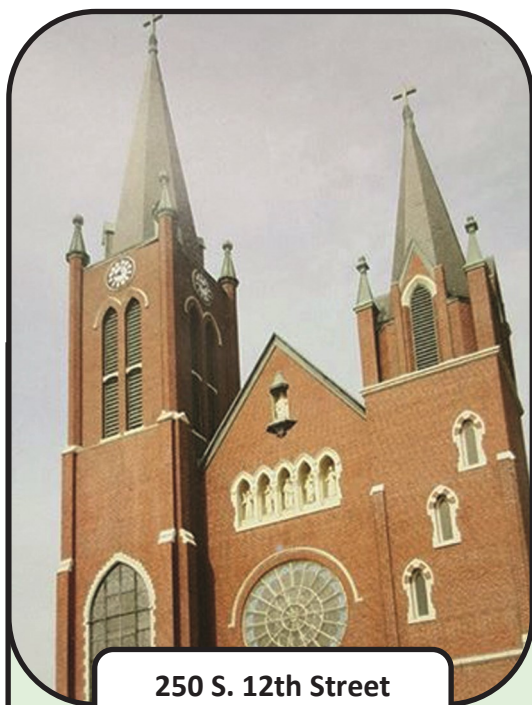


Saint Mary's

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
Direct Line: (800) 791-9209
Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo,
M.S.W, M.S.

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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
Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-5810 • www.scsreading.org

PREP OFFICE: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-8535

PRE-SCHOOL:

Phone: 610-779-5810

**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 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Nancy Fries
Sunday, August 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Peter Kaminski (2nd Anniversary)
Saturday, August 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday, August 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Helena & Stanislaw Gwiadzik

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 .

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 mzambito@scsreading.org



St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus Presents its
"KNIGHT AT THE RACES"



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

DINNER STARTING @ 5:30 PM

1st 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
Money Wheel**

**Opportunity to Name a Race Horse- \$5.00
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 !

Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10: In a symbolic way, the prophet's experience is a resurrection. He is buried in the cistern and later drawn up from it.

Heb 12:1-4: Take courage from the example of Christ. Do not lose sight of the eternal reward.

Lk 12:49-53: Many cannot find peace because they do not accept Christ. To them His coming is the cause of division.

Today's Message: The Lord came to the aid of Jeremiah whose preaching brought upon him rejection and ill treatment. For those who take the gospel seriously, misunderstanding and division must likewise be expected. Like Christ, we must never grow despondent or abandon the struggle to proclaim and live the truth.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

PREP BACK TO SCHOOL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall
ROSARY AT THE GROTTA – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

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.



**For the week of August 17th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Thomas J. Franek Family

St. Mary's - Joseph & Stella Albrecht

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

7:15 William Kase

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:15 Joan & Edgar Lloyd

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:15 Theodore Borek (27th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

7:15 Deceased Members of the Curtin, Gantert, Kroener & Wagner Families

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

7:15 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 Health & Recovery of Msgr. Edward Domin

4:30 Central Catholic Coaches Steve & Brother Andy

Hydock & Deceased of the George & Mary Hydock Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Davis & Miller Families

9:30 Fernando Cuesta (7th Anniversary)

11:30 Melissa Floresca

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 17, 2025

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

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/18	Rev. Kevin M. Gualano
Tuesday 8/19	Rev. Thomas Osei Gyau
Wednesday 8/20	Rev. Abraham Ha
Thursday 8/21	Rev. Msgr. Willaim E. Handges
Friday 8/22	Rev. James M. Harper
Saturday 8/23	Rev. John G. Hilferty



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.

ALL FAITHFUL OF THE
DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN ARE INVITED!

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to
The Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception,
Washington, D.C.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- There is no need to sign up for the Pilgrimage.
- Free parking is available.
- Contact your parish regarding groups and possible bus charters.
- Pilgrims may pack lunch, visit the Basilica cafeteria, or nearby restaurants.
- Visit the large gift shop and book shop.

Other Points of Interest

- The John Paul II National Shrine - Open from 10am to 3:30pm within walking distance of the Basilica.
- The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is also nearby and will be open until 5:30 pm with free parking available.



Scan the QR code for
additional information.

Questions? Email pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00 am - 4:30 pm*

Guided Tours of the Basilica

Keynote Speakers (English/Spanish)

Holy Hour

Youth Holy Hour

Sacrament of Reconciliation Available throughout the Day

Visit 80+ chapels and oratories in Mary's House

Rosary Pilgrimage in five languages

3:00 pm - Mass with Main Celebrant, the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown

*The Basilica is open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm every day - feel free to come early or stay after - there's so much to see!

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.



Mass for the Memorial of St. Monica

The Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert
Celebrant

Wednesday, August 27, 6:00pm
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown

Please join us in prayer for our
loved ones who have left the Church.

Mass will be followed by a buffet dinner
in Friendship Hall. Dinner tickets
are \$10 per person.

To reserve your spot,
please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com
or call the St. Theresa Rectory at 610-838-7045.

This evening of prayer and fellowship is sponsored by the
St. Monica Ministry of the Diocese of Allentown.



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: Jackson & Everly Hacker

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, Charles Gierschick, Todd Gladfelder, 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 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: Barry Scheirer & 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.

Parish Nurse News - Weight management plays an important role in our daily lives. Discuss options with your healthcare provider for appropriate exercise, mindful planning for meals, mealtimes, and snacking strategies. Each person is different! Considering individual preferences, requirements, medical history, activity levels, and motivation helps to develop new and lasting healthy habits!

SCS KNIGHTS BREAKFAST



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

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

at the PARISH SOCIAL HALL

Breakfast will begin following the 7:30 AM Mass and concludes 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 defray the cost of the breakfast**



FINAL WEEKS TO SUBMIT RECIPES AND ADS FOR OUR 100th 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 27th.

You can e-mail recipes and business ads to me at 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.



New student group Coming September 2025

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



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass.



DOORS OPEN: 2PM
MASS: 3PM



SUNDAY
14 SEPT 2025

THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH,
ALLENTOWN, PA

1825 W TURNER ST, ALLENTOWN, PA 18104

allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass



2025 SCS 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 an out pouring of concern and significant financial assistance from our St. Catharine of Siena parishioners. We thank you ! The Knights are continuing this program again this year and are accepting SCS parishioner contributions to enhance the number coat purchases for the 2025 coat 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