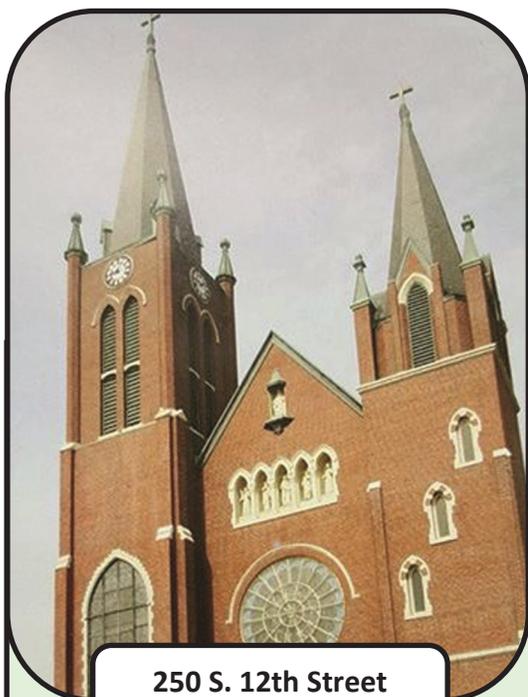


# Saint Mary's

# 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  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

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Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
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P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204  
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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)

Phone: 610-779-4005  
Parish Website: [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)  
Parish Email: [saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com](mailto:saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com)

#### ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

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Phone: 610-779-8535

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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.

St. Mary's News

Saturday, March 21st - 3:30 p.m. - Francis Skoraszewski (13th Anniversary)  
 Sunday, March 22nd - 10:30 a.m. - Kompa, Skimski & Meunier Families  
 Saturday, March 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Walter LaSota  
 Sunday, March 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Boguslaw "Billy" Mietelski

**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.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Lenten Prayer Service on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:15 pm to be followed by regular evening Mass at 7 pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend as we approach Holy Week.



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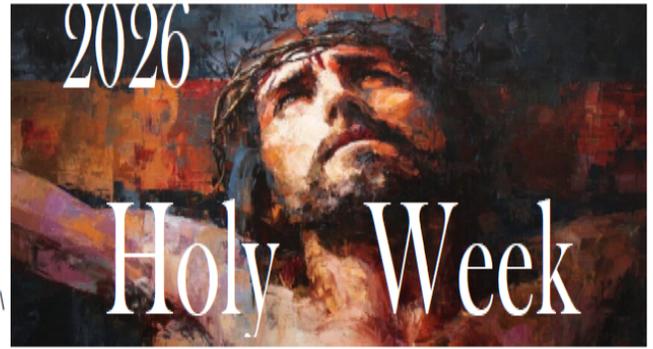
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**PALM SUNDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

Palms blessed and distributed at all masses. Regular Mass Times.  
 Solemn Mass at 11:30 a.m. begins outside under the portico (Incense Used)

**Monday of Holy Week, March 30<sup>th</sup>** Mass at 7:15 am.

Penance Service with multiple priests at 7 pm

**Tuesday & Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>** Masses at 7:15 am

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

MASS of THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 p.m. (Incense Used)

Night Prayer at the Repository 10:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. (Divine Mercy Novena begins)

LITURGY of THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH 3:00 pm

No evening services on Friday night

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am (no confessions or 4:30 p.m. Mass)

BLESSING of EASTER FOOD at St. Mary's 10 a.m. (no 3:30 p.m. mass)

EASTER VIGIL 8:00 p.m. (Incense Used) Begins under the portico.

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Mass (with music: organ and cantor)

9:30 am (Guitar Group Mass) Incense Used

11:30 am (Choir Mass) Incense Used

10:30 am Mass at St. Mary's Incense Used

**Ez 37:12-14:** The Lord promises to bring His people back to their homeland. He will be with them and they will know Him.

**Rom 8:8-11:** The followers of Jesus live in the Spirit of God. The same Spirit who brought Jesus back to life will bring mortal bodies to life since God's Spirit dwells in them.

**Jn 11:1-45:** Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, died and was buried. When Jesus came, He assured them that He was the resurrection and the life. Jesus gave life back to Lazarus.

**Today's Message:** Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because He has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

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

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 24**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRAYER SERVICE – 6:15 p.m. - Church

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m.- School

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

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 27**

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

KNIGHTS' FISH FRY -5:00-7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

PRAY THE ROSARY- 7:30 a.m.

