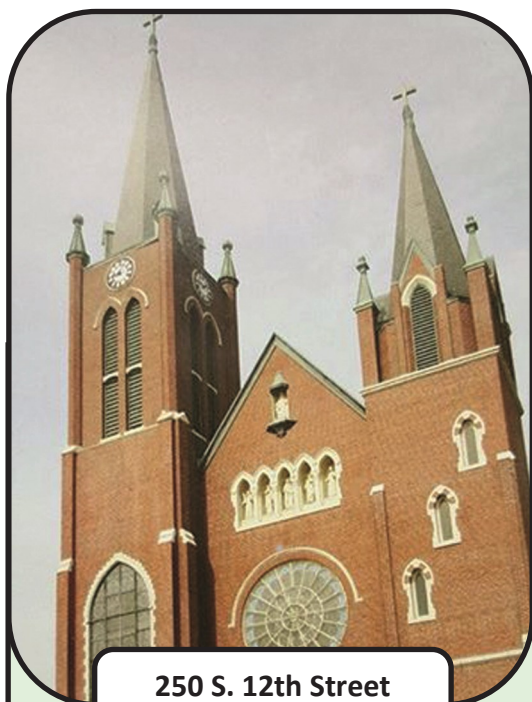


Saint Mary's

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.

St. Mary's News

Saturday, December 27th - 3:30 p.m. - Edward Franek
Sunday, December 28th - 10:30 a.m. - Judith Bird
Thursday, January 1st - 9:00 a.m. - Regina Wrobel
Saturday, January 3rd - 3:30 p.m. - Joyce Abramowicz
Sunday, January 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Richard Chelstowski



*Solemnity of Mary -
Holy Day of Obligation
December 31st - 4:00 p.m.
January 1st
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
St. Mary's - 9:00 a.m.*

All contributions for 2025 must be received by December 31, 2025 to be included on your statement. Thank you for your generosity during the past year. If contributions are received after December 31st they will be applied to your 2026 statement.

The Parish Center will reopen Monday, January 5th.



*Father Miller, Father IV Nguyen,
and Deacon Tyler thank everyone who
shared cards, greetings, gifts, and treats.
We wish you a blessed New Year!*



*Heavenly Father,
As we begin this new year, we place our
hopes, dreams, and plans into Your loving
hands. Grant us the wisdom to seek Your
will in all things and the courage to follow
where You lead. Bless our families and
friends with health, peace, and joy. Forgive
us our past failings and renew our hearts
with Your grace.*

*May the light of Christ guide us through
each day. Help us to grow in faith, hope,
and charity, and to be instruments of Your
love to all we meet. Through the
intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints, keep us safe from harm
and steadfast in our journey toward You.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14: Fidelity to Yahweh implies many particular virtues, and among them Sirach gives precedence to duties toward parents. He promises atonement for sin to those who honor their parents.

Col 3:12-21: Paul describes the life a Christian embraces through baptism.

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23: In Christ all the prophecies are fulfilled. He is the Messiah, the dominant one-the Son of God. In all things He carries out the will of His Father.

Today's Message: Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

OCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 Denise Engro

4:30 Sean J. Wertman (11th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 Kitty Wright

9:30 Genevieve M. Fura

11:30 Deceased Members of the Impellizzeri & Nuccio

Families

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 Salvatore Corso (12th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 Judith Koch

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am Ruth Smith

4:00pm Lettie Franey

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 Sean G. Carr

10:00 Living & Deceased of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

7:15 Special Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 Bob Kush

4:30 Lisa Cerniglia

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 Samuel Russo

9:30 William Wertz

11:30 Joseph Kohalmi (3rd Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 28, 2025

Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12



**For the week of
December 28th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Bill & Pat Wertz

St. Mary's - Alverta & Frank Gantert

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 12/29	Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian
Tuesday 12/30	Rev. Thomas P. Bortz
Wednesday 12/31	Rev. Ronald P. Bowman
Thursday 1/1	Rev. Nikolai R. Brelinsky
Friday 1/2	Rev. Richard C. Brensinger
Saturday 1/3	Rev. Alexander T. Brown

Berks and Lehigh County Chapter of "Joseph's People" For Employment Help - If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Planning Your Job Search." 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. Learn more about the organization at www.josephspeople.org.

Retrouvaille Marriage Healing Retreat Weekend - Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley is a Catholic-based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped countless married couples in all stages of disillusionment or distress. Retrouvaille can help your marriage too. No marriage is beyond hope. The next program will be held at The Family Life Center at the Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA on February 6-8, 2026. All calls are confidential. For more information call 215-766-3944 or visit the web site at MarriageHelpDelVal.org.

Fill Your Cup: Morning Retreat for Homeschooling & Young Mothers On Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 8am-12pm at Sacred Heart Church, Bethlehem, the Office of Marriage & Family Life invites you to come and "Fill Your Cup" during a peaceful and uplifting morning designed especially for YOU, the woman who is always serving others. Allow yourself to be served - rest, reconnect, and be renewed in the presence of Christ and the company of women walking a similar journey. Enjoy a light breakfast, inspiring talk, small groups, and panel discussion. Mass & Confession will also be offered in the Church before the retreat starts. Register for FREE before January 19th at allentowndiocese.flock.

