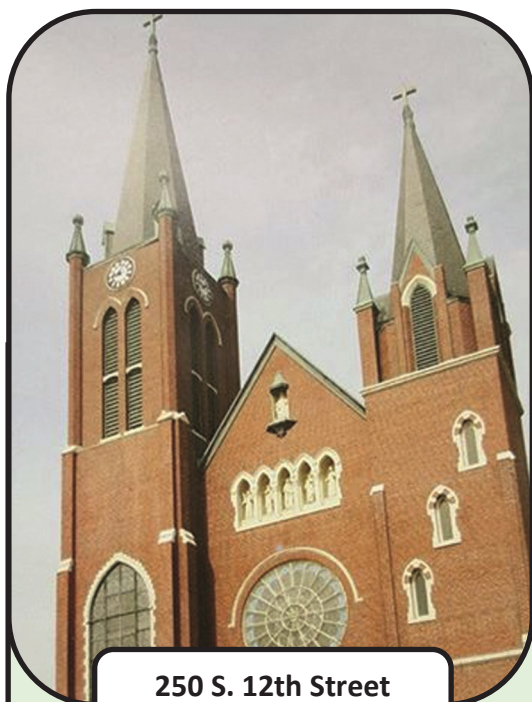


Saint Mary's

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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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.

St. Mary's News

Saturday, April 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Richard Zaorski
Sunday, April 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Walter LaSota
Sunday, April 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased Members of the Hartranft & Klinikowski Families
Saturday, April 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Nicholas Nowotarski

This year's Lenten Pierogi Sale was a huge success! Thank you to the volunteers of the Pierogi Society who worked hard to make this sale such a success. The Pierogi Society made 1,169 dozen pierogis, or 14,028 individual pierogis. The profit from this year's sales was \$11,200.00. A sincere thank you to all who made this year's sale so successful.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The novena will conclude today at 3:00 p.m. in the Church with a Eucharistic Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sacrament of Penance will be available at 2:30 p.m., followed by the novena prayers and the Divine Mercy Chaplet during the Holy Hour. Any person who participates in the devotions on Divine Mercy Sunday may obtain a plenary indulgence. [This is not a Mass.](#)

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our Parish Family congratulates these “New Catholics” and welcomes them into the faith community of St. Catharine of Siena. God’s blessings and heartfelt joy to our new parish members!

Welcome to Our New Catholics!

Catechumen

*Aiden Ayscue
Rebecca Devlin
Xavius Eschleman
Michael Kerns
Jonathan Menet
Jalienne Olivencia
Alex Schickler*

Candidates

*Joshua Anderson
Delilah Camargo
Hayden Crist
Toni Floriani
Nicole Italiano
Madalyn Kerr
Steve Minnich
Crystal O'Hara
Israel Rivera
Jasmine Rivera
Edell Rivera
Jessica Sedor
Ashley Varady
Alyssa Wadsworth
Zorita Zampitella*

Acts 2:42-47: The faithful lived a common life, sharing all their goods. The Apostles worked many miracles. They prayed together and broke bread. Their numbers increased daily.

1 Pt 1:3-9: God, our Father, has given us a new hope in Jesus, a birthright kept in heaven. Although there may be suffering, this is at the same time a cause for rejoicing. Faith in Jesus will bring salvation.

Jn 20:19-31: Jesus appears to the disciples, coming through locked doors. He shows them His hands and side. He greets them in peace and gives them the power to forgive sins. A week later, Jesus appears again directly to Thomas who now professes his belief.

Today's Message: Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen Him, we believe in Him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
8th GRADE BAKE SALE – after all Masses-Social Hall Entrance
SUNDAY SOCIAL – after 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Masses – Social Hall
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA – 3:00 pm Church
YOUNG SAINTS MINISTRY – 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Social Hall
SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 13

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, APRIL 15

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. - Church
PREP CLOSING MASS – 6:30 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.
SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MTG. -7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.
CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Pavilion and Social Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
BLOOD DRIVE – Social Hall
JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 John Walter Burns
4:30 George & Mary Edmunds

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan
9:30 Marie Martha Briand
11:30 Terry Mscichowski

MONDAY, APRIL 13

7:15 Anna L. Finley

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7:15 Alvin Heck (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7:15 Elmer Whitaker
6:30 PM PREP Students and Faculty Closing Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

7:15 Theresa Stelmach

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

7:15 Edward Gibney, Sr. (50th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 Anna Dietrich
4:30 Thaddeus A. Malecki, Jr. (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 James K. Evans
9:30 Dorothea Burns
11:30 Elizabeth Horvath (3rd Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 12, 2026

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Please join us on this Sunday after all Masses for a Delicious Bake Sale supporting the 8th grade Dinner Dance. Cash and Venmo will be accepted. Lots of yummy treats to choose from!

Everyone is invited to the social hall for donuts, fruit, coffee, juice and fellowship after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses this Sunday. Thank you to our hosts for this month - the 50+ Club!



