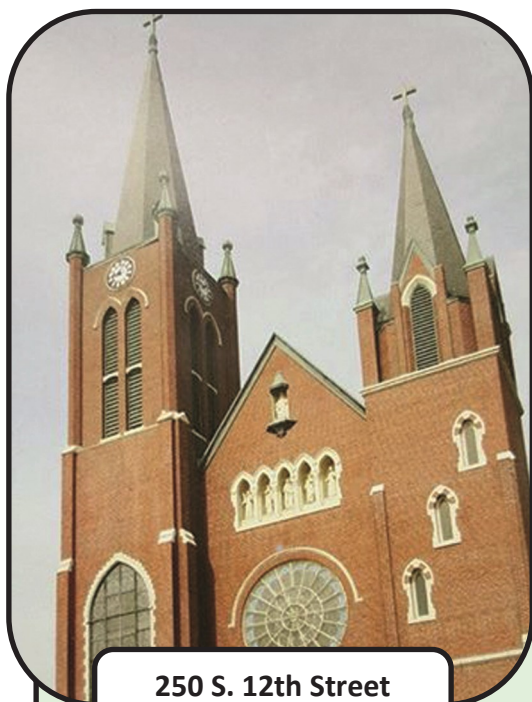


Saint Mary's



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
Rev. Tyler Davis, Parochial Vicar
Deacon John Stapleton
Deacon Gregory Schneider
Mrs. Cythnia Williamson, Principal
Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
Direct Line: (800) 791-9209
Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W,
M.S. Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human
Services

P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service
1-800-276-1562, www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



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
Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-5810 • www.scsreading.org

PREP OFFICE: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-8535

PRE-SCHOOL:

Phone: 610-779-5810

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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Mary's Masses

Saturday, August 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased Members of the Skoczen & Osowski Families

Sunday, August 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Donna Wrobel

Saturday, August 8th - 3:30 p.m. - Renee Brzostek

Sunday, August 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Anna Nowotarski

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their annual picnic on Sunday, August 23rd, starting at 1:00PM at the Lower Alsace Fire Co. Picnic Grove, Roosevelt St. & Columbia Ave., Stony Creek Mills. Polish & American Food, Refreshments and Music. Members: \$15. Non-Members: \$20. Reservations are a must. Deadline is Monday, August 10th. For reservations or more information, call Nadine at 610-736-3035.

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be running a bus trip to the Pocono Mtns. (East Stroudsburg & Stroudsburg) on Sunday, October 11th leaving from the Lowe's in Exeter parking lot at 10AM and returning back in Reading around 9PM. Member: \$55. Non-Member: \$60. Deadline for reservations is September 10, 2026. For more info or if questions, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523.

Volunteers Needed to Help Sell Tickets! We are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets for our Buffet Dinner Fundraiser! Monday, September 14, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., YR Club, Wyomissing. Enjoy an evening of great food and live music by "The Burners" while supporting a wonderful cause. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary's Church Fund. Tickets: \$35.00 per person, and are available at the Parish Center. If you would like to volunteer to help sell tickets or would like more information, please contact: Larry Lubas 484-437-5141.



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PRESENTS A

"KNIGHT AT THE RACES"



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

DINNER STARTING 5:30 PM

1ST RACE POST TIME: 6:15 PM

St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall – 4975 Boyertown Pike

COST: \$30.00 per person

(Admission includes: Hot Roast Beef & Roast Turkey Sliders, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad, Homemade Desserts, Snacks, Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee & Water)

NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED

10 Horse Races

Opportunity to Name a Race Horse-\$5.00

Money Wheel

50/50 Drawing

Door Prizes

QUESTIONS: CONTACT BRYAN SCOLICK @ 610-823-5193

ALL EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCS KNIGHTS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BASED CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

The SCS Knights are grateful and very blessed for your historical support of our Council's events. Because of you, we are able to contribute to and satisfy many needs within our Church and local community. Many thanks!



**St. Catharine of Siena
Knights of Columbus**

ANNUAL WINTER COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Knights are holding their annual winter "Coats for Kids" program for this coming Winter season.

This year, the Knights have procured a blanket to accompany the delivery of each coat provided.

A very special THANK YOU to the "Blankets of Hope" organization for the blankets.

St. Catharine's parishioners have been financially supportive of this effort over the years and the Knights are extremely grateful. Through the SCS Knights and the SCS parishioners, we have been able to provide approximately 100 winter coats to needy children each year.

