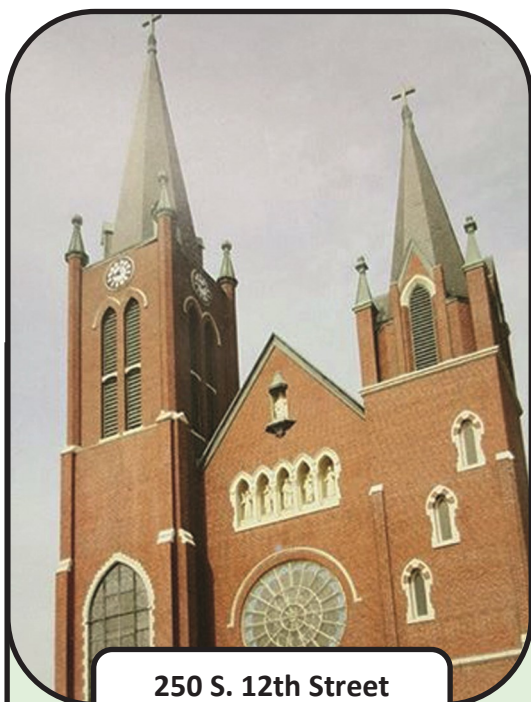


Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



250 S. 12th Street
Reading, PA 19602

ST. MARY'S REGULAR 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

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4975 Boyertown Pike
Reading, PA 19606

ST. CATHARINE'S REGULAR 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.
8:30 a.m. School Mass (Friday)

Sacraments Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. -
in the Church otherwise, by appointment only.

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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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, May 18th - 3:30 p.m. - George Kugler
Sunday, May 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Mary & Frank Wojciechowski
Saturday, May 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Virginia Laczowski & Peter Shepos
Sunday, May 26th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon & Stella Zerkowski

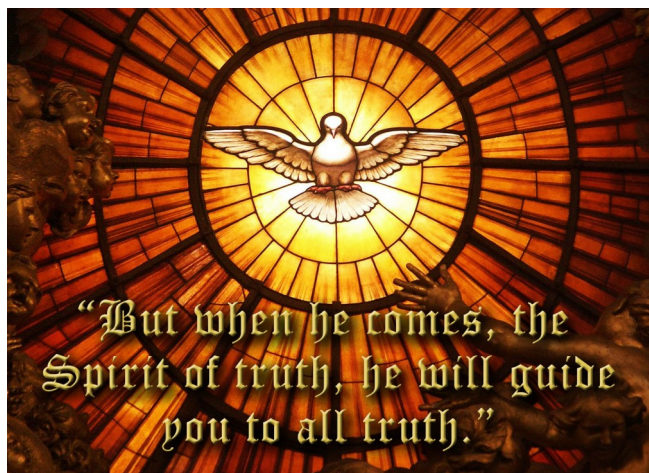
The Polish American TV Show - Tom Gajewski interviews people from the Polish American Community on BCTV about topics of interest, events and activities every month. The program airs on Comcast Ch 15 and Service Electric Ch 19 as follows: First Tuesday of every month - 7:30 pm - First Wednesday after First Tuesday - 7:30 pm - First Friday after First Tuesday - 1:30 pm - First Monday after First Tuesday - 10:30 am - Second Tuesday - 3:30 pm. Your feedback and/or ideas for future programs is welcome- Call Tom 610-698-8731.

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 15th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30pm. The cost is \$95. per golfer and includes greens fees, 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 5, 2024.

GETHSEMANE CEMETERY will host a live Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 at 10AM. Please join us for fellowship and celebration.

CARE OF THE SICK for Homebound: Please notify the office of aged, seriously ill or infirmed persons desiring Holy Communion and/ or Anointing of the Sick at home.

MEMORIAL FUND: Memorial gifts may be made to the parish in memory of deceased loved ones. **WILLS AND BEQUESTS:** Consider designating your parish in your last will and testament or living trust so that the blessings the Lord has given you may continue to build His Kingdom.



Banns of Ordination - Rev. Mr. Van Vien (Joseph) Nguyen is assigned to your parish, **St. Catharine Church, Reading** has been called to the Order of the Presbyterate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown. Rev. Mr. Nguyen will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Please note: Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20th .

