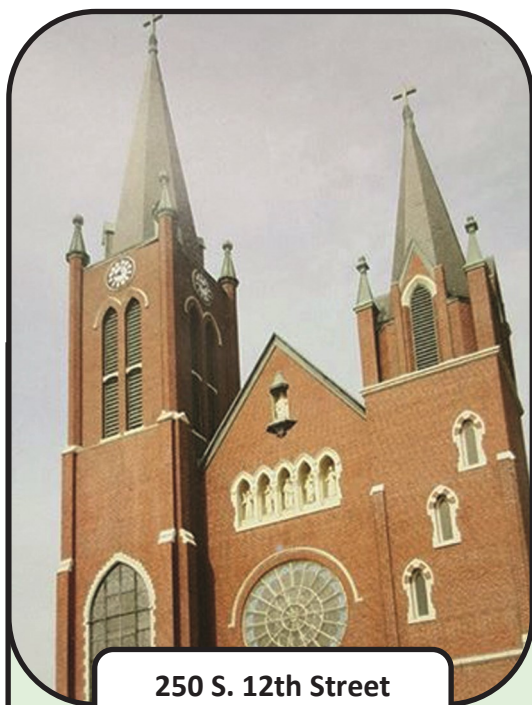


Saint Mary's

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.

PARISH CENTER: 4975 Boyertown Pike

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Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center,
4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606

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, July 5th - 3:30 p.m. - Cecelia Pope
 Sunday, July 6th - 10:30 a.m. - Thomas & Jadwiga Fura (47th Wedding Anniversary)
 Saturday, July 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Betty Ostachowski
 Sunday, July 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Richard Hunter

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.



**OBLATES OF
ST. FRANCIS
DE SALES**

North American Provinces

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales are a religious community of men who were founded in France in 1876 to live and spread the optimistic spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. The Oblates spread throughout the world and have sent priests, brothers and sisters to staff missions in Africa, South America, and India. We serve some of the poorest people in the world as parish priests, ministers, educators and social workers. Each year we visit parishes around the United States to share the needs of the worldwide Church, to request the support of prayer and to receive financial assistance for the needs of our missions. Thank you for welcoming our missionaries and being part of the command of Jesus to "go out into the world and preach the Gospel to the whole of creation."

Sign up for our newsletter, DeSales Weekly! Your weekly dose of Salesian Spirituality and Oblate news. Father Vincent will be preaching at all Masses on Saturday & Sunday, July 11th & 12th. Learn more about the Oblate Missions go to:
Oblate.org/Missions

**COME AND DISCOVER
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN**

CURSILLO

**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 claream@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

**ready
willing
& able**

The Catholic Parents Podcast

A resource for parents to dive deeper into their faith and learn how they can cultivate faithfulness in their kids.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK**

You're Invited:

**FAMILY
MASS**

**SUNDAY
JULY 20TH**

**11:30AM MASS
WITH BISHOP SCHLERT**

**Celebrate the beauty of families at
the annual Diocesan Family Mass!**

**All are invited to a picnic after
Mass, sponsored by the Natural
Family Task Force of the
Diocese of Allentown.**

JOIN US:



**St. Catherine of Siena
4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606**



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REGISTER



Contact: Maggie Riggins, mriggins@allentowndioecese.org

Is 66:10-14c: We may apply this reading to the Church. The Church is Jerusalem, a loving, protecting mother, who receives the blessing of God.

Gal 6:14-18: Through the Cross of Christ, we are created anew. This is all that really matters.

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20: Even though our good works may be fruitful, we rejoice not in them but in our perseverance in grace.

Today's Message: Let us boast of nothing but the cross of Christ. Through it His grace and power are made known to His servants. Tremendous deeds shall be performed in His name: the reign of God is proclaimed, peace is given as gift, and the forces of sin are overcome.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 7

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

PARISH COUNCIL MTG.– 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 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

Daily Masses with Bishop Schlert

Bishop Schlert will celebrate Daily Masses at parishes in every county in the Diocese in honor of individuals and families who give and benefit from the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal. All are invited to attend.

