

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
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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'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

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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, February 14th - 3:30 p.m. - Gerry Radke
Sunday, February 15th - 10:30 a.m. - The Jermac Family
Saturday, February 21st - 3:30 p.m. - Walter LaSota (100th Birthday)
Sunday, February 22nd - 10:30 a.m. - Peter Kaminski, Jr.

PIEROGI SALE- Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including March 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pierogis will be sold in the Church basement. Please use the side entrance from the parking lot. Potato and sauerkraut pierogis will sell for \$10.00 a dozen. Cheese pierogis will sell for \$12.00 a dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 a cup. (Weather permitting) Volunteers are needed to help sell pierogis on Fridays.



Lenten Reconciliation: During the Season of Lent, parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass on Sunday. It is our hope that the parishioners of St. Catharine's & St. Mary's will use this as an opportunity to better prepare themselves during their Lenten journey.

Additional Masses at Saint Catharine's: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: will be celebrated every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. at the Church. A Catholic prayer that commemorates Jesus's journey to Calvary and his death by crucifixion. It's also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis.

SECOND COLLECTION – "ALMSGIVING" - "...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret." (Ash Wednesday's Reading) - **During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection on select weekends for special needs:** March 1st - St. Francis Home ; March 8th - Kennedy House. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.



Peace be with you.

Dear parishioners of St Catharine of Siena Parish

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for me and my father. I have arrived safely in Vietnam, and I am grateful to share that he is doing better with a new treatment. Your prayers have been a great source of strength and comfort during this journey.

Please know that I remember each of you in my prayers with deep gratitude. May God bless you for your faith, generosity, and loving hearts.

With sincere thanks and prayers,

Fr. Van Vien (J.V.) Nguyen



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Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7: God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the luxurious Garden of Eden. They could eat fruit from every tree except one. After being tempted by the devil, Eve then Adam disobeyed God's command. Immediately, their lives changed.

Rom 5:12-19: From the fall of Adam, sin came into the world. God, however, gave the gift of his Son, Jesus. Through Him justice was restored. Through the obedience of Jesus, justice comes to all.

Mt 4:1-11: The devil tempted Adam; he also tempts Jesus three times, making lavish promises. Jesus rebukes Satan, for only God is to be adored.

Today's Message: Like Adam and Eve, Jesus was tempted, but did not sin. Our sinfulness is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

SOCIAL SUNDAY – following all Masses – Social Hall
CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 8:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m.- School

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.
OCIA - 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Meeting Room
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MTG -7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00 p.m. - Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

PRAY THE ROSARY- 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room
YOUTH GROUP RETREAT – following the 11:30 Mass – Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 Dorothy & Michael Wisniewski
4:30 Mary Ann Matthews (4th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30 Al & Madeline Sowizdral
9:30 John Radicone
11:30 Chiara Rugolo (13th Anniversary)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:15 Cindy Mitchell

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:15 Victoria Schwarz
7:00 p.m. Charles & Catherine Faust

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:15 Theodore Borek
7:00 p.m. Christine & Stanley Szurgot

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:15 George D. Edmunds, Jr. (41st Anniversary)
7:00 p.m. Julia Calabrese

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:15 John Franek

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 Gil Darlak
4:30 Helmut Makosch

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 Edward Bayer
9:30 Robert & Nancy Marlin
11:30 Presco New

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 22, 2026

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19;
Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



**For the week of February 22nd
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Prayers for the Love
Ones in Family

St. Mary's - Wolfgang Licht & Joseph & Margaret
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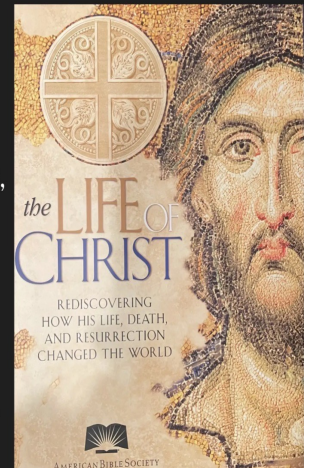
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/23	Rev. Msgr. Gerald E. Gobitas
Tuesday 2/24	Rev. Msgr. John J. Grabish
Wednesday 2/25	Rev. James J. Greenfield, O.S.F.S.
Thursday 2/26	Rev. Eric J. Gruber
Friday 2/27	Rev. Francis M. Grundowski
Saturday 2/28	Rev. Kevin M. Gualano


Parish Nurse News - Attitude! Gratitude promotes good health! Positive thinking has similar benefits, and reduces stress! It takes practice and will-power to turn negative thoughts around. Use Positive self-talk. Let go of blame and perfectionism! Identify areas that need change, seek humor, Ha!, and adopt daily habits of exercise, enough sleep, and eating well to fuel mind and body!

