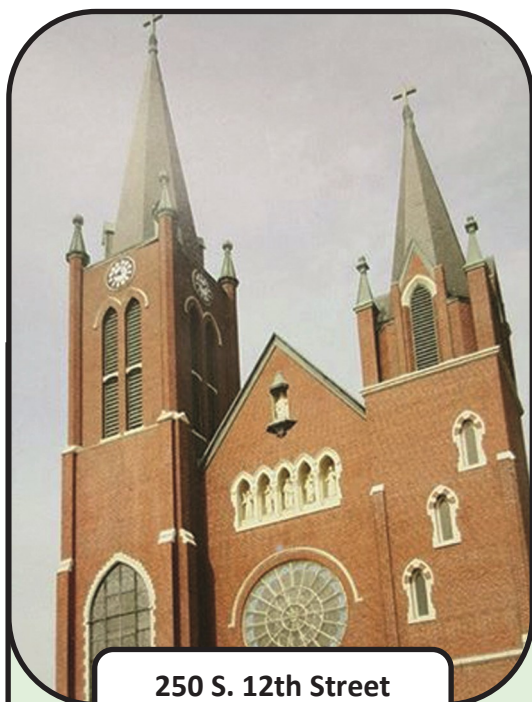


Saint Mary's

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

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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**)

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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 Masses

Saturday, October 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Chelstowski (38th Anniversary)

Sunday, October 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Jan Rzeszut

Saturday, October 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased of the Foytek Family

Sunday, October 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Donna Wrobel

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 .



OPPORTUNITY FOR DAILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHURCH. VISITATION WITH OUR LORD IN HIS MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE FROM 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., STARTING THIS MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, UNTIL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IS THE ACT OF WORSHIPPING GOD AS HE IS PRESENT IN THE CONSECRATED EUCHARIST. "OF ALL DEVOTIONS, THAT OF ADORING JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS THE GREATEST AFTER THE SACRAMENTS, THE ONE DEAREST TO GOD AND THE ONE MOST HELPFUL TO US." St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Please visit the sign up tables at the back of the Church. For more information, please call Sue Hissick and leave text/voice message at 610-568-6328.

*Happy 100th Birthday, Louise Orlando!
Today, we celebrate not just the passing of years but the remarkable journey of a truly extraordinary woman. May your day be overflowing with love, joy, and cherished memories. Your incredible spirit has inspired so many, and we are grateful for every moment shared with you. Here's to a century of wisdom and the bright future ahead! Enjoy your special day to the fullest!*



Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4: We might become discouraged. But let us take heart; in His own time the Lord will save us.

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14: Be firm in faith despite all adversity. The Holy Spirit dwells in us - he is the spirit of strength.

Lk 17:5-10: Our faith is to be lived. We cannot be satisfied with merely doing no more than our duty. We must strive to excel.

Today's Message: Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, only responded to with works of love and service. A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving, and wise, confident that God will guard us from all harm. God is the Rock of our salvation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP MTG – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – after 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. – Social Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – after the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

PREP – 6:30 -8:00 p.m. - School

ROSARY / DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – 7:00 p.m. – Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – after the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – after the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 10:15-11:15 a.m. - Church

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 Marie P. Bassler

4:30 Gerald Young

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:30 Carole Lutz

9:30 Deceased of the Suchomelly & Bukowski Families

11:30 Nicholas D'Alonzo (7th Anniversary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:15 Deceased Members of the Schober & Rohrbach Families

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:15 Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:15 Thomas Fry

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:15 Christine Piazza

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:15 Fotios Arnidis

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 John Martin Demangone

4:30 Bill Bradley (19th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:30 Violet Leier (20th Anniversary)

9:30 Lewis & Barbara Ianni

11:30 Jeffrey H. Schloder

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 5, 2025

Sunday

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Monday

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



**For the week of October 5th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Thaddeus & Natalie Filipek

St. Mary's - Madeline & Ben Belletiere

Next weekend we will have a Mission Priest Father John Lager at all the Masses from Focus Share. There will be no second collection. Our mission at FOCUS is simple: Make disciples for Christ. First, we invite people into a relationship with Jesus in the Catholic Church. Then, we accompany them along their journey. Finally, we equip them to share the Faith with others too. Please welcome Father Lager.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/6	Rev. Stephen L. Maco
Tuesday 10/7	Rev. Leo J. Maletz
Wednesday 10/8	Rev. John C. Maria
Thursday 10/9	Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
Friday 10/10	Rev. Keith A. Mathur
Saturday 10/11	Rev. Msgr. John B. McCann