Daily Masses with Bishop Schlert
Wednesday, May 22 - St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield - 8:30 am
Monday, September 9 - Our Lady of Mercy, Easton - 8:00 am
Thursday, September 12 - Holy Guardian Angels, Reading - 8:00 am
Monday, September 16 - St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City - 6:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!— The first Diocesan Local Pilgrimage will take place on Friday, September 20th, at the National Shrine of Padre Pio, Barto PA. The day will include Mass with Bishop Schlert, opportunity for Confession, an engaging speaker, Eucharistic procession and more. Details to follow closer to the date.

Please remember when entering the Church to maintain sacred silence. Please avoid all unnecessary conversation before Mass, as there are people who have come early to pray. Please also be respectful of those who are praying after Mass and move any extended social conversations to the gathering space. Your cooperation is appreciated.

LORD, SEND OUT
YOUR SPIRIT,
AND RENEW THE
FACE OF THE EARTH.

Acts 2:1-11: On this day the Holy Spirit in fiery tongues descended upon the apostles and the Mother of Jesus. Today the law of grace and purification from sin was announced. Three thousand were baptized.

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13: No one can confess the divinity and sovereignty of Jesus unless inspired by the Holy Spirit. Different gifts and ministries are given but all for the one body with Jesus.

Jn 20:19-23: Jesus breathes on the disciples to indicate the conferring of the Holy Spirit. Here we see the origin of power over sin, the Sacrament of Penance. This shows the power of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of human beings.

Today's Message: All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit; let us live, then, by the Spirit! That same Spirit, the Advocate, who "renews the face of the earth", was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, and to obtain forgiveness of sins.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 19

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY – following the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – School Cafeteria

MONDAY, MAY 20

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – **12:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**
CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS MEETING – 6:30 p.m. Social Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 21

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – 7:00 p.m. – Church

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, MAY 23

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Church

SATURDAY, MAY 25

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Church

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:00 Deceased Members of the Rhoads & Sneeringer Families

4:30 Nicholas & Elizabeth Mesisca

SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:30 Mary Carmen Scheirer

9:30 Vinny Baro (8th Anniversary)

11:30 Tom Franey

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:15 Ruth & Jackson Yoder

TUESDAY, MAY 21

7:15 Joseph F. Kabat

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:15 Barbara Balla

THURSDAY, MAY 23

7:15 Frances Bambrick

FRIDAY, MAY 24

7:15 Alicia Pratt

SATURDAY, MAY 25

8:00 Erich Makosch

4:30 Jack Staub

SUNDAY, MAY 26

7:30 Charles E. Mathews (2nd Anniversary)

9:30 Deceased Members of the Porcaro & O'Brien Families

11:30 William Seiders

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 19, 2024

Sunday Pentecost Sunday

Vigil Mass: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday

Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



Tara Lawlor is participating in a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) as a Visionary of the year. All donations go to the LLS. The campaign runs until June 6. Please donate and share.



For the week of May 19th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Leah & Dick Fay

St. Mary's - Leon & Stella Zerkowski

PENTECOST SUNDAY

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/20	Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian
Tuesday 5/21	Rev. Thomas P. Bortz
Wednesday 5/22	Rev. Ronald P. Bowman
Thursday 5/23	Rev. Richard C. Brensinger
Friday 5/24	Rev. Thomas R. Buckley
Saturday 5/25	Rev. Douglas C. Burns, O.S.F.S.

All parishioners are invited to come to the social hall for doughnuts, coffee and fellowship on Sunday May 19th after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. The parish Cursillo group will be our hosts!

Vacation Bible School is back! At SCUBA VBS, kids celebrate God's Greatness! SCUBA is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-fun gizmos, team building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. NEW this year is the Saint of the Day! Plus, we'll help kids discover how they can shine Jesus' light in everyday life. VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 17, 2024 thru June 21, 2024 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2024. 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 on the tables in the back of the church or at www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.

Consider Giving by Direct Withdrawal - Simplify your tithing! Did you know that St. Catharine's offers a Pre-Authorized Direct Contributions program; where you can make your contributions directly on a weekly or monthly basis? We currently have 105 parishioners taking advantage of this program. Their regular contribution is withdrawn, at the interval they choose & deposited into our parish account. This option eliminates paperwork and ensures regular giving. Many of these parishioners still drop an envelope in the basket, and simply check "direct deposit." To enroll or get more information, contact Diane Sitler at the Parish Center at 610-779-4005.

Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert - Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa directly at ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

2024 Steubenville Youth Conference

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Youth Conference Main Campus 3 on July 12-14, 2024 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org or check out the youth website at www.scsyouth.weebly.com for more information

50 Plus News

Please call, President Kathleen Zagar for any 50 Plus Club inquiries. Her phone number is 610 698-3289. You can see us on Facebook for additional information. The 50 + Club Board Meeting will be held on April 30 at 10:00am in the CHURCH conference room.

