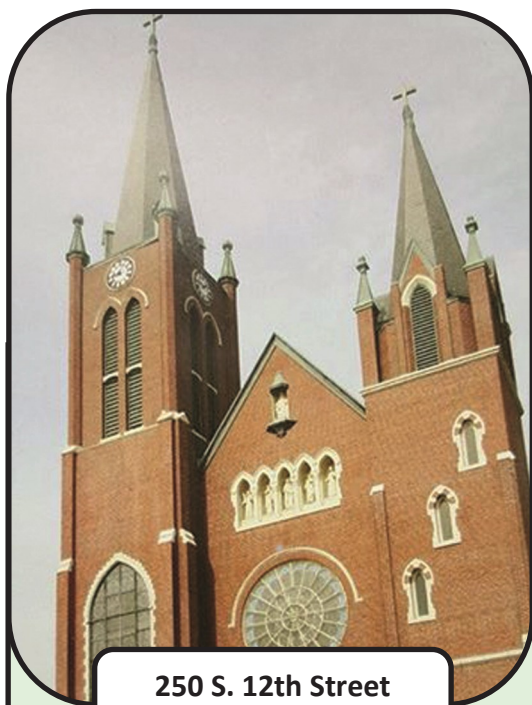


Saint Mary's



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

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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.

St. Mary's Masses

Saturday, August 8th - 3:30 p.m. - Renee Brzostek
 Sunday, August 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Anna Nowotarski
 Saturday, August 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Rev. David Kohut, OFM
 Sunday, August 16th - 10:30 a.m. - Peter P. Kaminski, Jr. (3rd Anniversary)

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.

HELP RESTORE ST. MARY'S R.C. CHURCH

Parishioners Larry Lubas & Tom Gajewski have stepped forward to organize fund raising efforts to support the restoration and improvement of St. Mary's R.C. Church. St. Mary's Church has been the hub of the Polish Community since it was built in 1888. In its younger days, St. Mary's membership was one of the largest in the County. With the outgrowth of Catholic Churches across Berks County, our Catholic denomination has spread to all including the outer reaches of the County, leaving St. Mary's as a smaller but strong, vibrant and resilient congregation. Costs have gone up substantially while the congregation size at St. Mary's has diminished, requiring new sources of financial support. On Monday, September 14, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., a fund raising dinner will be held at the YR Club, 1019 Thrush Road, Wyomissing, PA. An all-inclusive Buffet Dinner will be offered at the low cost of \$35.00. In addition to the dinner, "The Burner's" will provide guests with musical dance entertainment from the sixties and seventies. Tickets may be purchased by calling Larry Lubas at 484-437-5141 or Tom Gajewski at 610-689-8731. If you can't attend, contributions in any amount are welcome.



St. Catharine of Siena

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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



★ 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! ♥

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a: The Lord tells Elijah to await Him on the mountain. Elijah's faith is tried as he witnesses a devastating wind, an earthquake, and a fire. After these, the Lord speaks to Elijah in a tiny whispering sound.

Rom 9:1-5: Paul admits that grief is in his heart. He would even accept separation from Jesus if it would help his brothers and sisters who have been privileged to know the revelation of God through the ages. Blessed be God forever.

Mt 14:22-33: Jesus feeds the crowds and then withdraws to pray. His disciples want to cross the lake, but a threatening storm arises. Jesus appears and Peter gets out of the boat to walk to him, but because Peter doubts, he begins to sink. Jesus saves him and admonishes him for his little faith. Then Jesus calms the storm.

Today's Message: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends His hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through His quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Church

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

FAITH & FAMILY MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Please call office for location

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

MILLIONS OF MONICAS - 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. - Church

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:15 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

ULTREYA – 9:30-noon – Meeting Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC - 12:30 p.m. -Social Hall/
Pavilion

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 DiLuzio

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

7:15 Joseph Tomalis (5th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:15 Randolph Wolf

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:15 Brad Peiffer

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

7:15 Genny Kopel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

7:15 Lois Scheidt

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 Jack Gaffney

4:30 John A. Fritz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

7:30 Living & Deceased of the Frey/O'Donnell Family

9:30 George & Catherine Krick

11:30 Laura Krol Harak

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 9, 2026

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

Monday

Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7; 10-18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Cor 5:19; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Mass During the Day: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

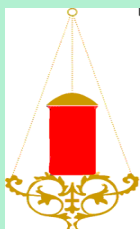
Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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.



