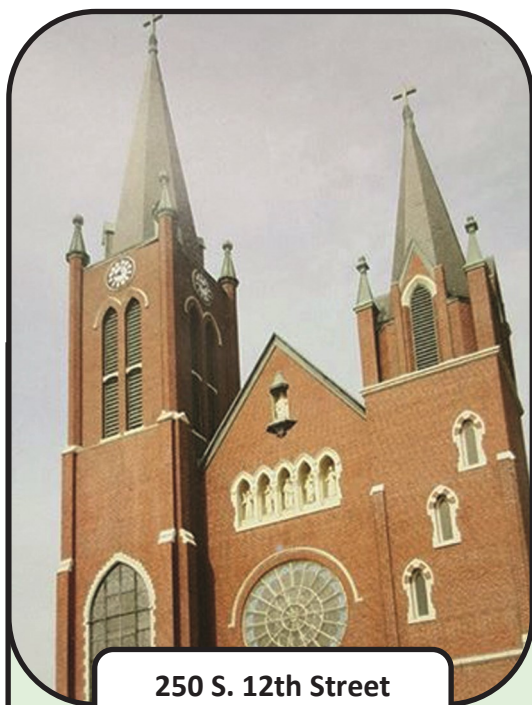


Saint Mary's

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
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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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, October 26th - 3:30 p.m. - David & Sandra Rickert (43rd Wedding Anniversary)
 Sunday, October 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Andres Kazmierczak
 Thursday, November 1st - 8:00 a.m. - Tim Price
 Saturday, November 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - The Martino & Cibroski Families
 Sunday, November 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Nicholas A. Floriani (2nd Anniversary)

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.



Please note the date change!

OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

St. Catharine's Family of Faith lovingly extends to you an invitation to gather with your sisters and brothers who support, sustain and encourage each other in the tender love of the Lord. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. Healing comes, however, our hearts are touched by the hand of the Lord. On Wednesday November 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church St. Catharine's Family beckons you to share with us in a Memorial Mass of love and remembrance of your dearly departed family members.

If you have lost a family member during the 2024 year, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Center or place in the collection basket no later than Sunday, November 3rd.

OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

Name of deceased: _____

Person requesting: _____

I will attend _____

I will not attend _____



2024 Christmas Boutique

It's coming faster than you think!

Friday, November 22 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We will once again feature all the holiday magic including one-of-a-kind Christmas Shopping, the holiday Turkey Dinner, the large assortment of Christmas Cookies and Baked Goods, Homemade foods, and the famous basket raffle!

Boutique Big Buck Bonanza

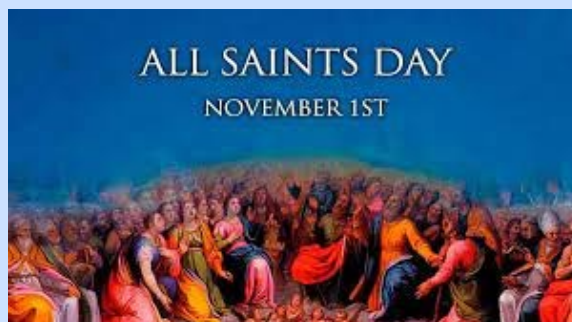
WIN: \$1,000 CASH! (With four additional prizes)

Raffle Tickets will be in the bulletins the weekend of Oct. 26/27

We are pleased to once again present:

The ANGELORUM Choir

Beverly McDevitt will return with her choral group in a holiday concert in the church on Friday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m.



NOVEMBER 1ST IS ALL SAINT'S DAY. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Masses will be as follows:

Vigil of All Saints - October 31st
 6:30 p.m.

All Saint's Day - November 1st
 7:15 a.m.
 6:30 p.m.

There will also be a 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's on November 1st.

Jer 31:7-9: Jeremiah's hymn opens with joy for God has bestowed salvation on his people. He has delivered his people and will guide and bless them so none will go astray.

Heb 5:1-6: Every high priest is designated by God. He is selected from among the people to be their mediator with God. No one takes this honor by himself.

Mk 10:46-52: Bartimaeus, a blind man, hearing Jesus called out loudly, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" Jesus summoned him and, seeing his faith, cured him. Bartimaeus followed Jesus.

