Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish





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

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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, April 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Irene Goodman

Sunday, April 21st - 10:30 a.m. - Frank Wojciechowski, Jr. Saturday, April 20th - 3:30 p.m. - David Buzalewski (2nd Anniversary)

Sunday, April 21st - 10:30 a.m. - Henry & Mary Jane Skowron

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.

Daily Masses with Bishop Schlert

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

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

Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert - Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 - Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa directly at ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

Eucharistic Preacher, Fr. Patrick Baikauskas

Join us for a special Diocesan event, featuring Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, who is a Eucharistic Preacher. He is a Dominican Friar and Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Evangelization at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. He will be speaking on the Eucharist as "A Mystery to be Believed, Celebrated, & Lived".

During his visit to the Lehigh Valley, Fr. Baikauskas will be at Holy Guardian Angels on **April 28th from 6:30-8pm.** This event is for teens. Register for teen event here: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/157772

The second event will take place on **April 29th from 6-8pm**, also at Holy Guardian Angels. This event is for the general public. Each event will have adoration before Fr. Baikauskas' presentation. Register for event here: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/157078



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 Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a continuation of the men's program Into the Breach on Saturday, April 27th, from 9-11 am. The 4-27 session will be held in the Conference Room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. "In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach." (Into the Breach flyer) Into the Breach is a program designed to unite men in fraternal brotherhood to become better Christian men prepared to help lead the Church. Please consider attending either or both sessions. For more information or questions, please contact Bryan Scollick at bscollick@berkscatholic.org. We hope to see you there!

<u>Acts 4:8-12</u>: Peter explains the cure of the cripple. It was a miracle performed in the name of Jesus, whom the people had rejected and crucified. There is no salvation except in Jesus.

<u>1 Jn 3:1-2</u>: The Father shows His love for human beings by calling them his children. The world does not recognize the followers of Christ because it did not recognize Christ himself.

<u>Jn 10:11-18</u>: Jesus compares Himself to "the good Shepherd." A shepherd cares for his sheep, lives and dies for them if necessary. There is to be one flock and one shepherd.

<u>Today's Message</u>: Jesus is the "cornerstone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone". He is the good shepherd who laid down His life for us. Through His paschal mystery, we have become children of God.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH SUNDAY, APRIL 21

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY – following the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 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 23

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Church **THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

PRAY THE ROSARY - 6:45 a.m. - Church

ROSARY MAKING GROUP - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -Into the Breach 9:00-11:00 a.m. – Conference Room

FIRST COMMUNION - 10:00 a.m. - Church



For the week of April 21st The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Pauline Della Croce

St. Mary's - Poor Souls in Purgatory

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 Mark Speece

4:30 Thaddeus "Ted" Malecki (3rd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 Marie Marthe Briand

9:30 John Burns

11:30 Sharon Michalski

MONDAY, April 22

7:15 Fred Buss

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:15 Yoder & Quinn Families

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

7:15 Joseph Khac Nguyen

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:15 John Sadlowski (3rd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

7:15 Maryann Marino

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 Genevieve Fura

4:30 Al & Maria Franckowiak (60th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Mullen Family

9:30 Dolores B. Jancuska (10th Anniversary)

11:30 Morey Demsko (2nd Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 21, 2024

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Sticking to a walking or exercise schedule is challenging. Remind yourself of the many health results-physical and mental-from a good routine! Call it self-care for you and others, including your family. The good example and your improved outlook will positively impact everyone around you!

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/22 Rev. James J. Ward Tuesday 4/23 Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wargo Wednesday 4/24 Rev. Leon Weisenberger, M.S.C.

Thursday 4/25 Rev. Joseph T. Whalen Friday 4/26 Rev. Samuel Yeboah

Saturday 4/27 Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky

Catholic Trivia - Question: Which is the shortest of the four Gospels?

A. Mark

B. Matthew

C. Luke

D. John

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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

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 mrzembito@scsreading.org with questions.

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. The 50 + Club Board Meeting will be held on April 30 at 10:00am in the CHURCH conference room.

Meetings

May 1, 2024: Michael Kropp will play the guitar and sing songs from the 50s – 60s – and 70s! Refreshments will be served

June 5, 2024: Barbara Conrad from AAA will discuss available programs. Refreshments will be served.

Trips

May 15, 2024: "Daniel", Sight and Sound, \$120 per person. Meals on your own at Cracker Barrel. Please note, the May "Daniel" Trip is full. Pat White is taking names to be placed on a waiting list!

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.



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 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, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Aleigha Manderbach, 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, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, 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: Mary Arnold; Terry Mscichowski (wife of Lou Mscichowski) & Alma Lonergan & 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.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Homeschooling Community

All homeschooling families are invited to an end of the year Mass of Thanksgiving for the Homeschooling Community with Bishop Schlert on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:30pm. The Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Mass will feature a special blessing for those graduating High School. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the lower level. Registration required by May 5. Register here: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152553

Questions? Contact Kristin Osenbach, kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org

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.

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.

Knotted Rosary Making Class

There are many differing views on the history of the rosary. However, one thing not debated among scholars, is that the use of knotted prayer ropes in Christianity goes back to the the 3rd and early 4th centuries. Now you have the opportunity to learn how to make these simple but beautiful rosaries. If you are interested in learning how to make knotted rosaries, this is the class for you!

Please join us on May 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall, to learn this beautiful craft. The class is free and all supplies necessary will be provided to complete one Rosary per person. Space is Limited to 25 people.

Please contact Lisa Ianni at LLIanni@verizon.net. or (610) 223-2123, to reserve your spot.





Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A. The Gospel of Mark is the shortest and is believed to be the earliest of the four Gospels. St. Mark is one of the four evangelists and is known as the first Bishop in

Alexandria. He traveled with Saint Barnabas and Saint Paul on many of their missions. He is often depicted by a Winged Lion. His feast day is April 25th.



Tara Lawlor is participating in a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) as a Visionary of the year. All donations go to the LLS. The campaign runs until June 6. Please donate and share.



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



FLOWER AND GARDEN SALE

HELP SUPPORT ST.
CATHARINE'S HOME
AND SCHOOL ORGANIZATION (HSO)
ORDERS DUE 04/29/2024

AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON SATURDAY MAY 4TH AND SUNDAY MAY 5TH AFTER ALL MASSES AT THE CHURCH ON 562 ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE

https://app.raisingreimagined.com/Patron/FundraiserStorefront?fundraisercode=ST.SCSSCA2&rs=Email



SCAN THE CODE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

Spring is here! Do you need a garage or closet clean out? Well, good news! Boy Scout Troop 358 will be hosting a community yard sale in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00-12:00. Bring your items and rent a space to sell your stuff! \$20 gets you a large space. To reserve a spot and for further information contact Scoutmaster Terry Wade at scstroop358@gmail.com or call/text Rob Wright 610-587-6324.

Beaded Rosary Making Class

Calling all families and all who like to pray the Rosary. The art of Rosary making is a wonderful ministry that teaches a person how to make rosaries which can be shared with your fellow brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. If you are interested in learning how to make beaded rosaries, this is the class for you! Please join us on April 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, to learn this beautiful craft. The class is free and all supplies necessary will be provided to complete one Rosary per person (or Rosary bracelet for children). Space is Limited, please contact Lisa lanni at LLlanni@verizon.net. or (610) 223-2123, to reserve your spot.