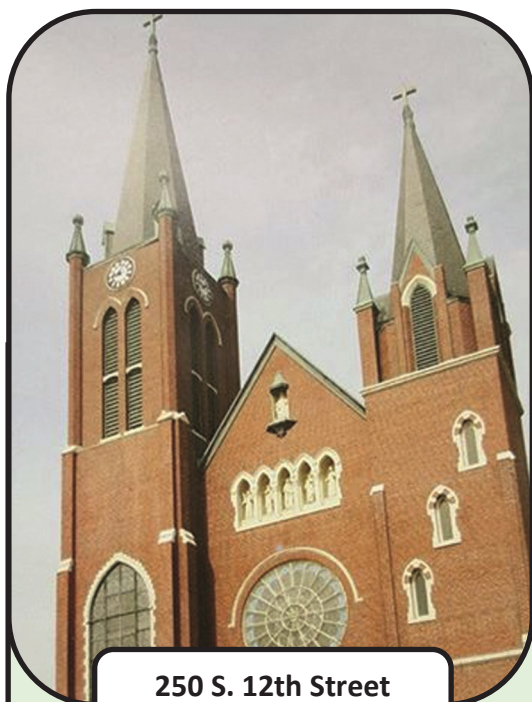


Saint Mary's

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, Principal
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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.

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Phone: 610-779-4005
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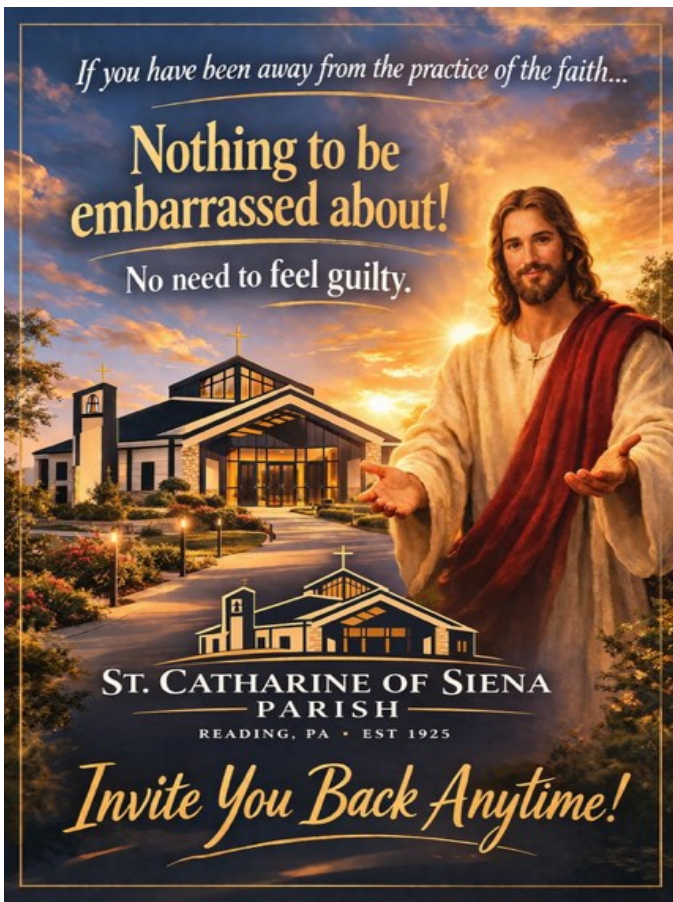
St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement

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, May 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Jan Zmuda
Sunday, May 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Stefania & Feliks Licinski
Saturday, May 16th - 3:30 p.m. - Christopher Weglinski
Sunday, May 17th - 10:30 a.m. - Peter J. & Regina H. Shepos

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 17th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30PM. Cost is \$105. per golfer and includes greens fee, cart, refreshments, lunch, dinner, tee gift and prizes. Proceeds support the Polish American Cultural Center at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. For questions, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is June 10th.



