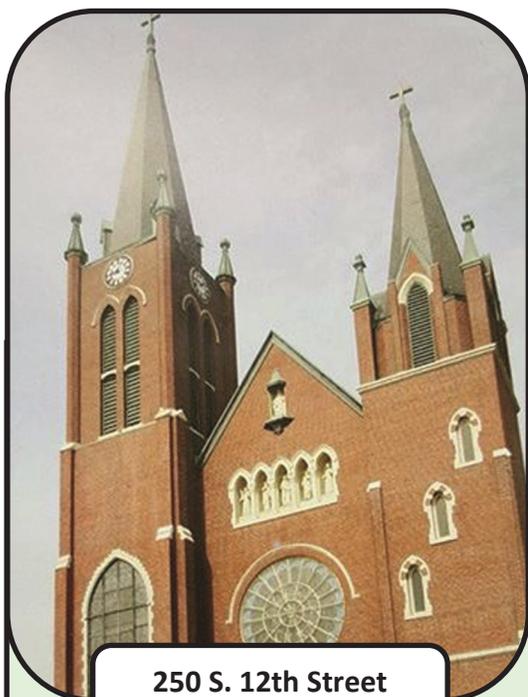


Saint Mary's

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. Cythnia Williamson, Interim Principal
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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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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Mary's News

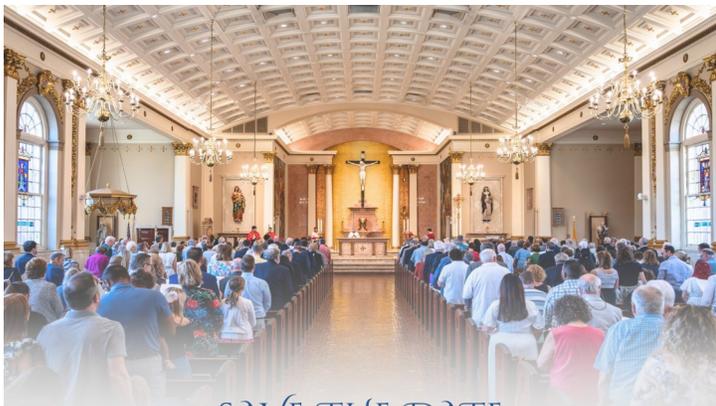
Saturday, March 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Frank Moszcienski
Sunday, March 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Regina Wrobel
Saturday, March 14th - 3:30 p.m. - Carolyn Graczyk
Sunday, March 15th - 10:30 a.m. - Irene Goodman

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.

Poland's Stories and History As Seen Through Its Artists. Tuesday, April 7, 6pm at Berks YR Club. Presented by Barbara Post and sponsored by the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County. Light refreshments. Tickets \$15. Send payment to Marilyn Wlazewski: 804 Gibraltar Rd, Reading, PA 19606. Call Michele Datko with questions: 610-955-1421.



Happy Birthday to Angelina Calpino, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 1st! Wishing her a very special day filled with joy, love, and wonderful memories as she reaches this incredible milestone.



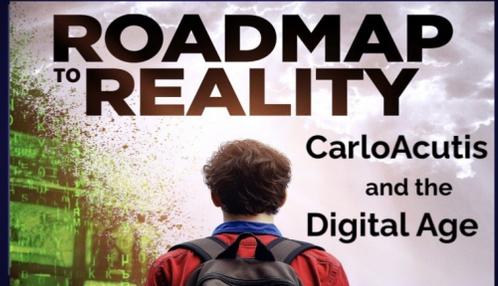
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MASS OF THANKSGIVING

SATURDAY 11 APRIL
2026



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN
CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

St. Catharine of Siena
Faith & Family presents
Matinee Movie
Saturday, March 28, 2026
Msgr Smith Social Hall



Doors open @ 2:00
Movie starts @ 2:30*
Light refreshments offered
No RSVP required
*Attend Mass Afterward

Hallow Tips - Discover Feature: When you want to pray but are unsure what to pray, you can use the Discover button at the bottom of your home screen to search for Prayers, Categories, Bible verses, etc. I searched "John Paul II" and got a list of associated prayers. Examples of Categories include Kids & Teens, Pro-Life, Sleep Music, Mary, Psalms, Gratitude, etc. We look forward to praying with you!!!

