# Saint Mary's

# Saint Catharine of Siena Parish

Reading, PA 19606

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

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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.

4975 Boyertown Pike

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, June 14th - 3:30 p.m. - Barry L. Grim Sunday, June 15th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Fathers Saturday, June 21st - 3:30 p.m. - Lauren Wagner- Myland (2nd Anniversary) Sunday, June 22nd - 10:30 a.m. - Theodore Sajdak (3rd Anniversary)

## **CORPUS CHRISTI TRADITION**

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ) and all parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 22 to participate in the outdoor Corpus Christi Procession at the conclusion of the Mass.

The Corpus Christi procession is a traditional liturgical practice dating back to the 13th Century where the faithful make a public profession of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Our Corpus Christi Procession will take place at the conclusion of the 11:30 a.m. Mass when the Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly processed to our Grotto where benediction will be held. Please join us for this

beautiful tradition. \*\*\* Incense \*\*\*



Most reverend Alfred A. schlert INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

A Mass of Thanksgiving

## FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS **OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE DIOCESE**

#### EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2025 The Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena 1825 West Turner Street, Allentown 9:00am - Arrival and light refreshments 9:00am - 9:45am - Confession available 10:00am - Mass with Bishop Schlert 11:00am - Special Presentation by USCCB National Eucharistic Preacher, Rev. Frank Desiano, C.S.P. (Paulist Fathers)

### RSVP

by Friday, June 13, 2025 Maggie Riggins, mriggins@allentowndiocese.org 610-866-0581 ext. 2022 Please include the number of guests that will be joining you.



Hi Saint Catharine Family,

Thank you for hosting me this summer and throughout the coming school year! If we have not met already, I am looking forward to meeting and serving you. On May 17, I was ordained a Transitional Deacon and assigned to this parish. I am excited to grow together in our faith.

My life as a Christian started when I was young. Raised in a protestant, biblical fundamentalist family, my parents taught me to love and revere scripture. They emphasized the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus. Old Testament passages were etched deep into me.

In High School (Southern Lehigh) and later college at DeSales University, my faith waned. I pursued worldly allurements with abandon. Despite academic proficiency, success on the lacrosse field, and a solid core of friends, I was profoundly unhappy.

In my senior year at DeSales, a professor played a video from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire project. Bishop Barron mentioned a quote from Saint Irenaeus, "the glory of God is man fully alive." The quote rattled me. In that moment I was convicted because I knew that I was not fully alive. Everything I deemed worthy of pursuit in my restless self-seeking was a shadow of the life our Lord wanted for me.

God renewed my trust in him. I began binging Catholic content, inspired by how defensible the Church's doctrines are. My faith finally had a reasonable tradition to stand on. I joined RCIA in 2017 and received the Eucharist for the first time on Pentecost of 2018. Receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord reshaped the trajectory of my life. In spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer, and at Mass, the Lord placed a deep and abiding sense of peace in my heart. This peace inspired me to pursue the priesthood.

Over these past 5 years, being in seminary has been a tremendous experience of spiritual growth, education, and healing. In the weeks since ordination, I have been reflecting on my time in seminary and my short time as a deacon. Saying "yes" at ordination was simply a response to the goodness and the love that I have received. God continues to show that love very tangibly through his people, especially the people of the Allentown Diocese. Thank you for all the prayers and support that made this ordination possible!

Thank you in addition for welcoming me so warmly into this parish family. I look forward to praying with you, learning from you, and getting to know you. In my free time, I love to pray, cook (healthy foods), work out, shoot (archery & firearms), hike, hunt, fish, and read.

May God bless you, and thank you again! Yours in Christ,

Deacon Tyler Davis

Gloria Dei Homo Vivens

<u>Prv 8:22-31</u>: In a messianic application, the "Wisdom of God" who speaks in this reading foreshadowed the revelation of the Second Person of the Trinity.

<u>Rom 5:1-5</u>: Our hope, our faith, will be fulfilled because the Holy Spirit has been given to us.

<u>Jn 16:12-15:</u> All that the Father has belongs to Jesus. The Spirit of truth will guide us and announce to us the things to come. The Apostles lived in the time of Christ and lead us into the era of the Spirit.

<u>Today's Message</u>: We are at peace with God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This Spirit, who is Wisdom itself, will lead us into all truth. How wonderful the name of our God in all the earth!

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:30 a.m. – Meeting Room **MONDAY, JUNE 16** 

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 9:00-10:00 a.m. - Church ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19** PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m.

ULTREYA MEETING – 9:30-11:45 a.m. – Meeting Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

BLOOD DRIVE - Social Hall CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:30 a.m. – Meeting Room



For the week of June 15th The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - John A. Fritz

St. Mary's - John W. Harner

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK SATURDAY, JUNE 14 Richard Farrell (41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) 8:00 4:30 William & Margaret Bollendorf **SUNDAY, JUNE 15** 7:30 Living & Deceased Fathers 9:30 Living & Deceased Fathers 11:30 Living & Deceased Fathers **MONDAY, JUNE 16** 7:15 Theresa Essia **TUESDAY, JUNE 17** Mary Carmen Scheirer 7:15 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 7:15 Bernadette Repsik **THURSDAY, JUNE 19** Joseph & Regina Kastenmaier 7.15FRIDAY, JUNE 20 7:15 John Davey SATURDAY, JUNE 21 8:00 Theresa Makosch Stanley Lubas (29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) 4:30 SUNDAY, JUNE 22 Deceased Members of the Vincent Stubler & Ferdinand 7:30 **Parrish Families** 9:30 John Szelag 11:30 Joseph & Pat Capilo \*\*\* Incense \*\*\* Scripture Readings For the Week of June 15, 2025 Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Prov 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15 Monday 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42 Tuesday 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48 Wednesday 2 Cor 9:6-11, Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15 Friday 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23 Saturday Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34 Sunday

