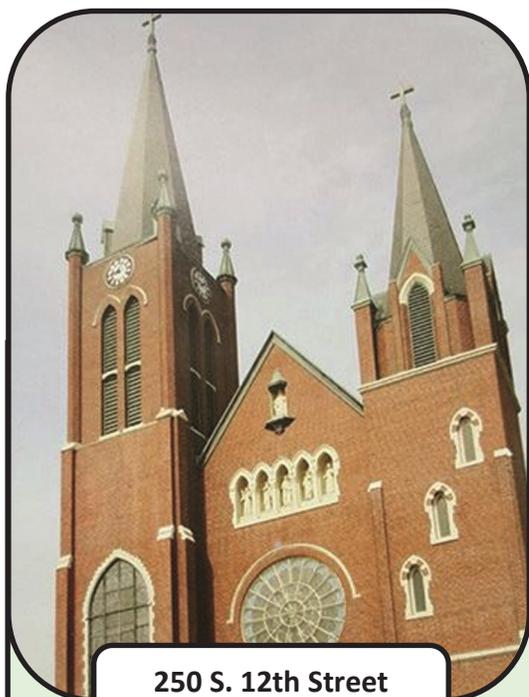


Saint Mary's

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.

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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, January 24th - 3:30 p.m. - Joyce Abramowicz
 Sunday, January 25th - 10:30 a.m. - The Jermac Family
 Saturday, January 31st - 3:30 p.m. - David & Rita Kasprzak
 Sunday, February 1st - 10:30 a.m. - Betty Fisher

The Lenten Pierogi Society will begin making pierogies from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Monday January 26, 2026. We will continue to meet each Monday and Tuesday through March 24, 2026. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use the parking lot Chapel entrance. New members are always welcome.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare onions and sauerkraut after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 25, 2026.

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your giving record for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form. You can also email with your request anytime at scsstatements@outlook.com. **If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .



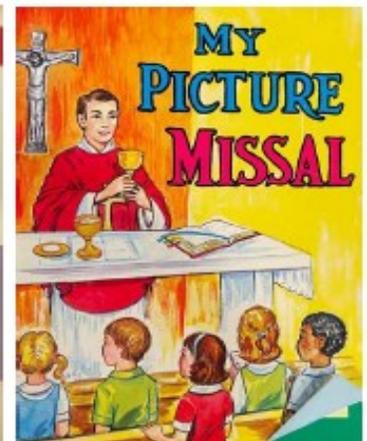
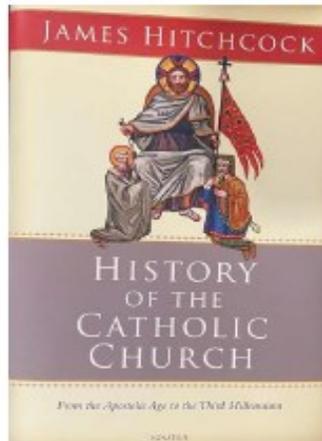
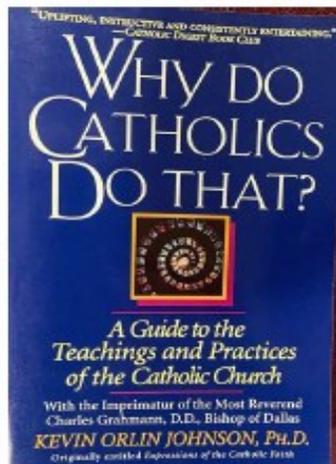
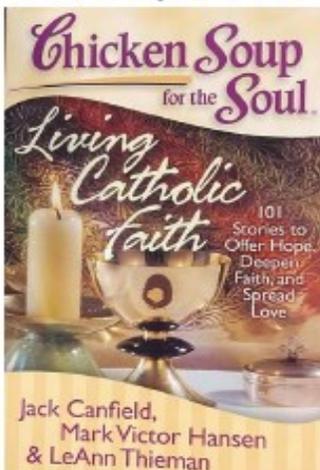
"Over one hundred parishioners came together for our first ever Catholic Trivia and dinner event held 1/10/26. Lot's of fun was had by all. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who helped bring this event to fruition."



Retreat Registration - All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to our 2026 youth retreat, "The Beatitudes", to be held February 27 – March 1 at Camp Manatawny. This retreat is run by teens and adults from St. Catharine's, St. Ignatius, and St. Benedict's parishes. Cost is \$50. Registration forms can be found on the youth website www.scsyouth.weebly.com Space is limited. Register now to reserve your spot. You will not be disappointed! Deadline to sign up is February 15, 2026.

