Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



4975 Boyertown Pike
Reading, PA 19606

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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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'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue Phone: 610-779-5810 • www.scsreading.org

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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.

St. Mary's News



It's pierogi time again!

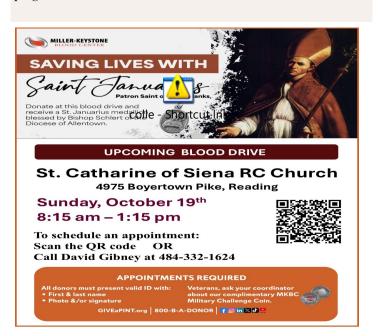
St. Mary's Pierogi Society will be meeting on October 20, 21 and 22 in the lower hall to begin our endeavors to provide pierogi for the annual Holiday Bazar. We will begin at 9:00 daily. Enter through the side door Potato peeling will be done in the lower hall on October 19th after the 10:00 Mass. We welcome all experienced and new pierogi makers. Please join us.

Saint Mary's Masses

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

Sunday, October 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Donna Wrobel Saturday, October 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Carolyn Graczyk Sunday, October 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Krzysztof Ginalski

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.





Our month-long daily Eucharistic Adoration has begun. PLEASE NOTE: Periodically during the month there may be times when a funeral, Confirmation or other event will be scheduled in the Church. During these times, Adoration may be canceled or may be continued in our mini chapel located in the cry room. Check the Eucharistic Adoration table to see if your time is affected. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to spend an hour with Jesus this October and to keep this rich tradition going in our parish.

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?

EUCHARISTIC 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.



September 7, 2025 \$21,274 September 14, 2025 \$19,733 September 21, 2025 \$19,505 September 28, 2025 \$19,239

2 Kgs 5:14-17: The healing power of God comes to a man who does not belong to the chosen people, and he proclaims his faith in the Lord.

2 Tm 2:8-13: In Christ we have died. Through Christ we are to rise, and with Him we shall reign.

Lk 17:11-19; The healing power of God comes through Christ, even to a man who does not belong to the chosen people. This man's faith prompts his thankfulness.

Today's Message: The Lord has revealed His saving power to all the nations! Naaman, a Syrian, is healed, and lepers are made whole, but only the Samaritan returns to give thanks. Let us remain steadfast in faith, and thankful for the Lord's blessings.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

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. – Social Hall

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION -following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. - Church

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION -following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 9:00-10:00 a.m. - Church

PREP- 6:30 -8:00 p.m. - School

ROSARY/DIVINÉ MERCY CHAPLET-7:00 p.m.- Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION -following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

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

OCIA - 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Church

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION -following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00

AHG – 5:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

BLOOD DRIVE - Social Hall

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

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



For the week of October 12th The Sanctuary Candle will burn In **Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Deceased Members of the Fritz & Petrowski Families

St. Mary's - Margaret & John Franck

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

John Martin Demangone 8:00

Bill Bradley (19th Anniversary) 4:30

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:30 Violet Leier (20th Anniversary)

9:30 Lewis & Barbara lanni

11:30 Jeffrev H. Schloder

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:15 Delores Bradley (15th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:15 The Deceased of the O'Brien & Porcaro

Families

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:15 Deceased of the Horrigan-Kreisher & Leitham

Families

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:15 Joseph Tomalis

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Stella Nowotarski

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 John Slanga

4:30 Knights of Columbus #14880

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 Deceased of the Filipek Family

9:30 Edith, Bill, Patricia & Paul Dengler

Marie Marthe Briand 11:30

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 12, 2025

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

Monday

Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Lk 11:47-54

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Sunday

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/13
Tuesday 10/14
Wednesday 10/15
Thursday 10/16
Friday 10/17
Saturday 10/18
Rev. Robert J. McConaghy
Rev. Brian M. Miller
Rev. Michael I. Miller, M.S.C.
Rev. Ronald J. Minner
Rev. Stanley M. Moczydlowski
Rev. Anthony P. Mongiello

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Kids and screen time problems include poor quality sleep, delayed social skills development, and inattention. Allow interactive programs, watch and play them with your child! Set strict time limits and no screens at least one hour before bedtime. Charge devices outside of the bedroom each night. (www.mayoclinic.org>screen time)

And Who Is My Neighbor? Explore Who is my Neighbor on October 19, 2025, from 1-4 pm at the McGlinn Conference and Spirituality Center. Sister Jean Jacobchik, OSF will offer input in the light of the Gospel and Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti with reflection time and light refreshments being provided. The fee is \$20/person. Questions: contact Sr. Shaun Kathleen at mcglincc@bfranciscan.org or 484-334-6807. Walk ins are welcome. Do something special for yourself. See you on the 19th!

