Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish





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** 

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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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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, August 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - Deanna Maietta Sunday, August 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Anthony & Maryann Marino

Saturday, August 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Edward Jagielski Sunday, August 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Jozefa, Ferdynand & Jerry Nedza

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.

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.

# Hallew

Father Miller has partnered with Hallow to enhance the prayer life of Saint Catharine's school students and parishioners. The School will start using Hallow in August. Parents will receive more details on Hallow from the School.

The Parish will have a 3 Day Mission to introduce Hallow in September. We will learn how to become part of the St. Catharine's Community group to join with our Priests, Deacons and fellow parishioners in Parish Prayer Challenges that will be scheduled throughout the year to encourage us to pray together. These features are available using either the free or paid subscription version of the Hallow app on your phones, tablets or computers.

If you'd like to explore Hallow before our September kickoff, here is a link for a 3 month FREE TRIAL: https://hallow.com/share/DWUYQ6.

Please share this link with family and friends.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY IS ON AUGUST 15TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be as follows:

Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>
Vigil of Assumption
6:30 p.m.
Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>
Feast of the Assumption
7:15 a.m.
8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church
6:30 p.m. - Church

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

**Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23:** Without our faith, all our strivings lead to nothing.

Col 3:1-5, 9-11: A life worthy of the Lord consists of selflessness, gentleness, patience, and bearing love of one another.

**Lk 12:13-21:** How foolish and vain are those who put all their trust in their own devices.

<u>Today's Message</u>: Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord: set your heart on what will last forever. We only fool ourselves if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, "grow rich in the sight of the Lord".

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3** 

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC – 1:00 p.m. - Pavilion **MONDAY**, **AUGUST 4** 

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. - CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING - 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

50+ CLUB PICNIC - 12:00 p.m. - Social Hall ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – 7:00 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

PRAY THE ROSARY - 6:45 a.m.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m.

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 10:15-11:15 a.m. - Church



For the week of August 3rd
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - David J. Hafer

St. Mary's - Donald E. & Jane E. Byerly

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2** 

8:00 Dorothea Burns

4:30 Deceased Members of the Smith Family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3** 

7:30 Theresa Essig

9:30 Russell & Josephine Magazzu
 11:30 Anna Sajdak (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 4** 

7:15 Bob Wright (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5** 

7:15 Donald E. & Jane E. Byerly

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 7:15 Michael Mudery THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

7:15 Dr. Nicholas J. Christ

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

7:15 Raymond & Wanda Myslinski

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9** 

8:00 Nohora Osbenia

4:30 Kathryn Stapleton (33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

7:30 Geraldine Russo

9:30 Joseph Tomalis (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Maryann DiCianno

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday

Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> - 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. once a month. It is a great opportunity for families to participate in this service. Please call the Parish Center (610-779-4005) if you are interested.

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/4 Rev. Joseph S. Ganser

Tuesday 8/5 Rev. Angel L. Garcia-Almodovar

Wednesday 8/6
Thursday 8/7
Friday 8/8
Rev. Andrew N. Gehringer
Rev. Robert J. George
Rev. John M. Gibbons

Saturday 8/9 Rev. Msgr. William F. Glosser

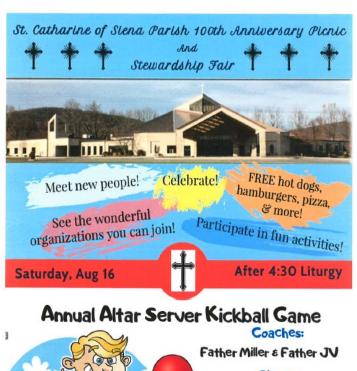
<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Sometimes we need reminders for self-care before and especially after surgery. Smart health and recovery is trusting and following your healthcare providers' expert advice, including exercise, medications, and use of dietary supplements. Ask questions! Understanding the answers helps healing!

Attend Pennsylvania Right for Life March at Harrisburg State Capitol on Monday, September 22rd. A bus will depart Sacred Heart Church, Bethlehem at 8:00 am and return around 4:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person. For more information, contact Andrew – (484) 259-7740 / andrewazan3rd@rcn.com.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be the weekend of August 1 - 3 and October 3 - 5 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit <a href="HelpOurMarriage.org">HelpOurMarriage.org</a> or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.









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 Andrzjewski, 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 Franck, 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, Phyliss 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 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.

### 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.

https://forms.gle/gid8hRB6DcwxzQ4fA 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 <a href="mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org">mzambito@scsreading.org</a>

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.



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 professionals letters of recommendation for more details.

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



## Newstudentgroup 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.

### 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.

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

### **Trips**

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.

### **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

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### For more information contact

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Make a friend

Be a friend

Bring your friend to Christ