Wednesday, September 3– St. Joseph, Coopersburg (5050 St. Joseph Rd.) 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 4– Holy Family, Nazareth (410 W. Center St.) 8:30 a.m.

Monday, September 8– St. John the Baptist, Pottsville (S. Tenth and Mahantongo Sts.) 6:30 p.m.



**For the week of July 6th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - James O'Neill

St. Mary's - Homebound Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 5

8:00 Health & Recovery of Msgr. Edward Domin

4:30 Mary Ann (Dolly) Barr

SUNDAY, JULY 6

7:30 Anthony Venezia

9:30 James Gaffney

11:30 William J. Kostival

MONDAY, JULY 7

7:15 Joseph Coccia

TUESDAY, JULY 8

7:15 Deceased Members of the LaSota, Laskiewicz,
Nowotarski & Magrowski Families

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

7:15 Arline & Joe Hannahoe

THURSDAY, JULY 10

7:15 Robert Hoffmann

FRIDAY, JULY 11

7:15 Angeline Arnidis (4th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, JULY 12

8:00 George & Dolores Spanier

4:30 Larry Wentzel (45th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 13

7:30 Mary Malecki

9:30 Robert & Nancy Marlin

11:30 Joseph Murphy

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 6, 2025

Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66: 10-14c; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday

Gn 28: 10-22a; Ps 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Mt 9: 32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33: 2-3, 10-11, 18-19, Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10: 16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

The St. Francis Hospice Home in Shillington, PA is in need of additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to its residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. No medical background is required, just a willing heart. Any amount of time can help. For more information please contact Cathy Goss at 484-645-3981.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/7	Rev. Msgr. John G. Chizmar
Tuesday 7/8	Rev. Msgr. Donald W. Cieniewicz
Wednesday 7/9	Rev. Richard Clement
Thursday 7/10	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Coll
Friday 7/11	Rev. Remy Coly, M.S.C.
Saturday 7/12	Rev. Edward B. Connolly

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on FRIDAY, October 3rd during the Extravaganza 2025 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695 or e-mail at Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org

St. Benedict's Prime Times are organizing a bus trip to the Connecticut River Valley historic attractions for September 17th to 19th, three days & two nights, \$550 double occupancy. Contact Mark Schrum at 484-706-2215 or mark.r.schrum@gmail.com for more details.

Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd with Bishop Alfred Schlert.

SUMMER & VACATIONS: As you travel this summer, be sure to investigate the times for Masses at your vacation destination. Go to www.masstimes.org.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools. Email pilgrimage@aor call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Come and spend time with Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament on Mondays following the 7:15am Mass and ending at 8:00pm with Benediction. Dedication and commitment to prayer in Eucharistic Adoration brings spiritual renewal and graces to each one of us, our families, parish and the world.

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

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. Please call Jeannette Walk, 610-451-9680 for more picnic information!

Trips

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

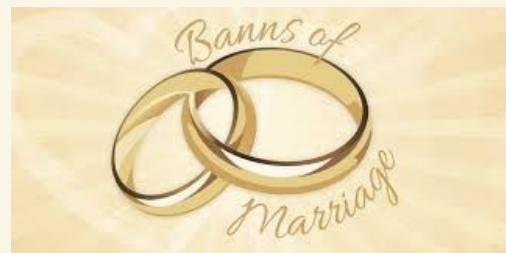
August 27, 2025: Toby's Dinner in the Round, "Saturday Night Fever", \$145

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 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.

