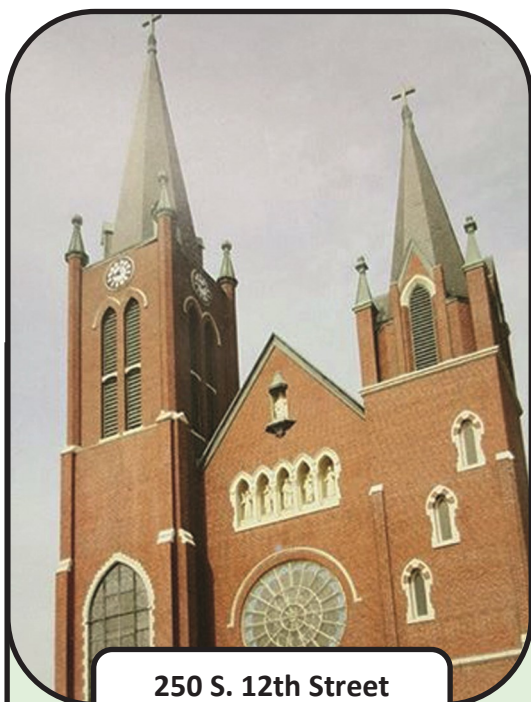


Saint Mary's

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
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Deacon Gregory Schneider
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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.

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, June 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Doris & Joseph Kurtz
Sunday, June 16th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish
Saturday, June 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Lauren Wagner - Myland
Sunday, June 23rd - 10:30 a.m. - Irene Goodman

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.



*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.

*Thank
You*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and heartfelt prayers during my priestly ordination. Your presence, both in person and in spirit, made this sacred milestone in my life truly memorable and blessed.

The journey to priesthood has been one of profound growth, faith, and transformation. Knowing that I had your prayers and encouragement every step of the way has been a source of immense strength and comfort. Your love and support have been a testament to the power of our faith community and the bonds that unite us.

The celebration of my priestly ordination was a moment of immense grace and joy, and having you share in that joy has filled my heart with gratitude. Your prayers and kind words have been a blessing, and I am deeply thankful for each of you.

As I begin my ministry as a priest, I humbly ask for your continued prayers and support.

Your faith and encouragement are invaluable to me as I strive to serve our community with dedication and love. I will also pray for you and your loved ones, asking God to bless you abundantly for your kindness and support.

Thank you once again for being a vital part of this journey.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,

Reverend Van-Vien (J.V.) Nguyen

Ez 17:22-24: The restoration of Israel will be a kind of resurrection. From the modest beginnings of the Church, the Good News will be spread to all humanity.

2 Cor 5:6 -10: While we wait for the Lord, we should please Him in all things. Then we will be found without reproach when we appear before Him in judgment.

Mk 4:26-34: From small beginnings the Church of Christ has arisen for the salvation of all peoples. Through Christ's preaching, God the Father has revealed all that He had to say to us.

Today's Message: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which springs up and becomes the largest of plants, like a tender shoot from the cedar which will bear fruit and become a majestic cedar. So shall the just one flourish, like a cedar. As we walk by faith and not by sight, may our lives bear fruit in abundance.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JUNE 17

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.
Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Church
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m.- Social Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Church

Parish Nurse News - Many illnesses are worsened by or linked to stress. Develop good coping habits to counter stress whenever possible. Smile, even if no one is looking! Take a few deep relaxing breaths periodically, focus on the breathing. Enjoy simple things and feel gratitude often!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 Robert DeMarco

4:30 Bernice Paul

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

9:30 Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

11:30 Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 17

7:15 Mary Carmen Scheirer

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

7:15 Nancy Grippe & Robert Grippe, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

7:15 Joseph & Regina Kastenmaier

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:15 Deceased of the Hartzell Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

7:15 Rita Leier

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 Mary Huong Vu

4:30 Deceased Members of the Flay Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

7:30 Larry Heins

9:30 Thomas Butch Matthews

11:30 Robert & Miriam Lenich

Scripture Readings

For the Week of June 16, 2024

Sunday

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Monday

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday

Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

**School Summer Office Hours -
Tuesday through Thursday -
9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.**

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



**For the week of June 16th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - John W.
Harner (2nd Anniversary)**

**St. Mary's - Living & Deceased Members
of the Parish**

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 6/17	Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin
Tuesday 6/18	Rev. Bruno Dongo, A.J.
Wednesday 6/19	Rev. Anthony M. Drouncheck
Thursday 6/20	Rev. Ladislaus J. Dudek
Friday 6/21	Rev. Giuseppe C. Esposito
Saturday 6/22	Rev. Edward J. Essig

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which Saint was ordered to be put to death by King Henry VIII when the Saint, who had been one of the King's trusted advisors, refused to support the King's annulment from his wife Catherine and Henry's declaration that as King, he was head of the Church?

- A. St. John Southworth
- B. St. Thomas More
- C. St. Henry Morse
- D. St. Thomas Becket

Answer on page 6

Confirmation will be held on Thursday, October 17th with Bishop Alfred Schlert.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

- Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit

www.HelpOurMarriage.org



**God Bless You
This Father's Day
Dear Father in Heaven,
May we Remember
That Children Need:
Time and Attention,
Love and Patience,
Discipline and Guidance,
Caring and Affection,
Trusting and Security,
Laughter and Play.**

Like Joseph, Father of Jesus, May we also be a good role model and set the best example for our children.

*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, 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.***



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

YOUR_LIFE Retreat - Malvern Retreat House would like to invite men and women to experience a period of refreshment, support, reassurance, learning, and concentration on the gift of their lives. Learn, reflect, "dump your stuff", fortify yourself, increase your personal communion with the Lord. Come join the men's weekend, Sep 6, 7, and 8; or a women's weekend, Sep 13, 14, and 15; