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

Parish Website: www.stmaryrdg.com

If you need assistance please call 610-779-4005.

Pastoral Staff

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ST. CATHARINE'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30
Daily: Monday - Friday - 7:15 a.m.
8:20 a.m. School Mass (Friday)

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. otherwise, by

appointment only.

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Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center, 4975Boyertown Pike, 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.

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, May 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Martha Lubas (40th Anniversary)
Sunday, May 5th - 10:30 a.m. - David & Rita Kasprzak
Saturday, May 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Edward Jagielski
Sunday, May 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Mothers 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.

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.

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 9TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Masses will be as follows:

Wednesday - May 8th - Vigil of
Ascension Thursday
6:30 p.m. - Church
Ascension Thursday - May 9th

7:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. (Church)

8:00 a.m. (St. Mary's)



Introduction to consecration to Mary and Intro to gospel of Mark bible Study Tuesday May 7th at 6:30pm -Church



Please note: Daily Masses Monday, May 13th to Friday, May 17th will be held in the Chapel on Perkiomen Avenue due to the paving of the Church parking lot.

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.

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48: Peter visits Cornelius and his family. God will favor anyone who acts uprightly, Jews, and Gentiles alike. He gave orders that all who believe should be baptized.

1 Jn 4:7-10: Christians should love one another as God himself is love. A person without love does not know God. Love is that God has sent his Son as an offering for sin.

<u>Jn 15:9-17</u>: Jesus admonishes His disciples to continue the love he has shown to them. The keeping of the commandments will prove this. "You are to love one another.... It was I who chose you."

<u>Today's Message</u>: Let us love one another as Christ has loved us by offering Himself for our sins. His love is to be revealed to all the world, as Peter himself taught.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 5

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:00-8:30 p.m. – School Cafeteria SCHOOL FLOWER SALE – following all Masses – Social Hall

MONDAY, MAY 6

EUCHARISTIC 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, MAY 7

FR.MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY - Church - 6:30 p.m.

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT De PAUL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 9

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

SATURDAY, MAY 11

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

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP - 10:00 a.m. - Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT - 10:30

a.m. - Church Parking Lot

SUNDAY, MAY 12

BLOOD DRIVE – 8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. - Social Hall

Our parish community warmly welcomes those visitors who are attending Mass with us this weekend. All are always invited to join our faith family in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are glad you chose to worship with us, and we look forward to seeing you again!



For the week of May 5th The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Michael & Genevieve Fura

St. Mary's - Leon & Stella Zerkowski

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 Michael J. Barry & Ellen V.

Barry Family

MONDAY, MAY 6

7:15 Nikolas Janezic (13th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:15 Marilyn A. Clifford

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:15 Angeline Arnidis

6:30 p.m. George Krick

THURSDAY, MAY 9

7:15 Diane Cerra

6:30 p.m. Sarah DiFulvio

FRIDAY, MAY10

7:15 Joseph Daly (2nd Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MAY11

8:00 Leona J. Howe (30th Anniversary)

4:30 Evans & Schauer Families

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 5, 2024

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

Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19



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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/6 Tuesday 5/7 Wednesday 5/8 Thursday 5/9 Friday 5/10 Saturday 5/11 Rev. Robert A. Anthony, M.S.C. Rev. Eric R. Arnout

Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Baddick Rev. Msgr. Andrew R. Baker Rev. Msgr. William T. Baker Rev. Msgr. Algimantas A. Bartkus

Catholic Trivia

Question: How many siblings does St. Catharine of Siena have?

A. Stay together and take care of one another.

B. I'll be back.

C. Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

D. Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Answer on page 6

Parish Nurse News - Pink in the eyes may be due to various causes. The itchy and watery eyes allergy symptoms are not contagious and are most apparent in the spring and summer when trees and plants are blooming. If you also have asthma, check with your doctor or allergist. Eyes that are very pink, may be itchy or painful, and were pasted shut when you woke may be due to bacteria or virus and are very contagious. Check with a doctor today if you wake with those symptoms



St. Vincent De Paul Baby Shower

Celebrate Mothers' Day next week by bringing a baby gift to church to help a new mother give her baby a good start to life. During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be holding its baby shower

to help local mothers and their newborns. Items most needed are diapers, unscented wipes, and new clothing size 0-12 months. There will be tables at the back of the church where you can drop off your gifts. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Checks should be made to Saint Vincent DePaul Society. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter, Lifeline and Catholic Charities. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

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

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.

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

CONTACT: John Arty @ (484) 269-4195

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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: Sebastian Miller

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Richard Albelt, Carl Andrzjewski, 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, Gerald Young, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman A Time to die: & 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.



You Are Invited: BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASS Celebrated by Bishop Schlert

Wednesday, May 22 – St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield – 8:30 a.m.

Monday, September 9 – Our Lady of Mercy, Easton – 8:00 a m

Thursday, September 12 – Holy Guardian Angels, Reading – 8:00 a.m.

Monday, September 16-St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City -6:00~p.m.

Please RSVP to stewardship@allentowndiocese.org

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal*. Making a sixmonth pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.



First Communion Class of 2024

Abraham Cepeda-Munoz Grace Clark

Yaxtelyn Colon Martinez

Calvin Coppola

Patrick Crass

Evelyn Davis

Daniel Fisher

Clara Furman

Reese Glennon

Charlotte Good

Julianna Gudelunas

John Hartner

Kayla Holler

Riley Hopkins

Oliver Jacobs

Sofia Kalanin

Charlie Katrinak

Jonah Kozlowski

Julian Lander

Ryan Lawlor

Devin Lichten

Noah Lomnychuk

Avery Manz

Talyn Mattson

Addison McAuliffe

Tristan McConnell

Hannah McCullough

Caroline McDevitt

Margaret Mindzak

Carter Minnich

Samuel Ortiz

Mateo Ramos

Darren Resh

Brynn Rich

Blake Rile

Emma Rutt

Sadie Sauppee

Daniel Savidge

Benjamin Sneeringer

Logan Snyder

Isidore Tammaro

Isabella Vu

Vienna Vu



25 members of the parish gathered together to make beaded Rosaries and learn more about this prayerful devotion. Father Miller was also there to bless the new Rosaries.

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: C. - Jesus, tells his disciples to go into the world and proclaim the good news to everyone before he ascends into Heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father. As stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever. Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

We love and support our homeschooling community in the Diocese

of Allentown!

Celebrated by Bishop Schlert, this Mass is for homeschooling families and will include a special blessing for high school seniors. We're excited to connect with families who have been homeschooling in the area for years as well as families who are new to the community. Refreshments will follow the Mass! May 22nd, 6:30pm, Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena:1825 W Turner St. Allentown, PA 18104 Please RSVP by May 5th.

https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152553

Joseph, Sunday 8:30 a.m., www.therealpresence.org

Saturday, May 24-Sunday, May 25 – Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles, displaying Blessed Carlo Acutis' exhibits of eucharistic miracles at weekend Masses at combined Catholic parishes of Jim Thorpe; Immaculate Conception, Saturday 4 p.m. vigil, Sunday 10:45 a.m.; St.

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 mxx.equilloop.com contact Marci Zambito at <a hr

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 "reorganization". 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.