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Gen 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17



Rachel Kostival & Andrew Tufillaro

# PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 6/16	Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin
Tuesday 6/17	Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian
Wednesday 6/18	<b>Rev. Thomas P. Bortz</b>
Thursday 6/19	<b>Rev. Ronald P. Bowman</b>
Friday 6/20	Rev. Nikolai R. Brelinsky
Saturday 6/21	Rev. Richard C. Brensinger

AS YOU BEGIN TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR YOUR PARISH GROUP OR ORGANIZATION, PLEASE BE SURE TO EMAIL YOUR SCHEDULE TO DSITLER@COMCAST.NET SO THAT IT CAN BE PLACED ON OUR CALENDAR AND INCLUDED IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN. ALONG WITH THE DATES OF YOUR MEETINGS OR SPECIAL EVENTS, PLEASE INCUDE THE TIME AND LOCATION SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS.

## Mass with Bishop Schlert and Enthronement of the Relic

## Image of the Holy Veil at National Centre for Padre Pio -

In an extraordinary gesture, the National Centre for Padre Pio is honored to have been chosen as the only location on the East Coast of the United States to house an authentic relic image of the Holy Face of Manoppello which will permanently remain on exposition. Join us for the enthronement of the relic image of the Holy Veil with Bishop Alfred Schlert and Padre Antonio Gentili, OFM, Capuchin presiding. Mass and Enthronement will take place at 12:00pm on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA.

St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood drive <u>on Sunday</u>, June 22, 2025. Blood drives are an excellent way to support our <u>community</u>.

Please call Dave Gibney at <u>484.332.1624</u>, or schedule online at<u>https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/</u>

<u>drive\_schedule/85668</u>. Anyone who is in good health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more, may donate whole blood every 56 days. *(16-year old donors require parental consent)*.

*Did you know:* 40% of the US population is eligible to donate – but only 5% do on a yearly basis. • Statistics show that 25% or more of us will require blood at least once in our lifetime. • Every 2 seconds, someone in the US requires a blood transfusion. • It only takes about 45 minutes of your time to save a life. • Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 27 hospitals served by the blood center.

<u>St. Joseph's Parish Annual Flea Market</u> -1018 N. 8th Street, Reading - Thursday, June 26th, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 27th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, June 28th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, June 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Raffle, food, furniture, new and used items!

# 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

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

# August 6, 2025: Club Picnic!

Please note starting time is 12 o'clock noon. \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members. Flyers will be available at the July meeting.

## <u>Trips</u>

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 Bev Gallo at 610-763-7058 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.



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: Peyton O'Donnell & Fia McGettigan

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Joseph Albert, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzjewski, 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, Maria Bunch, 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, Ann Entzminger, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, Jocelyn Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Joe Grippe, David J. Gubernot, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Terry Hayward, 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, Stanley Kuter, 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, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman A Time to die: Erin Macguire & 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.

<u>We pray for the Gift of Peace</u> 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 <u>dsitler@comcast.net</u>.



Church Yard Sale - 2427 Perkiomen Avenue - Mark your calendars for a yard sale on June 20th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM! Find incredible bargains in the parking lot of the Chapel. Don't miss out! Bring your friends and come ready to shop!



## Ask and It Shall Be Given

Thanks to all who donated gifts and money to the Saint Vincent DePaul Baby Shower. With your generosity we were able to donate many beautiful and needed items for distribution to babies in our area. We were also able to make a monetary donation to help with the operation of Mary's Shelter and Lifeline. What a blessing to be part of a parish that cares so much about new life!

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



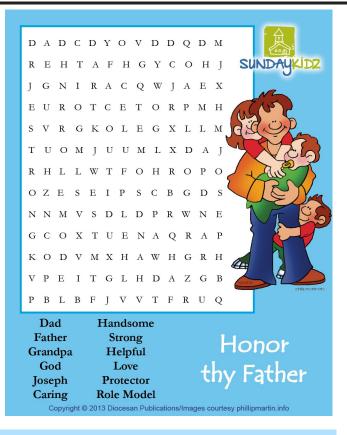
**Save the Date**! -Vacation Bible School is back! At TOTALLY CATHOLIC TRUE NORTH VBS, kids DISCOVER THAT THEY CAN TRUST Jesus in a wild world! TRUE NORTH is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Handson experiments, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are 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.





May 4, 2025	\$19,543.00
May 11, 2025	\$22,799.00
May 18, 2025	\$21,673.00
May 25, 2025	\$17,819.00

**Parish Nurse News** - Happy Father's Day! Help Dad enjoy healthy fresh or frozen fruits and veggies at every meal with 1-2-3! Have 1 serving at breakfast, 2 servings at lunch, and 3 servings at dinner (mayo.clinic). Snacks include apples, a crunchy treat that reaches all five senses!





Join our AMAZING TEAM! Looking to teach and work in a faith filled school? Looking to get back in the classroom or workforce after family leave or retirement? Looking for a positive working environment? Then we are looking for you! We are in search of:

Elementary School Teacher: Third Grade Teacher.

**PT Classroom Instructional Aides** 

FT Kitchen Manager

**PT Cafeteria Assistant** 

Administrative Assistant/Office Manager

Please contact <u>Mkraycik@scsreading.org</u> with resume, clearances, and three professionals letters of recommendation for more details.