Surviving Divorce Program - Give yourself the gift of encouragement for the new year. Register for the Divorce Recovery class, a national program created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Whether you are newly separated/divorced or still experiencing painful issues years later this program can help. Participants receive expert Catholic guidance to work through practical and emotional troubles brought on by the family breakdown. Topics covered include custody, court hearings and finances as well as the emotional ups and downs of anger, regret, and unforgiveness. Past participants have said they appreciate the program's deep insights of God's personal love for us and desire to heal us. This program has been running twice and three times per year since January 2023. Participants have consistently given it high marks on the end-of-class surveys. Start date is January 12, 2026, and end date is March 16, 2026. Meetings are Mondays, 6:15 - 7:15pm for ten weeks. Location is St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 618 Fullerton Ave. Whitehall 18052 in the large Meeting room on the second floor of the parish office. The cost is free. To register, contact Jane Zingelman: jtzing@gmail.com.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACT PERSONS AND RESOURCES

Altar Servers - (Father JV Nguyen - 610-779-4005)
 American Heritage Girls - (Anne Marie Lander - 973-270-4585)
 Boy Scout- (Terry Wade - 610-478-1200)
 Bereavement Support - (Judy Cameron- judyacameron@comcast.net)
 Catholic Charities - (610-376-7144)
 Catholic Soup Kitchen (Sara Miller - 484-459-0270)
 Choir- (Dave Kostival - 484-332-8695)
 Church Library - (610-779-4005)
 Cub Scouts - (484-280-5383 - Michael Lenhart)
 Cursillo - (Beth Pawlik - 610-781-2935)
 CYO President - Keith Lawlor - 267-879-7220
 Disability Advocates -(Carol McCullough) - 484-269-2168
 Eucharistic Ministers-(Deacon Greg Schneider - 610-929-0386)
 Exeter Food Bank - (Jim Bucciaglia - 610-698-8131)
 Girl Scouts - (Adrienne Evans - 908-872-6105)
 Guitar Choir - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
 Home School Organization- (Elizabeth Kieffer - 610-310-7842)
 Knights of Columbus - (Tom Rochowicz - 610-779-2851)
 Lectors - (John Vogel 610-779-6287)
 Maintenance - (Elisha Robinson - (610-779-4005)
 Marriage Preparation - (610-779-4005)
 Ministers of Hospitality- (Deacon John Stapleton 610-779-4005)
 Parish Nurses - mjauman@verizon.net
 Parish School - (Mrs. Marcella Kraycik - 610-779-5810)
 Saint Catharine's Pre-School - (610-779-5810)
 PREP (CCD) - (Coordinator - Marci Zambito,610-779-8535)
 Protecting God's Children Coordinator - (Marci Zambito - 610-779-8535)
 PRO LIFE /LIFE RUNNERS- Sharon D'Andrea - 610-507-9267
 OCIA - (Deacon John Stapleton) - (610-779-4005)
 Religious Store - (Mike Wertz - 610-207-7517)
 Saint Vincent de Paul Society- 610-779-4005
 School Board - Mindy Anderson - (484 - 332-3292)
 Scrip - (Cristina Schmehl - 610-779-1513)
 Senior Citizen Group (50+Club)- (Bev Gallo - 610-763-7058)
 Siena Stitchers - Barbara Grim - 610-779-8346)
 Youth Group - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535)
 Parish Office- (610-779-4005)
 Church Website - <http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/>
 Saint Catharine's School - 610-779-5810

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:

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 & 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, Jordan Cassidy, Richard Cunnius, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, **Msgr. Edward R. Domin**, 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, Dave Garman, Charles Gierschick, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Joe Grippe, David J. Gubernot, Clara Hartline, Marie Hartranft, Terry Hayward, William M. Hedl, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Michael & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Lesley Kaminski, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Mary Klick, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, Genny Kopel, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Paul Lepore, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat & Fred Lenich, Ann Lewandowski, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Peter Manolakis, 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 Stajkowski**, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Tom Testa, Richard Uliasz, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John 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 Janet Hill, (sister of Rita Hartzell) & 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, LT. 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.

Hallow



Bible Tab: Hallow has a Bible Tab at the bottom of your Home screen. When you click on it, you'll see that day's Daily Readings as well as links to listen to the Daily Readings and the Daily Reflection with Jonathan Roumie and Jeff Cavins. We look forward to praying with you!!!

THE HOLY FAMILY

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

January 7, 2026: Bev Bard, the club's new trip coordinator, will discuss trips for 2026! Bev Bard's phone number is 610-763-5654.

February 4, 2026: Boom Box Bingo! Refreshments will be served.

March 4, 2026: Guest speaker, Kim, will teach our members how to decorate Easter eggs! More information to come!

Trips

An early preview of the August 12-14, 2026 trip: Ohio Island Hoppin, featuring Kelly's Island and Put-in-Bay! More information will be coming!

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.



Forging Friendships for Our Children and
Families in a Community of Faith

January 11
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

at

St. Catharine of Siena
Social Hall

We're excited to introduce a brand-new ministry
program at St. Catharine of Siena!

Young Saints Ministries is created to help children form
meaningful friendships while giving parents the
opportunity to connect, grow, and build community
together.

We will be meeting on the **second Sunday** of each
month, offering a consistent time for families to gather,
build relationships, and deepen their faith.

Join us as we launch this new space for families seeking
faith-filled connection and genuine friendships in a
warm, welcoming environment.

Catholic Trivia Night

SATURDAY JAN 10 5:30-7:30

St Catharine of Siena Social Hall

Challenge the theologians!
Bring family & friends for fun & fellowship!

Free food & beverages
Gluten-free available

Win Prizes

RSVP by Jan 5 - scsfaihandfamily@gmail.com

MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE
LOURDES, SPAIN and FATIMA
WITH FATHER MILLER

TRIP DATES: April 21, 2027 thru May 6, 2027



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Limit 38 Travelers

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