FAITH & FAMILY MATINEE MOVIE – 2:00 p.m. -Social Hall

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

8:00 Cora Nacar

4:30 Thomas Fry

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

7:30 Joshua R. Griffith

9:30 Mary Hopko

11:30 Gertrude Druzba

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

7:15 Barbara Wright

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

7:15 Mary Malecki

7:00 p.m. Nathan Bilski

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

7:15 Anne Essig

7:00 p.m. Anthony Genovese

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

7:15 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Irena Bezak

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

7:15 Deceased of the Pingitore & Bonanno Families

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

8:00 Theresa & William Bryan

4:30 Josephine Farrell

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

7:30 Geraldine Russo (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 Albert Godlewski

11:30 Dr. Clete Cinelli

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of March 22, 2026**

**Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday**

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday**

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday**

Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday**

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday**

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54



**For the week of March 22nd  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Christine & Stanley Szurgot**

**St. Mary's - Intentions of the Licht Family**

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 3/23	Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn
Tuesday 3/24	Rev. Martin F. Kern
Wednesday 3/25	Rev. Simon Kimaryo, A.J.
Thursday 3/26	Rev. Jose Kochuparambil
Friday 3/27	Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons
Saturday 3/28	Rev. David J. Kozak



**Kidney Donor Needed**

My name is Robert Finely (parishioner), and I am currently seeking a kidney donor. If you would like to learn more about my story,

get information about kidney donation, or find out how to be tested as a potential donor, please visit [www.nkr.org/THM452](http://www.nkr.org/THM452).

**We Are Pro-Life** - As Catholics, our Pro-Life message of "Respect Life" should not be focused on just one 'month' of the year in October, but should be our focus each day of every month. Our USCCB have dedicated this month of March to couples experiencing infertility. These bishops encourage praying one decade of a Rosary for 'these couples', beginning with: "May couples struggling with infertility respect God's design for the creation of new life". **NOTE** - The Respect Life - Prayer and Action page is available in the back of the Church. Please pick one up. Find out what is morally wrong with IVF, and why it does not fall under the Church's approved ethical fertility treatments of "restorative reproductive medicine", here: <https://www.respectlife.org/catholic-primer-ivf> Are you or someone you know struggling with infertility? Look into the many morally appropriate 'help' options available here: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/nfp-national-providers>

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, April 14th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Attend and working a Job Fair." 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](mailto:pauljosephlicata@gmail.com), [www.josephspeople.org](http://www.josephspeople.org)

**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 22nd - Alvernia Students Trip & March 29th - Rice Bowl. Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity  
**YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SUSTAIN OUR PARISH!**

*Come Join Us for*  
**BINGO**

Enjoy a night out filled with laughter, great company, prizes and BINGO!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 6:30PM**  
DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM AT SCS CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

**FOOD | DRINKS | RAFFLES | CASH PRIZES**

*Get tickets now*

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD & CYO

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

**ROADMAP TO REALITY**  
Carlo Acutis and the Digital Age

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



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, 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 Cunnus, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia, 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, Charlotte Graus, David J. Gubernot, Clara Hartline, Marie Hartranft, Terry Hayward, William M. Hedl, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Carole Hess, 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 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, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Dave Rickert, 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, Pat White, 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* **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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).***

# Hallow

## Tip & Tricks!

**Faith Formation Parents Small Group:** I'm excited to share that Hallow created a new small group on our Church page for parents to pray with their children. To join, click the Church tab at the bottom of your home screen, then Small Groups at the top and select Faith Formation Parents. The Library in that group currently has Family Mass Prep, the Family Rule of Life and Bedtime Prayers. You can find additional content for children on the home screen. Please encourage families to join the small group so you can pray together and instill a habit of prayer in your children. We look forward to praying with you and your children!!!



**SCS Knights 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament**



**SATURDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am Play Starts at 11:30 am  
( If raining, moved indoors to Social Hall )

(includes beef BBQ, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional fixings and snacks)

Cost: \$60 per Team

Tournament Sponsorships Available (including for each Cornhole Court)

Limited to those 21 years of age or older Registration Deadline: April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Prizes:** 1st Place = \$250 2nd Place = \$150 3rd Place = \$100  
4th Place = \$75 5th Place = \$50

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

or

CONTACT JOHN ARTY @ (484) 269-4195

*Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!*

*The SCS Knights thank you for your continued support !*

The profits from the Cornhole Tournament 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.

**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**

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! **Start time is 12:00 noon!**

**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.



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