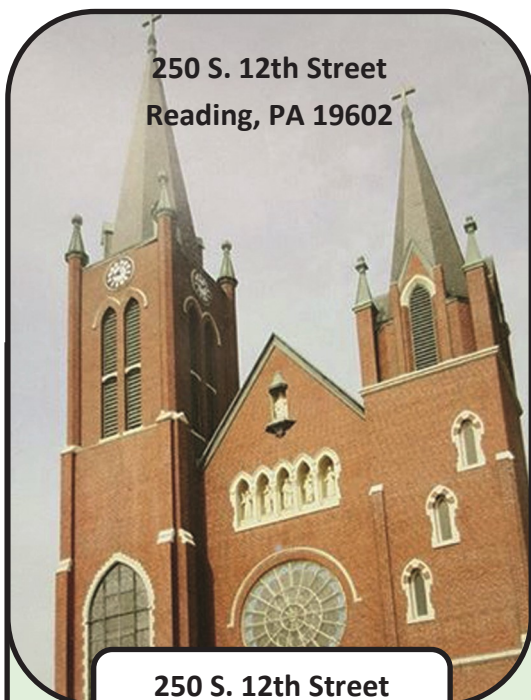


# Saint Mary's

# 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  
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  
8:30 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)

### 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.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### Saint Mary's News

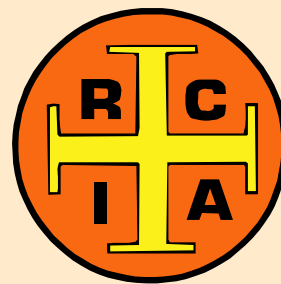
Saturday, April 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Vinny Baro  
Sunday, April 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Bogdan Janiszewski  
Saturday, April 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Danny O'Neill  
Sunday, April 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Regina Wrobel

This year's Lenten pierogi sale was a huge success. A thank you to the volunteers of the Pierogi Society who worked hard to make this sale a success. Another thank you to all the people who bought the pierogis. The Pierogi Society made 1332 dozen pierogis, or 15,984 individual pierogis. The profit from this year's sales was \$10,310.00. A sincere thank you to all who made this year's sale so successful.



## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The novena will conclude today with a 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday in the Church, with the novena prayers, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance at 2:30 p.m. Any person who participates in the devotions on Divine Mercy Sunday may obtain a plenary indulgence.



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

*Our Parish Family congratulates these "New Catholics" and welcomes them into the faith community of St. Catharine of Siena. God's blessings and heartfelt joy to our new parish members!*

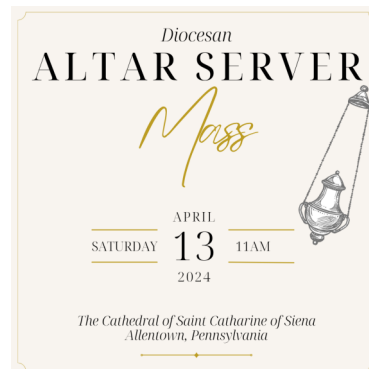
### *Welcome to Our New Catholics!*

#### Catechumen

*Shianne James  
Sandher Liriano  
Denise VanCoeur  
Belkis Negron  
Colton Piccolo  
Khaia Piccolo  
Ben Rich  
Christopher Hartley  
Dennis Rodriguez Rivera*

#### Candidates

*Cynthia Waldman  
Ryan Venkler*



**Acts 4:32-35:** The faithful lived a common life, sharing all their goods. The apostles worked many miracles. They prayed together and broke bread. Daily their numbers increased.

**1 Jn 5:1-6:** A believing faith comes from God. The proof of loving God comes from observing His commandments. The Spirit, the Spirit of truth, will testify to this.

**Jn 20:19-31:** Jesus appears to the disciples, coming through locked doors. He shows them His hands and side. He greets them in peace and gives them the power to forgive sin. A week later Jesus appears again and speaks directly to Thomas who now professes his belief.

**Today's Message:** Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen Him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God. We give thanks to the Lord that he has formed us into a community of believers, united in the Spirit.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

- SUNDAY, APRIL 7  
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30 -8:30 p.m. – School Cafeteria
- MONDAY, APRIL 8  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following rh 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m. – CHURCH  
**CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. - CHURCH**  
CUB SCOUTS MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall  
LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center
- TUESDAY, APRIL 9  
GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. - Church
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10  
PREP - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - School
- THURSDAY, APRIL 11  
PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Church  
RCIA – 6:00 -7:30 p.m. – Parish Center
- SATURDAY, APRIL 13  
PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. - Church  
CUB SCOUT FUDGE SALE – Social Hall
- SUNDAY, APRIL 14  
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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- SATURDAY, APRIL 6**  
8:00 Dorothea Burns  
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
- MONDAY, April 8**  
7:15 Eric D., Amelia R. & Grant Ankielewicz (Special Intention)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 9**  
7:15 Adelaide Parks (7th Anniversary)
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**  
7:15 Vincent Stubler (17th Anniversary)
- THURSDAY, APRIL 11**  
7:15 Buday, Kimbel & Shock Families
- FRIDAY, APRIL 12**  
7:15 Gerry & Marie Sullivan
- SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
8:00 Deceased Members of the Kaminski & Lewandowski Families  
4:30 Theresa A. Mellinger
- SUNDAY, APRIL 14**  
7:30 Charles Wettstein (6th Anniversary)  
9:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan  
11:30 Elizabeth Horvath