If you are interested in contributing to this effort, as many of you have over the years, please send a check made payable to



"Knights of Columbus #14880"
and on the check memo line please indicate
"Contribution to KofC Coats for Kids"

Send to:
SCS Knights of Columbus
Attn: Coats for Kids Coordinator
4975 Boyertown Pike
Reading, PA 19606

The SCS Knights are very grateful and thankful for all the parish support of our community and parish based charitable endeavors. Without all of you, we could not do what we do!

Is 55:1-3: Sharing in the happiness of the kingdom is God's free gift to all who thirst for God.

Rom 8:35, 37-39: We should have a firm hope of sharing in the messianic banquet, the happiness promised to us by our God. Nothing can separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus.

Mt 14:13-21: The event of this passage (feeding the people) is a messianic sign that will find its fulfillment in the true messianic banquet, the eucharist, which contains the promise of everlasting life in God's kingdom.

Today's Message: Jesus has pity on the crowd and miraculously feeds them. In His compassion, the Lord answers all our needs, thus renewing His covenant of love with us. Nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

50+ CLUB PICNIC – noon – Social Hall

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:15 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG. - 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

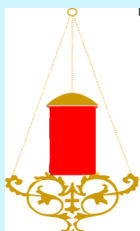
BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 10:15-11:15 a.m. - Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

YOUNG SAINTS MINISTRY- 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Social Hall

Joseph's People for Employment Help - Berks & Lehigh Chapter If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, August 11th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Be a STAR with Interview Skills." 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 or visit www.josephspeople.org.



**For the week of August 2nd
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Joshua R. Griffith

St. Mary's - Father David Kohut, OFM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 The Cerra Family

4:30 Deceased Members of the Smith Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 Helen Sarnoski

9:30 Marie Reifsnnyder

11:30 Michael Kevin Reid, Jr.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

7:15 Louise Pettyjohn

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:15 Jack F. Horrigan

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

7:15 John Giannattasio

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

7:15 Susano Lagtapon

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

7:15 Maria Elena Nava

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 Glenn Rhoads

4:30 Kathryn Stapleton (34th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:30 Deceased Members of the Albert Family

9:30 Bertha Diaz

11:30 Domenico & Lucia Scotto Di Luzio

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 2, 2026

Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Monday

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

Hb 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5;
Mt 14:22-33

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/3	Rev. Remy Coly, M.S.C.
Tuesday 8/4	Rev. Edward B. Connolly
Wednesday 8/5	Rev. James M. Connolly
Thursday 8/6	Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Coyle
Friday 8/7	Rev. Harold F. Dagle
Saturday 8/8	Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. DeSantis



OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? OR Has a child who has not been baptized? OR Was baptized as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group starting early September to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Catholic Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact office at 610-779-4005.

Bishop Schlert on Rabbi's Podcast - How do we live faithfully in a culture shaped by moral relativism? What role do ritual, tradition, and the Church play in today's world? Bishop Alfred Schlert recently joined Rabbi Moshe Kurtz on the "As I Walk Through the Valley" podcast for a thoughtful conversation exploring these questions and more. Together, they discuss the enduring value of Catholic tradition, the role of ritual in modern life, the challenges facing young people in faith today, and the importance of religious leadership in an ever-changing culture. Listen to "Return to Ritual: Featuring Bishop Alfred A. Schlert" wherever you get your podcasts, or go to tinyurl.com/BishopInterview26 to listen on Spotify.

Do you have a few hours a week to make a life-changing impact? The Mother Veronica Center at 443 S. 6th St., Reading is looking for volunteer class instructors to help local adults improve their English language skills, prepare to take the GED Test (in English or in Spanish), or prepare for the Naturalization Test and Interview. Training is made available and materials are provided. Classes are beginning on September 14, 2026. If you wish to learn more about these and other possible volunteer opportunities, please email Sister Cara Garofalo at mveronicacenter@gmail.com or call 484-516-2138. We are committed to equality and inclusion.

The
PATRIOTIC ROSARY
will be held on
★
Wednesdays
in the
CHURCH
at 6:15 p.m.

★
*Come together in prayer
for our nation, our leaders,
our military, and our families.*
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★ **ANNUAL** ★
ALTAR SERVERS'
Family Picnic
AND
KICKBALL GAME

📅 **SATURDAY AUGUST 29** | 🕒 **6-8 PM**

FATHER JV'S TEAM **VS** **FATHER DAVIS' TEAM**

★ **FATHER MILLER** ★
AS REFEREE

📍 **ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PAVILION**

FOOD, SNACKS, BEVERAGES, AND DESSERT!

