

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRIESTHOOD



St. Mary's Masses

Saturday, September 26th - 3:30 p.m. - Lindsey Wagner
(5th Anniversary)

Sunday, September 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Carol Roscoski
(Healing Mass)

Saturday, October 3rd - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Chelstowski
(39th Anniversary)

Sunday, October 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Raymond G.
Podguski, (20th Anniversary)



The 2027 Mass Book

**will open on
Tuesday, October 13th.**

*A beautiful way to remember
and pray for your loved ones.*

 **In person requests will not be taken during this time.**

 **Please write out your requests** (Include the intention, requested by, and date. Also include your name and contact information and a check for the amount due). You can mail, drop them off at the Parish Center or put them in the collection basket. Requests will be dated upon arrival and will be honored to the best of our ability.

 **The Mass form** will be available on the tables in the **Gathering area** the weekend of **October 11th**, and will be also available online. If possible, indicate an alternate date in case your first choice is not available.

 **The offering for each intention is \$10.**

 You may request **two** Mass intentions per deceased; one of which will may be a weekend Mass.

 The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you.

 If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Parish Center between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at **610-779-4005**.

 **If you are handicapped or a shut-in**, please call the office and we will help you.

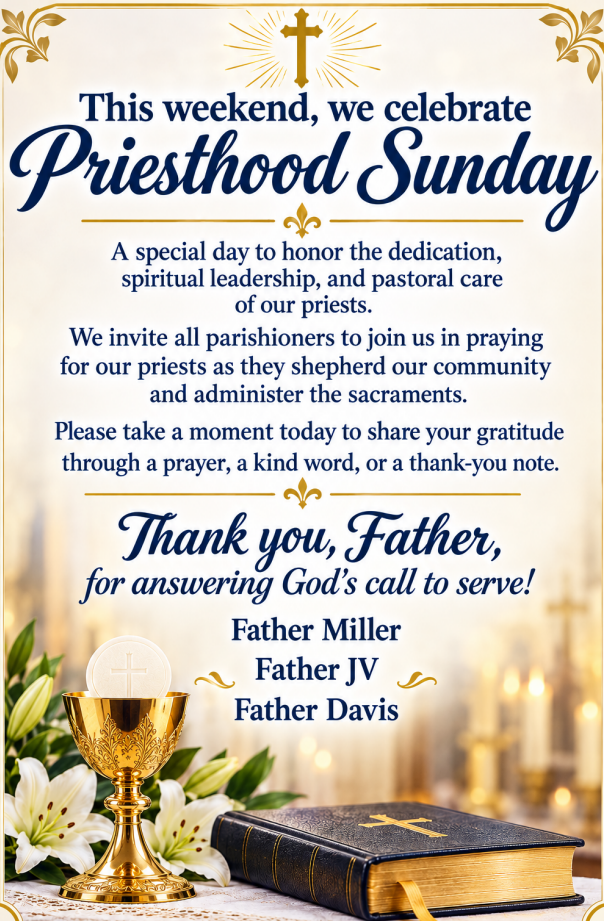
The Mass is the most powerful prayer we can offer for our loved ones, living and deceased.

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"In the Mass the same Christ who offered Himself on the Cross is present."
— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1367

Please note: We will do our best to accommodate everyone; however, we will be working with a limited amount of Masses and we ask for your patience.

Thank you and God bless!



This weekend, we celebrate *Priesthood Sunday*

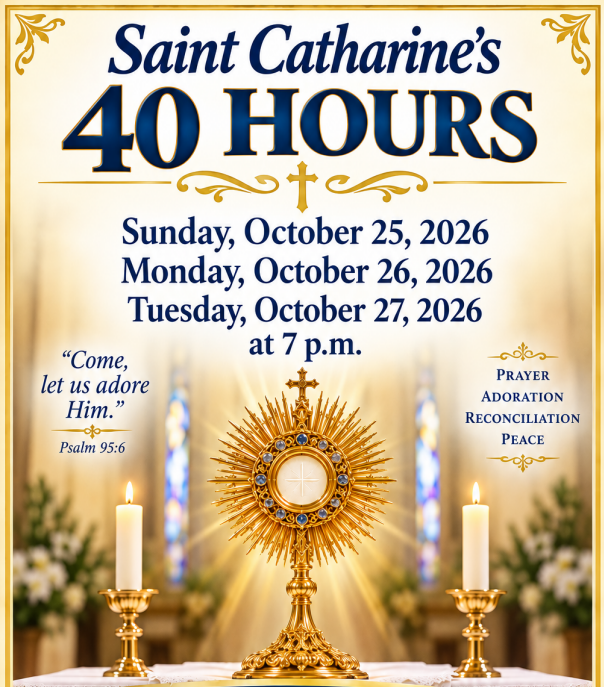
A special day to honor the dedication, spiritual leadership, and pastoral care of our priests.

We invite all parishioners to join us in praying for our priests as they shepherd our community and administer the sacraments.

