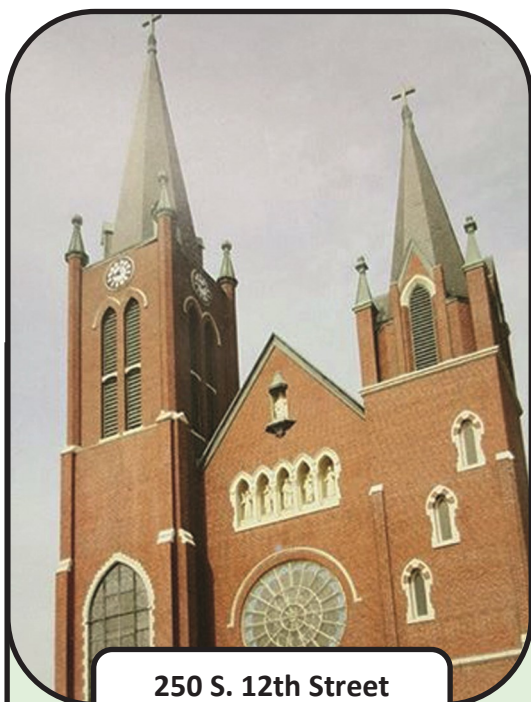


Saint Mary's

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
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Deacon Craig Fry
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.

PARISH CENTER: 4975 Boyertown Pike

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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, August 10th - 3:30 p.m. - Dolly & Daniel Piccone
Sunday, August 11th - 10:30 a.m. - Blessings on Lapa, Couth & Shemanski Families
Saturday, August 17th - 3:30 p.m. - Rosemarie Gruber
Sunday, August 18th - 10:30 a.m. - Peter P. Kaminski, Jr. (1st Anniversary)

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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States.

—Rev. James Field

Bring a chair and meet fellow parishioners at the Grotto to pray the Patriotic Rosary each Thursday evening at 7pm. We will continue this up to the election in November. All are welcome.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY IS ON AUGUST 15TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be as follows:

**Wednesday , August 14th -
Vigil of Assumption**

6:30 p.m. - Church

Thursday, August 15th -

Feast of the Assumption

7:15 a.m. - Church

8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church

6:30 p.m. - Church

**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

1 Kgs 19:4-8: Elijah, being discouraged, prayed for death. Twice an angel came to him and supplied him with food. Strengthened by food and the word of God, Elijah got up and continued his journey to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Eph 4:30 - 5:2: Paul directs the Ephesians to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving. They are to imitate God as His children and follow the way of love as Christ loved.

Jn 6:41-51: The Jews question Jesus' origin, and Jesus tells them that no one can come to Him unless drawn by the Father. Those who believe will have eternal life.

Today's Message: To strengthen him for the journey, God provides Elijah with cake and water, reminiscent of his ancestors' Pasch. Thus, he experiences the goodness of the Lord. Jesus, the bread of life, strengthens us for our journey, following his way of love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

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, AUGUST 15

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

ULTREYA 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Meeting Room

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 Joseph Tomalis

4:30 The Orlando & Cianciosi Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30 Russell & Josephine Magazzu

9:30 Anthony & Louise Screpesi

11:30 Mary Mest

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:15 Donald Entzminger

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:15 Jerry Mangino

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:15 Kathleen Zagar

6:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Messer, McGovern, Schultz & Purcell Families

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

7:15 Robert J. Landy (4th Anniversary)

6:30 p.m. George & Catherine Krick

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

7:15 Maryann Marino

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 Marquerite Arthur

4:30 Daniel Di Fulvio

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

7:30 Helen Mudery

9:30 Jack Gaffney

11:30 Central Catholic Coaches, Steve & Andy Hydock & Deceased of the George Hydock Family

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 11, 2024

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Monday

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Pontian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr

Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday

Memorial of Saint Stephen of Hungary

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

For the week of August 11th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Josephine &
Joseph Curtin & Ruth & Robert Kroener

St. Mary's - Stella & Joseph Albrecht



PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/12 (Father Johnson)	Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil
Tuesday 8/13	Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons
Wednesday 8/14	Rev. David J. Kozak
Thursday 8/15	Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel
Friday 8/16	Rev. Daniel E. Kravatz
Saturday 8/17	Rev. John A. Krivak

Parish Nurse News - Relationships are important for mental and physical health! Walk with a friend, relative, or pet! The heat may keep some of us indoors, but continue to reach out to check on loved ones and neighbors who are alone, grieving, had recent illness, or in a tough time.