Come for the game. Stay for the fun. Make memories together! ♥

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, David Austin, Baby Lanzo, 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, Linda Christ, Richard Cunnius, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Joan Davis, Amy Dougherty, Alivia, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Roseanne Dougherty, Cory Doyen, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Ann Entzminger, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Bob Finley, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, Jocelyn Franek, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Ganter, Charles Gierschick, Todd Gladfelter, Tom Goerner, 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, Carolyn Hoffman, John Huhes, Margaret Hughes, Margaret Iuso, Michael & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Lesley Kaminski, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Mary Klick, Cindy Kohl, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Christine T. Kuzio, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Marilyn Leap, Ann Lewandowski, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Donald Ludwig, Aleigha Manderbach, Peter Manolakis, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinozzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Irm Guard & Bill Maxwell, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Kyle Moore, Robert Moyer, 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, Peggy Reid, Dave Rickert, Virginia Rivera, Dave Robertshaw, Raven Robinson, Gloria Lynn Romanski, Pat & John Russell, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Barbara Schock, Melvin Schucker, Edward Senkowski, Mark Serino, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Shaun Sisk, Joan Skoczen, Anne Smith, Georgene Smith, Amy Spiker, Patricia Soto, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, **Father Leo Stajkowski**, Andy Strangarity, Jerry Stricker, Marty Strunk, Earl Suchomelly, 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, Eugene Yachera, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **Time to die: Eugene Yachera & 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.**

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

August 5, 2026: 50 Plus Club Picnic -The picnic will be at the Church and the starting time will be 12 o'clock noon.
September 2, 2026: Michael Kropp will play the guitar and sing songs from the 50s and 60s.

Trips

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.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Captain 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 diane@scsreadingparish.org

Parish Nurse News - Ticks, small bugs living in woods and tall grass, can spread disease, particularly Lyme in this area. Check skin for ticks after outdoor activities. Cleanse skin around the tick with alcohol or warm soapy water. Use rounded tweezers firmly near the head to remove, avoid squeezing the body. Save in a container if possible. Cleanse area with soap and water. Contact provider if unsure how long tick was attached, or if illness symptoms start to occur (Cleveland Clinic.org. 6/5/25).

Contributions in Memory of Monsignor Edward Domin
Donations may be made to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania for the Domin Family Endowment Fund. The fund supports 11 Catholic nonprofit organizations meaningful to the Domin Family. Please mail gifts payable to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania, PO Box 1430, Allentown, PA 18105 OR visit catholicfoundationep.org.

64th Class Reunion - Central Catholic Class of 1962 will be held, Saturday, September 12th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Beverly Hills Tavern. Please respond by September 5th to George Dietrich at 717-466-5767.



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FAITH FRIENDS FUN ADVENTURE PURPOSE

DATE: 09/13/2026 **TIME:** 6:00-8:30 PM **WHO:** 6TH-12TH GRADE

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Coming soon.... **CURSILLO**

Allentown Diocese (AD)

Men and Women's Cursillo Weekends

Cursillo has been a powerful means of spiritual growth for Catholics throughout our diocese as well as Catholics around the world for decades. We are pleased to announce this year's weekends are as follows:

Men: 6:00 p.m. - Thursday 9/17/26 to Sunday afternoon 9/20/26

Women: 6:00 p.m. - Thursday 9/24/26 to Sunday afternoon 9/27/26

(Must be 18yrs of age to attend)

Where: Mariawald Renewal Center, Mohnton, PA

Please text or email Beth at: 610-781-2935 or bap3mem@ptd.net



Friday, September 11, 2026, at *8:46 a.m.



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The Cathedral of
St. Catharine of Siena

1825 West Turner Street,
Allentown, Pennsylvania



*8:46 AM MASS

10:00 AM
RECEPTION

THE MOST REVEREND ALFRED A. SCHLERT

Bishop of Allentown

Invites all Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Health Care Workers, Military, Legal Professionals, Elected Officials, and their Families to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving.

*Mass begins at 8:46 a.m. in remembrance of the moment the World Trade Center's North Tower was struck on September 11, 2001.



WITH REMARKS
from Sr. Deirdre (Dede) Byrne, M.D.
U.S. Army Colonel,
Renowned Surgeon, and Consecrated Religious



RSVP to stewardship@allentowndiocese.org