**For the week of April 12th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Theresa M. Rizzo (10th Anniversary)

St. Mary's - Bogdan Janiszewski

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/13	Rev. David Lopez, F.S.S.P.
Tuesday 4/14	Rev. Philip J. Maas
Wednesday 4/15	Rev. Stephen L. Maco
Thursday 4/16	Rev. Leo J. Maletz
Friday 4/17	Rev. John C. Maria
Saturday 4/18	Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin

HOSPITAL VISITATION - The priests of the parish are interested in visiting parishioners when they are in the hospital. However, hospitals no longer automatically inform parishes when a parishioner is admitted. We will be able to visit only if we know you are in a hospital. It is most helpful to us when you or a family member notifies the parish office at 610-779-4005.

INDIVIDUAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If you are planning to go to the hospital for surgery or extended care, contact the parish office at 610-779-4005 before you go in order to arrange for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday - Bishop Schlerf will celebrate the 11 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026 at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are those adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

Parish Nurse News - Broccoli, the multi-faceted vegetable for Health! Broccoli is anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant, fiber-rich, great for heart and whole body health. Enjoy broccoli fresh, cooked, lightly salted, lightly buttered, sprinkle with cheese, or in casseroles, the list goes on! (R.U.Syed, 2023, Pub Med Central)



Congratulations to Harry & Leonette Trainer who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary recently. May they be blessed with many more years together!

St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood drive on Sunday, April 20th, 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.

A promotional poster for a bingo event. The background is black with several gold and black balloons. The text 'Come Join Us for' is written in a white, cursive font. Below it, the word 'BINGO' is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath 'BINGO', the text 'Enjoy a night out filled with laughter, great company, prizes and BINGO!' is written in a smaller white font. A yellow banner contains the text 'SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 6:30PM'. Below the banner, it says 'DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM AT SCS CHURCH SOCIAL HALL'. At the bottom, it lists 'FOOD | DRINKS | RAFFLES | CASH PRIZES'. There is a QR code and a handwritten-style graphic that says 'Get tickets now' with an arrow pointing to the QR code. At the very bottom, it says 'BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD & CYO'.

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 Cunnius, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, **Msgr. Edward R. Domin**, Roseanne Dougherty, Cory Doyen, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebricht, Charles Elchlepp, Ann Entzinger, 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 Grauf, 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, Christine T. Kuzio, 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, Chris Plue, 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, Marty Strunk, 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, Marcia Willman, 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.**

March Sunday Collections

March 1, 2026 \$21,493
March 8, 2026 \$23,879
March 15, 2026 \$17,922
March 22, 2026 \$18,926
March 29, 2026 \$23,478

Thank you for your support!

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Parish Office - 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

TIPS and TRICKS

FREE Premium Accounts: If you want to use the Hallow app regularly to increase your prayer life, Father Miller has a number of FREE premium subscriptions to gift to Parishioners. If you would like to receive one of these gifts, please contact Lisa at wdy561@yahoo.com for more information and the redemption code for the gift. We look forward to praying with you!!!



It's time for Vacation Bible School! At Rainforest Falls Totally Catholic VBS, kids explore the nature of God—discovering who God is and how much he loves them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, make crafts and devour yummy treats, experience one of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect

Bible Memory Buddies, and test out sciency fun experiments they'll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Canopy Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Scan the QR code above for more information or to register!

VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 22, 2026 thru June 26, 2026 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2026. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available by scanning the QR Code or at www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.



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

May 6, 2025: Pamela Matheos from the District Attorney's office will speak about scams

June 3, 2026:

Kristianne Reinhart, a physical therapist from Tower Health, specializing in vestibular therapy and balance disorders, will present and show us how to help ourselves or someone else with balancing issues through correct exercises.

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

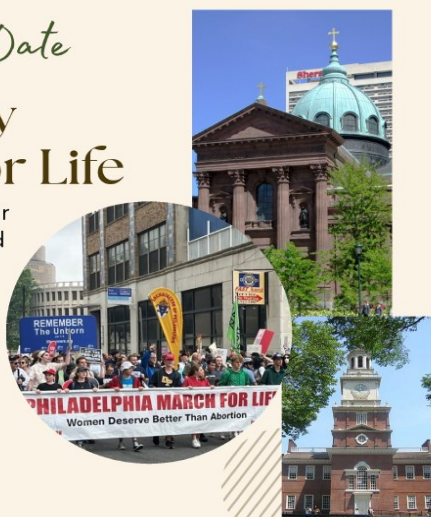
Please call Bev Bard, 610-763-5654 for additional trip information.

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.

Save the Date
Philly
March for Life

A day of unity for our unborn brothers and sisters

- Holy Mass at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral
- March to Independence Mall
- Rally at the Mall



All are welcome to join in this public witness for life.

Saturday,
April 25th

Mass at 8:00 AM
March at 9:00 AM
Rally at 10:00 AM



Featuring Ryan Bomberger
co-founder
Radiance Foundation



MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MASS

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

7 P.M., 2026

CELEBRATED BY
BISHOP ALFRED SCHLERT



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