Please take a moment today to share your gratitude through a prayer, a kind word, or a thank-you note.

*Thank you, Father,
for answering God's call to serve!*

**Father Miller
Father JV
Father Davis**



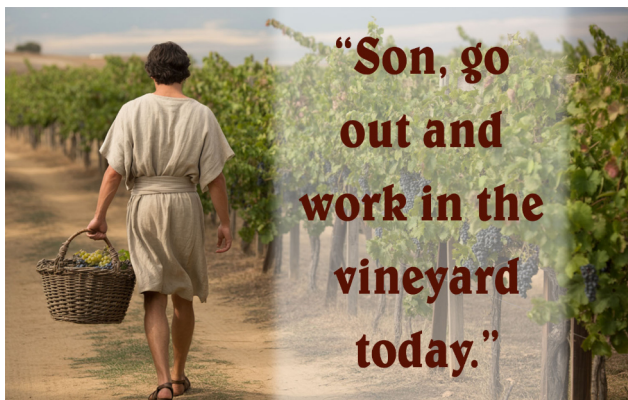
Saint Catharine's 40 HOURS

**Sunday, October 25, 2026
Monday, October 26, 2026
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
at 7 p.m.**

*"Come,
let us adore
Him."*
Psalm 95:6

PRAYER
ADORATION
RECONCILIATION
PEACE

We are honored to welcome
Father Jeff Tomczyk,
a son of our parish, as our guest
for the closing celebration.



Ez 18:25-28: The Lord's way is fair and just. It is when sinners repent from their faults and do what is right that they are to live. Because of this reform, they deserve to live.

Phil 2:1-11: Paul encourages us to unify, to be of one heart and mind, to possess a single love for one another. We should adopt the attitude of Jesus. At His name every knee should bend.

Mt 21:28-32: Jesus cites an example of a son who after second thoughts obeyed his father. Even sinners, once they repent and sincerely search after God, will be saved.

Today's Message: Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

CYO CROSS COUNTRY MEET – noon-5:30 p.m. – Church Grounds

YOUTH GROUP – 5:30-9:30 p.m. – Social Hall

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Mtg. Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Church

CUB SCOUTS – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Social Hall

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING – Social Hall

GUITAR GROUP REHEARSAL – 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:30 p.m. – Church

PREP 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. -Church

OCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m.- Meeting Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

YOUTH GROUP – 5:30-9:30 p.m. – Social Hall

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 Beatriz & Alberto Acuna

4:30 John W. Yetzer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:30 Mary Ann Derr

9:30 Deceased Members of the Green & Albright Families

11:30 Edward Franek (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:15 Patricia & Robert Schofield

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:15 John Sadlowski

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:15 Rev. Gary Lord

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:15 Health of Patty & Joe Barker

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:15 Kathleen Bryan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 Carole Lotz

4:30 Nicholas D'Alonzo (8th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30 Marie P. Bassler (4th Anniversary)

9:30 Mary I. Mathews (9th Anniversary)

11:30 Catherine D. Kostival

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Job 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of Church

Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Job 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

For the week of September 27th

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn in

Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Kathleen A. Harris

St. Mary's - Msgr. Edward Domin

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/28	Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn
Tuesday 9/29	Rev. Martin F. Kern
Wednesday 9/30	Rev. Simon Kimaryo, A.J.
Thursday 10/1	Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil (Father Johnson)
Friday 10/2	Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons
Saturday 10/3	Rev. David J. Kozak

Attention All New Parishioners!

Brunch with Father

Meet
Share
Connect
Belong

will be held immediately after the
11:30 Mass on Sunday, November 1st
in the Social Hall.

This invitation is for any new members to
this parish and their families.

Family members of all ages are welcome!

If interested, please RSVP to the Parish Office
at 610-779-4005 with your name and number
of family members attending.

*Father Miller is looking
forward to getting to know
you better!*

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

ST. CATHARINE'S ANNUAL DAILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OCTOBER 2026

DAILY VISITATION WITH OUR LORD IN HIS MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, SEPT. 28th, FROM 8am to 8pm & WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE SOLEMN CLOSING OF THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION.

NEW THIS YEAR:

PERPETUAL ADORATION ON MONDAYS. PLEASE CONSIDER THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ON WATCH WITH JESUS AS WE EXTEND THE MONDAY ADORATION HOURS FROM 8am on MONDAYS to 7am TUESDAYS. ("Can you not **stay awake** one hour with me?" Mt. 26:40)

WE ARE EXCITED TO JOIN WITH THE **EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS, BERKS COUNTY** AS A SATELLITE LOCATION FROM 10/5 -10/9. ON THESE DAYS, THE ROSARY WILL BE RECITED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HOUR. WE WILL NEED ROSARY LEADERS TO COMMIT TO LEADING THE ROSARY DURING THIS WEEK. ("... **Do not be afraid**; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Josh. 1:9)

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IS THE ACT OF WORSHIPING GOD AS HE IS TRULY PRESENT IN THE CONSECRATED EUCHARIST. **"A HOLY HOUR IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS WORTH MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS OF HUMAN GLORY."** (St. Padre Pio)

****Please visit the sign-up table at the back of the Church. For more information, please contact Sue Hissick and leave a text/voice message at 610-568-6328.****

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!