Anointing of the Sick Masses with Bishop Schlert - Bishop Schlert will be celebrating Masses that offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in various locations throughout the year. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is given to anyone who is seriously ill, either physically or mentally, or to anyone advanced in age or facing a medical procedure. This great gift of grace offers holistic healing by praying for a cure, but, more importantly, for the gift of hope and peace that the sufferer would be united to Christ on the Cross. St. Thomas More – Allentown – **August 24, 2025 at 12 p.m. Mass** -St. Catharine of Siena – Reading – **September 7, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. Mass**



Banns of marriage announced for the first time between Patrick William Merkel III and Melissa Chircop, to be married on December 31st, 2025 at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Paola Malta.

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, Maria Bunch, Connie Burkhart, Jennifer Burrell, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, **Msgr. Edward R. Domin**, Brian Dority, 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 Gladfelder, 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, Pat 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, Maryann Lellig, 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, Bill Schlosser, Edward Senkowski, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Patrick & Shaun Sisk, Joan Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, **Father Leo Stajkowski**, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Triggstead, 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 Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: & 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, 2nd Lt. Jorge Taveras, please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to dsitler@comcast.net.*



FAITH ON FIRE

New student group Coming September 2025

Our mission is to disciple 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students by fostering a Jesus-centered community of belonging where students feel valued, heard, can ask questions to further deepen their relationship with God and begin to own their personal faith through prayer and discipleship.

Faith on Fire will meet twice a month on Sunday evenings. Students are invited to a kick-off on September 7th from 6-8:00 PM at the Church Pavilion/Baseball Field. Please use the QR code for more information and to sign up.



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.



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 Mkraycik@scsreading.org with resume, clearances, and three professional letters of recommendation for more details.

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Watch your child grow
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6 special classes per week
including maker's space, library,
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*MUST BE 4 BY OCTOBER 15TH AND FULLY POTTY TRAINED

Discover a joyful & enriching start to your child's education at St. Catharine of Siena Pre-K, where every day is filled with hands-on learning, faith, friendship, & fun!

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Apply
Now!

Contact Stephanie Conlon
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St Catharine of Siena Parish
Presents

Padre Pio Family Pilgrimage

Wednesday, August 13, 2025



Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope
and gain an indulgence

8:30 Carpool Leaves SCS Parking Lot

9:00 Arrive at National Center for Padre Pio
111 Barto Rd, Barto, PA
Confessions available

9:45 Tour Our Lady of Grace Chapel

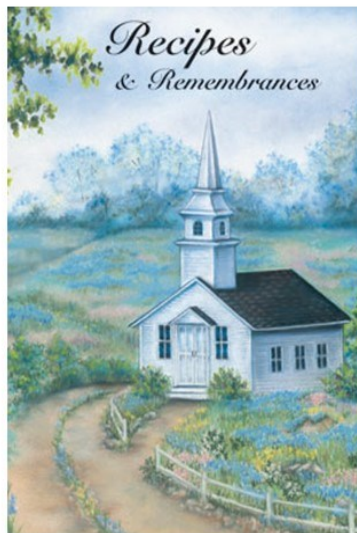
10:30 Liturgy - Father Miller concelebrates

11:30 Rosary/Veneration of Padre Pio Relic

12:00 Tour grounds, visit museum/gift shop

1:00 Lunch at Longacres Modern Dairy
At your expense 1445 PA-100, Barto, PA

Questions? Need a ride? RSVP by Monday, Aug 11
Nancy.vardjan@gmail.com OR 610-655-5542



100th ANNIVERSARY PARISH COOKBOOK:

Saint Catharine of Siena is creating a Parish Cookbook. A picture of St. Catharine's will be on the front cover. Order forms will be sent later to purchase copies.

There are several primary categories to share your recipes:

- Appetizers & Beverages
- Soups & Salads
- Vegetables & Side Dishes
- Breads, Breakfast, & Brunch
- Main Dishes
- Desserts
- Ethnic Favorites
- Memorial Recipes
- Miscellaneous – can include dog treats

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RECIPES: Sunday August 31, 2025

E-mail recipes or drop them off at the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection.

Recipe Template forms are available in the Narthex, at the Parish Center, or e-mail me at wdy561@yahoo.com. Lisa Siciliano 610-781-4064