Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish





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.

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

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Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services

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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.



#### 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 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Carolyn Graczyk Sunday, October 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Krzysztof Ginalski Saturday, October 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Irene Edwards Sunday, October 26th - 10:30 a.m. - Partrick A. Floriani

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.



# TIPS and TRICKS

Playback Speed: When you are listening to Prayers, after starting the session, click on the second button in from the left at the bottom. The 4<sup>th</sup> setting down is playback speed. You can leave it on <u>normal</u> or change it to be <u>slower</u> (.5x, .75x, or .9x) or <u>faster</u> (1.1x, 1.25x, 1.5x, or 2.0x)'s. The speed setting will stay where you put it for future sessions until you change it. I don't suggest speeding up Father Mike Schmitz's sessions! We look forward to praying with you!!!





#### **OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED**

St. Catharine's Family of Faith lovingly extends to you an invitation to gather with your sisters and brothers who support, sustain and encourage each other in the tender love of the Lord. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. Healing comes, however, our hearts are touched by the hand of the Lord. On Wednesday November 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church St. Catharine's Family beckons you to share with us in a Memorial Mass of love and remembrance of your dearly departed family members.

If you have lost a family member during the 2025 year, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Center or place in the collection basket no later than Sunday, November 2nd.

#### **OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED**

Name of deceased:	
Person requesting:	
I will attend	
I will not attend	

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 21st, Oct 27th, Monday, Nov 6th, Thursday, Nov 11th, Nov 18th. Nov 25th. Dec 2<sup>nd.</sup>

Ex 17:8-13: Moses prays without ceasing, not losing heart despite physical fatigue.

2 Tm 3:14-4:2: The Bible is the source of teaching, the safe guide for the man of God in every good work.

<u>Lk 18:1-8;</u> Jesus urges us to pray without ceasing and to have faith in the goodness of God.

<u>Today's Message</u>: Through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will. Through faith in the power of prayer, we experience God's love and assistance. Our Christian life is nourished by the scriptures we read and by our received tradition.

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until

8:00 p.m. & CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

PARÎSH DIRECTORY PHOTOS – 2:00-8:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS – 2:00-8:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. - Church YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. - Meeting Room

PREP LEVEL 8 CONFIRMATION PRACTICE - 6:30 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 3:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION -4:30 p.m. - Church

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23** 

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

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS – 2:00-8:30 p.m. – Meeting Room OCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS – 2:00-8:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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



For the week of October 19th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Deceased Members of the Nancy McLarty Family

St. Mary's - David J. Hafer

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**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

11:30 Marie Marthe Briand

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:15 Tom Francy

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21** 

7:15 David & Sandra Rickert (44th Wedding

Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:15 Jacob Kons

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:15 Russel Hartman

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:15 David J. Hafer (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 Patrick Sisk

4:30 Donald Entzminger, Sr.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 Sheila DiCerchio

9:30 John S. Palkon

11:30 Sandra Brossman Bezar

**Scripture Readings** 

For the Week of October 19, 2025

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

Monday

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk

12:35-38

Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18;

Lk 18:9-14

Parish Nurse News - Enjoy vegetables, fruits, nuts, beans, seeds, plain yogurt, and fatty fish for snacks, meals, and great health! Added sugars contribute to body inflammation with risks including diabetes, heart disease, arthritis. Read labels for hidden added sugars in breads, sports drinks, yogurts, granola bars, dressings, and more. What you eat makes a difference! (health.clevelandclinic.org.>foods-that-can-cause-inflammation..)

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

**Monday 10/20** Rev. Michael E. Mullins Tuesday 10/21 Rev. Kevin M. Nadolski, O.S.F.S.

Wednesday 10/22 Rev. Van-Vien Nguyen

Thursday 10/23 Rev. Richard O. O'Nyamwaro, A.J. **Friday 10/24** Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Orsulak

Saturday 10/25 Rev. Luigi Palmieri

### **50 Plus News**

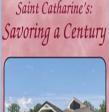
Please call, President Bev Gallo for any 50 Plus Club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-763-7058. You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

#### **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 nonmembers \$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.





100th Anniversary Cookbook

1925 to 2025

St. Catharine's 100th Anniversary **Collector Cookbooks ON SALE NOW** 

> **300 Recipes** including ones from Bishop Schlert, Fr. Miller, Fr. JV & Msgr. Domin

Buy them near the Scrip Table after Masses in Oct. or from the Office

> \$15 each Limited Quantities available



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** THE 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** SACRAMENTS, THE ONE DEAREST TO GOD AND THE ONE MOST HELPFUL TO US." St. Alphonsus Liguori.