If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 14th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Resources of your local Careerlink." We have helped thousands of people over the years and there is never a fee for our services. Email Paul Licata for more info at pauljosephlicata@gmail.com
www.josephspeople.org

The Adventure of Aging - A Day of Reflection - October 18, 2025 - 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM - Join us at Mariawald Renewal Center as we explore the adventure, blessings, burdens and beauty of Aging through the lens and insight of Sr Joan Chittister, OSB and John O'Donhue. On this day, Sr. Nancy Iampietro, a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood, will guide us in discussing the burden and blessings of fear, regret, time, diminishment, transformation, and legacy of this season of life. We will also have time for silence and private prayer as we open ourselves to God's dream for this stage of our lives. Come and join us! To register, call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email mariawaldcenter@gmail.com Register before 10/13/2025 **Cost for the day [including lunch]: \$40:00**

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

Community Creek Cleanup will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date - Sunday, October 19th) Location - Starting at Carsonia Park & Antietam Roads bridge, working downstream toward the Stony Creek Athletic Assn. You must be 16 years old and waiver required at sign in. Please call 610-779-6973 for more information.

September	October
Science of Happiness - Dr. Arthur Brooks	Biblical Walk Through the Mass - Dr. Edward Sri
9/22 – 9/26	10/18 – 10/25



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.



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: Lilah Knarr

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Joseph Albert, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, John Antush, 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 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, Ann Lewandowski, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinozzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, 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, Luis Osorio, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Antonio Mark Ramos, Lorraine Ransom, Phylliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Dave Robertshaw, 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, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Catherine (Kitty) Wright & Tim Walsh** & 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.

Hallow

TIPS and TRICKS Setting Up a Routine: The Hallow app can remind you what you'd like to pray and when. I have reminders set for 8:30 AM – Morning Offering and Our Father for everyone's prayer intentions; 10:00 AM Daily Reflection; 3:00 PM – Angelus and The Word; and 9:00 PM – Daily Saint. To set up a prayer routine, click on the "Me" tab at the bottom of the home screen; click "edit" next to

"Routine >"; click on the "+ Time Block" button to add a time; then click "+ Add Session" to pick a prayer. You can have multiple time reminders each day and one or more prayers for each session. We look forward to praying with you!!!



It is a great privilege to serve in music ministry, as it is an example of true stewardship: the sharing of one's time, talent and treasure. Active participation in choir is an opportunity to deepen your faith life and have a greater understanding of our liturgical year. The traditional choir sings at the 11:30 mass and practices on Sunday mornings before the Mass. (No evening commitment is needed for rehearsals!) We meet on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room. No experience is needed; only a desire to have an active role in the liturgical life of the Church. Contact David Kostival for additional

information at dkostival@comcast.net or 484-332-8695.



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Saint Januarius
Patron Saint of Blood Banks

Donate at this blood drive and receive a St. Januarius medallion blessed by Bishop Schleret of the Diocese of Allentown.




UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

St. Catharine of Siena RC Church
4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading

Sunday, October 19th
8:15 am – 1:15 pm

To schedule an appointment:
Scan the QR code OR
Call David Gibney at 484-332-1624



APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & last name
- Photo &/or signature

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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.

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

November 5, 2025: Rosa from Encore will be speaking about 2026 Medicare updates. Refreshments will be served.

December 3, 2025: The 50+ Club's Christmas party will be held at St Catharine's Social Hall. Vincenzo's will be catering! Members charge will be \$25 and non-members \$27.

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.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL: Let's do our part as a parish in helping support the charitable outreach of the diocese. Thanks to those who already donated. Please consider doing so if you have not yet done so. Returns may be mailed directly to the BWAC office or via the weekly collection basket. For further information,

go to www.becausewearecatholic.org

10th Annual Toy Drive

(sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church)
To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

St. Catharine of Siena has agreed to join all our local churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need. Parents will select toys for their children on December 12, 2025.

A toy collection box will be placed in your building in October. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through age 13) and place them in the box between before December 1st. We are also seeking gift sets for the older children (14-18). Art sets, shaving sets, nail care sets, hair care sets, etc.

This event has brought much joy to the families of the Exeter Area Food Pantry for the past eight years, providing parents with an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for their children without compromising their ability to keep food on the table. Last year gifts were provided for 440+ children.

An additional flyer with more complete information will be available at the collection box, from your church secretary or by emailing bdj43077@msn.com. (I will send detailed giving information).

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480).