Novena for Mental Health: October 10-18 - This Novena for Mental Health is an opportunity for all the People of God to join together in prayer for women and men experiencing or impacted by mental health issues and for all those who accompany them. The entire Church in the United States is especially encouraged to pray this Novena in solidarity with one another from October 10 to October 18 each year. October 10 is a fitting beginning as it is also World Mental Health Day. It is a time when people around the world are seeking to raise awareness and remove the stigma connected to mental health issues. This nationwide annual moment of prayer fittingly concludes on the feast of Saint Luke, patron of health care, on October 18.

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 will generally be every Tuesday unless noted, here are the future dates. Oct 14th, Oct 21st, Oct 27th, Monday, Nov 6th, Thursday, Nov 11th, Nov 18th, Nov 25th, Dec 2^{nd.}



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.

Church Photo pirectory

PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Please join us in becoming a part of our Parish Directory. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to make a treasured family keepsake TO SIGN UP Go online at www.ucdir.com Login

code: pa1134 Password: photos There is no cost to be photographed and each household will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait – Additional photo packages can be ordered – Portraits will be received prior to Christmas

Only participating households will receive a free directory. Photography will take place:

Monday Oct 20 , Tuesday Oct 21, Thursday Oct 23, and Friday Oct 24, 2 pm to 8:30 pm Saturday Oct. 25, 9 am to 3 pm Monday Nov 24, 2 pm to 8:30 pm Tuesday Nov 25, 2 pm to 8:30 pm

10th Annual Toy Drive (sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church) To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

St. Catharine of Sienna 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 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. 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)

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity in our community and like to teach, please consider helping adults learn English as a Second Language at the Mother Veronica Center at 449 S. 6th Street in Reading is seeking an English as a Second Language (ESL) class instructor for adult students. The position is open as of January 5, 2026 and is an intermediate level class offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings between 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. A teacher's guide accompanies the class curriculum. You are also free to supplement the curriculum. There are resources available for your use. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at 484-706-3570 or mveronicacenter@gmail.com.

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: Anna Reichert & Emma Hiser

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Joseph Albert, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzjewski, 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, Paul Lepore, 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, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Dave Robertshaw, Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Sa

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.



The Allentown Guild of the Catholic Medical Association Invites All Heath Care Workers to Attend





Diocesan White Mass

Celebrant and Homilist
Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
When: Saturday, October 18, 2025, 5:00 PM
Where: St. Thomas More Church
1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA



White coats are encouraged! Reception to Follow
St. Thomas More Family Center
RSVP October 11th, 2025 to allentowncma@gmail.com
Or by scanning the QR code

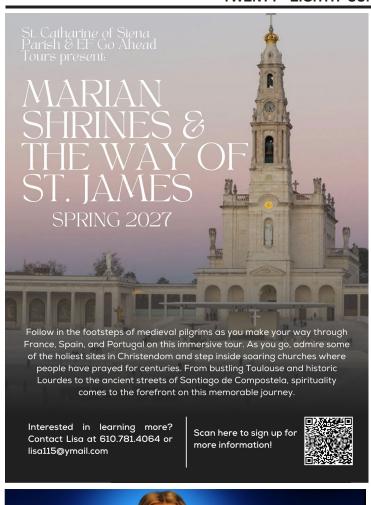


Presentation by
Deacon John M. Travaline, MD
"Restoring Relationship in the Art of Medicine"



Hallow

Small Groups on our Community Page: If you are in a Parish Ministry like the Choirs, Knights of Columbus, Young Adult Bible Study, 50 Plus Club, St. Vincent de Paul, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Rosary, Siena Stitchers, etc. please add your group on our Community page. Invite others to join the group to communicate and pray together. We already have Faith and Family, Millions of Monicas and OCIA. Please feel free to join one or more of the small groups. We look forward to praying with you!!!





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 serve 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.

