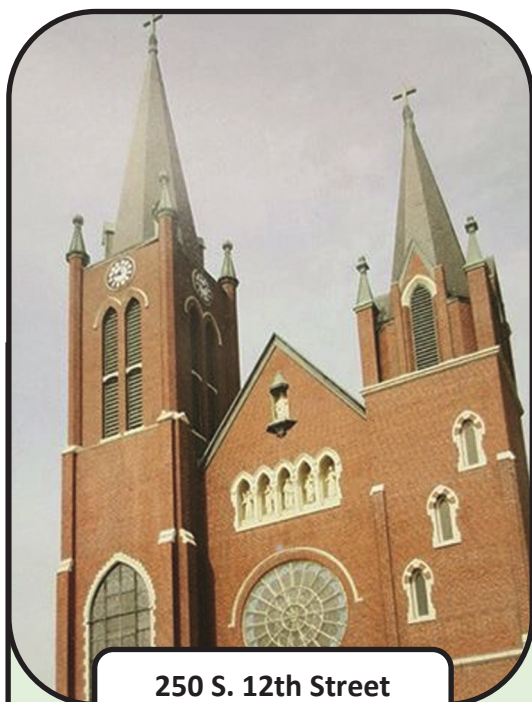


Saint Mary's

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
Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal
Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

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Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
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610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org



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

Phone: 610-779-4005
Parish Website: www.scsreading.org
Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saint Mary's News

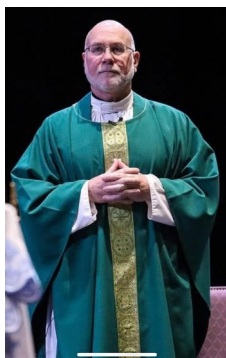
Saturday, March 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Lindsey Wagner
- (4th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 16th - 10:30 a.m. - Blessings for
Grazyiva Buzalewski's Children & Grandchildren

Saturday, March 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Donald & Jane
Byerly

Sunday, March 23rd - 10:30 a.m. - Gary & Daiana
Buzalewski

Pierogi Sale - Pierogis will be on sale every Friday in
Lent through and including April 11, from 9:00 AM to
1:00 PM. Pierogis will be sold in the Church
basement. Please use the side entrance from the
parking lot. Potato, sauerkraut and cheese pierogis
will sell for \$10.00 a dozen. Haluski will be available
in limited amounts for \$4.00 a cup. Weather
permitting, volunteers are needed to help sell
pierogis on Fridays.



For those who wish to send Msgr. Domin a get well card or a note of encouragement, his mailing address is: St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church 4049 Hartley Ave., Easton, PA 18045.

Fr. Miller's Study Sessions

Tuesday, March 18th 7:00 pm: Psalms part 1 of 5
Tuesday, March 25th 7:00 pm: Psalms part 2 of 5
Tuesday, April 1st 7:00 pm: Psalms part 3 of 5
Tuesday, April 8th 7:00 pm: Psalms part 4 of 5
Tuesday, April 15th 7:00 pm: Psalms part 5 of 5

Join the St. Catharine of Siena School Advisory Board!

We are seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join the **School Advisory Board**. As a vital part of our school community, the advisory board plays a key role in guiding the school's mission, supporting strategic planning, and fostering a strong Catholic identity.

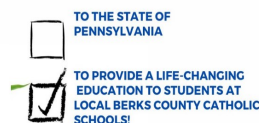
Interested candidates should submit their application via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SAB-Application>

Together, let's continue to build a school rooted in faith, excellence, and community!



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The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs provide tax credits to eligible individuals contributing to the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation (EPSF), a charitable trust started by the Diocese of Allentown over twenty years ago. Individual's contributions are then used by EPSF to provide tuition assistance in the form of scholarships to eligible students attending schools within the Diocese of Allentown, including **ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL**.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Tax credits may be applied against the state tax liability of an individual for the tax year in which the contribution was made. For a two-year commitment an individual taxpayer can receive a 90% tax credit.

IS IT REALLY THAT EASY? YES!

- Fill out the intent form on the other side of this flyer and email it to our Director of Scholarships, Amy Impellizzeri at aimpellizzeri@allentowndiocese.org.
- You will receive an online agreement via DocuSign and mailing instructions for your contribution.
- EPSF will send you a K-1 to receive your tax credit.

Any additional questions should be directed to Amy Impellizzeri at EPSF at aimpellizzeri@allentowndiocese.org. THANK YOU for your generous consideration.

**Additional Masses at Saint Catharine's:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
during Lent at 6:30 p.m.**

Gn 15:5-12: By faith Abram finds favor with the Lord. The Lord makes a covenant, that is, establishes a special relationship, with Abram and his descendants.

Phil 3:17-4:1: Paul exhorts us to turn away from worldly pleasures and to reject sin. He reminds us that we are not of this world.

Lk 9:28b-36: The glory of Christ is revealed, and God manifests the special mission of Christ.

Today's Message: Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery- the dying and rising of Jesus.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

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

MONDAY, MARCH 17

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS - following the 7:15 a.m. Mass

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

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

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 9:00-10:00 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

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

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

FISH FRY – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00 p.m. - Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

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

Parish Nurse News - Experience mindfulness benefits! Start with meditation, breathe in five seconds and out five seconds for one minute. Improves overall health and oxygen delivery, stress relief, feeling calmer and relaxed, breathe better and deeper (healthclevelandclinic.org.-mindfulness, 2022).



