

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 SCOLLICK @ 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!

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, September 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Frank J. Kosikowski Sunday, September 14th - 10:30 a.m. - Jan Rzeszut Saturday, September 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Szarwinski, Niedzwiecki & Janiszewski Families Sunday, September 21st - 10:30 a.m. - Casimir Lubas (26th

Anniversary)

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.



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.

Library update. Our lending library has been updated and moved. Please consider growing in your faith via a good book! We have three sections to the library. "Children and Parenting" material are to the left as you enter. To the right are 4 book cases. The first has mostly "Magisterial" type material (Bibles, catechisms, encyclicals, etc.). The last three bookcases are works, in alphabetical order, by modern "Catholic Authors & Classics by the Saints". Feel free to take works home to enjoy them there. Please reshelve back where you got them when you are done reading or praying with the material at home or in the Church.

A big thank you to the parishioners who stepped forward to help make your library a useful and beautiful space!

Please note, at this time we are **NOT accepting** any new donations*. *Suggestions on what to do with old Catholic books and reading material:

- 1. Share it with your family. Pass the faith on with books that made a difference in your life. Tell them why you found it worth reading.
- 2. Coordinate a book swap with friends.
- 3. Consider those on the margins with limited access to good books such as the poor and prison ministry.



Join our parish as we make plans to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception has been designated by the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a special place of pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year 2025. Pilgrims who visit the Shrine during this holy year may receive a plenary indulgence, a grace granted by the Church that erases a person's time accrued in purgatory due to sin. Here are the details of the trip.

Departure from St. Catharine's at 7am Arrival at the Basilica at 10am Guided tours and visits to over 80 chapels and oratories Confessions available throughout the day Youth Holy hour in the crypt Mass with Bishop Schlert at 3pm **Departure after Mass**

Dinner at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore on the way home Arrival at St. Catharine's 9-10pm (Rough estimate) Bring a lunch or purchase lunch at the Basilica cafeteria (It can be busy)

There will be time for shopping at the religious goods/ bookshop at the Basilica Cost is \$55 which includes a tip for the bus driver

Call the parish office 610-779-4005 Spots are limited and are filling up fast.



NEW & IMPROVED LOCATION!*

Delta Marriott, 7736 Adrienne Dr, Breinigsville, PA 18031

SCAN TO REGISTER



Event includes full lunch and confession Mark McDevitt, markmcd@outlook.com

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

Nm 21:4b-9: The bronze serpent raised on high is a healing force for all the afflicted who look upon it.

Phil 2:6-11: Jesus' death on the cross began His rise to exaltation: Jesus Christ is Lord!

<u>Jn 3:13-17:</u> Moses 'lifting up the serpent in the desert had the salutary effect of healing. The lifting up of the Son of Man on the cross had the saving effect of redemption.

<u>Today's Message</u>: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up". "God highly exalted Him" and made him Lord! How unforgettable are His deeds!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP MEETING – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

CUB SCOUTS - 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Pavilion/ Social Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 p.m. - Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 9:00-10:00 a.m. - Church PREP – 6:30 -8:00 p.m. - School

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO - 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

PRAY THE ROSARY - 6:45 a.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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

AHG MEETING - 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP MEETING – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall NEW PARISHIONERS' BRUNCH – following the 11:30 a.m. Mass



For the week of September 14th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Rose & Matthew Tomkowicz

St. Mary's - Mike & Madeline Mullen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 William Schott

4:30 Mary Sosh

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 7:30 Elizabeth Loeper

9:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Mathew, Sullivan &

Rathkey Families

11:30 Charlotte Stamm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:15 Anna Corso (10th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:15 Living & Deceased of Sowizral & Mullen Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:15 Irene Arnold

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:15 Joseph Bambrick, Sr.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:15 John W. Harner

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 Jack Gaffney 4:30 Bernadette Repsik SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:30 Robert Kogut (15th Anniversary)

9:30 Deceased of the Green & Albright Families

11:30 Michael Kane

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 14, 2025

Sunday

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-

17

Monday

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and

Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13



PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/15 Rev. Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger

Tuesday 9/16 Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil (Father Johnson)

Wednesday 9/17
Thursday 9/18
Friday 9/19
Saturday 9/20
Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons
Rev. David J. Kozak
Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel
Rev. Daniel E. Kravatz

Please note there will not be a 7:15 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, October 7th. Instead, we will have a communion service.

Harrisburg March For LIFE. September 22, 2025. Join a Bus by 8:15am, leaving from the Boyertown Tractor and Supply lot at 801 E. Phila. Ave., Boyertown, and then leaving Harrisburg at 3pm, to return to that same parking lot. Stand in solidarity with us showing our PA lawmakers what is most deserving of lawful protection: our most vulnerable, the Pre-Born. Seating is filling up fast and is limited, so <u>Call TODAY to reserve your seat with Chris, 610-587-9917</u>. Please spread the word to all you know.