**For the week of August 9th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Mark Speece

St. Mary's - Geraldine Auton

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/10	Rev. Bruno Dongo, A.J.
Tuesday 8/11	Rev. Anthony M. Drouncheck
Wednesday 8/12	Rev. Gabriele Dulunaquio, M.S.C.
Thursday 8/13	Rev. Keaton C. Eidle
Friday 8/14	Rev. Giuseppe C. Esposito
Saturday 8/15	Rev. Edward J. Essig

Parish Nurse News - The right foods help health! Wrong foods, including processed, can increase risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure. Heavily processed foods may have destroyed Vitamins B and C. These include sweetened cereals, soda, energy drinks, potato chips, artificially flavored crackers, chicken nuggets, and hot dogs! Start your healthy eating with one change at a time! Have an orange instead of orange juice! (Harvard Medical School, July, 2026; <http://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org, July, 2024>)



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!

Faith & Family Committee *Save the Dates*

August

10

Faith & Family Mtg 7:00-8:30 PM

Come join our group at the church as we plan activities & events for the parish.

August

12

Millions of Monicas 10-11 AM

Ladies, come pray in the church for friends &/or family members to return to their Catholic faith.

August

23

Social Sunday

Enjoy food & fellowship in the Social Hall
courtesy of Million of Monicas

**After
7:30 & 9:30
Mass**

August

29

**Altar Servers' Kickball Game
& Family Picnic**

At St. Catharine of Siena Pavillion

6-8 PM

August

29-30

Ministry Showcase

The Social Hall displays all of the groups
St. Catharine's has to offer. Learn & join!

**After
Each
Mass**



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.

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: Leemely Sanchez & Carson Brennan

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, David Austin, Baby Lanzo, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, 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 Gantert, 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, Phylliss 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 Ulias, 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 Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman. . **Time to die: Lillian Hissick, (sister of Bobby Hissick) & Charles Perpetua, Jr. (father of Sue Hissick)** & 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.

Hallow

TIPS and TRICKS

Share Button: After you finish a prayer in Hallow, a white "Share" button will pop up in the middle of your screen. If you know someone who you'd like to encourage to also pray that prayer, click the "Share" button and pick which way you'd like to send them a message. If they are a Hallow user, you can private message them through the chat feature in Hallow. You can also send them a regular text message or message them through What's App or Facebook Messenger. In addition to the link to the prayer, you can personalize the message to explain why you are sharing the prayer. We look forward to praying with you and your family and friends.

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YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SUSTAIN OUR PARISH!

July 5, 2026	\$18,130
July 12, 2026	\$22,926
July 19, 2026	\$31,065
July 26, 2026	\$19,935

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



Morning Watchmen faith and fitness is a men's group that meets Friday mornings at 5:30am. We meet by the Sacred Heart statue next to the pavilion on the rectory side of the St.

Catharine parking lot. Join us for scriptural reflections, body weight interval workouts, prayer, and fraternity. All men 18+ are welcome. The workouts are scalable and men from other faith backgrounds are welcome, though this group is unapologetically Catholic in identity.

Fr. Davis



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!

Please Join Us for a
Benefit for St. Mary RC Church



To be held
Monday, September 14
5-9:00 PM
at the **Berks YR Club**
1019 Thrush Rd. Wyomissing PA

Includes:
Buffet Dinner, Soft Drinks (Cash Bar)
Live Classic Rock with The Burners
Price: \$35
Cash *Raffle* *50/50*

For tickets/info call Larry Lubas 484-437-5141

All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Church Fund



YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF!

AMAZING RACE STYLE!

TEAMS. CHALLENGES. PRIZES. FUN. FAITH. FRIENDS.

DATE:

09/13/2026

TIME:

6:00-8:30 PM

WHO:

6th-12th GRADE

**COME FOR THE FUN.
STAY FOR THE FAITH.**

**SNACKS &
DRINKS PROVIDED!**

GOOD SNACKS. GREAT PEOPLE.
UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT.



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

September 2, 2026: Michael Kropp will play the guitar and Songs from the 50s and 60s & 70's . Refreshments will be served.

October 7, 2026 - Hoagies & Bingo!

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.