# 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

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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 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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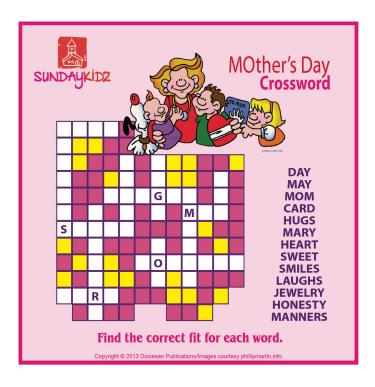
St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement We, the people of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, as brothers and sisters in Christ guided by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and inspired by the works of our patron saint proclaim a desire to grow in our Roman Catholic faith through holiness and a willingness to serve the members of our parish family and community.

Saint Mary's News
Saturday, May 11th - 3:30 p.m Edward Jagielski
Sunday, May 12th - 10:30 a.m Living & Deceased Mothers
of the Parish
Saturday, May 18th - 3:30 p.m George Kugler
Sunday, May 19th - 10:30 a.m Mary & Frank Wojciechowski

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.

MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS are remembered at Masses on Mother's day and throughout May. Enrollment envelopes are included in the offering packets.





There are times when only a Mother's love Can understand our tears. Can soothe our disappoints And calm all of our fears. There are times when only a Mother's love Can share the joy we feel When something we've dreamed about Quite suddenly is real. There are times when only a Mother's faith Can help us on life's way And inspire in us the confidence We need from day to day. For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith And a Mother's steadfast love Were fashioned by the Angels And sent from God above.

**Banns of Ordination** - Rev. Mr. Van Vien (Joseph) Nguyen is assigned to your parish, **St. Catharine Church, Reading** has been called to the Order of the Presbyterate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown. Rev. Mr. Nguyen will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

The Vigil for Pentecost Sunday at 4:30 p.m. on May 18th will be a longer Mass and incense will be used. Incense will also be used at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

## ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26: Peter discusses the question of Judas and his replacement. Two were nominated and all prayed. Then they drew lots and the choice fell to Matthias.

<u>**1**</u> Jn 4:11-10:16</u>: Christians must have love for one another since the God of love dwells in them. When Jesus is acknowledged, God dwells in that person. God is love.

<u>Jn 17:11b-19</u>: Jesus prays for His followers. They have been looked after and have heard the gospel message from Jesus. He prays that his Father will continue to look after them and guard them from the evil one.

**Today's Message:** As a witness of Jesus' resurrection, Matthias is chosen to replace him "who was destined to be lost". Let us bless the Lord who has so loved us and in whom we are called to love one another.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 12 BLOOD DRIVE – 8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. - Social Hall MONDAY, MAY 13 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 16

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Church KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room FRIDAY, MAY 17 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE DINNER DANCE – Social Hall SATURDAY, MAY 18 PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Church AHG PICNIC – 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Pavilion SUNDAY, MAY 19 FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY – following the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – School Cafeteria

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## For the week of May 12th The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

**St. Catharine's Church** - Genevieve Fura

St. Mary's - Michael & Genevieve Fura

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK SATURDAY, MAY 11 Leona J. Howe (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) 8:00 Evans & Schauer Families 4:30 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 **MONDAY, MAY 13** Anthony Marino (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) (Chapel) 7:15 **TUESDAY, MAY 14** Joseph Firth (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) 7:15 (Chapel) WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 Russel Hartman (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) (Chapel) 7:15 **THURSDAY, MAY 16** Gantert & Radvazzo Families 7:15 (Chapel) FRIDAY, MAY 17 7:15 Stephen & Genevieve Luskie (Chapel) **SATURDAY, MAY 18** 8:00 Deceased Members of the Rhoads & Sneeringer Families 4:30 Nicholas & Elizabeth Mesisca SUNDAY, MAY 19 7:30 Mary Carmen Scheirer Vinny Baro (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) 9:30 11:30 Tom Franey Scripture Readings For the Week of May 12, 2024 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 Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17 Wednesday Memorial of Saint Isidore Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19 Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26 Friday Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19 Saturdav Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25 Sunday Pentecost Sunday Vigil Mass: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 *Mass during the Day:* Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 Parish Nurse News - With special gratitude to our Mother Mary, and all mothers, living and deceased, as we

celebrate Mother's day today. Thank you!

## PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/13 Tuesday 5/14 Wednesday 5/15 Thursday 5/16 Friday 5/17 Saturday 5/18 Rev. Msgr. William F. Baver Rev. Henry Beck, O.F.M. Rev. Joseph P. Becker, O.S.F.S. Rev. Frans J. Berkhout Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Biszek Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin



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

Please note: The Rectory will be closed May 13th - 17th and will re-open on Monday, May 20th.