Doughnuts, coffee and fellowship! Our guitar choir will be hosting hospitality Sunday after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on August 25th.

Matt Maher Concert hosted by United Hearts Life Mission

United Hearts Life Mission is hosting a concert with nine-time Grammy nominee and three-time GMA Dove Award winner MATT MAHER at 7pm on September 15th, 2024, at Notre Dame High School, Easton. Matt's number one hits include "Lord, I Need You", and "Your Grace is Enough". All proceeds benefit the non-profit United Hearts Life Mission which provides life affirming OBGYN care to women in the Lehigh Valley. See the flyer [here](#). Access more information at unitedhearts.life/. Buy tickets at tickets.com/events/47.

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Albert Schlert, will take place in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Doors open at 2 p.m. Please visit the following link to register and for more info: <https://allentowndiocese.org> Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage and Family Life, with questions: rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org.

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.



St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus Presents a "KNIGHT AT THE RACES"



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

**DINNER STARTING 5:30 PM
1st RACE POST TIME: 6:15 PM**

**St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall –
4975 Boyertown Pike**

COST: \$30.00 per person

(Admission includes: Hot Roast Beef & Roast Turkey Sliders, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad, Homemade Desserts, Snacks, Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee & Water)

NO ONE UNER 21 ADMITTED

**10 Horse Races - Opportunity to Name a Race Horse-\$5.00
Money Wheel - 50/50 Drawing Door Prizes**

**CALL BRYAN SCOLLICK@ 610-823-5193
OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW**



ALL EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCS KNIGHTS' CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BASED CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

The SCS Knights are grateful and very blessed for your historical support of our Council's events. Because of you, we are able to contribute to and satisfy many needs within our Church and local community. Many thanks !

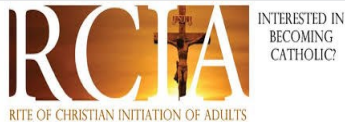
Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

a time to be born... Recently Baptized: Amelia Bustamante

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 Burkhart, Bill & Maria Bunch, Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Barbara D'Augustino, 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, Abby Franey, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Rita Gethmann, Todd Gladfelder, Theresa Grabowski, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Wayne & 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, Barry Kreisher, Margaret Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Melanie Lintz, 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, Barbara Schock, 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, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, 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.

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, 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.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

Sunday Collection:

July 7, 2024 - \$18,380.00
July 14, 2024 - \$26,054.00
July 21, 2024 - \$17,315.00
July 28, 2024 - \$18,537.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Daily Prayer for Priests: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Altar Server Kickball Game



Coaches:
Father Miller & Father JV

Players:
All Altar Servers*
Arrival Time 6:30 pm
Game Begins 7:00 pm

FREE food, fellowship, & fun!

Hot dogs, ice cream,
popcorn, & beverages

EVERYONE, come cheer & have fun!

* Servers-RSVP 610-779-4005



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Saturday, Aug 24

THE
PRINCE
OF
EGYPT



Parish Family Outdoor* Movie
starts 8:30PM. Bring friends,
neighbors, & lawn chairs!

PG-historic biblical theme

Free Will Offering accepted

*Rain location-social hall

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Chicken or Egg

“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” (Mt 6:12) You could read that line as a warning that God only forgives those who forgive others. Paul reverses that conditional meaning to say that we forgive because God has already forgiven us. So which came first, the chicken or the egg?

In a sense, both are needed: Jesus died on the cross to show that God forgives sins you haven’t even committed yet. We have to want to be forgiven and accept that gift from God. And we also have to be willing to forgive those who have hurt us. There are many ways to do that.

One is to forgive in your heart. If it is someone you love, you know they didn’t mean to hurt you and so you don’t get angry at them. If you don’t love the one who hurt you, you still need to forgive, so you can let go of the hurt. (And be forgiven for not loving your neighbor!)

Paul also tells us to be kind and compassionate (Eph 4:32.) We can go to the next step after forgiving in our hearts: We show our forgiveness in our actions. A friend or relative might get a hug; others might get a handshake or words of forgiveness.

Jesus showed how much God wants to forgive us by his death on the cross. Because we are forgiven, we are then able to forgive others. So while God’s love and forgiveness are always first, we must be able to forgive others so that we can accept it from God.
Tom Schmidt

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

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

October 2, 2024: Bingo and hoagies! 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 Bev Gallo, 610-763-7058 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.

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.

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.