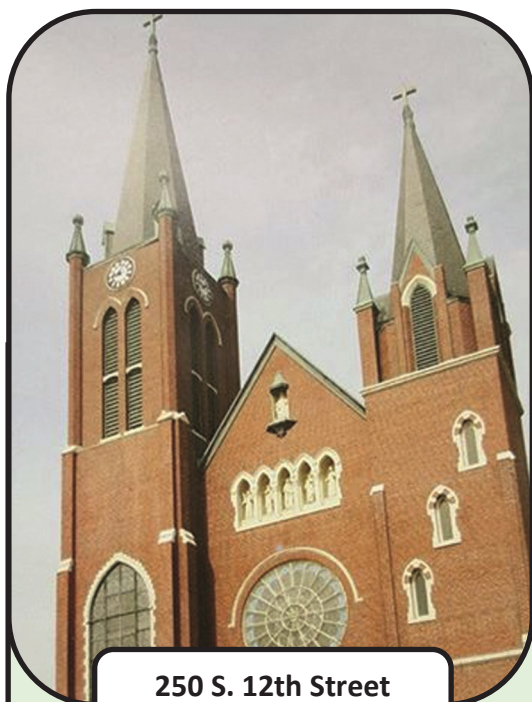


# Saint Mary's

# 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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Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services

P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
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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 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**

Sunday, April 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased Members of the Hartranft & Klinikowski Families  
Saturday, April 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Nicholas Nowotarski  
Sunday, April 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Vinny Baro  
Saturday, April 26th - 10:30 a.m. - Helen Nachurski

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.



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we kick off the 2026 *Because We Are Catholic* Annual Appeal. This year holds a special significance as we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our Diocese—a true Jubilee Year of Grace.

I want to begin by offering my sincere thanks for the remarkable generosity you have shown in the past. As your pastor, I am constantly moved by how you live out your faith through your stewardship.

Bishop Schlert has dedicated this year as a "Eucharistic and Marian Year," a time to give thanks for our many blessings while imploring new graces for the future of our local Church. Our Appeal is the heartbeat of this mission. It allows us to bring the Light of Christ to our neighbors in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties.

When you support the Appeal, you are personally feeding the hungry, welcoming students of all abilities into our schools, and walking alongside young couples as they prepare for marriage.

Our parish goal this year is \$106,875.00. I am prayerfully asking you to join me in making a gift to help us reach this mark. My hope is for 100% participation; remember, no gift is too small when given with a grateful heart.

We truly are stronger together. Through our collective sacrifice, we ensure that the mercy of God reaches every corner of our Diocese.

To make your gift, please return the pledge form you received in the mail, visit [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org), or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

May this Jubilee Year be a time of great renewal for you and your families.

With gratitude,

Father Brian Miller

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 6:30PM**

DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM AT SCS CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

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

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**Acts 2:14, 22-33:** Peter proposes in short summary the name, work, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. The Church teaches that although some of the authorities of Christ's time bear responsibility for carrying out His execution, this charge must not be laid against all the Jewish people of Jesus' day or of our own. We are all responsible for sin and our Lord's suffering.

**1 Pt 1:17-21:** As followers of Jesus, we have been ransomed by His Blood. Through Him, we are believers in God who raised Jesus from the dead. Our faith and hope are in Him.

**Lk 24:13-35:** Two disciples who do not recognize Jesus walk with Him. Cleopas tells about Jesus-His miracles, Passion, Death, and Resurrection, and the hope Israel had in Him. Finally, in the breaking of the bread they see that Jesus is with them, truly risen.

**Today's Message:** Through the blood of Jesus, we have been delivered from the power of sin. We recognize Him in the breaking of the bread, the one whom God raised from the dead and who now sits at his right hand forever.

### **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

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

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 20**

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

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Mtg. Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.  
ROSARY MAKING CLASS – 10:00-noon- Meeting Room  
SCHOOL BINGO – 5:30 p.m. – Social Hall

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

SOCIAL SUNDAY – following all Masses  
CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room  
SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

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

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

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

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 20**

7:15 Robert & Miriam Lenich

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

7:15 Julius Bennett

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

7:15 Ralph Mellinger, Jr. (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

7:15 Helen & Harry Frey

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

7:15 Deceased of the O'Brien & Porcaro Families

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

8:00 John Sadlowski (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

4:30 Ralph Orlando (26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

7:30 Joseph Khac Nguyen  
9:30 Dolores B. Jancuska (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
11:30 Deceased Members of the Nuccio & Impellizzeri Families

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **For the Week of April 19, 2026**

#### **Sunday**

##### **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

#### **Monday**

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

#### **Tuesday**

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

#### **Wednesday**

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

#### **Thursday**

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

#### **Friday**

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

#### **Saturday**

##### **Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist**

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

##### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



**For the week of April 19th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn in  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Pauline Della Croce**

**St. Mary's - Joseph Albrecht**

## THIRSDAY SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/20	Rev. Keith A. Mathur
Tuesday 4/21	Rev. Msgr. John B. McCann
Wednesday 4/22	Rev. Robert J. McConaghy
Thursday 4/23	Rev. Brian M. Miller
Friday 4/24	Rev. Michael I. Miller, M.S.C.
Saturday 4/25	Rev. Ronald J. Minner

*The St. Vincent DePaul group will be hosting hospitality Sunday after all Masses on Sunday, April 26th in the social hall. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy coffee, juice, fruit, doughnuts and fellowship!*

**Parish Nurse News** - Friendship is a two-way street that can have a powerful impact on health and well-being. The simple pleasure of laughter with others helps relieve stress and can briefly lessen life's seriousness! Seek to meet others through community and church events, volunteering, take a college or community education course, and stay positive. Not everyone is a friend at first, enjoy meeting new people! (WebMD, Feb. 2026)

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday - Bishop Schlert 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.

### Third Sunday of Easter Emmaus Amazement

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. That leads to the second point. They were amazed at how Jesus explained the scriptures. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their story can help us, too. If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there. Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him.

Tom Schmidt

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



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Family Rosary after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on staying after Mass for this special rosary intention as a way to honor Mary and all the mothers of the parish. We hope to see you then.

**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.



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: Elise Wood & Pierce Schmehl

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 Ebright, 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 Gladfelder, Theresa Grabowski, Joe Grippe, Charlotte Grauf, David J. Gubernot, Doris Harner, 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, Louise Orlando, 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, Danielle Trout, 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: Marion Kurtz & 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

## TIPS and TRICKS

**Streaks:** Hallow keeps track of the days in a row you have done at least one prayer. To check your Streak, go to the "Me" tab at the bottom of the home screen and click "Streak" to see your current streak, longest streak, goals completed and total minutes prayed. You can edit your weekly prayer goal at the bottom of that screen. Try starting each day with a quick prayer and see how high your streak can go. We look forward to praying with you!!!



# ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL



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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](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com).

Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto: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

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.**



## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MASS

WEDNESDAY

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MAY

7 PM, 2026

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