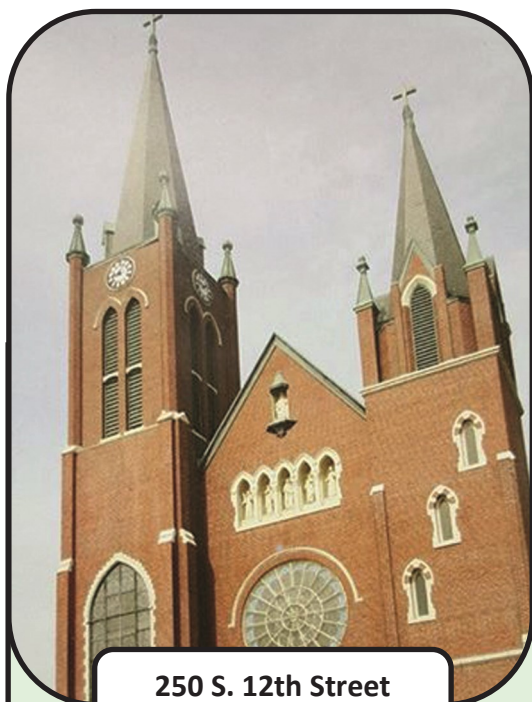


Saint Mary's

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
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4975 Boyertown Pike
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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.

Saint Mary's News

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)
Saturday, May 10th - 3:30 p.m. - Stephan & Michalena Borski
Sunday, May 11th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Mothers

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.**

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 16th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30pm. The cost is \$95. per golfer and includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, lunch, dinner, tee gift and prizes. Proceeds support the Polish American Cultural Center at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. For questions, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is June 11, 2025.

Polish American Connection TV Show

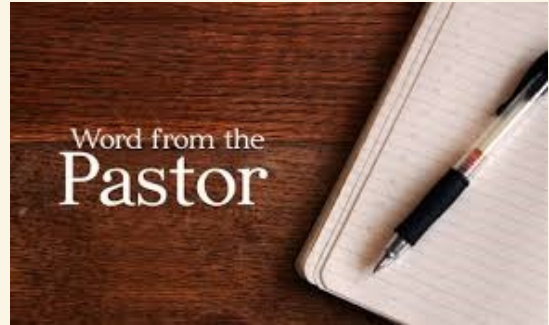
Tom Gajewski interviews people from the Polish American Community every month about topics of interest, events and activities relative to the Polish community and East Reading. The program airs on Comcast channel 15 and Service Electric channel 19 on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The programs 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 .



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.



Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the 2025 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal in our parish and throughout our Diocese. I want to offer my personal thanks for the generous commitments you have made in the past. I also want to let you know that the 2025 Appeal will be part of our Diocesan-wide effort to engage our entire community in the Jubilee Year of Hope announced by Pope Francis for 2025. The Holy Father has challenged each of us to serve as "Pilgrims of Hope" during this Jubilee. In the Diocese of Allentown, the Because We Are Catholic Appeal brings hope to children, families, and adults throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties. With your support, we feed the hungry, clothe the poor, care for the elderly, prepare young adults for marriage, inspire young men and women considering religious life, and welcome students of all abilities to our Catholic schools. The Because We Are Catholic Appeal makes it possible to bring the Light of Christ – our ultimate hope – to each other and to our community. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising initiative and ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making your gift to the Appeal and support these important ministries. Lets strive for 100% participation from our parish. Together, I believe we can make our goal. We are stronger together! Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,
Father Brian Miller

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41: With a strong faith, the Apostles persevere in the mission that Christ gave them.

Rv 5:11-14: The power and the glory of God are acclaimed by His creation.

Jn 21:1-19, or 21:1-14: Again, the risen Savior appears to His disciples in a very human way. Peter in three affirmations rejects his triple denial and again hears the call "Follow me."

