

Saint Mary



**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

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Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC Direct

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610-871-5200 ext. 2204

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-1562, www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



**4975 Bovertown 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.

St. Mary's Masses

Saturday, September 5th - 3:30 p.m. - Diane Cibroski

Sunday, September 6th - 10:30 a.m. - Father Thomas Carapella

Saturday, September 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Helen Bates , (18th Anniversary)

Sunday, September 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Heifer, Janiszewski, Kochmanski & Szot Families

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 9:00 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 610-698-8731. If you can't attend, contributions in any amount are welcome.

*Mass
Schedule*

ALL ARE WELCOME!



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA
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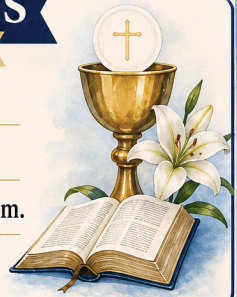
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Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.



**Daily Mass:
Monday - Friday - 7:15 a.m.**



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Sunday: 10:30 a.m.



Come, Worship & Grow in Faith!



St. Catharine of Siena

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**ALL AGES
ARE
WELCOME!**

**WE ENHANCE THE SOLEMN LITURGIES
DURING THE CHURCH YEAR AND
PRESERVE THE TIMELESS TRADITION
OF SACRED MUSIC**

NO EVENING REHEARSALS!

**WE REHEARSE SUNDAYS AT 10 A.M. IN THE
MEETING ROOM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AREA
AND SING FOR THE 11:30 A.M. MASS.**

The new season begins Sunday, October 4. For more information
contact David at 484-332-8695 or dkostival@comcast.net

Ez 33:7-9: Ezekiel is charged to dissuade evildoers from their faults. If evildoers do not heed this warning, then they will die for their guilt.

Rom 13:8-10: All who love their neighbors truly fulfill the law. The commandments forbidding adultery, stealing, murder, and coveting are all summed up in this law of laws.

Mt 18:15-20: To correct another person's fault, first speak to him or her. If this fails, invite a witness or two. But if the person continues in this fault, note it before the church assembly. Pray together and make your petitions in the name of Jesus.

Today's Message: May our hearts not be hardened, but may we turn from our sin. In our love for one another, we may be called to confront our brother and sister for the wrong they may be doing.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:15 p.m. – Church

PREP OPENING MASS – 6:30 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. -Church

OCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m.- Meeting Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS – 6:00-9:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Church

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF – 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall/
Pavilion

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 Bruce Brandfon

4:30 Theresa Mellinger (14th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:30 Mary & Francis Sosh

9:30 James Gaffney

11:30 Sandra & Steve Bibbo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:15 Jorge Acuna (7th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:15 Anna Jurasinski Sajdak (7th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:15 Irene Arnold

6:30 p.m. PREP Teachers & Volunteers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:15 Dana Johnson

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:15 Chris Fry

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 Kate Hannahoe Cogan

4:30 Anna R. Corso

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:30 Mary Firth (7th Anniversary)

9:30 William Schott

11:30 Deceased Members of the McGowan & Harper Families

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**For the week of September 6th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Special Intention

St. Mary's - Mary-Lou Hlivak & Susan Williams

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/7	Rev. Thomas Osei Gyau
Tuesday 9/8	Rev. Abraham Ha
Wednesday 9/9	Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
Thursday 9/10	Rev. James M. Harper
Friday 9/11	Rev. John G. Hilferty
Saturday 9/12	Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Hoban

A Commemoration of the 800th Anniversary of the Death of Saint Francis of Assisi *Will the Real Francis of Assisi please stand up?* Sr. Roberta Agnes McKelvie, OSF – presenter *Following Francis: Doing What is Ours to Do*. Sr. Patrice Marie Klausing, OSF – presenter Join us Sunday, September 27, 2026: 1 – 4 pm at the McGlinn Center - 460 St. Bernardine Street (adjacent to Alvernia University). \$25/person with light refreshments. Walk-ins welcome! Contact: Sr. Shaun Kathleen, OSF – mcglinncc@bfrancisan.org or 484-334-6807.

Parish Nurse News - High blood pressure affects 1 in 3 U.S. adults. Common causes are age, genetics, smoking, and too little exercise! Risk factors include poor diet, obesity, alcohol, substance abuse. See your provider for BP checks, ask about the DASH diet for heart-health! Whole grains, fish and lean meats, vegetables like spinach, broccoli, fruits like apples, berries, nuts, seeds, avocado, and olive oil make the difference (myclevelandclinic.org)!

Save the Date: Diocese of Allentown Family Festival

As part of the Diocese of Allentown's **65th Anniversary Jubilee Year**, all are invited to celebrate **faith, family, and community** at the Diocese's **Family Festival at 12pm** on **Sunday, November 1, 2026**, at **St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield**.

Join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and families from across the Diocese for this special anniversary celebration featuring Mass with Bishop Schlert, live music, food, bingo, a petting zoo, activities and games, an All Saints Trunk-or-Treat, and more.

