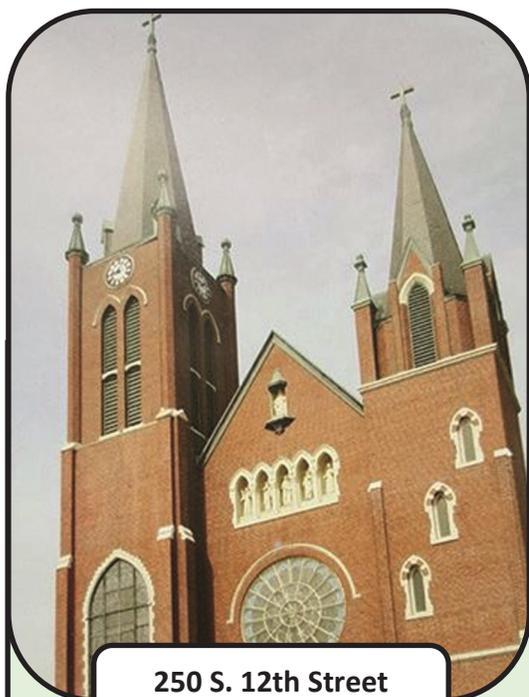


Saint Mary's

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.

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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, January 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Irene Goodman
Sunday, January 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Mary Glutz (34th Anniversary)
Saturday, January 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Richard Zaorski
Sunday, January 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Nicholas Nowotarski

Baptism of The Lord

Did the first reading from Isaiah sound familiar? We also hear it on the first Sunday of Advent every few years. I suppose it could be a reminder that John the Baptist appears at the beginning of the Advent/Christmas season and at the end. In Advent we were preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Now we are preparing for his coming at any time.

The reading from Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in mercy to the people whose "guilt is expiated" (Isaiah 40:2). With our sins forgiven we need not fear asking God for help: "Fear not to cry out" (Isaiah 40:9). The Lord comes in power, not to strike sinners down but to shepherd them and lead them.

In the second reading, St. Paul has a similar theme. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we could be free to give ourselves in love as he did. No matter how bad I was in the past, the Lord loves me enough to forgive it all, and even better, to give the Spirit to help me stay close to God.

How do we prepare for this? We can start by hearing the words of the readings today, letting them sink into our hearts and minds. Ask the Spirit to help look for ways you can be more loving with your family, then with your friends, and eventually with anyone who needs your help. When we let that Spirit guide us, we become like Jesus in that we can listen for God to say, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased" (see Luke 3:22).

Tom Schmidt

TAX STATEMENTS

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If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005.



St. Catharine's & St. Marys' Parish Welcomes All - No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.

Is 40:1-5, 9-11: Isaiah's central message is an announcement of salvation for the people of God. He reveals God as a Shepherd-King, attracting and ever caring for His people.

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7: Paul proclaims that the "grace of God has appeared" in Christ. This has set us on the road to salvation by giving us gifts from God, especially Baptism, and by calling us to lead lives dedicated to Christ.

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22: The Spirit of God is seen coming upon Christ. The words of Isaiah are beginning to be fulfilled.

Today's Message: Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To Him be all glory and praise! On Jesus, the beloved of the Father, the glory of the Lord has been revealed. Salvation is offered to all, and the earth is renewed!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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

PINEWOOD DERBY – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & NO CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

PREP – 6:30-8:00 – School

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:00 p.m. – Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

FOOD SAFETY COURSE – 9:00 a.m. – Social Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 Donald Wentling, Jr.