Meetings

June 5, 2024: Barbara Conrad from AAA will discuss available programs. Refreshments will be served.

July 3, 2024: Meeting agenda will be forthcoming.

August 7, 2024: 50 Plus Club Annual Picnic. Flyers/ registration will be available at the June 5 meeting. The price for members will be \$20 and nonmembers will be \$22.

Trips

July 17, 2024: Murder Mystery at Mount Hope, \$80 per person

August 23, 2024: New Hope Railroad and Peddlers Village, Lunch at The Cock and Bull. \$160 per person

September 25, 2024: Penn's Peak Music of Frankie Valli. \$85 per person

October 21, 2024: Dutch Apple, Music of Patsy Cline \$120 per person.

November 20, 2024: Hunterdon Hills N. J. , Christmas Show \$120 per person.

Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654. For 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 month of April, August, and December.

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which Saint is known as the Father of English History?

- A. Bede the Venerable
- B. St. Cuthbert
- C. William Shakespeare
- D. Charlemagne

Answer on page 6

Our parish community warmly welcomes those visitors who are attending Mass with us this weekend. All are always invited to join our faith family in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are glad you chose to worship with us, and we look forward to seeing you again!



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 Albelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Maura Barrasso, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Jason Beshore, Jodi Bixler, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Bruce Brandfon, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Bill Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin,

George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Rita Gethmann, Todd Gladfelder, Doris Harner, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Carol & John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, James Hett, Michael Hivner, Chuck Holt, Margaret Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Doug Kroener, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat Lenich, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, Diane Rymshaw, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Earl Sheetz, Michael Searfoss, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** *Michael Poserina* (husband of Barbara Poserina) & 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.



During the month of May, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will be holding its baby shower to help local mothers and their newborns. Formula, diapers, unscented wipes, baby lotion, and onesies size (0 to 18 months) are just a few gift suggestions. There

will be tables at the back of the church where you can drop off your gifts. Monetary donations can also 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. Checks should be made to Saint Vincent DePaul Society. Donations from this baby shower help support the work of Mary's Shelter, Lifeline and Catholic Charities. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, Airman Ethan Kosmoski, LTJG 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, Captain Anthony Bennett, 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. **Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to dsitler@comcast.net.**



Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A. - Bede was an Anglo-Saxon Monk from Northumbria, England who was ordained a deacon at 19 years of age and a Priest when he was 30. He was born in 672 or 673 and is best known for writing the “Ecclesiastical History of the English People”. During his life, he wrote numerous commentaries on the books of the Bible as well as histories and works on the sciences. His books remain indispensable sources of the early Anglo-Saxon Church. He is a Doctor of the Church, the Patron Saint of Scholars, and his feast day is May 25th.

Berks Catholic High School We encourage our high school students to consider attending our local catholic high school – Berks Catholic. Please contact the Director of Admissions, Nicole Smith at 610-374-8361, ext. 244 for more information or to register. www.berkscatholic.org.

Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio - A Local Diocesan Pilgrimage has been planned for September of 2024 at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Please save the dates for Thursday, September 19, 2024 (High School), Friday, September 20, 2024 (English), and Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Spanish). Contact Father Hoffa directly at his diocesan email ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

Holy Family Senior Living Golf Tournament - The 20th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 14th, 2024 at the Southmoore Golf Club at 8am. [Register here.](#)

Join our team of faith-filled professionals - St. Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for a few summer workers to complete general maintenance, landscaping, and building “re-organization”. College-aged students preferred. Clearances and references needed. Please call the office for an application 610-779-5810. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for our needs.

Please take note of the businesses advertising on the last pages of our bulletins. We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.



“Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array? Looking for more involvement in the Universal Church? Join the largest lay apostolate, the Legion of Mary! Currently there are many meetings in the Allentown diocese and St Catherine’s use to be one of them. Help resurrect the Legion of Mary here. Contact Matthew 610-864-2611 or Legionmotherofthechurch@gmail.com”

Saturday, May 24-Sunday, May 25 – Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles, displaying Blessed Carlo Acutis’ exhibits of eucharistic miracles at weekend Masses at combined Catholic parishes of Jim Thorpe; Immaculate Conception, Saturday 4 p.m. vigil, Sunday 10:45 a.m.; St. Joseph, Sunday 8:30 a.m., www.therealpresence.org

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.