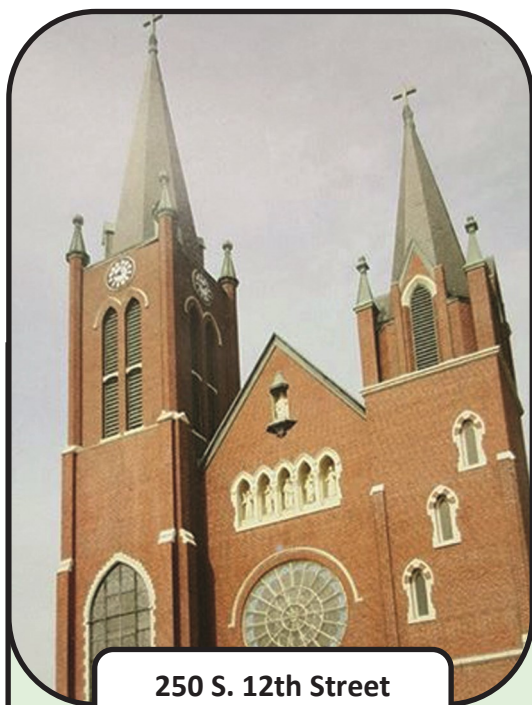


Saint Mary's

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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.A., Pastor
Rev. Van-Vien (JV) Nguyen, Parochial Vicar
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Deacon John Stapleton
Deacon Gregory Schneider
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4975 Boyertown Pike
Reading, PA 19606

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.

Sacraments Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. -
in the Church otherwise, by appointment only.

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Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

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PRE-SCHOOL:

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Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center,
4975 Boyertown 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, July 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Domenic Martino
 Sunday, July 21st - 10:30 a.m. - Lis & Kasmierczak Families
 Saturday, July 27th - 3:30 p.m. - Jadel Trinidad
 Sunday, July 28th - 10:30 a.m. - Jan Rzeszut

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. is running a bus trip to the Polish American Family Festival & Country Fair on September 7, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Leave Reading at 10:30AM; return at 7:45PM. Members: \$60. Non-Members: \$65. Price includes bus, admission & driver gratuity. For more information call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is Friday, August 16.

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 weekend of August 3rd-4th a guest priest will be coming from Catholic Cross Outreach. There is **no second collection** for this, **and this is not part of the annual diocesan mission.** The Diocesan mission priest will be here September 13th-14th.

To Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., His Excellency Alfred A. Schlert has authorized a special collection to be taken up in the Diocese of Allentown on the weekend of August 9-10, 2024. This collection will be part of a larger fundraising endeavor that will be used to pay for the Shrine Infrastructure Renewal that will begin in 2024.

The parish subscription to Formed will be ending at the end of the month. Please let Father Miller know if you want it continued.



Our current parish truck will not pass inspection. We are in need of a truck. If you or anyone have one that you are willing to sell or donate please call Father Miller or the parish office.

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jesus, Our Peace**

You probably know that the Jews in the first century did not particularly like the Gentiles. Paul addresses this problem by reminding them that Jesus died for all people, Jew and Gentile. And just as Jesus rose from the dead to a new life, the converts to Christianity were given a new life also. So why was that unity so hard to accept?

One reason is that as much as we complain about laws and regulations, many people like to live by them. Our decisions are simple if we have a law to cover each one. Hebrew Christians thought that they still had to keep the laws and regulations of the old covenant. There is nothing wrong with keeping the Ten Commandments: They are simply examples of Jesus' command to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself. So why not just do that?

The problem with only keeping commandments is that we can avoid doing evil things, but still not love God or my neighbor. For example, we can avoid using God's name in vain and kick back and relax on the Sabbath, but still not really love God. Fortunately for us, God loves us first; we need only respond to that love. And if we base all our other actions on that love, we will not break any commandments, or even worry about breaking them. We will have the peace that Paul mentions in our reading, the peace that makes us all one in Christ.

Tom Schmidt,

**ATTENTION ALL NEW
 PARISHIONERS**



"Brunch with Father" will be held immediately after the 11:30am Mass on July 28th in the social hall. This invitation is for any new members to the parish (within the last 18-24 months) and their families. Family members of all ages are welcome! If interested, please **RSVP** to the parish office at 610-779-4005 with your name and the number of family members attending.

Father Miller is looking forward to getting to know you better!

Jer 23:1-6: Woe to those who sow evil. Their evil deeds will be punished. Good shepherds will be appointed. There will come a shoot to David in whose days Judah will be saved.

Eph 2:13-18: Paul tells the Ephesians that Christ has brought them together. Jesus has brought peace and reconciliation through His cross.

Mk 6:30-34: Jesus called the apostles aside to rest. Still the people came, so Jesus and the apostles went to a deserted place. Yet the people came.

