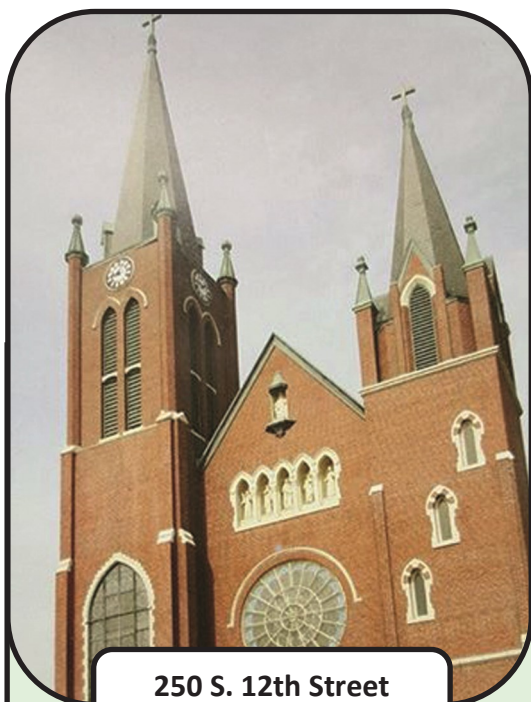


Saint Mary's

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

Pastoral Staff

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4975 Boyertown Pike
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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.

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, May 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Virginia Laczkowski & Peter Shepos
Sunday, May 26th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon & Stella Zerkowski
Saturday, June 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Stella Deeble
Sunday, June 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Andrew & Henrietta Lucas

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.



THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27TH. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M. AND NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.

Father Miller's Bible Study will be held in the Church, Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Please note: Eucharistic Adoration will start at 11:00 a.m. on June 2nd and conclude at 4:00 p.m.



*Thank you,
Father Kuna!*

Please join us for light refreshments on Saturday & Sunday, June 29th & 30th after all the Masses in the Social Hall to honor and thank Father Matthew Kuna for his ministry to Saint Catharine's & St. Mary's. May God bless him in a special way as he begins his new assignment at St. Ignatius in Sinking Spring, while remaining the Chaplain at Berks Catholic High School.



The conclusion of the Marian Consecration will be celebrated Friday May 31st after the 7:15 a.m. Mass. There will be a special Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Please join us!

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40: Moses asks the people to reflect on what has happened and whether or not God was their sole Creator and protector. For this reason, his laws and commandments must be obeyed.

Rom 8:14-17: The Spirit of God makes Christians adopted children of God. They become at the same time heirs of God with Christ – to suffer with Him and also be glorified.

Mt 28:16-20: At Jesus' request the eleven assembled and fell down in homage. Jesus gives them the all pervading command to preach and baptize all human beings. He also promises to be with them to the end of time.

Today's Message: The Lord God is one, there is no other. We have been chosen as His own and, through the Spirit, are able to call God Abba. Through baptism all nations are called to share in the life of the Son and acknowledge the triune God.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 27

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 28

GUITAR GROUP PRACTICE – After the Bible Study
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

8th GRADE GRADUATION -7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

MARIAN CONSECRATION – following the 7:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Church

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, MAY 27

9:00 Charles Raith

TUESDAY, MAY 28

7:15 Alverta & Frank Gantert

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

7:15 Deceased of the Floresca & Malacaman Families

THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:15 Dotty Foxhall

FRIDAY, MAY 31

7:15 Mary Arnold

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 Edward Burns

4:30 Vincent Stubler Family & Ferdinand Parrish

Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

7:30 Lillian Bayer

9:30 Kathleen A. Harris (6th Anniversary)

11:30 Deceased of the McGowan & Harper Families

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 26, 2024

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

Monday

Memorial of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 10:46-52

Friday

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3-8, Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



**For the week of May 26th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Kathleen A.
Harris**

**St. Mary's - Frieda Gutbrod & Wolfgang
Licht**



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

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 5/27	Rev. Christopher S. Butera
Tuesday 5/28	Rev. Msgr. Albert J. Byrne
Wednesday 5/29	Rev. Floyd Caesar
Thursday 5/30	Rev. Msgr. Aloysius R. Callaghan
Friday 5/31	Rev. Michael Camilli, M.S.C.
Saturday 6/1	Rev. Msgr. John S. Campbell

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 setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, June 11th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Best places to Network". 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 www.josephspeople.org

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

Question: What mystery of the rosary is the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

- A. 3rd Glorious Mystery
- B. 5th Joyful Mystery
- C. 1st Luminous Mystery
- D. 2nd Joyful Mystery

Answer on page 6



Please join us at the 4:30 Mass on June 1st . Newly Ordained Father Van Vien (JV) Nguyen will be the main celebrant and two of his of his priest friends from Orange County, California will be the concelebrants, Rev. Father Joseph Luan Nguyen & Rev. Father Bao Thai. Light refreshments will be in the Social Hall after the Mass. ***God loves you and so do I.***

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.

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.

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: Levi Gross & Stefano Malfaro

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Richard Albelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe Barker, Maura Barrasso, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Jason Beshore, Jodi Bixler, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Mitzie Brandon, Bruce Brandfon, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Bill Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnus, 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 Gladfelter, Rosemarie Gruber, 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: John Mieczkowski; Father Joseph Sheehan & Nicolas Bucci** & 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!

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Memorial Day Crossword

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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.

Parish Nurse News - Important Safety Advice: Avoid Drowsy Driving. Get at least 7 hours sleep before road trips. Travel during your normal awake times is best. Plan breaks every two hours, get out of the car, stretch your legs, breathe in fresh air! Avoid heavy meals and alcohol before driving. Safe summer! (AAA.com, 2024).



Catholic Trivia ANSWER: D.

The 2nd Joyful Mystery of the Rosary is Mary's visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. Charity prompts Mary who is pregnant with Jesus to travel to visit Elizabeth who is pregnant with John the Baptist. Upon Mary's greeting when she arrives, scripture tells us that Elizabeth's baby leapt in the womb. Elizabeth says that Mary is "blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary tells Elizabeth that "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit finds joy in God my Savior." We get the Hail Mary and the Magnificat from the Visitation detailed in the Gospel of Luke. The Feast of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary is celebrated on May 31st. If you are joining the St. Catharine's Legion of Mary in the St. Louis Marie De Montfort 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary, May 31st will be your Day of Consecration.

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.

Meetings

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

July 3, 2024: Fraud Bingo with George Dillman, PA Department of Banking and Security.

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.

We've had some good news on the EITC front – we have some additional capacity and some additional time to collect contributions for the 2024-2025 school year (a new June 30 deadline). In order to maximize the impact of this good news in Berks County, Berks Catholic has offered to host an event on Tuesday, May 28 for prospective donors of all Berks County feeder schools. We encourage you to invite any prospective donors to the below event. Please share the attached with families, Board members, and other people you believe might be interested in the EITC program. We can accept contributions of any amount over \$1,000 in this contribution cycle, which is a significant change from years past. We invite you to send a representative from your school as well. Together, we can make an even bigger impact in our schools. Thank you for all you do!



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.