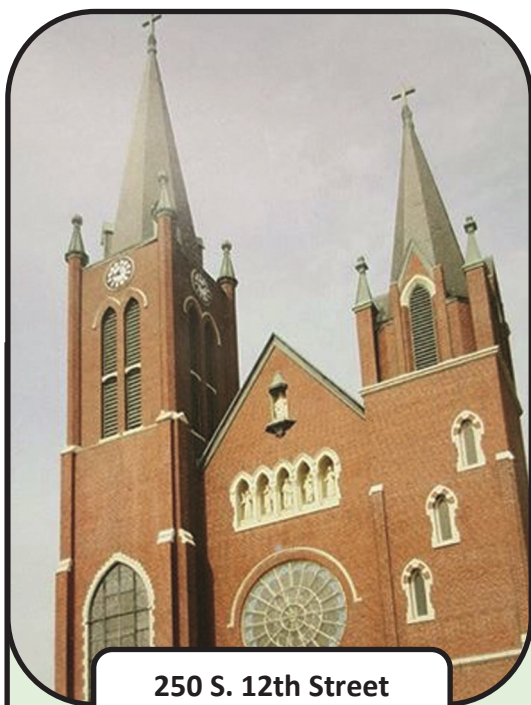


Saint Mary's

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
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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, May 17th - 3:30 p.m. - Stella E. Zerkowski
Sunday, May 18th - 10:30 a.m. - David & Donna Korch (40th Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday, May 24th - 3:30 p.m. - Richard Zaorski
Sunday, May 25th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon & Stella Zerkowski

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 .



Congratulations to Dave & Donna Korch who will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary this weekend! May they be blessed with many more years together!



See the new Pope! 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



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.



Acts 14 :21-27: The life we have through Faith is not easy. We must struggle against many difficulties, even temptations, on our journey to eternal life.

Rv 21:1-5a: In the Kingdom of God, all things are made new.

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35: Jesus is about to be betrayed yet He teaches us the way to glory - the way He will go. It is the way of love.

Today's Message: At the conclusion of their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabus tell the Antioch community all that the Lord had accomplished in their preaching the kingdom of God. This kingdom, to be marked by our love for one another, will reach its fulfillment in new heavens and a new earth.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 18

100th ANNIVERSARY MASS – 3:00 p.m. reception following the Mass

MONDAY, MAY 19

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 9:00-10:00 – Church
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

AHG -6:30-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 24

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

Beginning May 28th we will be gathering in the Grotto every Wednesday for the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m.



**For the week of May 18th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Deceased of Arnold & Hartman Families

St. Mary's - Mary & Gene Pondo

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 17

8:00 Joseph Firth (4th Anniversary)

4:30 Adeline Grace Mulcahy

SUNDAY, MAY 18

7:30 Mary Carmen Scheirer (5th Anniversary)

9:30 Charles E. Mathews (3rd Anniversary)

11:30 Barbara Cooley Zar

3:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 19

7:15 Tom Franey

TUESDAY, MAY 20

7:15 Kathleen Bryan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

7:15 Barbara Balla (5th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 22

7:15 Williams Weeks

FRIDAY, MAY 23

7:15 Frances Bambrick

SATURDAY, May 24

8:00 Erich Makosch

4:30 Margaret L. Christ

SUNDAY, May 25

7:30 Mary & Gene Pondo

9:30 Virginia Laczowski

11:30 Stella Deeble

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 18, 2025

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/19	Rev. Eric N. Tolentino
Tuesday 5/20	Rev. Andrew Torma, M.S.C.
Wednesday 5/21	Rev. James M. Torpey
Thursday 5/22	Rev. Msgr. James A. Treston
Friday 5/23	Rev. James J. Ward
Saturday 5/24	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wargo

Parish Nurse News - Mother's Day, last weekend, gives us pause to appreciate our mothers throughout the entire month of May! Plan treats for mom, like coffee or tea with a visit or send a funny card! For those whose moms are no longer here, plant a favorite (yours or hers) flower or tree, make and enjoy a remembered special snack, or start a new tradition by serving your family one of mom's great recipes this month!

Consider Giving by Direct Withdraw - Simplify your tithing! Did you know that St. Catharine's offers a Pre-Authorized Direct Contributions program; where you can make your contributions directly on a weekly or monthly basis? We currently have 105 parishioners taking advantage of this program. Their regular contribution is withdrawn, at the interval they choose & deposited into our parish account. This option eliminates paperwork and ensures regular giving. Many of these parishioners still drop an envelope in the basket, and simply check "direct deposit." To enroll or get more information, contact Diane Sitler at the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

Did you know that only 53% of the 50.6 million immigrants in the United States are proficient English speakers? Would you like to make a difference? If you are an experienced teacher or have had training in Education, please consider volunteering your time and talent at the Mother Veronica Resource Center. We are looking for English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers and substitute teachers for both morning and evening classes beginning in September 2025. Perhaps you'd prefer working one-on-one as a tutor during the day or evening? Or maybe you are proficient in computer skills? For further information, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at 484-516-2138 or mveronicacenter@gmail.com.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal*. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

Free - Brand new Electric Hospital bed.
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Elaine Druzba at 610-334-5652.