**For the week of March 16th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Michele Cantanzaro

St. Mary's - Marge Lonergan

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 Emmanuel Dimitriou (17th Anniversary)

4:30 Deceased Members of the Flay Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 Janice Bilski

9:30 Margaret, Edward & Sara Mc Grath

11:30 Harvey Snyder

MONDAY, MARCH 17

7:15 Robert & Catherine Doyle

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

7:15 Deceased Members of the Bambrick Family

6:30 p.m. Gerald Young

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

7:15 Maureen Truckly

6:30 p.m. Michael C. & Genevieve M. Fura

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

7:15 Nada Rathkey

6:30 p.m. William Wertz

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

7:15 Anthony Venezia

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 William Wertz

4:30 Sarah Di Fulvio

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 Cora Nacar

9:30 James Peck

11:30 Catherine Moltznik

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 16, 2025

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Stations of the Cross: will be celebrated every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. at the Church. A Catholic prayer that commemorates Jesus's journey to Calvary and his death by crucifixion. It's also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/17	Rev. Brendon M. Laroche
Tuesday 3/18	Rev. Keith R. Laskowski
Wednesday 3/19	Rev. William J. Linkhorst
Thursday 3/20	Rev. David J. Loeper
Friday 3/21	Rev. David Lopez, F.S.S.P.
Saturday 3/22	Rev. Philip J. Maas

SECOND COLLECTION – “ALMSGIVING” - “...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret.” (Ash Wednesday’s Reading) - **During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection on select weekends for special needs: March 23rd, Kennedy House, March 30th, Lifeline, April 6th - Kennedy House & April 13th, Rice Bowl** Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

Congratulations to the St. Catharine’s February Lottery Calendar winners:

2/2/2025	323	Lisa/Sharon Bingaman
2/4/2025	829	Steve Miller
2/12/2025	376	David Resh
2/26/2025	487	Rita Hartzell
2/28/2025	377	Cindy Miller



St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive March 29th & 30th

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me to drink” It seems everywhere you turn, people are struggling to pay their bills and put food on their tables, but some are struggling even more! Could you just share some of what you have in your pantry or shelves? Cereal, canned fruit, tuna fish, jelly, peanut butter, etc. are needed. Every little bit helps. We will and they will be so grateful for your kindness. Begin gathering items for our St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive and bring them to Mass with you on the weekend of March 29th & 30th . God Bless You – For Loving One Another.

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

April 2, 2025: Everybody’s Birthday Party, Victor Emmanuel’s, Members \$25, Nonmembers \$27. Please contact Michele Berman at 484-955-8885 for more information.

May 7, 2025: Kim Cox from Sterling Senior Life Solutions will discuss how to downsize. Refreshments will be served.

Trips

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

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

August 27, 2025: Toby’s Dinner in the Round, “Saturday Night Fever”, \$145

September 23, 2025: Penn’s Peak, “Billy Joel and Elton John Tribute” \$100 , trip is closed, taking names for a waiting list

October 21-22, 2025: Ride the Rails in West Virginia, 2 train rides with meals, \$530, per person, double occupancy, taking names for a waiting list

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

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.

Please Note: We will NOT be meeting for the Patriotic Rosary on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm during Lent. We will resume after Easter. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.



We all need prayer. There is a women's group starting at our parish for our priests. Following the simple structure of the Seven Sisters Apostolate, an international ministry, we are looking for women who would offer a Holy Hour weekly for our priests, For more information call Roxane Sheeler 610-334-3867 or email at rcsheeler@gmail.com.

There will be an information meeting on March 23rd, after 1130 a.m. Mass in the Social Hall for the 7 Sisters Apostolate.

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: Ariana Mercadante

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, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Jennifer Burrell, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Therese (Brenner) Cooney, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe & Theresa Essig, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, Jocelyn Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Terry Hayward, Al Heck, William M. Hedl, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Michael & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, Genny Kopel, 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, 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, Richard Uliasz, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Lyn Weidenhammer, Frank White, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A Time to die: Sister Renee Marie, CSSF, (Renee Zincuik); Anna Lewandowski; Robert Smith & Joanne Mierzwinski & 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, 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.



Save the Date! -Vacation Bible School is back! At TOTALLY CATHOLIC TRUE NORTH VBS, kids DISCOVER THAT THEY CAN TRUST Jesus in a wild world! TRUE NORTH is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on experiments, 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 23, 2025 thru June 27, 2025 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2025. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available at www.scsyouth.weebly.com or scan the QR code. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.





SCS KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

LENTEN FISH FRYS



There are 2 Knights Lenten Fish Frys remaining at the Social Hall from 5-7 PM on the following Fridays.

- **March 21st**
(music by Martin Bradfield and the Fibanachi Trio)
- **April 11th**
(music by Martin Bradfield and the Fibanachi Trio)

The cost per meal is \$18 (the same as last year). Also, as was the case last year, the Fish Frys will operate on a 100 % walk-in basis. **No pre-orders** will be taken. 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, coffee, lemonade, ice tea and water.

This event will be a pre-order only event and the cost is \$22 per meal and is to be paid at the admission table upon arriving for the event on April 4th.

To place your meal order contact one of the 2 Knights listed below and please leave your first and last name, contact number and number of meals being ordered.

	<u>Phone or Text:</u>	<u>Email:</u>
Tom Trainer	(484) 333-4312	ThomasA.Trainer@gmail.com
Tom Rochowicz	(484) 269-4601	TRochowicz923@comcast.net

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 !*