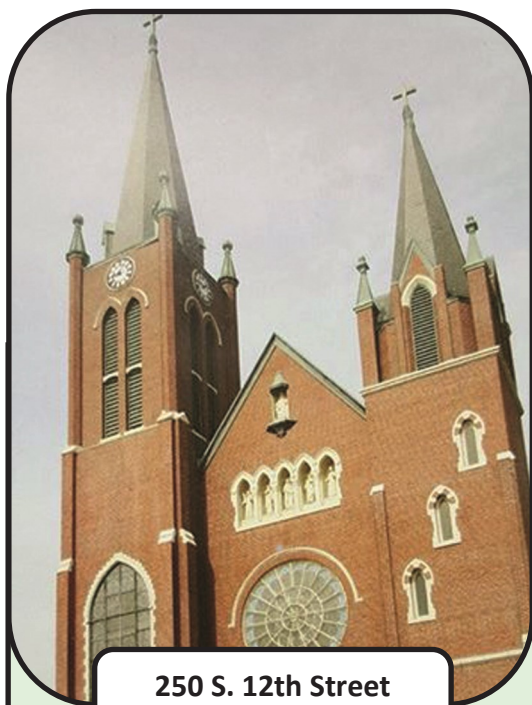


# Saint Mary's

# 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

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
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Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo,  
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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 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, August 9th - 3:30 p.m. - Edward Jagielski  
 Sunday, August 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Jozefa, Ferdynand & Jerry Nedza  
 Friday, August 15th - 8:00 a.m. - John Kompa  
 Saturday, August 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Nancy Fries  
 Sunday, August 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Peter Kaminski (2nd Anniversary)

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 .



**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**

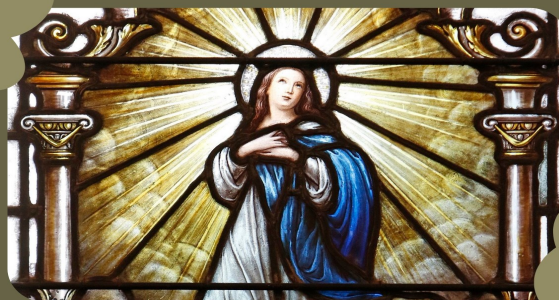


## **FINAL WEEKS** **TO SUBMIT RECIPES AND ADS FOR OUR 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK**

The cookbook is going to the publisher by the end of the month. Since that is Labor Day weekend, PLEASE try to get all recipes and business cookbook ads to me or to the Parish Office **on or before Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup>.**

You can e-mail recipes and business ads to me at [wdy561@yahoo.com](mailto:wdy561@yahoo.com) or drop them off at the office or in the collection in an envelope marked "COOKBOOK". Thank you for your support. Contact me if you have questions: Lisa Siciliano, Cookbook Chair, 610-781-4064

**You're Invited: Marian  
 Procession on August 14  
 after 6:30 P.M. Vigil Mass  
 on the Assumption**



**At St. Catharine  
 of Siena Parish**

### **MARIAN PROCESSION EVENT**

Join us for the Marian Procession from the church to the Grotto following the Vigil Mass of the Assumption (a Holy Day of Obligation).

### **FAMILY PARTICIPATION**

Bring your family, your rosary, and your heart full of gratitude.

**Wis 18: 6-9:** The first Passover is recalled, when the faithful people of God prayed behind closed doors, and the Angel of Death struck at the firstborn of Egypt.

**Heb 11:1-2, 8-19:** Abraham, our father in faith, relies on the confident assurance of what he hopes for. May we take courage from his example.

**Lk 12:32-48:** As the faithful people of God, we must act in accordance with our faith. We must be constant.

**Today's Message:** The author of Wisdom speaks of "that night" of exodus from bondage in Egypt when the Lord delivered His chosen people from death. The Lord will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. Let us be prepared for His return. As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illumined by faith.

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

##### MONDAY, AUGUST 11

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

Mass until 8:00 p.m. & **Confessions – 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

##### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 9:00-10:00 a.m.- Church

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – 7:00 p.m.

##### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

##### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

ULTREYA MEETING – 9:30-noon - Meeting Room

100TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DAY –

following the 4:30 p.m. Mass – Social Hall

**Parish Nurse News** - A sore, scratchy throat can be caused by allergies, bacteria, or virus, like the common cold. Soothing cool liquids, ice pops, tea with lemon and honey, and using a humidifier at night are helpful. If throat pain persists for a week or if fever, rash, or unusual problems such as difficulty with swallowing or breathing occur, contact your healthcare provider.