**Catholic Trivia** 

Question: What were the names of the children Mary appeared to in Portugal?

- A. Afonso, Alice and Clara
- B. Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta
- C. Beatriz, Inez and Mateus
- D. Teodoro, Joana and Luciano

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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.

**Men's Retreat Group at Malvern Retreat House** - The Mid-May Group will be celebrating its 102nd consecutive retreat at St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills, the Malvern Retreat House, which may be the longest-sustained retreat group in the US. Mid-May will be celebrating our weekend with a group from the Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware: the Archbishop Fitzmaurice Group, which also has been together for over 80 years. Our retreat weekend event is May 17th – 19th, 2024 (Pentecost weekend). The retreat is open to the men of the diocese, along with their sons, grandsons, brothers, cousins, and friends. Contact John Graham: jgraham9008@outlook.com

## 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: <u>allentowndiocese.flock</u>

Questions? Contact Kristin Osenbach, kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org

**Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio** - A Local Diocesan Pilgrimage has been planned for September of 2024 at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Please save the dates for Thursday, September 19, 2024 (High School), Friday, September 20, 2024 (English), and Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Spanish). Contact Father Hoffa directly at his diocesan email **ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org** or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

## All parishioners are invited to come to the social hall for doughnuts, coffee and fellowship on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. The parish Cursillo group will be our hosts!

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 mxww.scsyouth.weebly.com . Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.



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, 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 luso, 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, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, Diane Rymshaw, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Michael Searfoss, 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: Gerald Young, (husband of Suzanne Young); Baby Otto Bennett, (Grandson of Sue & Bob Hissick); Jerry Mangino, (grandfather of Christine McAdams, great grandfather of Donovan, Brandon & Veronica McAdams & 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.



Have you ever looked at those cute little baby outfits and thought how adorable they were, but had no one to buy one for? Well, there are many babies in need here in our area that could use your help. During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be collecting baby gifts at

the tables located at the back of the church. Other gift suggestions are diapers, unscented baby wipes, baby wash and lotion. 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. Please help us support life in its beginning days. **Consider Giving by Direct Withdraw** - Simplify your tithing! Did you know that St. Catharine's offers a Pre-Authorized Direct Contributions program; where you can make your contributions directly on a weekly or monthly basis? We currently have 105 parishioners taking advantage of this program. Their regular contribution is withdrawn, at the interval they choose & deposited into our parish account. This option eliminates paperwork and ensures regular giving. Many of these parishioners still drop an envelope in the basket, and simply check "direct deposit." To enroll or get more information, contact Diane Sitler at the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

The 8th grade class of St Catharine of Siena would like to THANK everyone who participated in their Grill and Garden Raffle!!

Congratulations to our lucky winners Tom Trainer and Linda Dunlap!!! We hope you have many seasons of delicious grilling!!!!



"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? Looking for more involvement in the Universal Church? Join the largest lay apostolate, the Legion of Mary! Currently there are many meetings in the Allentown diocese and St Catherine's use to be one of them. Help resurrect the Legion of Mary here. Contact Matthew 610-864-2611 or Legionmotherofthechurch@gmail.com"

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 <u>stewardship@allentowndiocese.org</u>

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

Bulletin articles & inserts are due Mondays at 9 a.m.; please include the word "bulletin" in the subject. Each blurb / article should have a title. Please email to dsitler@comcast.net . Thank you!



"Several members of the parish gathered together May 4th in order to learn how to make Knotted Rosaries from our special guest instructor, Susan Teaford, from St Benedict's parish. Father Miller was kind enough to stop by in order to bless the new rosaries. A fun time was had by all."

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: B.** On May 13, 1917, in Fatima, Portugal, three shepherd children, Lucia and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta reported seeing "a Lady more brilliant than the Sun." Mary appeared to the children six times that year, gave them prophesies, told them to pray the Rosary every day to bring Peace to the world and an end to war, and said she would perform a miracle so everyone may believe. On October 13, 1917 huge crowds gathered and reported seeing what is known as the Miracle of the Sun, where the Sun spun, danced and zig zagged towards Earth before returning to its normal position. Mary, as Our Lady of Fatima, is celebrated on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Siena Stitchers meeting for Thursday, May 16th is canceled due to the paving of the parking lot.

### 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.

July 3, 2024: Meeting agenda will be forthcoming.

August 7, 2024: 50 Plus Club Annual Picnic. Flyers/ registration will be available at the June 5 meeting. The price for members will be \$20 and nonmembers will be \$22.

#### <u>Trips</u>

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.



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