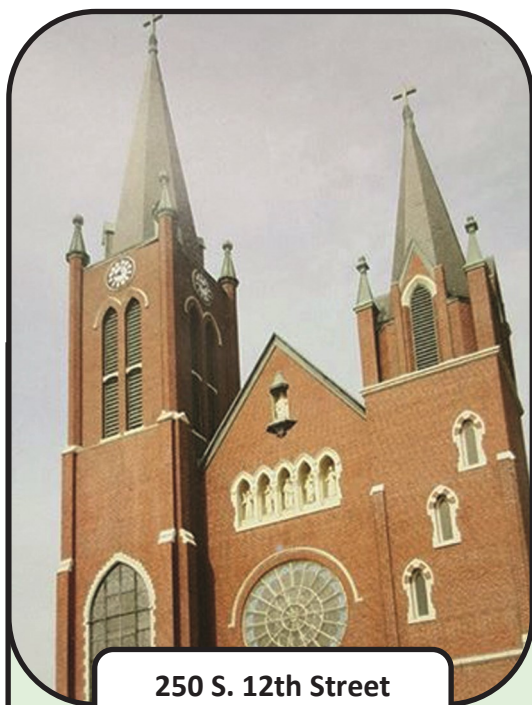


Saint Mary's

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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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 26th - 3:30 p.m. - David Buzalewski
 Sunday, April 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased of Wulkiewicz Family
 Saturday, May 3rd - 3:30 p.m. - Ashley L. Tordonato & infant son, Elijah Rivera
 Sunday, May 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Martha Lubas (41st Anniversary)

This year's Lenten Pierogi Sale was a huge success. Thank you to the volunteers of the Pierogi Society who worked hard to make this sale such a success. The Pierogi Society made 1,429 dozen pierogis or 17,148 individual pierogis. The profit from this year's sales was \$12,144.00. A sincere thank you to all who made this year's sale so successful.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our Parish Family congratulates these "New Catholics" and welcomes them into the faith community of St. Catharine of Siena. God's blessings and heartfelt joy to our new parish members!

Welcome to Our New Catholics!

Catechumen

Avery Freese

Tyrone Maysonet-Herrera

Yahir Davila- Herrera

Tabitha Delacruz

Teresa Kha Tu Dinh

Candidates

Veronica Baez

Yazmin Flores

Katherine Herrera

Bethany Shean

Roger Wertman

Nevaeh Yeakel



Pope Francis In Memoriam December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

"We are mourning the loss of a great leader and spiritual figure, Pope Francis. His legacy of peace and service will be remembered."

We will have Mass for Pope Francis, Monday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Adoration will close at 6:45 p.m. and there will be no confessions.

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 May 4, 2025.



Acts 5: 12-16: Through signs and wonders- miracles-the Lord supports the work of the Apostles and leads people to the Faith.

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19: In symbol and allegory the glory of the Lord is depicted.

Jn 20:19- 31: Jesus is risen; He comes and stands before His disciples. He encourages them and strengthens their faith.

Today's Message: As Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus, so too were many brought to faith through the various signs and wonders wrought by the Apostles. They proclaimed as Lord "the stone rejected by the builders", "the First and the Last of the One who lives".

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

CHOIR REHEARSAL - 10:00 – Meeting Room

SOCIAL SUNDAY – following all Masses – Social Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 28

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 6:45 p.m.

NO CONFESSIONS

MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS – 7:00 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

FR. MILLERS Q & A – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

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

THURSDAY, MAY 1

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

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

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

SATURDAY, MAY 3

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

KNIGHTS CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT – Church Parking Lot

SUNDAY, MAY 4

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

SOCIAL SUNDAY – Social Hall

SCS FLOWER PICK-UP – following all Masses – Social Hall

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – 4:30-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

Pray for Priests – Saint Catharine's is beginning **7 Sisters Apostolate**, a group of women who can devote one Holy Hour per week in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for our priests. Please contact Roxane Sheeler at rcsheeler@gmail.com if you are interested. We start in June.



