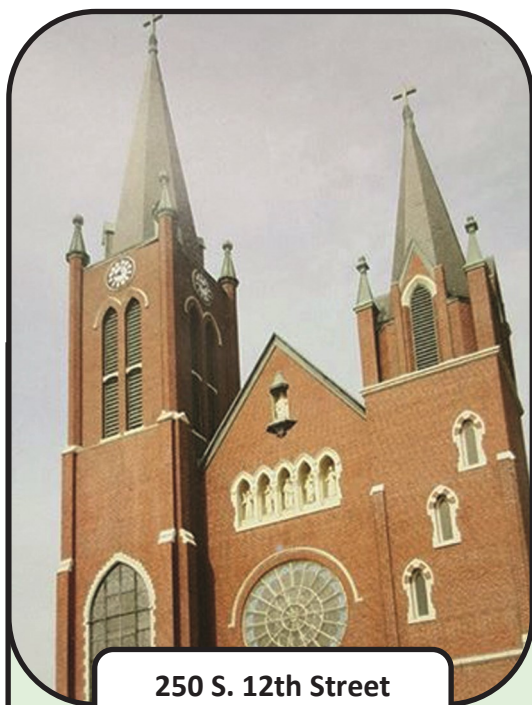


Saint Mary's

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

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
Direct Line: (800) 791-9209
Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W, M.S.

Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services

P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
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.

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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, April 5th - 3:30 p.m. - Vinny Baro

Sunday, April 6th - 10:30 a.m. - Bogdan Janiszewski

Saturday, April 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Genevieve & Joseph Iswalt

Sunday, April 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Dolly & Danny Piccone

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



Celebrating 100 Years

Join us for Mass with Bishop Schlert as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Catharine's Parish.

(Mass counts for your Sunday obligation).

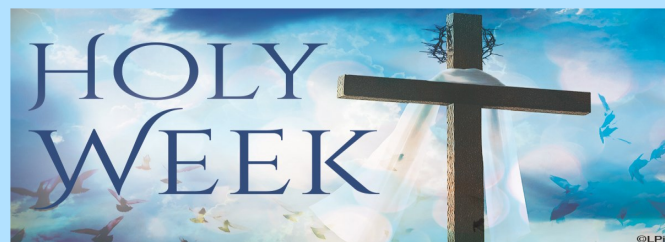
Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025

Time: 3:00pm

Light refreshments to follow in the Social Hall.

Please scan the QR code or call the Parish Office at 610-779-4005 to

RSVP by April 20, 2025.



PALM SUNDAY, April 12 and 13

Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Regular Mass Times.

Solemn Mass at 11:30 am begins outside under the portico

(Incense Used at 11:30 Mass)

Monday of Holy Week, April 14

Mass at 7:15 am.;

Penance Service with multiple priests at 7 pm

Tuesday April 15

Masses at 7:15 am and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 16

Mass at 7:15 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

MASS of THE LORD's SUPPER 7 p.m.

(Incense Used)

Night Prayer at the Repository 10:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m.

(Divine Mercy Novena begins)

LITURGY of THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH

3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross 7 pm

(outdoors weather permitting)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

(no confessions or 4:30 p.m. Mass)

BLESSING of EASTER FOOD - St. Mary's 10 am

(no 3:30 pm Mass)

SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER 8:00 pm

(Incense Used)

Begins outside under the portico.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

7:30 am Mass (with music: organ and cantor)

9:30 am (Guitar Group Mass) Incense Used

11:30 am (Choir Mass) Incense Used

10:30 am Mass at St. Mary's ; Incense Used

Is 43: 16-21: A call to look with hope to the future. God is not dead. Look around you and see His wonderful works.

Phil 3:8-14: Faith in Christ is our salvation, but we cannot relax. We must continue, while in this life, to strive for the good things of life in Christ – heaven.

Jn 8:1-11: By His example and works the Lord teaches us that God extends His mercy to sinners to free them from slavery to sin.