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of April 7, 2024**

- 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
- Monday**  
**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday**  
Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday**  
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday**  
**Memorial of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**  
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday**  
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday**  
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



**For the week of April 7th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - William H. Hartranft**

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



**New beginnings start here**

- 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

St. Catharine of Siena School  
MT. PENN. PA  
VISIT WWW.SCSREADINGSCHOOL.ORG  
(610) 779-5810

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 4/8	Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Sobiesiak
Tuesday 4/9	Rev. Leo S. Stajkowski
Wednesday 4/10	Rev. Jason F. Stokes
Thursday 4/11	Rev. Jonas Tandyu, M.S.C.
Friday 4/12	Rev. Jerome A. Tauber
Saturday 4/13	Rev. James P. Thomas



**SCS Knights 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament**



**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$300 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$200  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

***Catholic Trivia* - Question: In her diary, what did Saint Faustina write that Jesus told her to inscribe on his image of Divine Mercy?**

- A. Be Merciful As I Am Merciful
- B. Have Mercy
- C. Jesus, I trust in You
- D. Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

**Answer on page 6**

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday - Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, 2024 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

**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.

**Knights of Columbus Community Service Award** – Our St. Catharine of Siena Council#14880 will again be providing a \$1000 cash award via its Community Service Award Program, intended to award student’s dedication to and performance of charitable service. The program is open to St. Catharine of Siena School, public school, and home-schooled students currently in the eighth grade and planning to attend Berks Catholic High School this fall. Applications are being sent to parents/guardians of eighth grade students at St Catharine’s School. In addition, public and home-schooled students can secure applications by contacting Bill Wertz at pakettle629@aol.com. Please see the application form for additional details.

**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](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) or check out the youth website at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com) for more 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, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Otto Bennett, 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, Rita Gethmann, 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, 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: Dorothy Lins-Wisniewski**, (Mother of Karen Frey & sister of Loretta Kostick); **Jeffrey Trojanowski**, (husband of Anna Trojanowski & father of Justin, Taylor & Devon Trojanowski); **Boguslaw (Billy) Mietleksi**, (brother of Gregory Mietelski & Lisa Mietelski) & 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](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com). Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) with questions.



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 -14<sup>th</sup> to answer an questions you have and to help you join through our online membership. Please login to [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) for additional information



Sincere Thanks - A heartfelt thank you from the families who were able to select many grocery items to get them through some tough times. The smiles and hugs of appreciation as they left were for all of you parishioners and school students as well. You gave so

generously with groceries or monetary donations to our poor boxes. Because of all of you, they could see "A Ray of Hope". God Bless You and thank you again from St. Catharine's St. Vincent de Paul Society. Also, if you ever hear of a parishioner or family in need, please call the church office and with complete anonymity and we will try to help them.

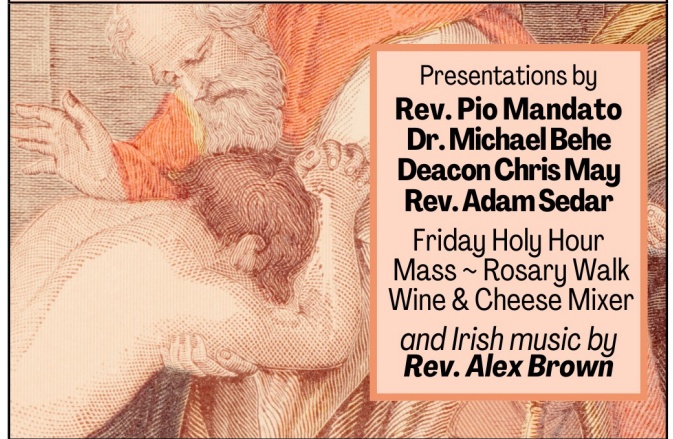
## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A request for prayers: Please keep Shawn Kaeser & Family in your thoughts and prayers. Shawn is in end stage kidney failure and is in need of transplant. Shawn is currently receiving dialysis and is on the transplant list at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Please pray that a donor may soon be found. The Kaeser Family thanks you for your prayers and support. If anyone is interested in learning more about being a living donor please call Shawn at 610-906-2833 or e-mail [kaeser1969@icloud.com](mailto:kaeser1969@icloud.com). Lehigh Valley Hospital at 610402-8506 -[www.lvhn.org/livingdonor](http://www.lvhn.org/livingdonor).

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: C.** - Jesus, I trust in You. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter based on the private revelations of Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's. When Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in 2000, he instituted "Divine Mercy Sunday." The Divine Mercy image shows Christ in a white garment with red and pale rays coming from His heart representing blood and water. In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus asked her to create this image of Him to be venerated in her chapel and then throughout the world. Jesus promised her that the soul who venerates this image will not perish. Jesus, we trust in You!

## St. Monica Ministry Retreat

for families and friends of lapsed Catholics



Presentations by  
**Rev. Pio Mandato**  
**Dr. Michael Behe**  
**Deacon Chris May**  
**Rev. Adam Sedar**  
Friday Holy Hour  
Mass ~ Rosary Walk  
Wine & Cheese Mixer  
and Irish music by  
**Rev. Alex Brown**

**Friday, April 19 - Sunday, April 21**  
Peace Retreat House, Weatherly, PA  
Email [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com) before April 7

## 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

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.

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.dojggv.io/bingo2024>

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