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

St. Catharine's Church - Max Curtin

St. Mary's - Special Intentions for Msgr.
Edward Domin

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 Sharon Sauppee

4:30 Dolores B. Jancuska (11th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 Deceased of the Lins, Wisniewski & Korcykowski Families

9:30 The Deceased of the O'Brien & Porcaro Families

11:30 Terry Mscichowski ***Incense will be used during Mass***

MONDAY, APRIL 28

7:15 Arlene Orlando (5th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

7:15 Mary Sosh

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

7:15 Deceased Members of William R., Sr. & Anna F. Bollendorf Family

THURSDAY, MAY 1

7:15 Rickert, Platko & Verbosh Family

FRIDAY, MAY 2

7:15 Edith Ellison

SATURDAY, May 3

8:00 Betty Jane Paris

4:30 Ralph Orlando (25th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, May 4

7:30 Theresa Stelmach

9:30 Kathleen A. Harris (7th Anniversary)

11:30 Gerald Showalter, Jr. (9th Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 27, 2025

Sunday

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

Banns of Ordination

Mr. Jeffrey S. Tomczyk, who resides in this parish, has been called to the Order of the Diaconate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D. D. Bishop of Allentown. Mr. Tomczyk will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/28	Rev. Paul L Rothermel
Tuesday 4/29	Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Sacks
Wednesday 4/30	Rev. Msgr. Walter T. Scheaffer
Thursday 5/1	Rev. Aaron R. Scheidel
Friday 5/2	Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert
Saturday 5/3	Rev. Msgr. Francis P. Schoenauer



Save the Date--
Dinner & a Movie--
Star Wars- A New
Hope on Sunday, May
4th, 2025 in Social
Hall. Doors open at

4:30. Come for free food, fellowship and fun.
Gluten Free options available. RSVP by 4/27
to nancy.varjan@gmail.com.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The novena will conclude today with at 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday in the Church, with the novena prayers, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance at 2:30 p.m. Any person who participates in the devotions on Divine Mercy Sunday may obtain a plenary indulgence. **This is not a Mass.**

HOSPITAL VISITATION - The priests of the parish are interested in visiting parishioners when they are in the hospital. However, hospitals no longer automatically inform parishes when a parishioner is admitted. We will be able to visit only if we know you are in a hospital. It is most helpful to us when you or a family member notifies the parish office at 610-779-4005.

INDIVIDUAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If you are planning to go to the hospital for surgery or extended care, contact the parish office at 610-779-4005 before you go in order to arrange for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick.



The SCS 8th grade class is holding a bake sale the weekend of May 3rd and 4th after all Masses. Please check out their selection of baked goods and sweet treats available for purchase. Funds raised will support their end-of-year activities.



Q & A with Father Miller! Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 pm in the Church. Have questions about the faith? Father Miller is ready to tackle your questions! No need to RSVP. Please come with your family and bring a friend.

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, GERALINE AUTON, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe & Patty 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 Essig, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, Jocelyn Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, David J. Gubernot, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Terry Hayward, William M. Hedl, 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 Martinuzzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Debra McCarthy, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Christine Motley, Madeline Mullen, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Antonio Mark Ramos, Lorraine Ransom, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, 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: Pope Francis & Al Heck**, (husband of Sharon Heck) & 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.

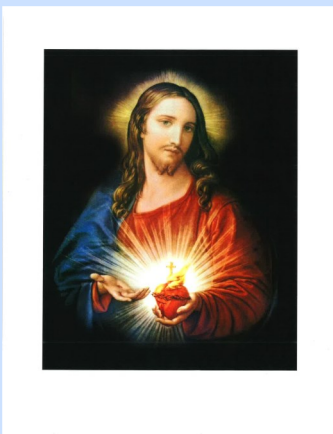


Thank you from Father Miller & Father JV to everyone who sent cards, greetings, gifts, & goodies. May God continue to bless you this Easter Season!

As we mourn the death of Pope Francis, let us join with Catholics worldwide in praying for the repose of his soul.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus Council 14880

We will be providing a Holy Hour on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6 pm in the Church. The Holy Hour will be led by Fr. Brian Miller. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will be providing us with the Sacred Heart Icon. The Sacred Heart Icons will travel throughout the country and this will be a time for the parish to join with the Knights in a time of worship to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this beautiful painting, Jesus holds out to us his heart, enflamed with love and wrapped in thorns, so we can meditate on the sacrifice of His passion and be engulfed in His love. All are invited to come and join us. God Bless.



SCS Knights 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament



SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am Play Starts at 11:30 am
(includes beef BBQ, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional fixings and snacks)

REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH or
CONTACT JOHN ARTY @ (484) 269-4195

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



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

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

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

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

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.

Polish American Connection TV Show

Tom Gajewski interviews people from the Polish American Community every month about topics of interest, events and activities relative to the Polish community and East Reading. The program airs on Comcast channel 15 and Service Electric channel 19 on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The programs are rebroadcast at 7:30 pm on the following Tuesdays of each month on Comcast channel 15 and Service Electric channel 19. New broadcasts air on the first Tuesday of each month. Your Feedback and/or ideas for future programs is welcome - Call Tom at 610-698-8731 .