# Church Photo

## PARISH DIRECTORY **PHOTOS**

**Directory** Please join us in becoming a part of our Parish Directory. Take advantage of wonderful opportunity make a treasured family TO SIGN UP Go keepsake

online at www.ucdir.com Login 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 2 pm to 8:30 pm Monday Nov 24, Tuesday Nov 25, 2 pm to 8:30 pm

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: Mallory Drager

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, 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 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, Pat Wertz, Frank White, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman A Time to die: Mary Hopko, (mother of Joanna Sockel & grandmother of Jacob & Lucas Sockel) & Ruth Smith, (mother of Sharon Schofield) & 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.

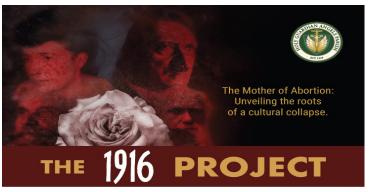
We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: First Lt. David J. Wentling, IV, Second Lt. Nicholas A. Wentling, Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, 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.

Pray WITH US on HALLOW Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer Session Together begins **Oct. 18**<sup>th</sup>

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass with Dr. Edward Sri contains 8 Sessions. We want to pray as a Parish. One session will become active on our community page each day starting on the 18<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have Hallow, download it and pray with us. Use the QR code or link. Hallow.com/redeem/?referrer=DWUYQ6 Sign up with an email or phone, download the Hallow app on your phone, go to the community tab at the bottom of the main screen, click on the 3 lines in the upper right, click on Join a Church, type in 19606 or our name, click on St. Catharine's, and JOIN. We look forward to praying for You and with You!!!

## St. Vincent DePaul Society/Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets

St. Catharine's St. Vincent DePaul Society and Knights of Columbus are partnering to provide Thanksgiving dinner baskets to parishioners who may need a little help this year. The basket items are not prepared – they are intended to be cooked at your home. The baskets include, turkey, stuffing, butter, rolls, vegetables, and ½ gallon of milk amongst a few other traditional food items. Please contact Diane at the Parish Center, 610-779-4005, and leave your name and phone number and someone from the St. Vincent dePaul society will contact you. Please call by October 31<sup>st</sup>. All information is confidential.



## Free Screening of "The 1916 Project," the film that's igniting a movement.

Holy Guardian Angels Parish / Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm 3121 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605

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The 1916 Project reveals the untold story of Margaret Sanger, Planned Parenthood's founder, exposing her dark legacy and the profound influence her eugenic ideologies continue to have on abortion, family breakdown, and societal confusion today.

HGA is hosting a free screening of The 1916 Project, a powerful documentary that uncovers the disturbing legacy of Margaret Sanger and her deep ties to the eugenics movement (a harmful pseudoscientific belief aimed at "improving" humanity by controlling who could reproduce. This ideology targeted marginalized groups – especially people of color, the poor, and those with disabilities – justifying horrific policies like forced sterilizations and treating human lives as disposable). Through compelling historical research and expert analysis, the film reveals how Sanger's racist and elitist ideologies have shaped the modern cultural landscape. From the promotion of abortion to the breakdown of family structures and the rise of gender confusion, The 1916 Project exposes the enduring impact f her influence, particularly on communities of color. The film serves as a call to action for those seeking to understand the origins of America's moral decline and the forces at play in today's culture war.

\*\*RSVP's is not required, but encouraged so we can ensure enough seating for everyone. Please call the rectory at 610-921-2729, ext. 2202 to let us know if you will attend.



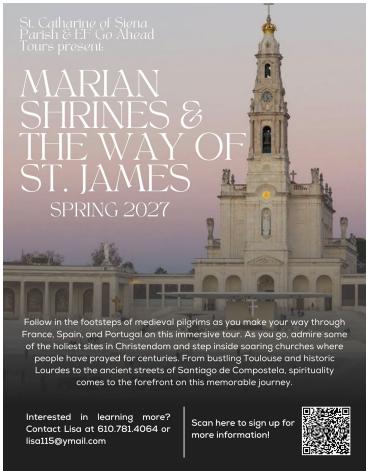
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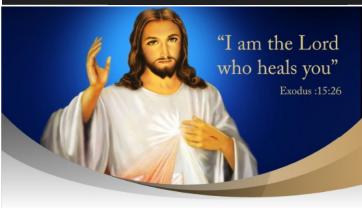
for your overwhelming support of the 2025 Lifeline of Berks County baby bottle fundraiser. Your parish gift exceeded \$5,000.00! Thank you for your continued support of our mission: to make abortion unnecessary in Berks County. Your donations will be instrumental in building up a culture of life in Berks County by providing pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, medical information and parenting classes, diapers and formula and a variety of other services FOR FREE in our community. We are so grateful for your incredible generosity!



🤌 612 Reading Ave. West Reading, PA www.lifelineofberks.ora









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