November 4, 2026: Encore's John and Rosa will be providing Medicare updates. Refreshments will be served.

December 2, 2026: Christmas Dinner, more information to follow.

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. 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's Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events months of April, August, and December.

Young women in the Diocese are invited to a beginner-friendly hike on Saturday, October 10, at 9am at Trexler Nature Preserve in Schnecksville, PA. Enjoy the autumn season and the Month of the Holy Rosary by bringing your friends, your water, and a rosary for a prayerful and fun morning of fellowship and exercise. Bagels, donuts, and hot chocolate will be available for a post-hike snack! Sign up for free and view the flyer at allentowndiocese.org/events/womens-hiking-club.

SS Cyril and Methodius Church Jewelry Sale and Flea Market, Saturday October 3, 8:30 AM or 1 PM, Take out food available. 6th and Laurel Sts., Reading Pa Parking Lot across from Church.

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:

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, Patty 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, Cory Doyen, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Joe Essig, Bob Finley, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, Jocelyn Franek, Geraldine Gamby, 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, 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, Michael Mullen, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Trudy Oliver, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Louise Orlando, Luis Osorio, 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, Amy Spiker, Patricia Soto, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, **Father Leo Stajkowski**, Andy Strangarity, Jerry Stricker, Marty Strunk, Earl Suchomelly, Laura Sullivan, 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 Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman
A Time to die: Marian Ertel; Ann Schilling & 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.

Join us before all weekend Masses in the month of October for the rosary. We'll start one half hour before mass starts. Volunteers are needed to help with reciting the rosary. **Time commitment is 20 minutes.** We start at the top of the hour and finish 10 minutes before mass begins. All prayers are provided. All you need is your rosary to keep count. Contact Maribeth at thegoodgardella@gmail.com if you have any questions or you want to fill an open slot. Or you can scan this QR code to be directed to the sign up page.



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.

Save the Date: Diocese of Allentown Family Festival - 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.



JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR



Be a part of a community that serves the parish by enhancing the solemn liturgies during the church year.
Help us 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 on Sunday, October 4.



Contact David Kostival at 484-332-8695



or dkostival@comcast.net

Parish Nurse News -Small improvements in fitness, walking slightly farther or faster, and other aerobic exercise, like swimming, cycling, or dancing, and regularly strength training can help us live longer (and healthier!) by reducing heart and neurological disease risks! (Harvard Health Publishing, health.harvard.edu.Sept.2026)

The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County is a charitable organization that has existed in Berks for 105 years! We raise our own funds and donate to worthy charities and to select 8th grade Catholic students planning to attend Berks Catholic High School. We have interesting speakers, a retreat in April, and fun-filled raffle baskets each month. Dues are only \$10 per year. All Catholic women are invited to join us on Saturday, October 10th at 1:00pm in the JP II room at St. Ignatius Church, 2810 St. Alban's Drive, in West Lawn.



Help Your Favorite Cook CLIMB THE LEADERBOARD!

Every Dollar Counts!



In celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the Diocese of Allentown, there is a new award:

COMMEMORATIVE 65TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD

This special award will go to the Cook from the parish or college ministry with the highest number of \$65 donations from an individual parish or college.
All donated dollars stay with the parish or college ministry!
Remember, your voting dollars go directly to the parish or college ministry of the Cook who earns your votes.

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS AS ONE VOTE!

Minimum donation: \$10 = 10 votes
 **Voting closes at the stroke of midnight on September 30, 2026.**

 **MAIL-IN & OFFLINE VOTES**
 For mail-in and offline votes, please drop your donations in the Sunday collection at your parish.

COMPETITORS ARE VYING FOR THESE AWARDS:


TOP CHEF


MOST POPULAR CHEF


COMMEMORATIVE 65TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD


TOP CHEF BY DEANERY


TOP CHEF BY COLLEGE

Help your favorite Cook climb the leaderboard!



SAVING LIVES WITH Saint Januarius

Patron Saint of Blood Banks



Donate blood September 19th - December 16th and receive a St. Januarius medallion.




Blood Drive

St. Catharine of Siena R C Church

Sunday, October 18th

8:15 am – 1:15 pm

Miller-Keystone Blood Center and the Diocese of Allentown are once again teaming up for a **diocese-wide blood drive honoring Saint Januarius, patron saint of blood banks.**

Donors will receive a **Saint Januarius medallion blessed by Bishop Schlert**. Donors who already have a medallion may choose **Saint Januarius prayer card or magnet instead.**

To schedule an appointment:
Scan the QR Code
OR
Call David Gibney at 484-332-1624



800-B-A-DONOR



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