Today's Message: Jesus, Our shepherd, nourishes and strengthens us, guiding us in right paths. He is the righteous shoot of David, the peace between Jews and Gentiles, between God and all humanity.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 22

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center Basement

THURSDAY, JULY 25

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

NEW PARISHIONER'S BRUNCH -following the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Poor Boxes are located in the Gathering Area of the Church. All money collected stays within our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 20

8:00 Alma Lonergan

4:30 Joseph Gierschick, Jr. (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

7:30 Rosemarie Gruber

9:30 Jennie J. Palkon

11:30 Lee Bellus (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY, JULY 22

7:15 Judy Koch

TUESDAY, JULY 23

7:15 Frances Salamone

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

7:15 Brian, Michelle, & Victoria Solarek (2nd Anniversary)

THURSDAY, JULY 25

7:15 Joseph & Regina Kastemaier

FRIDAY, JULY 26

7:15 Deceased Members of the Weiser & Malecki Families

SATURDAY, JULY 27

8:00 Joseph & Elizabeth Gross

4:30 Florence Russo

SUNDAY, JULY 28

7:30 Helen Sarnoski

9:30 Frank Rossi

11:30 J. Kenton Rand (11th Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 21, 2024

Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Monday

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Bridget of Sweden, Religious

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Friday

Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

*Confirmation will be held on Thursday,
October 17th with Bishop Alfred Schlert.*

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



**St. Catharine's Church - Deceased of
Tomkowicz & Spsychalski Families**

St. Mary's - Joseph & Irene McCullough

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/22	Rev. Allen J. Hoffa
Tuesday 7/23	Rev. John A. Hutta
Wednesday 7/24	Rev. Augustine L. Idra
Thursday 7/25	Rev. Francis Iroot, A.J.
Friday 7/26	Rev. Guency Isaac, M.S.C.M.
Saturday 7/27	Rev. Stephan A. Isaac

The Birthday of the Blessed Mother - Father Keaton Eidle will offer a reflection and lead a discussion on Marian apparitions around the world. The lecture will be followed by a pizza reception in the parish's Jubilee Center. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Date/Time: Sunday, September 8 at 3pm. Location: Assumption BVM Parish, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Please call 610-867-7424 for more information.

Parish Nurse News - Beat the heat! Hydrate often. Wear a hat for any time spent in direct sun. Re-apply sunscreen. Sun and heat over-exposure are especially dangerous to the elderly and young children. Check on elderly neighbors. Take regular breaks inside when engaging in outdoor activities. Stay cooler with light colored clothing!

PREP Registration for the 2024-2025 year is open. The Parish Religious Education Program is open to all students in grades 1 – 8. All levels will meet in person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. There is also a Family Catechesis option where the student completes the curriculum online with the help of a parent. Registration can be completed by following the link or QR code and filling out the Google form. Information is also available online at www.scsyouth.weebly.com.

<https://forms.gle/jMQb2HGF2cEuQsjT7>



Volunteers are needed to help with PREP classes. We need teachers for Levels 3 and 6, and teacher aides in levels 1, 4, 6, and 8. All materials and training will be provided. Please look inside your heart and see if you would be able to volunteer your time for the kids of our parish. As it was once sung, "I believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way." Volunteers will need all diocesan required clearances. For more information, please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org



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PRE-K THROUGH 8TH

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY

- ♥ Creative, hands-on learning
- ♥ Faith-based STEM program
- ♥ Award-winning accelerated math program, grades 5th - 8th
- ♥ Robust extracurriculars & enrichment
- ♥ Culturally diverse school community
- ♥ Dedicated, nurturing faculty & staff
- ♥ Weekly specials:
 - Maker's Space/Technology, Library, Music, Art, & Physical Education
- ♥ Aftercare Available

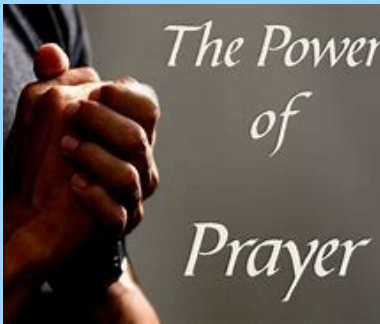
Visit www.scsreadingschool.org
Call Mrs. Conlon at (610) 779-5810

Join Us for the Annual Uniform Corner Summer Social!

Date: August 14, 2024 **Time:** 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Our Beautiful Play yard. Get ready for a day of **fun in the sun** with friends and family at the most exciting event of the summer! Here's what we have in store for you: **Delicious Chick-fil-A**, **Ice Cream**, and **Games Galore**: Bring your best smile and summer spirit for an unforgettable time. Whether you're enjoying tasty food, indulging in sweet ice cream, or participating in exciting games, there's something for everyone! Don't miss out on this spectacular celebration. Mark your calendars, gather your loved ones, and join us for a fantastic day at the Annual Uniform Corner Summer Social! We are looking for some volunteers, so if you are interested, please click the QR CODE...Thank you and see you soon!