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

June 4, 2025- The Club will be playing Bingo. Hoagies and refreshments will be served.

July 2, 2025: July 2, 2025: Bill Sutton from Vision Resource Center will review products for Seniors experiencing low vision. Refreshments will be served.

Trips

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

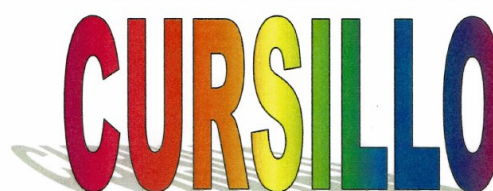
August 27, 2025: Toby's Dinner in the Round, "Saturday Night Fever", \$145

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.

COME AND DISCOVER DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN



**94th MEN'S WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 18 (Thursday) to
SEPTEMBER 21 (Sunday), 2025**

**94th WOMEN'S WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 25 (Thursday)
to SEPTEMBER 28 (Sunday), 2025**

Mariawald (Mary of the Woods) Renewal Center
Reading, PA

A once in a lifetime opportunity for Catholics

Piety - Study - Action

Cursillo (pronounced cur see o) is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church dedicated to the renewal of the faith and Christian service to our communities. Cursillo has been active in the Allentown Diocese since 1970 and is open to all adult Catholics in good standing.

For more information contact

Fidelia Akabogu (610) 509-6365 or fideliasa@gmail.com

Mary Clare Gosse' (484) 554-1479 or claregm@ptd.net

Beth Pawlik (610) 781-2935 or bap3mem@ptd.net

Or speak with your pastor or local priest

Make a friend

Be a friend

Bring your friend to Christ

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: **Mason Manorek**

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 & 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: Rev. Joseph Whalen & Edward Druzba (husband of Elaine Druzba, father of Brian Druzba & grandfather of Kendall & Zachary Druzba) & 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.



During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be holding its baby shower to help local mothers and their newborns. Formula, diapers, unscented wipes, baby lotion, and onesies size (0 to 18 months) are just a few gift suggestions. 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!

Please call Karen Gorel at 610-413-6499 with any questions. Thank you!!



ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ON MAY 29TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Masses will be as follows:

Wednesday - May 28th - Vigil of Ascension Thursday

6:30 p.m.

Ascension Thursday - May 29th

7:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. (St. Mary's)



Congratulations to Bill & Nettie Snider who will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on May 21st ! May they be blessed with many more years together!

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TEXT ROB AT 610-587-6324

Today's first and second readings seem to contradict each other. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas remind the other disciples that they would "undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). But in the second reading from Revelation, John says there will be "no more . . . mourning, wailing, or pain" (Revelation 21:4). These two sides of the Kingdom show how real our faith is. Life is frequently contradictory. A woman in labor moves from pain to joy in seconds after her child is born. She doesn't forget the pain, but knows it is necessary for the joy of new birth. Only the artist knows how much effort and pain went into the creation of a painting, sculpture, or symphony.

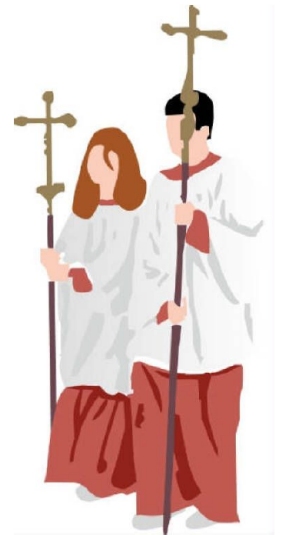
That's why Jesus in the Gospel talks of his coming death on the cross as the way that God will glorify him. Even God does not do things the easy way. Jesus didn't send a stunt man to take his place on the cross. It was God who was born in poverty, in a time of high infant mortality (even higher when Herod tried to kill the Child). It was God who suffered, from the Agony in the Garden through the Crucifixion.

So when Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us, he knows what it cost. And he also knew that his death on the cross would be the beginning of a way of love that will eventually lead to "no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." We're not there yet, but we know we are not alone in our suffering for "God himself will always be with them" (Revelation 21:3).

Tom Schmidt

Calling all altar servers!

There will be an educational training session for all current and upcoming altar servers. The training will take place Friday, May 30th, from 5-8 pm, at St. Catharine of Siena Church. The event will include pizza and ice cream sundaes.



Siena Stitches: The last meeting for the Summer is June 5th. Our first meeting for the season is September 4th. Thank you for all for your support during our Easter sale. The Siena Stitches.