AVCP Antietam Valley Community Partnership 13th annual community dinner. Sunday March 8th from 11-2 Antietam School 2310 Cumberland Ave, Chile, Golumpki, Dominican Stew, or Kielbasa/ Haluski dinners \$15 each. Family size dinners (feeds 4) \$50, Haluski \$10 per quart. Please order through the AVCP website or call Larry @610 779 6973.

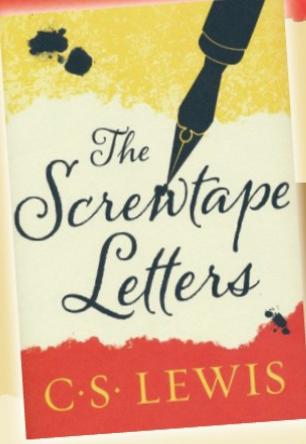
HALLOW TIPS & TRICKS - Font Size:

When reading along with the prayers in Hallow by clicking the book icon at the bottom of the screen, you can then select small, medium or large font size. Click on the Tt symbol at the top right on your screen and pick which size works best for you and your eyes. We look forward to praying with you!!!

The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown, in conjunction with St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Holy Cross Parish, and the Diocesan Office of Evangelization & Formation invite you to attend a special production of




The Screwtape Letters




Adapted and performed by celebrated actor, Anthony Lawton, this rollicking production turns the revered C.S. Lewis classic into a sumptuous multimedia event with music, dance, and infernal unpredictability.

"Anthony Lawton's performance as Screwtape is devilishly wonderful."

"How often do you actually get to travel to Hell and back without getting burned?..."



March 8, 2026 at 4:00PM
Admission is Free.
However, seating is limited.
Register in advance to reserve your seat with the QR code or visit:
allentowndiocese.org/Screwtape



D.H.H. LENGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL
1541 LAUREL BOULEVARD • POTTSVILLE



LENTEN FISH FRYs - The remaining Lenten Fish Frys are on the dates listed below at the SCS Social Hall from 5-7 PM. The price for a fish fry platter will be \$20. **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.

March 6th

March 27th

Musical entertainment at each Fish Frys is compliments of the quartet of Fred Nowotarski, Mitch Milane, Matt Green & Martin Bradfield (on March 27th, Mark Dolinski will be the bass player).

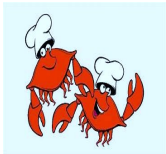
The profits from the Lenten Fish Frys benefit the SCS Knights charitable endeavors, which include but are not limited to, SCS Church & School, Lifeline of Berks County, John Paul II Center for Learning, Mary's Shelter, PA Special Olympics, Diocesan Seminarian(s), SCS Youth Groups, and the SCS Knights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



LENTEN CRAB CAKE DINNER – FRIDAY, MARCH 20th from 5-7 PM – The annual Fr. Miller and the SCS Knights crab cake dinner this year will be on Friday, March 20th. The price for a crab cake platter will be \$25.

PLEASE NOTE: This year there are 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.



The SCS Knights sincerely thank you for your continued patronage of our events. Without you, we would not be able to benefit the worthy and charitable organizations listed above !

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, 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, Paul Lepore, 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, Kyle Moore, Christine Motley, Madeline Mullen, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Trudy Oliver, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Luis Osorio, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Antonio Mark Ramos, Lorraine Ransom, Phyllis Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Dave Robertshaw, Raven Robinson, Gloria Lynn Romanski, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, 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, Jerry Stricker, 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: Barbara Corbo**, (wife of Dr. Nicholas Corbo) **Daniel Hefferan**, (father of Joey & Daniel Hefferan) & 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, First 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

**LENT - Pray 40
February 18th to March 29th**

Join Jonathan Roumie, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt, Mother Olga, Sister Miriam, Jeff Cavins, and more this Lent for Pray40 — a journey back home to the Father with The Brothers Karamazov and the Return of the Prodigal Son by Fr. Henri Nouwen. We'll see how Dostoevsky's famous novel brings the Parable of the Prodigal Son to life, showing us how we're all farther from God than we need to be. The good news is God is waiting for us with open arms, running out to meet us while we are still a long way off. Join with Father Miller and over 265 St. Catharine's Hallow members and pray each day on Hallow throughout Lent. If you don't have the app and want a FREE subscription, contact Lisa Siciliano at wdu561@yahoo.com.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**Saint Catharine of Siena
School Advisory Board's**

Pancake Breakfast



SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026
8:00AM-12:30PM
AFTER ALL MASSES
CHURCH SOCIAL HALL
TICKETS AT THE DOOR | \$8 FOR ADULTS | \$5 FOR KIDS

1st Sunday of Lent

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- Desert
- Forty
- Stone
- Bread
- Kingdoms
- Worship
- Serve
- Temple
- Angels
- Depart



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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

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

April 1, 2026: Everybody's Birthday! \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members, more information to follow!

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, Bird-In-Hand - \$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**

March 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.

March's Saint Spotlight:

In March, children will learn about **St. Katharine Drexel**, the second American-born saint, through stories, hands-on activities, and age-appropriate lessons.

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