St. Catharine of Siena Parish FREE Lending Library

Winter weather is a good time to cuddle up with a great book. Browse our SCS Lending Library in the Crying Room. There are books for all ages and interests to borrow & return at your leisure.



Is 8:23- 9:3: Isaiah tells of the land in the west where there is no gloom, for the people see a great light. They are to rejoice that the yoke that bound them is to be smashed.

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17: Paul warns the people of Corinth that there must be unity among the people of God. There is only one Gospel message. Jesus cannot be divided, no matter who preaches about Him.

Mt 4:12-23: Jesus preached reform. At the Sea of Galilee, He called Peter and Andrew, James and John, to become fishers of people. At once, they left their nets to follow Him. Jesus taught and worked miracles.

Today's Message: We have seen a great light: Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ART & SCIENCE SHOW – following all Masses- Social Hall

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

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Church

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Church

OCIA - 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS – 5:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

PRAY THE ROSARY- 7:30 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING -8:30-10:30 a.m. – Meeting Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

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

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

A Healing Retreat for Men & Women at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA Thurs. Jan. 29 to Sun. Feb. 1, 2026 How do anxiety, compulsive behaviors, or emotional wounding get in your way of the meaningful and authentic relationships you were made to experience? God desires to bring us restoration and healing so we will live from the truth that we are His beloved sons and daughters. Retreat Leaders: Fr. Stephen DeLacy & De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry More info: email De at de@youaremadenew.com.



**For the week of January 25th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Special Intention

St. Mary's - Mary & Rudolph Tandlmayer

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 For the Homebound of the Parish

4:30 Deceased Members of the Rizzo Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 For the Health of Joseph Nguyen

9:30 Angelo Porcaro (5th Anniversary)

11:30 Sandra Bibbo (7th Anniversary)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

7:15 Helen A. Stroud

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

7:15 Virginia C. Laczowski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:15 Collin R. Bollendorf

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

7:15 Matthew Cahill (16th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

7:15 Mary Firth

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 Andrew & Mary Glutz

4:30 Adam Gajewski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30 For the Health of Diane Sopolski

9:30 Judy Koch (2nd Anniversary)

11:30 John Stapleton, Sr. (52nd Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 25, 2026

Sunday, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday, Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Kennedy House. Want to **volunteer** and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the **Kennedy House** in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either Saturday, February 14th, and or Sunday, February 15th, or both days! Times are from 9:30-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270 or sk1699@hotmail.com. We hope to see you there.

Also, if you are unable to help but would be willing to donate food or other supplies we would need, please contact me as well. We need lots of supplies to make the weekend a success!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ACA823A4FA7-61598319-kennedy>

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/26	Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Coyle
Tuesday 1/27	Rev. Paul DaDamio
Wednesday 1/28	Rev. Harold F. Dagle
Thursday 1/29	Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. DeSantis
Friday 1/30	Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin
Saturday 1/31	Rev. Bruno Dongo, A.J.

Parish Nurse News - Jan. 23-24 Intentionally staying up late to enjoy personal time deprives us of much needed sleep and reduces sleep quality! Healthy sleep hygiene is consistent bed- and wake-times, stop electronic devices at least one-half hour prior to sleep, and relax with a book, gentle stretching, or meditation to decrease stress. (E. Suni, Medically reviewed by A. Dimitriu, MD, www.sleepfoundation.org)



LENTEN FISH FRYs - The Knights will be hosting their annual Lenten Fish Frys at the Social Hall from 5-7 PM on the following Fridays this year.

February 20th
Jazz Dinner

March 6th
Jazz Dinner

March 27th
Music TBD

Musical entertainment by the Quartet of Fred Nowatarski, Mitch Milanek, Matt Green & Martin Bradfield

Over the years, we have always tried to maintain a reasonable price along with providing the freshest and best quality product and service we can bring to our St. Catharine's & St. Mary's Church community. Fortunately, we have control over the quality and service, but unfortunately, we can only do so much to control the price. We have fallen victim to significant price increases for fish, other ingredients and supplies used and must raise our prices this year. The cost will be raised to \$20 per meal and include all the same items you have come accustomed to.

NEW THIS YEAR – a platter to accommodate children or those adults who are not fish fans. For \$8, you can enjoy all the items on the menu **except** fish. This platter will provide macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, a roll, a dessert, and beverage of water, coffee, iced tea or lemonade.

The profits from the Lenten Fish Frys benefit the SCS Knights charitable endeavors, which include but are not limited to, SCS Church & School, Lifeline of Berks County, John Paul II Center for Learning, Mary's Shelter, PA Special Olympics, Diocesan Seminarian(s), SCS Youth Groups, and the SCS Knights Food for Families programs.

The SCS Knights sincerely thank you for your patronage. Without you, we would not be able to benefit the organizations as listed above !