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 Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Joan Antush, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe Barker, 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 Burkhardt, Bill & Maria Bunch, Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Jocelyn Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Rita Gethmann, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Carol & John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Jane Hinkle, 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, Barry Kreisher, 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, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, 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, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Rocco Cambria, (wife of Rosalie Cambria) & 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.

Coming soon....

CURSILLO

Allentown Diocese (AD)
Men and Women's Cursillo Weekends

Cursillo has been a powerful means of spiritual growth for Catholics throughout our diocese as well as Catholics around the world for decades. We are pleased to announce this year's weekends are as follows:

Men: 6:00 p.m. - Thursday 9/19/24 to Sunday afternoon 9/22/24
Women: 6:00 p.m. - Thursday 9/26/24 to Sunday afternoon 9/29/24
(Must be 18yrs of age to attend)
Where: Mariawald Renewal Center, Mohnton, PA

For more information call: Beth Pawlik: 610-781-2935 and stop by the Cursillo table in the Narthex of the Church.

Save the date.... Friday, 8/02/24 7:00 pm for a Cursillo Information Night in the Church social Hall. Please text or email Beth at: 610-781-2935 or bap3mem@ptd.net or the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 if you would like to attend.

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. 220.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while” must have been chosen for this summer season by a committee eager for a vacation. For the apostles, the promise of rest was foiled by the needs of the people who discovered their hideaway and pressed them into ministry. Some people do indeed use their vacation for ministry and mission, giving an intensity of service otherwise not possible. For most of us, vacation is a time when we can grow more aware of God’s plan, and can renew the bonds of love with family and friends in times of play and leisure.

The disciples learn today that there is no place so out of the way that the life of worship and ministry is disengaged. Giving yourself to summer worship will enrich you, delight you, and give you a sense of the word of God’s progress in your heart. In today’s world, summer is the time when we are most acutely aware of the beauty of the world. Gratitude and wonder are fertile soils for God’s word to take root and prosper. Welcome the visitor today, and resolve that when you travel, you will be faithful to Sunday worship.

—Rev. James Field

50 Plus News

Please call, Acting President Bev Gallo for any 50 Plus Club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-763-7058 . You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

Meetings

August 7, 2024: 50 Plus Club Annual Picnic. The price for members will be \$20 and nonmembers will be \$22. July 25, 2024, is the final day for picnic registrations/cancellations. Please contact Janina Ankielewicz at 215-644-7396 for further information.

September 4, 2024: Kathy Cox from Country Meadows will bring “Fun and Fitness” to our club members! Refreshments will be served.

Trips

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 months of April, August, and December.

Financial Stewardship

June 2, 2024

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 19,275	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 930,440	\$ 1,147,629
Year to date deficit	\$ 217,189	

June 9, 2024

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 18,121	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 948,561	\$ 1,171,050
Year to date deficit	\$ 222,489	

June 16, 2024

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,565	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 966,126	\$ 1,194,471
Year to date deficit	\$ 228,345	

June 23, 2024

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 15,915	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 982,041	\$ 1,217,892
Year to date deficit	\$ 235,851	

June 30, 2024

	Actual	Budget
This Year	\$ 17,774	\$ 23,421
Year to date	\$ 999,815	\$ 1,241,313
Year to date deficit	\$ 241,498	

Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and other ways, to make our parish great.

Your family can make a global impact from the comfort of home! Consider hosting an international exchange student this upcoming school year! Your family can learn about another culture first-hand. Hosting a student supports Catholic education! (Student would attend Berks Catholic) Families, single people, and empty-nesters can host! You will receive a generous stipend and continuous support from a local coordinator. Please contact maureenc@amhomelife.org for more information!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are in need of volunteers to help clean the Church on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. till 10:00/10:30 a.m. It is a great opportunity for families to participate in this service. Please call the Parish Center (610-779-4005) if you are interested.

Join our team of AMAZING cafeteria workers.. We are looking for PT and Sub Positions

Job Function: Works with Cafeteria Manager to ensure readiness of food for lunch,, and serves food to staff and students. Perform various duties to maintain sanitation standards prescribed by the state. Learns to run the lunch register. Maintains clean and orderly refrigerators and work areas. Makes sure stations are properly cleaned, sanitized, and organized between lunch periods and at the beginning and end of the shift. Adheres to safety policies and reports all accidents in accordance with procedure. Maintains a safe and sanitary work environment conforming with state and school standards. Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned. For more information, please see <https://allentowndiocese.isolvedhire.com/jobs/>.