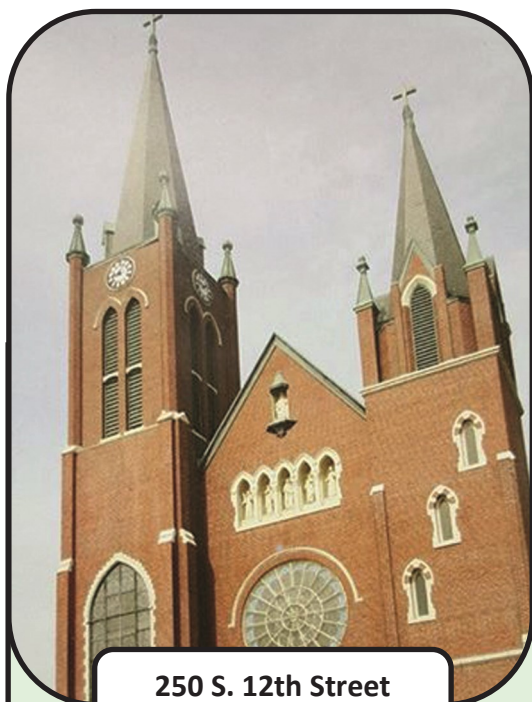


# Saint Mary's

# Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



250 S. 12th Street  
Reading, PA 19602

## ST. MARY'S 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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Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
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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 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 (**Office is in the back**)

Phone: 610-779-4005  
Parish Website: [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)  
Parish Email: [saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com](mailto:saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com)

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Phone: 610-779-8535

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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 19th - 3:30 p.m. - Domenic Martino  
 Sunday, July 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased  
 Members of the Zalegowski Family  
 Saturday, July 26th - 3:30 p.m. - Renee Brzostek  
 Sunday, July 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Anna & Anthony  
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**The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their annual picnic** on Sunday, August 24th, starting at 1pm at the Lower Alsace Fire Co. Picnic Grove. American and Polish Food. Members - \$15. ; Non-Members - \$20. Reservations are a must. Deadline for reservations is Monday, August 11th. Any questions, call Nadine at 610-736-3035.

**The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be running a bus trip to the Polish-American Family Festival & Country Fair** on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, in Doylestown. Bus leaves from the Lowe's (Exeter) parking lot at 10:30am and leaves the festival at 6:30pm. Price includes bus and admission: Members - \$57. Non-Members- \$62. Deadline for reservations is August 15th. Any questions, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AUGUST 16, 2025**  
**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FAMILY**  
**FELLOWSHIP DAY**  
**AFTER THE 4:30 MASS**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**FOOD, RAFFLE BASKETS, AND**  
**GAMES FOR THE KIDDOS!**  
**VISIT WITH FRIENDS, MEET**  
**NEW PARISHIONERS AND CHECK OUT THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO**  
**GET INVOLVED WITH PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.**



***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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).***

**Gn 18:1-10a:** Abraham extends hospitality, and the Lord reveals that His promise to Abraham will be fulfilled.

**Col 1:24-28:** The word of God in its fullness is then revealed in the mystery of Christ.

**Lk 10:38-42:** Strive for a sense of proportion-maintain a balance in all things.

**Today's Message:** Abraham, the just and upright man, graciously hosts three visitors. As Mary and Martha host Jesus, He speaks of only one thing as necessary for those who follow Him: being open to receive the message and person of Jesus and being receptive to "the mystery of Christ" as He comes to us through one another.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### MONDAY, JULY 21

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – after the 7:15 a.m.

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**PARISH CENTER CLOSING AT 1:00 P.M.**

#### TUESDAY, JULY 22

**PARISH CENTER CLOSING AT 1:00 P.M.**

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

**PARISH CENTER CLOSING AT 1:00 P.M.**

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – 7:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 24

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 26

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### SATURDAY, JULY 19

8:00 Joseph Rizzo, Jr.