Today's Message: An "oracle of consolation" regarding the restoration of Israel finds its fulfillment in the person of Jesus, our merciful high priest. His healing of the blind man witnesses to the inauguration of the kingdom.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

BLOOD DRIVE – Social Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

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. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:00 p.m. – Grotto

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

the NFP task force presents
DESIGNED WITH PURPOSE
NOV 7TH
6:30 - 8:30

What is "Natural Family Planning" and why does the Church promote it?
We'll talk through the science of how "NFP" works and why it's vital for women's health.
Whether you're single, engaged, married, or simply want to learn more about NFP, we welcome you to join us!

@ HOPS AT THE PADDOCK
1945 W Columbia St, Allentown, PA 18104.
Light refreshments will be provided.
SCAN TO RSVP
Contact: NFP Task Force
allentown.nfp@gmail.com

OUR SPEAKERS:
KATHLEEN CHOVANES
Fertility Awareness Educator
SARAH DEARMENT
Licensed Professional Counselor
ANDREW RALL
FEMM Certified Nurse Practitioner

**For the week of October 27th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Robert Bechtel, Sr.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 Lewis Ianni

4:30 Donald Entzminger (2nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 John S. Palkon

9:30 Carol Heller (2nd Anniversary)

11:30 Stanley Sajdak (24th Anniversary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:15 Adam Gajewski

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:15 Patrick A. Floriani (3rd Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:15 Alicia Pratt

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:15 Stella Krylow

6:30 p.m. Michael Poserina

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:15 Stephen Konopelski (4th Anniversary)

6:30 p.m. Dorothy Lins-Wisniewski

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 All Souls

4:30 Charles Schittler

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 Horst Withaut (10th Anniversary)

9:30 James Altavilla

11:30 Mark Speece (1st Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 27, 2024

Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Monday

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Sunday

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Women's Club of Exeter Township homemade Christmas

Cookie Sale \$10.00 a pound. Pick-up is Saturday, December 14th at Bethany Lutheran Church 1375 Friedensburg Road. Order by phone 610-779-6506. Ask about our Chocolate Covered Pretzels. Deadline is November 30.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/28	Rev. Joseph F. Tobias, M.S.C.
Tuesday 10/29	Rev. Eric N. Tolentino
Wednesday 10/30	Rev. Andrew Torma, M.S.C.
Thursday 10/31	Rev. James M. Torpey
Friday 11/1	Rev. Msgr. James A. Treston

Parish Nurse News - Pumpkins! Loaded with good nutrients, including Vitamin A for vision, skin, bones, and fights infection. Bake with 100% pumpkin, and avoid high-sugar pumpkin flavored treats.

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/pumpkin-loaded-with-scary-good-nutrients>

YETI Cooler Raffle- CYO is raffling off not ONE but TWO

Yeti Coolers filled with all kinds of goodies! Tickets will be available to purchase this weekend at all the Masses. Tickets can also be purchased through any CYO Student or Member. Tickets are \$20- with two chances to win! [Email: StCatsCoaches@gmail.com](mailto:StCatsCoaches@gmail.com) for more information.

Divorce Recovery Support Group—If you are suffering a divorce or separation, or perhaps grieving a past divorce, join us for prayers, donuts and encouraging conversation. BYOC - bring your own coffee. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, second floor of the parish office on the first Saturday of each month, 9:00 to 10:00am (after the 8:30am Mass). The next meetup is November 2nd. For information call 505 688-8663.

Formed is a Catholic online streaming service that provides movies, books, educational materials, documentaries, daily reflections, seasonal programs, lives of the saints, and so much more; all at no cost to our parishioners. It is an amazing resource for our children, teens and adults. Use the links below to signup/view content. formed.org/signup

Tips in praying the Rosary: Before praying, invite a Saint or Saints to pray the Rosary with you. It is much better if you will invite a Saint who is a patron of your particular prayer intention. For example, if you are offering your Rosary for a cancer patient, then invite St. Peregrine to pray the Rosary with you. This method of praying the Rosary is based on Our Lady's promise that devotees of the Rosary will have for its intercessor the entire heavenly court.

You asked for it, so hear it comes: Q & A with Father Miller! *Thursday 11/7/24. 6:30-8:30 pm in the Church.* Have questions about the faith? Father Miller is ready to tackle your questions! Light refreshments will be available in the Narthex/Gathering Area before and after question time. No need to RSVP. Please come with your family and bring a friend.

Hurricane Helene & Milton Collection - The United States Catholic Bishops are requesting donations to its disaster relief fund to assist those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton. **This collection will be held this weekend.** Your support can bring hope and relief to those who have lost so much. "Together, we can make a significant impact in the lives of our fellow Catholics facing this disaster."