Gn 12: 1-4a: God calls Abraham and promises to make him a leader of a great nation respected by all.

2 Tm 1:8b-10: God has saved us. He has called us to a holy life. He has brought life to us through the good news of the Gospel.

Mt 17:1-9: Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. God acknowledges his Son and bids the disciples to listen to Him. Jesus asks them not to reveal this vision until after the Resurrection.

Today's Message: Abram places trust in God's promise of making His name and descendants great on earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

EUCHARISTIC 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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – Meeting Room
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall
PREP FIRST RECONCILIATION LEVEL 2 – 6:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall
PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m.- School

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.
SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
OCIA - 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

KNIGHTS' FISH FRY – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00 p.m. - Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

PRAY THE ROSARY- 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
YOUNG SAINTS MINISTRY – 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Social Hall
JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

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 8th - Kennedy House.** Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.



**For the week of March 1st
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Larry Curtin

St. Mary's - Bill Stevens

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

7:15 Lou Mory

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

7:15 Shelia Di Cerchio
7:00 p.m. Sandra Bibbo (7th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

7:15 David Walter
7:00 p.m. Rose De Palma

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
7:00 p.m. Health of Joe & Patty Barker

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

7:15 Mary Malecki

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 John Durante
4:30 Robert & Pauline Brandfon

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 Debra Linton
9:30 Deceased Members of the William R. & Anna Bollendorf Family
11:30 Rose & Joseph Andrejewski

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 1, 2026

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Collection totals for January

January 4, 2026	\$20,742
January 11, 2026	\$26,168
January 18, 2026	\$10,745
January 25, 2026	\$28,640

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/2	Rev. Thomas Osei Gyau
Tuesday 3/3	Rev. Abraham Ha
Wednesday 3/4	Rev. Msgr. William E. Hanges
Thursday 3/5	Rev. James M. Harper
Friday 3/6	Rev. John G. Hilferty
Saturday 3/7	Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me to drink." Even though you may have heard these words many times in your lifetime, we are pretty sure the shelves in your homes have plenty of food on them. It's hard to think that some families don't have many basic necessities. That's why

each year the St. Vincent De Paul Society of your parish does the Annual Lenten Food Collection. As you put your groceries away, please put a can or two aside for those whose shelves are almost bare and bring them to Church on March 21st and March 22nd. We will collect them and give them to our neighbors in need.

Parish Nurse News - More on Positive thinking! Approach unpleasantness in a positive way. Think the best will happen, not the worst. Be optimistic and see the benefits! Lower rates of depression, pain, illnesses, distress. Increased mind and body well-being, and coping during hardship and stress. Well worth the effort of practice! (mayoclinic>stop negative self-talk to reduce stress, Nov. 2023)

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

All information for the bulletin of March 22 & 29th must be received Wednesday, March 11th.

READING CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961 - 65th CLASS REUNION SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026- NOON TO 3PM WYOMISSING FAMILY RESTAURANT For reservations, contact Sandy Boldt Post Phone 610-796-0694 or E-mail postsandra43@gmail.com

Joseph's People - Berks & Lehigh County Chapter If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Mar. 10th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Maximizing LinkedIn." 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



LENTEN FISH FRY - 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 Fry is compliments of the quartet of Fred Nowotarski, Mitch Milaneck, 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: **Kathleen Stanley; Joyce Kramer & Leonard Turzo** & 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.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY APRIL 18th, 2026

ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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, Sgt. & 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.



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL



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Ps. 37:4-5



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- Single?
- Still in college?
- College grad?
- Working?
- Want to learn more about the call to Holy Matrimony & the Religious Life?

Join us on 4th Fridays!
Starting: Friday, Mar 27th, 2026
at 5:30pm



- Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Vespers
- Pizza
- Community
- Guest speakers!

Free attendance!



St. Theresa's Convent
1408 Easton Rd., Hellertown, PA 18055
(Parking in School Parking Lot, Entrance on Wilson Ave)

For more info. contact: 267-775-1222 or marianmisioneras@gmail.com



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.

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! The deadline for Everybody's Birthday reservations will be March 25, 2026!

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.



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