Fr. Miller's Bible Study will resume in the fall. We will cover the book of Revelation. It's suggested you bring a 3 ring binder for handouts. It Begins Tuesday September 23rd at 7pm in the Church. It will generally be every Tuesday unless noted, here are the future dates. Sept 23rd, Sept 30th, Oct 7th, no Class, Oct 14th, Oct 21st, Oct 27th, Monday, Nov 6th, Thursday, Nov 11th, Nov 18th, Nov 25th, Dec 2^{nd.}

Office Staff Assistant – Part Time – Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508. 2 days a week Hours: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Assists staff in preparation for events, retreats, and general office duties. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office. This job is perfect for someone looking for flexibility in their working schedule! Please only email resumes or inquiries to accounting@olme.org

The month of October, we will be reciting the rosary before all weekend masses. The rosaries will start at the top of the hour. Please join us in the time of prayer before Mass. We are in need of volunteers to help with the reciting. Please look at your calendars and if you email Maribeth Gardella can help, thegoodgardella@gmail.com or call at 810-250-1825. I will need your name, email address, phone number and dates that you can volunteer. I will call you to confirm. All prayers will be provided to you via email a few days prior to your date so you can review. They will also be in the sacristy in a folder marked Rosary Prayers. Thank you so much for helping with this prayer ministry.

HARVEST FEST 2025 at St. Mary Church located at 94 Walnut Road Hamburg, PA on Oct. 3 (4-9p.m.) and Oct. 4 (noon-9 p.m.) Live music. Homemade food, fun and activities for all ages. Free admission, plenty of parking and indoor and outdoor seating.

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.



Inspired by great parish priests and vibrant parish communities, **COOKS WITH COLLARS** is an online cooking competition and a virtual celebration for the entire Diocese of Allentown. Check out your favorite **COOKS WITH COLLARS VIDEOS** to be surprised and delighted by the awe-inspiring – and occasionally frightening – kitchen skills on display by our parish priests. From there, join friends and fellow parishioners to VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN for your favorite chef! Vote for St. Catharine's

COOKS WITH COLLARS CHAMPIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1!

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHEF TODAY!

FATHER MILLER, FATHER JV & DEACON TYLER !!

The 2026 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 30th. In person requests will not be taken during this time. Please write out your requests (Include the intention, requested by, and date. Also include your name and contact information and a check for the amount due). You can mail, drop them off at the Parish Center or put them in the collection basket. Requests will be dated upon arrival and will be honored to the best of our ability. The Mass form will be available on the tables in the Gathering area the weekend of September 27th and will be also available online. If possible, indicate an alternate date in case your first choice is not available. The offering for each intention is \$10. You may request **two** Mass intentions per deceased; one of which will may be a weekend Mass. The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you. If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Parish Center between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at 610-779-4005. If you are handicapped or a shut-in, please call the office and we will help you.

Please note: We will do our best to accommodate everyone; however, we will be working with a limited amount of Masses and we ask for your patience.



Card Shower!
Birthday Celebration
Msgr. James Treston
turns 91! on
September 24th

Please mail cards to: Holy Family Villa, 1325 Prospect Avenue Bethlehem, PA 18018 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: Santino Scoboria

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, John Callaghan, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, 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, 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, Ann Lewandowski, 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 Stajkoswki, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Tom Testa, 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: Larry Curtin, (husband of Lynn Curtin) & 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 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



Parishioners are encouraged to donate blood at one of MKBC's donor centers beginning on the Feast Day of Saint Januarius, September 19th, through December 16th, one of the miracle dates of his blood liquification. In addition to saving lives, all donors who provide their parish's Sponsor Code at the time of their appointment will receive a Saint Januarius medallion, blessed by Bishop Schlert. We will also have prayer cards available for those donors who already have a medallion from last year and would prefer a prayer card instead. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code or call 800-223-6667 ext. 2. MKBC and the Diocese of Allentown are looking forward to working together to save lives in our community!

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFELINE

Next week (Sept. 20th and 21st), there will be baskets of baby bottles at all the church exits. Please take one and fill it with your change, the kind that rattles or the kind that crinkles, and return your filled bottle the following week (Sept. 27th and 28th) to the same baskets. This campaign will benefit Lifeline of Berks County in our mission to make abortion unnecessary in Berks County by building up a culture of life and family in our community.







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

Mariawald (Mary of the Woods) Renewal Center Reading, PA

A once in a lifetime opportunity for Catholics

Piety - Study - Action

Cursillo (pronounced cur see o) is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church dedicated to the renewal of the faith and Christian service to our communities. Cursillo has been active in the Allentown Diocese since 1970 and is open to all adult Catholics in good standing.

For more information contact

Fidelia Akabogu (610) 509-6365 or fideliasa@gmail.com Mary Clare Gosse' (484) 554-1479 or claregm@ptd.net Beth Publik (610) 781-2935 or bap3mem@ptd.net Or speak with your pastor or local priest

Make a friend

Be a friend

Bring your friend to Christ

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 Tuesdays in the Meeting Room down the hall from the parish office. Contact Merrick Plaisance at 610-914-0251 or email at merrickplaisance@protonmail.com for information.

Parish Nurse News - Set aside time each week to practice feeling gratitude! Before Mass, before sleep, while taking a walk. Benefits include feelings of wellbeing and calm, decreased stress, and improved focus and memory. Mayo clinic also offers a free virtual program to support mental health with journaling.

See

http://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org>wellness>gratitude.

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

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 serve served

Please call Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 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.

STAND UP FOR LIFE AND LIBERTY



At the Berks County Life Chain Sunday, October 5, 2025 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Penn Avenue, West Reading

For more information, contact Pam Snyder at 610-790-9197

Now more ever, please consider taking a public stand, in prayer, with hundreds of like-minded individuals at this critical juncture in our nation's history; while we in America still have our 1st Amendment rights. Let us stand boldly for the cause of LIFE.

Prayer walk takes place Sat. evening Oct 4, beginning at 5:45 PM at St James Church. Come out to ask for God's blessing on the Chain.