4:30 John Gerhard

#### SUNDAY, JULY 20

7:30 Mary Malecki

9:30 Loretta Greely

11:30 Jennie J. Palkon

#### MONDAY, JULY 21

7:15 Henry Osiecki

#### TUESDAY, JULY 22

7:15 Sheila DiCerchio

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

7:15 Deceased Members of the Tylka Family

#### THURSDAY, JULY 24

7:15 Brian, Michelle & Victoria Solarek (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

#### FRIDAY, JULY 25

7:15 Venus Pucket

#### SATURDAY, JULY 26

8:00 Joseph & Elizabeth Gross

4:30 Deceased Members of the Gierschick Family

#### SUNDAY, JULY 27

7:30 Helen Sarnoski

9:30 For the Health & Recovery of Msgr. Edward Domin

11:30 Patricia "Gail" Nolan

### Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 20, 2025

#### Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

#### Monday

Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

#### Tuesday

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

#### Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

#### Thursday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

#### Friday

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

#### Saturday

Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

#### Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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



**For the week of July 20th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Valentina Vassallo**

**St. Mary's - Maryann Lewandowski**

## PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/21	Rev. Bruno Dongo, A.J.
Tuesday 7/22	Rev. Anthony M. Drouncheck
Wednesday 7/23	Rev. Ladislaus J. Dudek
Thursday 7/24	Rev. Keaton C. Eidle
Friday 7/25	Rev. Giuseppe Esposito
Saturday 7/26	Rev. Edward J. Essig



On Monday, July 28th join Deacon Candidate Pat Neher and Deacon Tyler Davis from 7-8PM in the Church for a Holy Hour for vocations. The speakers will share pivotal moments in their prayer and discernment that led them to their vocations. High school students and young adults are welcome to join us from 8-9pm for extended discussion by the Sacred Heart Fire Pit (next to the pavilion). S'mores and snacks to be provided.

## 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](mailto:fideliasa@gmail.com)  
Mary Clare Gosse' (484) 554-1479 or [claregm@ptd.net](mailto:claregm@ptd.net)  
Beth Pawlik (610) 781-2935 or [bap3mem@ptd.net](mailto:bap3mem@ptd.net)  
Or speak with your pastor or local priest

Make a friend

Be a friend

Bring your friend to Christ

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - We are in need of volunteers to help clean the Church on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. till 10:00/10:30 a.m. It is a great opportunity for families to participate in this service. Please call the Parish Center (610-779-4005) if you are interested.

**Parish Nurse News** - Gratitude increases good health! Boost self-esteem and strengthen relationships. We feel good about our place in others' lives. Continue traditions AND practice gratitude with each other. Be intentional. Every day write down three things that make you feel grateful! ([health.clevelandclinic.org>gratitude-for-wellness](http://health.clevelandclinic.org/gratitude-for-wellness))

**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](mailto:pilgrimage@aor) call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

## Join Berks Alert!

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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, 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 Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Joe Grippe, David J. Gubernot, Clara Hartline, 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, Phylliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Bill Schlosser, Barbara Schock, Edward Senkowski, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Shaun Sisk, Joan Skoczen, Anne Smith, Patricia Soto, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, **Father Leo Stajkoswki**, 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: Shelia Koren & 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.



**New student group  
Coming September 2025**

This group is for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders and will meet Sunday evenings twice a month from 6-8:00 PM. Students are invited to our kick off event on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please use the QR for more information and to sign up.



**Did you buy your scrip ? Help support the school and the Church! Stop by before and after all Masses & at the Parish Center (during the week) and buy cards for all your needs: gas, groceries, coffee, gifts, and many more.**



**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](mailto:wdy561@yahoo.com). Lisa Siciliano 610-781-4064

## PREP Registration for the 2025-2026 year is open.

The Parish Religious Education Program is open to all students in grades 1 – 8. All levels will meet in person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. There is also a Family Catechesis option where the student completes the curriculum online with the help of a parent. Registration can be completed by following the link or QR code and filling out the Google form. Information is also available online at [www.scsyouth.weebly.com](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com).  
<https://forms.gle/gid8hRB6DcwxyzQ4fA>



Volunteers are needed to help with PREP classes. We are in need of a few volunteers to be teacher aides and door watchers. All materials and training will be provided. Please look inside your heart and see if you would be able to volunteer your time for the kids of our parish. As it was once sung, "I believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way." Volunteers will need all diocesan required clearances. For more information, please contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org).



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& able**

The Catholic Parents Podcast

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### 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. Please call Jeannette Walk, 610-451-9680 for more picnic information! **Picnic reservation deadline date is July 25, 2025**

September 3, 2025: "Jessica from JCWK Dance Lab" will do Dance for Wellness!

### Trips

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

November 19, 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.

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](mailto:Nancy.vardjan@gmail.com) OR 610-655-5542