4:30 Deceased Members of the Rizzo & Brandfon Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 John Rundle

9:30 Alex T. Hafer (2nd Anniversary)

11:30 Bernie Soltysik

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7:15 Joseph Firth

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:15 For the intentions of Ann Dimitriou

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:15 Paul J. Mikulcik

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of The Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7:15 Dick Horrigan (12th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

4:30 Barbara D'Augustino

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Davis & Miller Families

9:30 Earl Heintz (14th Anniversary)

11:30 Edward Wentzel, Sr.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 12, 2025

Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6, 7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



**For the week of January 12th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Deceased Members of
The Schott Family**

**St. Mary's - Living & Deceased Members of the
Parish**



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/13	Rev. Robert T. Finlan
Tuesday 1/14	Rev. Vincent Freeh, M.S.C.
Wednesday 1/15	Rev. John A. Frank
Thursday 1/16	Rev. Kevin P. Gallagher
Friday 1/17	Rev. Joseph S. Ganser
Saturday 1/18	Rev. Angel L. Garcia-Almodovar

Parish Nurse News - Make a daily walk one of your New Year resolutions for improved sleep, energy, mood, balance, immune system health, and reduced stress! Start slowly, then increase pace, set goals, track progress, stay motivated (mayo clinic March, 2024)!

Attend National Right for Life March on Friday, January 24, 2025 departing from St. Jane Frances Church in Easton. Motorcoach departing at 7:30 am and returning around 8:30 pm. Passenger donation \$20.00 – for more information and to reserve a seat, email – andrewazan3rd@rcn.com / (484) 259-7740.



NUN RUN 5K
April 12 at 10:00 AM

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SAVE THE DATE

We Still Do... and Always Will

Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 4:30 Mass
St. Catharine of Siena Roman Catholic Church
Look for sign up forms in January
If you'd like to help plan the event, please contact Lisa Siciliano
at 610-781-4064 or by e-mail at wdy561@yahoo.com



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

February 5, 2025: Matthew Dodd will sing songs and tell stories for Valentine's Day. Refreshments will be served.

March 5, 2025: Boombox Bingo, refreshments will be served.

Trips

April 16, 2025: "Noah", Sight and Sound, \$135 per person

May 20, 2025: Chesapeake City Dine Around, \$170 per person

June 24-27, 2025: Lucy and Desi Comedy Center, as well as, PA Grand Canyon, \$1025, double occupancy

July 10, 2025: Magic and Wonder Show, \$110 per person

August 27, 2025: Toby's Dinner in the Round, "Saturday Night Fever", \$145 per person

September 23, 2025: Penn's Peak, "Billy Joel and Elton John Tribute" \$100 per person

October 21-22, 2025: Ride the Rails in West Virginia, 2 train rides with meals, \$530 per person

November 15, 2025: Christmas Show at American Music Theatre, \$90 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.



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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:

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Joseph Albert, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Irene Bezak, Joseph Bezak, Jason Beshore, JoAnne Biscanti, Jodi Bixler, Susan Bolognese, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Maria Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Therese (Brenner) Cooney, 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 & Theresa Essig, Robert Flipping, Jocelyn Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelder, Theresa Grabowski, Loretta Greely, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, William F. Hedl, 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 & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, 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 & Fred Lenich, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinozzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Debra McCarthy, 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, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Antoinette (Honey) Tutlane, Richard Uliasz, 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 Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: The Very Reverend Luke Anderson, O Cist.; Michael Kostival**, (father of Lynn Griffith & grandfather of Zachary, William, Nicholas, Camille, Joshua & Veronica Griffith) & **Gloria Matuzak & 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: First Lt. David J. Wentling, IV, Second Lt. Nicholas A. Wentling, Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, 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.



Congratulations to Guido & Theresa Ascanio who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. May they be blessed with many more years together!



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS



LENTEN FISH FRYs - The Knights will be hosting the Lenten Fish Frys at the Social Hall from 5-7 PM on the following Fridays during Lent.

March 7th
March 21st
April 11th

Similar to last year, the Fish Frys will be 100 % walk-ins. No pre-orders will be taken. As a result, the event will be operating on a first come, first serve basis until we are sold out.

CRAB CAKE DINNER

Father Miller and the SCS Knights will be hosting a Crab Cake dinner on
Friday, April 4th from 5-7 PM.

The meal will include crab cakes, stewed tomatoes, mac & cheese, coleslaw, rolls, a dessert, and drinks (beer & wine available for a small contribution if you so choose).

This event will be a pre-order only event as discussed above and the contact info for orders will be released in the bulletin in February.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE!



SCS Knights 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament
SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

*Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!
The SCS Knights thank you for your continued support !*