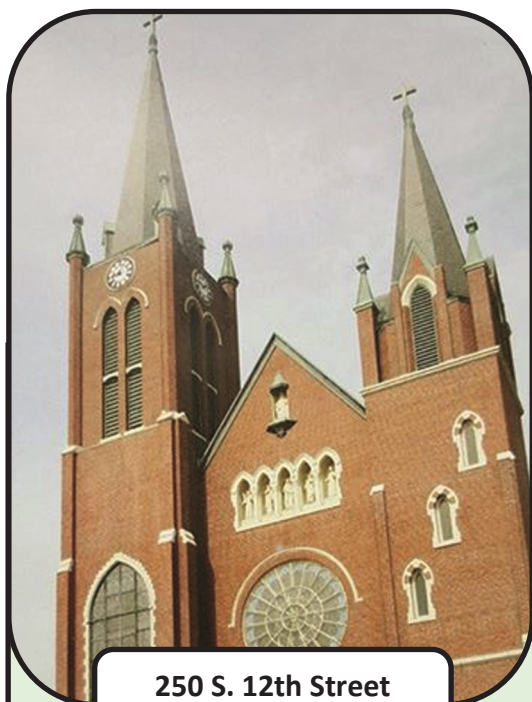


Saint Mary's

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
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@allentowndiocese.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
Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue
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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.

EASTER SUNDAY

Saint Mary's News

Sunday, March 31st - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Saturday, April 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Vinny Baro

Sunday, April 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Bogdan Janiszewski

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.



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.

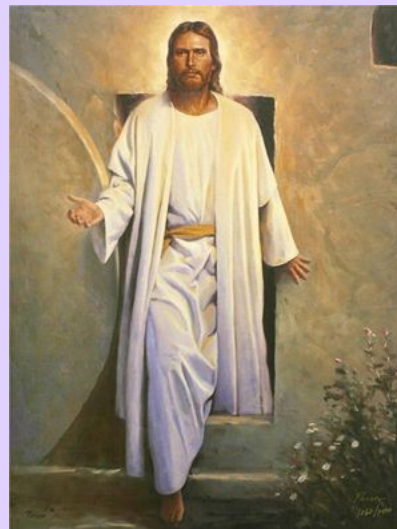
Week of April 8th

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.



EASTER

It is a great joy for us, at the conclusion of the long Lenten weeks of preparation, to extend to everyone in our Parish Family the best wishes from all your priests and deacons, that you enjoy a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

This commemoration of the Lord's victory over sin and death is too big to grasp in one day, so the Church wisely celebrates it during the entire week. Each day of this week, the readings of the Mass contain yet another account of the events of Easter Sunday and the risen Lord's appearances to His followers.

All of this to help bolster our faith and belief in that central fact of salvation history: that Jesus suffered, died and then rose again. May the ever growing awareness of this tremendous divine act fill your heart with new hope and peace.

Acts 10:34a, 37-43: In his sermon, Peter sums up the “good news”, the Gospel. Salvation comes through Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, the anointed of the Holy Spirit.

Col 3:1-4: Look to the glory of Christ in which we share because our lives are hidden in Him (through Baptism) and we are destined to share in the glory.

Jn 20:1-9: Let us discover the empty tomb and ponder this mystery, and like Christ’s first followers be strengthened in our faith.

Today’s Message: On this day of days, we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised His Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, APRIL 1

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

PARISH CENTER IS CLOSED

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

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

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

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

50+ CLUB BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – off-site

PREP - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Church

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. - Church

RCIA – 6:00 -7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

AHG - 6:00- 8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. - Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Social Hall

SUNDAY APRIL 7

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30 -8:30 p.m. – School Cafeteria

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, April 1

9:00 Francisca Espinal (24th Anniversary) (Church)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:15 Janet Dolan (Church)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

7:15 Mary Ann Kruse (Church)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 (Church)

7:15 Ruth & Jackson Yoder

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

7:15 Eric James Strobel (Church)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 Dorothea Burns (Church)

