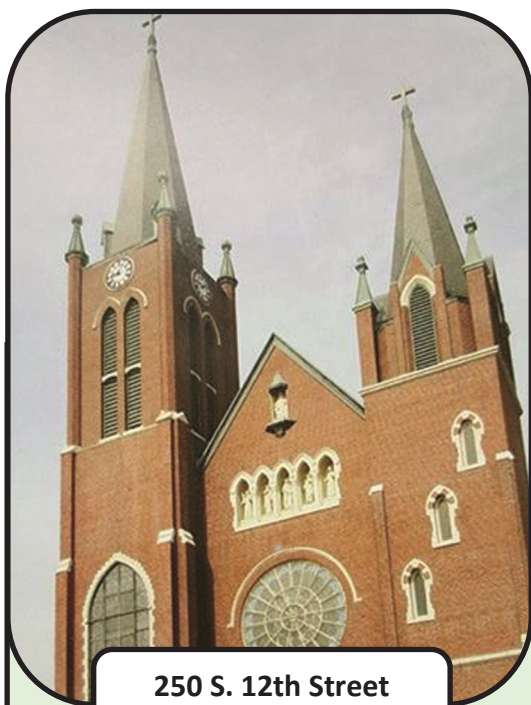


# Saint Mary's

# 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.

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)

**ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL:** 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

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**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 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, August 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Helena & Stanislaw Gwiadzik

Saturday, August 30th - 3:30 p.m. - Renee Brzostek

Sunday, August 31st - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased of the Weglinski Families



Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?  
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005. **The first Class will be a "Come & See Session" on Thursday, September 4th at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.**

**Siena Stitchers** will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month beginning September 4th at 10am in the Meeting Room. New members are always welcome. Call Barb @610 779-8346.

**Poor Boxes are located in the Gathering Area of the Church. All money collected stays within our parish.**

The United States Catholic Bishops are requesting donations to help in the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the surrounding areas. We will have a second collection on September 14th.

**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](mailto:andrewazan3rd@rcn.com)

# Hallow

St. Catharine's is thrilled to announce that we are partnering with Hallow this year, the #1 prayer app! Through **prayer** and **meditation** rooted in Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow **closer to God** and **find peace**.

ALL PARISHIONERS – paid subscriptions and those on the free version are invited to be part of St. Catharine's parish page in the app. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests, and take part in prayer challenges together.

**MISSION** – A Hallow representative will be at St. Catharine's September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday, Sunday and Monday). We will learn more about Hallow at all the Masses and there will be people in the back to help you join our Parish page after Mass.

Our first prayer challenge together will begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to praying with you!!!



## 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 outpouring 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

**Is 66:18-21:** Salvation is offered to all and will embrace all, even the alien, some of whom will receive the sacred duty to minister the Holy Mysteries.

**Heb 12:5-7, 11-13:** Look beyond trials and tribulations, remain steadfast in faith, and rely on the goodness and love of God.

**Lk 13:22-30:** The kingdom of God will extend to people from all over, and some who have rejected the Word will find themselves as outcasts.

**Today's Message:** No one is to be excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess His holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive rights to the kingdom. Suffering and pain are part of the human condition.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**MONDAY, AUGUST 25**

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 27**

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

## FINAL WEEK

### 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.



For the week of August 24th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - James C. Buckley (29th Anniversary)

St. Mary's - The Mullen Family

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**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 (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
11:30 Melissa Floresca

**MONDAY, AUGUST 25**

7:15 Stanley Puwalski (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26**

7:15 Michael W. Bollendorf, Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27**

7:15 Marge Lonergan

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

7:15 Margaret Raith

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**

7:15 Joseph Daly (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

8:00 James L. Heimbach  
4:30 Orlando & Cianciosi Families

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

7:30 William & Rose Cain  
9:30 Michael C. Fura  
11:30 Scott Marino

### Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 24, 2025

#### 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

#### Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

#### Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

#### Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

#### Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

#### Friday

Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29

#### Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

#### Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**All Information for the bulletin of September 7th must be in by Wednesday, August 27th by noon.**