Today's Message: Jesus appears to seven of His disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailing love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 4

CHOIR REHEARSAL - 10:00 – Meeting Room

SOCIAL SUNDAY – Social Hall

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

FLOWER PICK-UP – following all Masses- Social Hall

8th GRADE BAKE SALE - following all Masses- Social Hall

MONDAY, MAY 5

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 6

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SACRED HEART ICON HOLY HOUR – 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Church

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Church

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

THURSDAY, MAY 8

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

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

FRIDAY, MAY 9

AGH- 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 10

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 11

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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)

MONDAY, MAY 5

7:15 Raymond E. McFadden

TUESDAY, MAY 6

7:15 Marilyn Clifford

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

7:15 Charles J. Wettstein (7th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 8

7:15 Angeline Arnidis

FRIDAY, MAY 9

7:15 Deceased of the Frey & O'Donnell Families

SATURDAY, May 10

8:00 Lucy Schott

4:30 Kate Hannahoe Cogan

SUNDAY, May 11

7:30 Living & Deceased Mothers

9:30 Living & Deceased Mothers

11:30 Living & Deceased Mothers

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 4, 2025

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

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:1-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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.



**For the week of May 4th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Patty Belsterling

St. Mary's - Joseph M. Daly

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/5	Rev. Mark R. Searles
Tuesday 5/6	Rev. Adam C. Sedar
Wednesday 5/7	Rev. Thomas G. Shanfelt
Thursday 5/8	Rev. Barnabas Shayo, A.J.
Friday 5/9	Rev. Msgr. Joseph P.T. Smith
Saturday 5/10	Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Sobiesiak

Eucharistic Adoration: is held every Monday: the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from after the 7:15 AM Mass until 8:00 PM. All are invited and encouraged to spend some quality prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament. **(Confessions from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)**

Parish Nurse News - Medical visit reminders: Be sure to keep a list or a card listing your medications, over-the-counter meds and all supplements, including vitamins. Take your list with you to medical appointments. Many supplements and foods interact with prescription medications. Your provider can assist you in deciding the best way to ensure your medication safety and health.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday - Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are those adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On May 7th, the Conclave will begin. The term *Conclave* means “with a key,” and during this time, the cardinals will be isolated from the outside world, and will dedicate themselves to profound prayer, appealing to the same Holy Spirit that descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost.

The selection of a pope is a sacred and solemn process that traces its roots to Christ, who entrusted Peter with the “keys to the kingdom of heaven.” Our Lord said to Peter: “And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (*Matthew 16:18-19*). Today, the Church still holds onto this enduring truth that Christ Himself chose a vicar to continue to lead the Church through every age long after His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven.

The tomb of Peter, our first pope, still rests beneath St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, from which the next pope will soon emerge onto the balcony.

During this Easter Season of Hope, we wait in prayer, uniting ourselves with the Church, eagerly waiting in anticipation for the “Servant of the Servants of Christ” to be chosen. In a special way today, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church and a courageous defender of the papacy, we are reminded of her love for the Holy Father and of her work for unity in the Church. In her time, she urged the pope to return to Rome to fulfill his role as shepherd of the Universal Church. Her bold witness encourages us today to pray fervently for the one who will soon assume the Chair of Peter. May her intercession guide the cardinals in their discernment and prepare the new pope to embrace the profound responsibility and great sacrifice of leading Christ's Church.

Let us pray: “*O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. 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.*”

+ Bishop Schlert

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: Alexander Finn

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 Barker, 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 Burkhardt, 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 & Wayne 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, 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, 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, Mary Ann Zimmerman. *A Time to die: Milton Linton, (husband of Debra Linton) & 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.

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Baby Shower

Celebrate Mothers' Day next week by bringing a baby gift to church to help a new mother give her baby a good start to life. During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be holding its baby shower to help local mothers and their newborns. Items most needed are diapers, unscented wipes, and new clothing size 0-12 months. There will be tables at the back of the church where you can drop off your gifts. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping an envelope marked "Baby Shower" in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Checks should be made to Saint Vincent DePaul Society. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter, Lifeline and Catholic Charities. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Thank You, Ben and Connor!

St. Catharine of Siena School extends heartfelt thanks to Ben and Connor, two dedicated Scouts who recently completed their Eagle Scout Projects—leaving a lasting mark on our school community.

Ben generously built a spacious and well-crafted outdoor shed for our play yard, providing much-needed storage and enhancing the space for student use. Connor designed and constructed four stunning trophy cases for our "Wall of Champions" in the gym's concession stand, offering a proud and permanent display for our students' achievements.

We are truly grateful to Ben and Connor for sharing their time, talent, and generosity with us. Their projects are a testament to the values of service, leadership, and excellence—and will benefit our students and families for years to come.

Thank you, Ben and Connor! Your hard work and commitment are deeply appreciated.

With warm thanks, Mrs. Kraycik and all the Wildcats



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: Kathy 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.

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.



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.