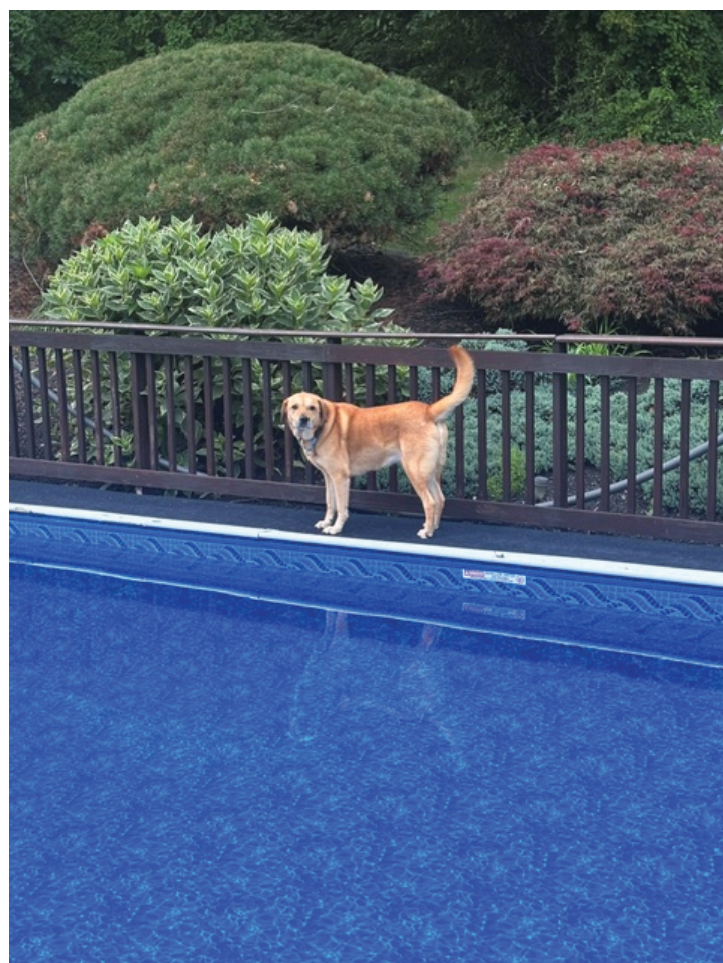
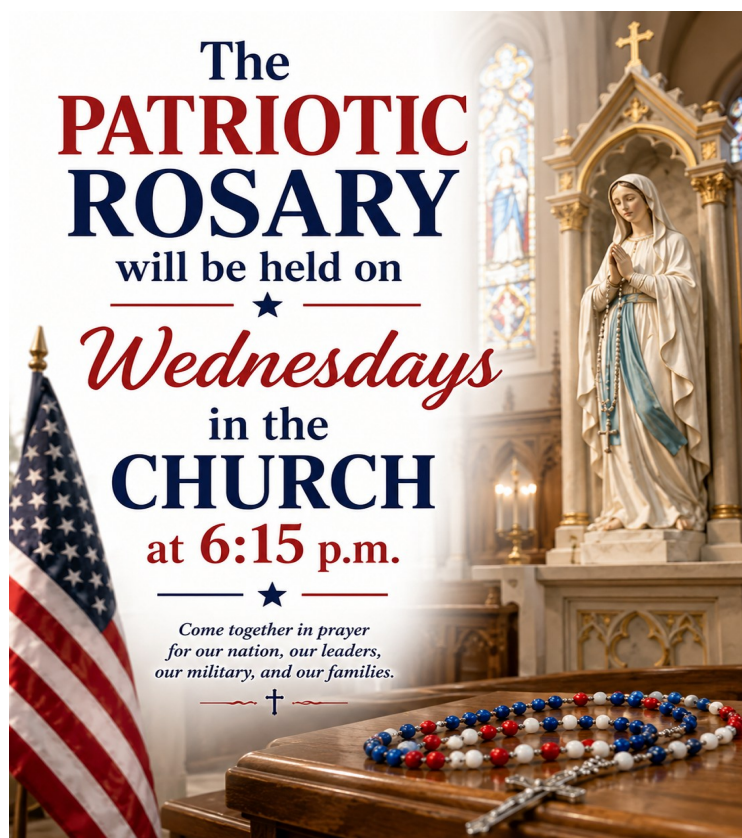
This rain-or-shine event promises fun for all ages and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 65 years of faith together. More details, including the full schedule and registration information, will be shared soon.

The PATRIOTIC ROSARY

will be held on

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Wednesdays
in the
CHURCH
at **6:15 p.m.**

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Come together in prayer
for our nation, our leaders,
our military, and our families.



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: Beau Wrobel & Carter & Vincent Cronan

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, 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, 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 Hughes, 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, 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, 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 Uliasz, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Pat White, Frank White, Marcia Willman, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman **Time to die: Margaret Christ, Sandra Hughes, (mother of Crystal O'Hara) & John Ziembra, (husband of Joan Ziembra) & 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

October 7, 2026 - Hoagies & Bingo!

Trips

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. 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.***

Hallow

Speed: When you are listening to Prayers, after starting the session, click on the second button in from the left at the bottom. The 4th setting down is playback speed. You can leave it on normal or change it to be slower (.5x, .75x, or .9x) or faster (1.1x, 1.25x, 1.5x, or 2.0x). Father Mike Schmitz's sessions are wonderful, but may need a slower speed because he's so excited when he talks. We look forward to praying with you!!!



YOU BELONG HERE!

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF!

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

ADVENTURE AWAITS!

COME FOR THE FUN. STAY FOR THE FAITH.

SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED!

GOOD SNACKS. GREAT PEOPLE. UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT.

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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!

Coming soon...

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

CURSILLO

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: Maria wald Renewal Center,
Mohnton, PA

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

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