Ordination Dinner Celebration

The Diocese of Allentown invites you to attend the Ordination Celebration Dinner on Thursday, June 18, 2026, honoring our newly ordained priests. The evening will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish in Allentown. A reception will follow from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Lehigh Country Club. All are welcome to join in this joyful celebration of the Priesthood and to support these men in their vocation. The cost is \$65 per person. Register at allentowndiocese.org. For more information, please contact Michele Mullikin at mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org

The faithful of the Diocese of Allentown are warmly invited to Evening Prayer on Friday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, on the eve of the Ordination of six new priests. Bishop Schlert will begin the evening by blessing the chalices that the new priests will use at the Altar in their priestly ministry. All are welcome — no ticket or registration required.

Banns of Ordination

Rev. Mr. Jeffrey S. Fomczyk, who resides in this parish, has been called to the Order of the Presbyterate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D. D., Bishop of Allentown. Rev. Mr. Fomczyk will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Banns of Ordination

Rev. Mr. Tyler D. Davis, having been assigned to St. Catharine of Siena Parish, Reading, has been called to the Order of the Presbyterate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D. D., Bishop of Allentown. Rev. Mr. Davis will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Acts 1:12-14: After the Ascension, the Apostles returned to pray in the upper room at Jerusalem. Mary and some other women were with them. They prayed continuously for nine days.

1 Pt 4:13-16: We should rejoice in sharing the suffering of Jesus; for this we should not be ashamed. Beware, however, not to violate the rights of others.

Jn 17:1-11a: Jesus prays to His Father, noting that the work given Him is finished. The Father is known on earth. Jesus prays for His Apostles to whom He entrusted the good news of salvation.

Today's Message: Jesus, having completed the work of His Father, speaks of returning to Him and of being glorified. As we share in His glory, so too do we share in Christ's suffering. We have nothing to fear, however, since the Lord is our refuge. In His name do we gather, attentive to the Spirit.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 17

FAMILY ROSARY – following the 9:30 a.m. Mass - Church
CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
NEW PARISHIONERS' BRUNCH – 12:30 p.m. - Social Hall
JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, MAY 18

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass
CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Church

TUESDAY, MAY 19

PARISH HOURS - 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

PARISH HOURS – 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Church
FR. MILLER'S REFLECTION – 6:00 p.m. – Church
LEGACY OF FAITH FINANCIAL SEMINAR – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 21

PARISH HOURS – 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.
SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MTG – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 22

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

SATURDAY, MAY 23

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

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, MAY 16

8:00 Maria Cuesta (12th Anniversary)

4:30 Jim Mc Ginnis

SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:30 Irena Bezak

9:30 Nicholas Mesisca (10th Anniversary)

11:30 Deceased of the Koch & Price Families

MONDAY, MAY 18

7:15 Carole Lotz

TUESDAY, MAY 19

7:15 Allen G. Barber

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:15 Linda Swavely (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

7:15 Barbara Balla

FRIDAY, MAY 22

7:15 Joseph Daly

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:00 Francis Bambrick

4:30 Charles E. Mathews (4th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:30 Lotz & Swankoski Families

9:30 Kitty Wright

11:30 Frank & Catherine Capilo

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 17, 2026

Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;

10:19-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Nature and Spirituality: A Day of Prayer and Reflection – May 30, 2026 – 9:30am–3:00pm

Join us for a day of prayer and reflection, dedicated to slowing down and listening to God's voice in the quiet whispers of nature. We will explore our relationship with creation and see how the natural world shapes our spirituality. Sr. Jacinta Kioko, a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood, will guide us in our reflection. She is currently the Program Director at Mariawald Renewal Center. Her area of expertise is in Christian Theology and Spirituality. To Register call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email mariawaldcenter@gmail.com Register before May 28, 2026

Cost for the day [Lunch included]: \$40.00



**For the week of May 17, 2026
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Max Curtin

St. Mary's - Stella (Sikorski) Albrecht

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/18	Rev. Robert F. Rienzo
Tuesday 5/19	Rev. Anthony Ripp, M.S.C.
Wednesday 5/20	Rev. Eugene P. Ritz
Thursday 5/21	Rev. Philip F. Rodgers
Friday 5/22	Rev. Juan E. Rodriguez
Saturday 5/23	Rev. Paul L. Rothermel

Parish Nurse News - Food for Brain Health! Get enough protein with beans, legumes, fish, nuts, poultry, and red meat in moderation. Eat the rainbow! Make family plates colorful with fruits and vegetables, and try new recipes in meal planning. Enjoy! (my.clevelandclinic.org)

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.