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

November 6, 2024: John Vogel will be discussing Medicare Updates. Refreshments will be served.

Trips

All trips for the year are closed!

December 4, 2024: The 50+ Christmas Party will be held at the Doubletree Hotel. The cost is \$35 for members and \$37 for nonmembers. Flyers will be available at the next meeting. Deadline for the Christmas Party reservations/cancellations is 11/25/24. For more information call, Janina Ankielewicz 215-644-7396.

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.



9th Annual Toy Drive

(sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church)
To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

St. Catharine of Siena has agreed to join all our local Churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need. Parents will select toys for their children on December 13, 2024

A toy collection box will be placed in your building in October. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through age 13) and place them in the box between before December 1st. We are also seeking gift sets for the older children (14-18). Art sets, shaving sets, nail care sets, hair care sets, etc.

This event has brought much joy to the families of the Exeter Area Food Pantry for the past eight years, providing parents with an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for their children without compromising their ability to keep food on the table. Last year gifts were provided for 340+ children.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480)

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, Joseph Albert, Richard Albelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Joan Antush, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Irene Bezak, Joseph Bezak, Jason Beshore, JoAnne Biscanti, Jodi Bixler, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Bruce Brandfon, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Maria Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Therese (Brenner) Cooney, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Barbara D'Augustino, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, 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 Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Chuck Holt, Margaret Iuso, Michael Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Lynn Keys, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Jackie Kopicki, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinozzi, 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, David Plumley, 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, Edward Senkowski, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Bernie Soltysik, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Lyn Weidenhammer, Frank White, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: Rita Minotto & 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: Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellitano, 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.



The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be handing out bags after Mass today for the annual Scouting for Food Drive. We ask that you return your bags next week, November 4 & 5, with non-perishable food items. All food will be donated to Helping Harvest Food Bank and will go to local families. Please help us help those in need. We thank you for your generosity and your support."

SUNDAY MISSALS for 2025 are now available. They may be picked up at the Church Store or at the Parish Center. The cost is \$5.00 each.

Sanctuary Candle Memorial 2025 ! You will have the opportunity to request an intention for the sanctuary candle at St. Catharine's Church, or St. Mary's Church. Your request can be in memory of or in honor of a loved one or loved ones. Request forms can be found in the back of St. Catharine's Church or St. Mary's Church. The suggested offering for the intention is \$10.00.

St. Catharine of Siena Parish's American Heritage Girl troop PA1111 will be participating in the National Wreaths Across America Day on December 14 at Forest Hills Memorial Park by collecting wreath sponsorships. Each sponsored wreath will be placed on a veteran's grave. A portion of the wreath sponsorships go to the troop to cover badge work and camping fees. Join the troop in remembering and honoring our local veterans. Sponsorships or donations can be made in person with an AHG member after each Mass on the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. Thank you for your support to the AHG troop and honoring our veterans who sacrificed so much!

**Help American Heritage Girls Troop
1111 honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Forest Hills Memorial Park, Inc..

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/PA0275P





2024 Confirmation Class Congratulations!

*Miranda Veronica Adame
Alicia Faith Albu
Alejandro Jerome Beltran
Miles Carlo Bollendorf
Jacksen George Damon
Joseph Marc D'Angelo
Andrew Francis Dauble
Cole Blasé Devlin
Colin Joseph Dougherty
Zachary Matthew Druzba
Donatella Rose Esteves
Vera Mary Foreman
Roman Michael Franckowiak
Veronica Philomena Griffith
Makenzie Elizabeth Higgins
Carly Dymphna Hill
Norah Pío Klinger
Nicholas Patrick Kozik
Caroline Brigid Lawlor
Madelyn Maria Lynch
Jack Vincent McKeone
Callen Vincent Murphy*

*Lucy Elizabeth Myers
Aiden Gregory Oswald
Vaughn Martin Oswald
Conor Matthew Quigley
Sophia Natalia Redding
Cayden Sebastian Reinert
Emily Elizabeth Rivera-Díaz
Gavin Anthony Rugg
Eric Sebastian Russell
Tate Sebastian Sanchez
Giovanni Juan Diego Santos
Lucas Christopher Snyder
Kirra Alba Tanaka
Cecilia Joan Vogel
Alice Mary Walton
Sara Hubertus Wisniewski
Ava Teresa Wunsch*