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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Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Daily: Monday - Friday - 7:15 a.m.
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 27th - 3:30 p.m. David Buzalewski (2nd Anniversary)

Sunday, April 28th - 10:30 a.m. - Henry & Mary Jane Skowron Saturday, May 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Martha Lubas (40th Anniversary)

Sunday, May 5th - 10:30 a.m. - David & Rita Kasprzak

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.

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 15th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the Manor Golf Cub, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30pm. The cost is \$95. per golfer and includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, lunch, dinner, tee gift and prizes. Proceeds support the Polish American Cultural Center at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. For questions call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is June 5, 2024.

St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood drive on Sunday, May 12 ,2024.Blood drives are an excellent way to support our community. Please call Dave Gibney at 484.332.1624, or schedule online at https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/85668. Anyone who is in good health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more, may donate whole blood every 56 days. (16-year old donors require parental consent).

Did you know:

- 40% of the US population is eligible to donate but only
 5% do on a yearly basis.
- Statistics show that 25% or more of us will require blood at least once in our lifetime.
- Every 2 seconds, someone in the US requires a blood transfusion.
- It only takes about 45 minutes of your time to save a life.
- Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 27 hospitals served by the blood center.



Coming soon... Mark Bible Study! More information to follow.



Through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Pennsylvania Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC), businesses and individuals can lower their tax bills by donating to private schools, scholarship organizations, pre-K

programs, and other educational enrichment initiatives. The bulk of the tax credits - \$110 million per year - are reserved for donors that give to scholarship organizations, which provide financial aid to children attending K-12 private schools. The program also sets aside a small amount of tax credits for donors that give to pre-k scholarship funds. At Saint Catharine of Siena School, our EITC and OSTC program plays an essential role in the school's financial strategy as well as the fulfillment of our mission. Saint Catharine of Siena School is seeking donors to participate in the EITC/OSTC program to alleviate the burden of financial aid on our operating budget AND to give as many children access to a Catholic, Saint Catharine of Siena education as possible. If you are interested in learning more about this tax credit scholarship program, please contact Mrs. Steph Conlon, SCS Advancement Director @ 610-779-5810

Recently, Father announced that he'd like the rosary said before all Masses in the month of May. We are looking for volunteers to lead the rosary. Materials will be provided. This is a great opportunity to serve if you can. The rosary will need to start 1/2 hour before each service so that the prayer can be completed in time for Mass. So for the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass, the rosary will start at 4:00pm For the 7:30 am Sunday Mass, the rosary needs to start at 7:00 am, etc. Please consider donating your time in May for this ministry. Sign up sheets are in the back of the Church on the table near the front entrance.

<u>Acts 9:26-31:</u> Because of Paul's earlier reputation, the Christians were fearful of him. He was then accepted and began to spread the message of the gospel.

<u>1 Jn 3:18-24:</u> Christians are to love in deed and in truth. A clear conscience is proof of God's favor. To keep the commandments is to please God.

<u>Jn 15:1-8</u>: Jesus compared Himself to the vine and the branches. Whoever is united to Jesus will do good and be rewarded. But anyone who does not live in Jesus will wither like a cut-off vine.

<u>Today's Message</u>: Saul witnesses the risen Jesus and boldly proclaims his Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise His name in our assembly of worship.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY. APRIL 29

EUCHARÍSTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING -10:00 am.

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING - 1:00 p.m. - Social Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 2

PRAY THE ROSARY - 6:45 a.m.

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Meeting Room

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

SATURDAY, MAY 4

PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m.

ROSARY GROUP – 8:30-10:30 a.m. – Conference Room

BOY SCOUTS YARD SALE - 8:00-noon - Church Parking Lot

SCHOOL FLOWER SALE - Social Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 5

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP - 6:00-8:30 p.m. - School

Cafeteria

SCHOOL FLOWER SALE - following all Masses - Social Hall

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.

For the week of April 28th The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Jeffrey Schloder

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:15 Linda Watson

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 7:15 Paul Devlin

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:15 Florence Russo (2nd Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:15 Rickert, Platko & Verbosh Families

FRIDAY, MAY 3

7:15 Kathleen A. Harris

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00 Lucy Schott

4:30 Ralph Orlando (24th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 5

7:30 Joseph Dolan

9:30 Theresa Stelmach

11:30 Deceased Members of the Michael J. Barry & Ellen

V. Barry Family

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 28, 2024

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

Monday

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Windy conditions may blow a piece of dirt or wood into the eye causing an eye injury, corneal abrasion. Rinse the eye with water, blink several times, pull the upper lid over the lower lid. Do not rub the eye, this can cause the foreign body to embed. Do not try to remove or use tweezers and cotton swabs on an embedded object. Most corneal abrasions will heal within a few days, but should be evaluated and treated with antibiotic ointment or drops to avoid infection (www.mayo clinic.org>eye injury).

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/29 Tuesday 4/30 Wednesday 5/1 Thursday 5/2 Friday 5/3 Saturday 5/4 Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York Rev. Christopher M. Zelonis Rev. Msgr. Edward S. Zemanik Rev. George O. Ababio Rev. Jojappa Adagatla, M.S.C. Rev. Luke Anderson, O. Cist.



Congratulations to Maria & Al Franckowiak on their 60th Wedding Anniversary! On your diamond anniversary, we send love on this very special day.

Sixty years of giving happiness, love and loyalty to each other must not go unmarked. We wish you many more years of love and good health together.



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



Catholic Trivia

Question: What is St. Catharine of Siena known for?

- A. Being a Co-Patroness of Europe
- B. Being a Doctor of the Church
- C. Helping to Return the Papacy from Avignon France to

Rome

D. All of the Above

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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



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

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 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.

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: Brooklynn Lilick

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, Jim Boris, 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, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, Cindy Kohl, 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, John 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: Julia Karpati & Dennis Hoffman & 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.





Vacation Bible School is back! At SCUBA VBS, kids celebrate God's Greatness! SCUBA is filled with awesome Biblelearning 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.



Join our team of faith—filles professionals - St. Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for a few summer workers to complete general maintenance, landscaping, and building "re-organization". College-aged students preferred. Clearances and

references needed. Please call the office for an application 610-779-5810. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for our needs.



Thank you to all who participated and supported in our first ever School Board Sponsored Bingo Extravaganza! It was an amazing event because of you. The food, the people, and the festive spirit contributed to its success. Thank you, SCS School Board, for your

endless dedication and support of our beloved school.

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: D.

St. Catharine's feast day is on April 29th. She was born in 1347 in Italy, and has 23 brothers and sisters. She entered the female branch of what would later become the Dominicans at the age of 16 after having a vision of St. Dominic. In 1376, she visited Pope Gregory XI while he was residing in Avignon France and effectively encouraged him to return to Rome. She travelled widely to work toward Church reforms and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI and Co-Patroness of Europe in 1999 by Pope John Paul II. She died at the age of 33 in 1380 and was canonized in 1461 by Pope Pius II.



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.

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 <u>dsitler@comcast.net</u>.