**The Office will be closed on Labor Day, September 1st and we will be closing that week at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Friday will be closing at 12:00 noon.**

## PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/25	Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban
Tuesday 8/26	Rev. Allen J. Hoffa
Wednesday 8/27	Rev. John A. Hutta
Thursday 8/28	Rev. Augustine L. Idra, A.J.
Friday 8/29	Rev. Francis Iroot, A.J.
Saturday 8/30	Rev. Guency Isaac

## 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!

November 5, 2025: John Vogel will speak about Medicare updates for 2026! 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.

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/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](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org)



Lector Training Meeting - There will be a training meeting held September 6th in the Church at 9:00 a.m. New Lectors welcome!

## SCS KNIGHTS BREAKFAST



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

**ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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**



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:**

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, John Callaghan, 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, JoAnne Hydock, 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 **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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**



**Second Annual Altar Server Kickball Game -  
It was a huge success!**

## 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](http://allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass)



**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!*



**Join our AMAZING TEAM!** Looking to teach and work in a faith filled school? Looking to get back in the classroom or work-force after family leave or retirement? Looking for a positive working environment? Then we are looking for you! We are in search of:

**PT Classroom Instructional Aides**

**PT Cafeteria Assistant**

**Administrative Assistant/Office Manager**

Please contact [Mkaycik@scsreading.org](mailto:Mkaycik@scsreading.org) with resume, clearances, and three professional letters of recommendation for more details.

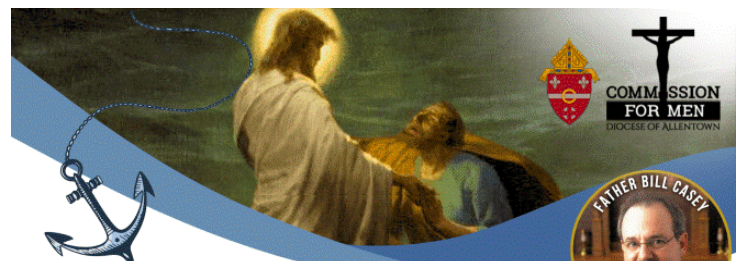


The Diocese of Allentown would like to remind its parishioners to be on alert, and not fall victim, to ongoing scams that are once again popping up at various parishes throughout the area. In the past months individuals have reported getting text messages and/or emails from someone claiming to be their pastor asking for various things, most often gift cards. The Diocese reminds everyone if you are ever concerned about a message that you receive, whether by text message or email, verify it before you take any action. **In the most recent instances, the bogus messages asked each recipient to purchase a gift card for a cancer victim on behalf of the pastor, but the scam can oftentimes take various forms. These requests are fake and should be considered a scam.**

**Additional reminders for the public to not fall victims to a scam include:**

- Don't click on any links or open attachments in unsolicited texts or emails
- Be extremely cautious when dealing with anyone you've only met by social media or text message if you don't know who they are

**Please note: The priests will never text or email you asking for money, gift cards, etc.**



**MEN ALIVE IN CHRIST FULL DAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*Pilgrims Anchored in the Hope of Christ*

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2025  
8AM - 5PM**

Renew and strengthen your pilgrim journey of hope and trust in Christ Jesus at our annual full day Men's conference at the Delta Marriott in Breinigsville.

Embrace your mission to live virtuous masculinity, and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful day of men's fellowship, sacraments, and talks from our three acclaimed speakers.

8am - Registration and breakfast  
9am - Conference talks begin  
4pm - Mass with Bishop Schlert (Counts for Sunday!)

Event includes full lunch and confession.

Contact:  
Mark McDevitt, [markmcd@outlook.com](mailto:markmcd@outlook.com)  
(610) 334-0330



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