LENTEN CRAB CAKE DINNER – The annual Fr. Miller and the Knights crab cake dinner this year will be on **Friday, March 20th**. Pricing for this meal is **TBD** and will be announced. **PLEASE NOTE: This year there will be no pre-orders. The dinners will be served on a first come - first serve basis until we run out.** The proceeds from this event continue to be earmarked for the benefit of St. Catharine of Siena Church and its programs..

SAVE THE DATE

We Still Do . . . and Always Will

Saturday, May 16, 2026

at 4:30 Mass followed by Dinner
St. Catharine of Siena Roman Catholic Church
Look for sign up forms in April

If you'd like to help plan the event, please contact Lisa Siciliano at 610-781-4064 or by e-mail at wdy561@yahoo.com

Renewal of Wedding Vows Ceremony & Dinner in the Social Hall



**Boy Scout Troop 358
Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, February 1 after mass.

Adults - \$7.00

children - \$5.00



Thank you for your support.



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: Benjamin Bennett

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, 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, Barbara Corbo, Richard Cunnius, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Angela Dobroskey, **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, William Lawson, Pat & Fred Lenich, Ann Lewandowski, Debra Linton, 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, Kyle Moore, 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, Gloria Lynn Romanski, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Jackie Scherer, 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 Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman

A Time to die: & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11

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
TIPS and TRICKS "Settings Tab"

Selecting Which Guide to Listen To: When listening to prayers in Hallow, many times, you can select from several Guides to listen to for that reading. To select a Guide, once you start a session, click the settings tab at the bottom of your screen, select guide, and pick from the options you have for that prayer. We look forward to praying with you!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's 'NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION' time! Want to pray more? Want to get more exercise? Build up your heart/soul and body. Consider joining our Life Runners Reading Chapter - come once and check us out. JOIN OUR TEAM. PRAY THEIR CREED. WEAR A JERSEY- RUNNING OPTIONAL! OUR CHAPTER WALKS! 82% OF POST-ABORTION MOTHERS SAID IF THEY HAD ENCOURAGEMENT, THEY WOULD HAVE CHOSEN LIFE - Call Sharon D'Andrea, parishioner, 610-507-9267. learn more at: <http://www.liferunners.org>

SCRIP seller needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to sell SCRIP at Church for the following shift:

1st Saturday every month (4:15-5:45)

This is a great opportunity for high school students who need service hours (must be accompanied by an adult)- OR - anyone who is looking to give back to the parish and school community through volunteering. Please contact Cristina Schmehl if interested or for more information at scripprogramscs@gmail.com

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

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

March 4, 2026: Guest speaker, Kim Kostival, will show our members how to decorate Pysanky (Ukrainian) eggs!

Trips

April 24, 2026: Murder at Mt. Hope, \$112

May 13, 2026: Arsenic and Old Lace Candlelight Theater, \$116

June 24, 2026: Real Diamond, Penn's Peak, \$95

July 16, 2026: School of Rock, Pines Theater, \$108

August 12-14: Island Hoppin in Ohio: single occupancy, \$845, double occupancy \$645

September 23, 2026: Gettysburg Dine Around, \$167

October 22, 2026: Medieval Times Baltimore, \$110

November 12, 2026: The Christmas Rush, \$110

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.

Special note: On the day of the 50 Plus Club meeting, if there is inclement weather, cancellation will be in line with the Exeter School district's ruling. If there is school cancellation, no meeting will be held, if there is a delay, the meeting will be held.



YOUNG SAINTS MINISTRY

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

February 8
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
at
St. Catharine of Siena
Social Hall

We're excited to continue Young Saints Ministries at
St. Catharine of Siena!

This joyful program brings children together to make new friends while learning about the saints in a fun and faith-filled way. Parents are welcome to connect, share, and grow in community as families gather together.

We meet on the second Sunday of each month, creating a special time for families to come together, build friendships, and grow in faith.

February's Saint Spotlight:
In February, children will learn about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint, through stories, activities, and age-appropriate lessons.

Join us for a welcoming, family-friendly environment where kids can learn, laugh, and grow in their faith together!



St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood drive on Sunday, February 15th, 2026. Blood drives are an excellent way to support our community. Please call Dave Gibney at 484.332.1624, or schedule online at https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/85668. Anyone who is in good health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more, may donate whole blood every 56 days. (16-year old donors require parental consent). Did you know:

- 40% of the US population is eligible to donate – but only 5% do on a yearly basis.
- Statistics show that 25% or more of us will require blood at least once in our lifetime.
- Every 2 seconds, someone in the US requires a blood transfusion.
- It only takes about 45 minutes of your time to save a life.
- Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 27 hospitals served by the blood center.