4:30 Mary & George Edmunds, Sr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

7:30 Frank S. Marabella

9:30 Joseph & Violet Rose

11:30 Valeriano & Giovannina (Jenny) Delle Palme & the Deceased of the Delle Palme Family

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 31, 2024

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

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**For the week of March 31st
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine’s Church - John W. Harner

St. Catharine’s Chapel - Genevieve Antonucci

St. Mary’s - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

LANDINGS INTERNATIONAL—One of the many fruits of our faith is welcoming a friend or family member back home to the Catholic Church. Landings International is a 6-week course that presents topics such as, Who is God? Why We Follow Jesus, The Holy Spirit and Our Church. Meetings will include discussions on the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, the Eucharist, liturgy, sin, resurrection and Christian prayer. Landings is an experience of faith sharing, as you meet with a compassionate and attentive team of people who are living active lives of faith. If you are considering returning to the Church or know someone who is, plan to attend an information session at the Church of St. Benedict, Mohnton, on Sunday, April 7th at 1:00pm in the Family Life Center. You may call the parish office to register or if you would like more information.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/1	Rev. Mark R. Searles
Tuesday 4/2	Rev. Adam C. Sedar
Wednesday 4/3	Rev. Thomas G. Shanfelt
Thursday 4/4	Rev. Barnabus Shayo, A.J.
Friday 4/5	Rev. Joseph A. Sheehan
Saturday 4/6	Rev. Msgr. Joseph P.T. Smith

Catholic Trivia - Question: Where does the Pope traditionally celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday?

- A. The Colosseum
- B. St. Peter's Square
- C. The Via Dolorosa
- D. St. Peter's Basilica

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

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.

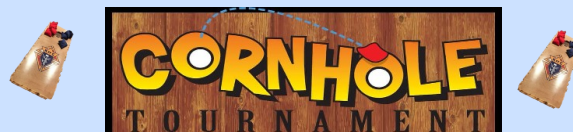
November 20, 2024: Hunterdon Hills N. J. , Christmas Show \$120 per person.

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.



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



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 and 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 an questions you have and to help you join through our online membership. Please login to KofC.org for additional information

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, 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: Mary Renn, (sister of Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds)** & 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.

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.**

Please take note of the businesses advertising on the last pages of our bulletins. We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.

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



Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array?

<https://www.legionofmaryallentown.org>

Please visit our website. A 33 day consecration to Mary will begin in April. Come join Mary's army!

LegionMotheroftheChurch@gmail.com

St. Benedict Council's Annual Golf Outing
Friday, May 17th - Blackwood Golf Course

Registration at 7:30 a.m. - Four Person Scramble - Shotgun Start at 8:45 a.m. \$400 for foursome & \$120 for individual. For more information or to register please call St. Benedicts at 610-856-1006.

Gethsemane Cemetery will host a live mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024 @ 10:00 am. Please join us for fellowship and celebration.



Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A.

On March 29th, 2024 at 9:15 PM, Pope Francis is scheduled to celebrate the Stations of the Cross also known as the Way of the Cross or the Via Crucis at the Colosseum. In 1751, Franciscan missionary Leonardo da Porto Maurizio received permission from Pope Benedict XIV to organize the Via Crucis at the Colosseum. Fourteen stations were built there and the Via Crucis was regularly held there for about 100 years. In 1959, St. John XXIII restored the Via Crucis in the Colosseum and successive Popes have publicly prayed it there on Good Friday. After two years of being celebrated in a reduced form in St. Peter's Square due to the pandemic, Pope Francis resumed the Good Friday event being in the Colosseum in 2022. The Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis may be available live via radio and television if you'd like to participate.

Parish Nurse News - Happy and Blessed Easter! In good times and very tough times, we know that prayer, joy, and gratitude help us and guide our attitudes! Boost your mental health with positive thoughts, physical activity, and sharing your time with others, especially friends who have experienced tough times recently.



"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.