Siena Stitchers would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing our handmade items at Easter. All proceeds went to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your support is truly appreciated.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal*. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.



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.



For those of you who are parents, do you remember the baby shower your friends had for you, and how you appreciated all the little outfits, diapers, onesies, etc.? You can be a friend to less

fortunate moms-to-be by bringing a baby item to the church for the St. Vincent De Paul baby gift collection. These moms-to-be will be as excited and grateful as you were to receive these gifts! The gift collection will end May 24th. Monetary donations can be made by dropping an envelope marked “Baby Shower” in the poor box or by taking home a baby bottle (located on the shower tables) to collect your extra change. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter and Catholic Charities. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated!

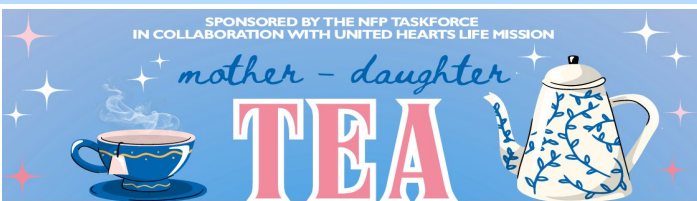


Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

a time to be born... Recently Baptized: **Harper & Liam Lukenda**

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, David Austin, 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, Sandra Brobst, 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, **Mmgr. Edward R. Domin**, Roseanne Dougherty, Cory Doyen, 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, Lillianna Greenberg, 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, 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**, 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: Genny Kopel, (daughter of Thomas & Pamela Kopel); Jadwiga Starosciak & Sebastin Adesso & 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.**



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Guidance Regarding Upcoming Ordination Mass - Due to the limited seating of the Cathedral, attendance at the Ordination Mass on Saturday, June 6 is *by ticket only*. Each of the six Ordinands has been given a designated number of tickets to share with his family and invited guests, which will fill the Cathedral to capacity. There are no additional tickets available through the Chancery or by request. The Mass will be livestreamed on ad-today.com/live and youtube.com/@DioceseofAllentown.org It will also be televised on Service Electric Channel 50.

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

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.

July 1, 2026: Tara DeStefano, PennDOT, Community Traffic Safety Coordinator, will show and explain the Yellow Dot Program for Emergencies.

Trips

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.

Hallow

Tips & Tricks - Bible in a Year: If you haven't listened to the Bible in a Year with Father Mike Schmitz, you are missing out on a great opportunity to have the entire Bible read to you in 365 episodes along with commentary and reflections. Stick with it even if you miss days, and once you're done, go to the link below, add your name, and print out a Completion Certificate: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-certificate>



If you completed it already . . . CONGRATULATIONS and be sure to print your Completion Certificate. You can also listen to Catechism in a Year on Hallow and get a certificate at the end. We look forward to continuing to pray with you.

Volunteer Teachers & Teacher's Aide Needed To Teach English

Help change people's lives serving the Church in a fun, friendly & faith filled environment!!!



- This program teaches English to adult non-native speakers.
- You will lead or help lead a curriculum-based ESL 90 minutes weekly classes in-person for 8-10 weeks.
- Location: Diocesan Hispanic Center by St. Paul's Gym, 219 W Susquehanna St, Allentown, PA 18103
- Wednesdays: 5:00-6:30pm or 7:00-8:30pm
- Training & Textbooks provided.
- Another way to help is monetary support for materials and other items.



For more information on how to help, please contact:

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