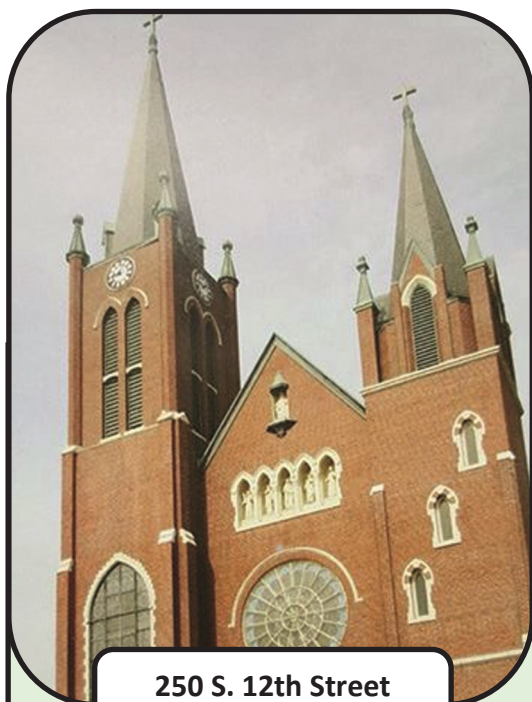


# Saint Mary's

# 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

Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.A., Pastor  
Rev. Matthew J. Kuna, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Craig Fry  
Deacon John Stapleton  
Deacon Gregory Schneider  
Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, 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  
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P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204  
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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.

#### PARISH CENTER: 4975 Boyertown Pike

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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, June 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Stella Deeble  
Sunday, June 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Andrew & Henrietta Lucas  
Saturday, June 8th - 3:30 p.m. - Raymond Podguski  
Sunday, June 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Kochamski, Kostrubiec & Janiszewski Families

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.



**JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

FRIDAY, June 7th is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Promises made by the Lord to St. Margaret Mary are the reason for the Feast and First Friday devotions.

I will give them all the graces necessary to their state of life.

I will establish peace in their homes.

I will comfort them in their afflictions.

I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.

I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.

Sinners shall find in My heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.

Tepid souls shall grow fervent.

Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honored.

I will give priests the gifts of touching the most hardened hearts.

Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart never to be blotted out.

I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in the last moments.



*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.*

**Congratulations Graduates!**

O Lord our God, you are our strength in adversity,  
our health in weakness, our comfort in sorrow.

We praise and thank you for the many gifts  
that you have given to our graduates,  
and for bringing them to this important milestone in their  
lives.

We ask you to bless them,  
keep their faith strong,  
and remain with them always.

Wherever they go next,  
please guide them by your wisdom,  
fill them with your strength,  
and help them to use their education generously and  
honestly.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

**Ex 24:3-8:** The Israelites promised to observe all the prescriptions of the Lord as related by Moses. To seal this promise Moses offered a sacrifice to the Lord and sprinkled the people with the blood offering.

**Heb 9:11-15:** Jesus came as high priest, not offering the blood of animals but His own blood, to achieve eternal redemption. Jesus is a mediator of the new covenant.

**Mk 14:16, 22-26:** Jesus gave instructions for the Passover supper. At this meal He took bread and wine and changed it into His Body and Blood and gave this Eucharist to His disciples. They all ate and drank at Jesus' request.

**Today's Message:** Moses ratifies the covenant by offering a thanksgiving sacrifice and by sprinkling blood over the people. The new covenant, the law's oblation, is ratified in the blood of Christ, the unblemished offering poured out for us.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, JUNE 3**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
BERKS CATHOLIC BACCALAUREATE MASS – 6:00 p.m.  
BLESS THIS SPACE – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.  
SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

8:00 Edward Burns  
4:30 Vincent Stubler Family & Ferdinand Parrish Family

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**

7:30 Lillian Baver  
9:30 Kathleen A. Harris (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
11:30 Deceased of the McGowan & Harper Families

**MONDAY, JUNE 3**

7:15 Maureen Truckly

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

7:15 Alma Lonergan

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

7:15 Lucille Born

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

7:15 Alice McCarren

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

7:15 Cruz Morales

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

8:00 Theresa Makosch  
4:30 Elena Kostival (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

7:30 John & Rose Sneeringer (45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)  
9:30 Maria Cuesta (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
11:30 Theodore Sajdak (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

**Scripture Readings**

For the Week of June 2, 2024

**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

**Monday**

Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16; Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday**

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday**

Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday**

2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mk 12:28-34

**Friday**

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

**Saturday**

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Lk 2:41-51

**Sunday**

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Cor 4:13—5:1; Mk 3:20-35

**For the week of June 2nd  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of**

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

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



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 6/3	Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Chaback
Tuesday 6/4	Rev. Msgr. John G. Chizmar
Wednesday 6/5	Rev. Msgr. Donald W. Cieniewicz
Thursday 6/6	Rev. Richard Clement
Friday 6/7	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Coll
Saturday 6/8	Rev. Remy Coly, M.S.C.

### 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](http://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](mailto:pauljosephlicata@gmail.com) or [www.josephspeople.org](http://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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).

**Please note: Eucharistic Adoration will start at 11:00 a.m. this Monday and conclude at 4:00 p.m.**



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](mailto:Legionmotherofthechurch@gmail.com)

**Please note: The Parish Center will be closing at 12:00 noon on Fridays for the summer.**

### 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: 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.



### 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](http://www.scsyouth.weebly.com). Contact Marci Zambito at [mzambito@scsreading.org](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org) with questions.



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, 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 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 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:** & 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.

**St. Monica Ministry Holy Hours of Petition and Hope** - St. Monica Ministry Holy Hours take place at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown at 6:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month. We come together before the Blessed Sacrament to ask Our Lord's mercy and to invoke the powerful intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. For more information on our Holy Hours, please email [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)

I WILL TAKE THE  
CUP OF SALVATION  
AND CALL ON THE  
NAME OF THE LORD.



**St. John  
Vianney's**

**Prayer for Priests**

God, please give to Your Church today many more priests after Your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of Your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains for fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.



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!



*Saint Catharine's  
Class of 2024*

- Asa Acevedo-Molio's*
- Gabrielle Borrell*
- Liam Dolan*
- Colton Drumheller*
- Noelle Evans*
- Whitney Femina*
- Chase Gonzalez*
- Logan Gonzalez*
- Maxamillian Grande*
- Michaelena Guarino*
- Emily Hirneisen*
- John Kurtas*
- Luke Linderman*
- Emmitt Lutz*
- Mason Mace*
- Jay Vien Martinez*
- Preston Miller*
- Aristides "Baker" Otero*
- Anelfy Perez*
- Mackenzie Robinson*
- Jacob Schmehl*
- Michael Tomaszewski*
- Viet Vu*