Today's Message: To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead His people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is He who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

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

BLOOD DRIVE – Social Hall

YOUTH GROUP – 6:00-9:00 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 7

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 7:00 p.m. - Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

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

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

AHG - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 10:15-11:15 a.m. - Church

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

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

Jubilee Year Trip to Italy with Father Miller from October 6th - 15th. Cost is \$5,599 and includes airfare, 1 checked bag and carryon, 4-5 Star Hotels & breakfast & dinner. Rome, Assisi, Florence, Siena & more! For more information please call Proximo Travel at 508-854-8001 or email office@proximotravel.com



**For the week of April 6th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Harvey Snyder

St. Mary's - Christine Bristow

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 Maureen Truckly

4:30 Mary & George Edmunds, Sr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 Adelaide Parks

9:30 Robert Loeper

11:30 Thomas Fry

MONDAY, APRIL 7

7:15 Deceased Members of Curtin, Gantert, Kroener & Wagner Families

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

7:15 William & Theresa Bryan

6:30 p.m. Marguerite Arthur

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

7:15 Mary Arnold (1st Anniversary)

6:30 p.m. Caitlin Ann Nazaryk

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

7:15 Paul Devlin

6:30 p.m. Terry Mscichowski (1st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

7:15 Theresa Rizzo

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 Valeriano & Jenny Delle Palme & Deceased Family Members

4:30 Vincent Stubler (17th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

9:30 John Walter Burns

11:30 Rita Franco (10th Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 6, 2025

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Scrutiny Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom

8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday

Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

All Information for the bulletin of April 20th must be in the office by Tuesday, April 8th by noon.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/7	Rev. Michael E. Mullins
Tuesday 4/8	Rev. Kevin M. Nadolski, O.S.F.S.
Wednesday 4/9	Rev. Van-Vien Nguyen (Fr. J.V.)
Thursday 4/10	Rev. Richard O. O'Nyamwaro, A.J.
Friday 4/11	Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Orsulak
Saturday 4/12	Rev. Luigi Palmieri

One hour. One purpose. Our children Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church. All meetings take place in the church. Our April prayer times are: April 2, no evening meeting due to Mass. Please consider attending one of the other two meetings this month. Evening meetings resume in May. April 12th from 10:15a - 11:15a & April 16th from 9a - 10a.m. For more information on this ministry, please visit www.millionsofmonicas.com

Rosary volunteers needed! We will be reciting the rosary 1/2 hour before all masses in the month of May. Please consider volunteering for this ministry. Commitment is to arrive 1/2 before mass and lead the rosary. All materials will be emailed to you prior for review and hard copies will be in the sacristy. You can email your preferred time and day to Maribeth Gardella at thegoodgardella@gmail.com or call 810-250-1825.



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.



50 Plus News

Please call, 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. 12 noon is the start time, doors open at 11!

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

June 4, 2025- Jill from Country Meadows will provide a fun presentation to our members, more details to come!

Trips

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

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. **This trip is closed!**

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.

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!

Parish Nurse News - Mindfulness exercises are nurturing and aid in reconnecting with your inner self. Use the senses to experience your environment, especially while walking outside. Focus on breathing through your nose for at least a minute every day. Accept yourself, treat you as you would treat a good friend!
(www.mayoclinic.healthylifestyle.consumer)

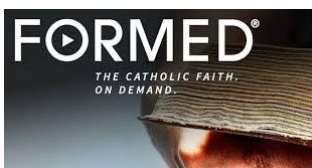
Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

a time to be born... Recently Baptized: Cooper Lloyd

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, 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 R. Domin**, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe & Theresa Essig, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, **Pope Francis**, 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, Christine Motley, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Antonio Mark Ramos, Lorraine Ransom, Phyllis 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, Kitty Wright, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: Mary Malecki, (wife of Tom Malecki) & 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.



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For those who wish to send **Msgr. Edward 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.

Also, please join us in the Church to pray the Rosary for the health of Msgr. Domin on Saturday mornings before the 8am Mass.



SCS KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS

LENTEN FISH FRYS



This is the last Knights' Lenten Fish Fry for this Lenten season.

- **Friday April 11th** - from 5-7 PM at the **SCS Social Hall**
(music by **Martin Bradfield and the Fibanachi Trio**)

The cost per meal is \$18. Also, as was the case last year, the Fish Fry 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.

KNIGHTS 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 !



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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.

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