For the week of August 10th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Antoinette Tutlane

St. Mary's - Al Heck

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

##### 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

##### MONDAY, AUGUST 11

7:15 Shirley Lubas (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

##### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:15 Maureen McIntyre

##### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:15 Kathy Moore

##### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

7:15 Therese Brenner Cooney

6:30 p.m. Mark Speece

##### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

7:15 Renee Brzostek

6:30 p.m. Sandra Gilbert

##### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 Lillian Rosario

4:30 Jack Gaffney

##### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

7:30 John A. Fritz

9:30 George & Catherine Krick

11:30 Michael Poserina

#### Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 10, 2025

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

Monday

Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53



### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/11	Rev. Msgr. Gerald E. Gobitas
Tuesday 8/12	Rev. Quinn Gomez, F.S.S.P.
Wednesday 8/13	Rev. Msgr. John J. Grabish
Thursday 8/14	Rev. James J. Greenfield, O.S.F.S.
Friday 8/15	Rev. Eric J. Gruber
Saturday 8/16	Rev. Francis M. Grundowski

### **THE SCS KNIGHTLY NEWS**



**THE SCS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE HOSTING A**

#### **PARISH BREAKFAST ON**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, at the SCS PARISH SOCIAL HALL**

Breakfast will begin following the 7:30 AM Mass and will conclude at 11:30 AM

**BREAKFAST MENU:** Scrambled Egg Casseroles (Plain Egg, Ham & Cheese, or Western Style)  
Creamed Chipped Beef Bacon Sausage French Toast Sticks  
Home Fries Toast Coffee Milk Juice

*An opportunity for a free will offering will be available to help cover the cost of the breakfast*

#### **2025 Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program**

St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus understands times are difficult for many living in our community. We feel no child should be without a warm coat this winter. Over the past several years the SCS Knights have donated numerous cases of coats to St. Catharine School students. Last year, we received significant financial assistance from our St. Catharine of Siena parishioners. The Knights are continuing this program again this year and are accepting SCS parishioner contributions to enhance the number coat purchases for distribution.

By way of a \$1 for \$1 matching contribution from the PA State Council of the Knights of Columbus every \$13 contribution will provide a warm winter coat to 2 children.

Thank you for your assistance in 2024 and your consideration this year.

If you would like to contribute to the 2025 Coats for Kids Program, please send your check, made payable to the "Knights of Columbus #14880" to:

Knights of Columbus #14880  
c/o 2025 Coats for Kids Program  
4975 Boyertown Pike  
Reading, PA 19606



*St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus Presents Its*

### **"KNIGHT AT THE RACES"**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**DINNER STARTING @ 5:30 PM**

**1<sup>st</sup> RACE POST TIME: 6:15 PM**

St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall - 4975 Boyertown Pike

**COST: \$30.00 per person**

(Admission includes: Hot Roast Beef & Roast Turkey Sliders, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad, Homemade Desserts, Snacks, Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee & Water)

**NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED**

10 Horse Races	Opportunity to Name a Race Horse- \$5.00
Money Wheel	50/50 Drawing Door Prizes

**CALL BRYAN SCOLICK @ 610-823-5193**

**OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW**



**ALL EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCS KNIGHTS' CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BASED**

**CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS**

*The SCS Knights are grateful and very blessed for your historical support of our Council's events. Because of you, we are able to contribute to and satisfy many needs within our Church and local community. Many thanks !*

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: Caroline Missimer**

**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 Burkhardt, 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, Mary Klick, 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 Martinuzzi, 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 Zimmerman **A Time to die: Carl Gethmann & Stella Nowotarski** (mother of Fred Nowotarski & grandmother of Anna Nowotarski & 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](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com).

<https://forms.gle/gid8hRB6DcwzQ4fA> 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)



**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.



**Sunday Collection:**

July 6, 2025	\$19,518
July 13, 2025	\$30,325
July 20, 2025	\$18,884
July 27, 2025	\$19,450


**Thank you for your generosity!**

*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).*



## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**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

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Contact Stephanie Conlon  
sconlon@scsreading.org 610.779.5810





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**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](mailto:Mkraycik@scsreading.org) with resume, clearances, and three professional letters of recommendation for more details.

## 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

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

October 1, 2025: Sue from Country Meadows will discuss and demo "Fitness and Fun" Refreshments will be served!

## 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.

# Hallow

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.