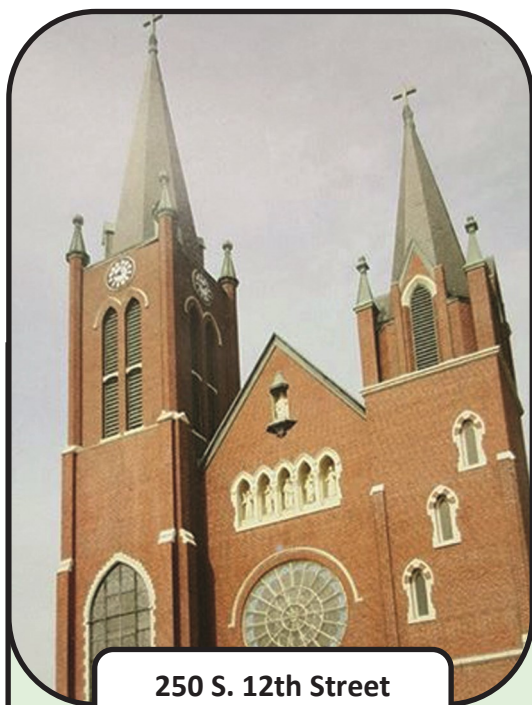


Saint Mary's

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
Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

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PREP OFFICE: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

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PRE-SCHOOL:

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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.

Saturday, August 30th - 3:30 p.m. - Renee Brzostek
Sunday, August 31st - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased of the
Weglinski Families
Saturday, September 6th - 3:30 p.m. - Diane Cibroski
Sunday, September 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Colleen Foltin (3rd
Anniversary)

A photograph of two men standing next to a large inflatable duck character. The duck is wearing a teal and white golf shirt with the number '00' on the front, white pants, and white shoes. It has its arms raised in a 'V' shape. The man on the left is wearing a dark polo shirt and red shorts. The man on the right is wearing a plaid shirt and dark pants. They are standing in front of a large screen displaying the text '13th HOLE'. The background shows a bar or lounge area with other patrons and screens.

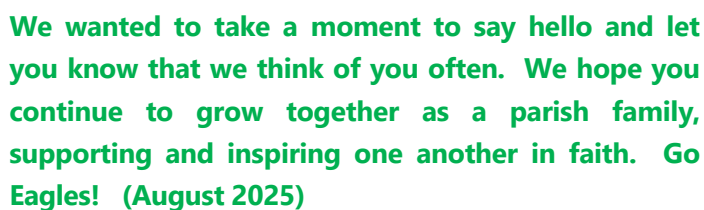
A graphic for a 'New Parishioner Brunch'. It features a background of colorful flowers in shades of purple, pink, yellow, and orange. Overlaid on the flowers is a semi-transparent banner with the text 'NEW PARISHIONER BRUNCH' in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this, in a smaller, italicized font, is the text 'for anyone who has joined the parish in the last year'.

**NEW PARISHIONER
BRUNCH**
for anyone who has joined the parish in the last year

Attention all new Parishioners

“Brunch with Father” will be held immediately after the 11:30 Mass on September 21st in the Social Hall. This invitation is for any new members to this parish and their families. Family members of all ages are welcome! If interested, please RSVP to the Parish Office at 610-779-4005 with your name and number of family members attending.

Father Miller is looking forward to getting to know you better!



Msgr Ed & Msgr Treston

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29: Know your own limitations. Live within your own capabilities.

Heb 12, 18-19, 22-24a: We are drawn to God because of His love and His gift of faith. We are not driven to Him out of fear.

Lk 14 1, 7-14: Act in true humility. Do not be frustrated by trying to just create an "image" for yourself.

Today's Message: Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. & **NO CONFESSIONS**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT 1:00 P.M.

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT 1:00 P.M.

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – 7:00 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT 1:00 P.M.

SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

OCIA MEETING – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

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

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST following the 7:30 & 9:30 Masses- Social Hall

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP MEETING – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Pavilion & Baseball Field

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 Mary Louise Mancuso

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:15 Margaret A. Scott

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:15 Donald Entzminger, Sr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:15 Frank Marabella

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:15 Louise Durinzi

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 Raymond McFadden (1st Anniversary)

4:30 Deceased of the Scarpaci Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 Jorge Acuna (6th Anniversary)

9:30 James Gaffney

11:30 Sandra & Steve Bibbo

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 31, 2025

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

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



For the week of August 31st
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Mary Louise Mancuso

St. Mary's - The Bristow Family



**FAITH ON
FIRE**



**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.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/1	Rev. Stephan A. Issac
Tuesday 9/2	Rev. Msgr. David L. James
Wednesday 9/3	Rev. Richard W. James
Thursday 9/4	Rev. Ronald V. Jankaitis
Friday 9/5	Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, A.J.
Saturday 9/6	Rev. Shaju J. Kanjiramparayil, A.J.

The Young Adult Bible study group is an excellent way to come to know the Word of God, make friends, and help each other grow as men and women of the Church. Come join us at 7pm on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room down the hall from the parish office. Contact Merrick Plaisance at 610-914-0251 or merrickplaisance@yahoo.com for information.

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.

Anointing of the Sick Masses with Bishop Schlert - 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. Catharine of Siena – Reading – **September 7, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. Mass & St. Joseph – Summit Hill – November 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Mass.**

Attend Pennsylvania Right for Life March at Harrisburg State Capitol on Monday, September 22nd. 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

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

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 6th, 7th, and 8th (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 22nd. We look forward to praying with you!!!

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



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: PT

Classroom Instructional Aides - PT Cafeteria Assistant - Administrative Assistant/Office Manager. Please contact Mkraycik@scsreading.org with resume, clearances, and three professional letters of recommendation for more details.

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: Zion Yoder

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, 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 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, 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, 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, Mark Serino, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Shaun Sisk, Joan Skoczen, Anne Smith, Patricia Soto, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, **Father Leo Stajkoswski**, 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 Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Theresa Kazmierczak; Maryann Lellig & Dolores Dolinski & 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.



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

Save the Date!!

Men's Advent Evening of Reflection
Friday, 12/5/25 at 6:00pm
Ladies Advent Evening of Reflection
Sunday 12/7/25 at 4:30pm.



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

100th Anniversary Family Fellowship Day! A big thank you to all the parishioners, the committee, and every group involved! Your support and effort have been truly wonderful!



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

CALL BRYAN SCOLLIK @ 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 !

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

All trips are now full and closed !

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.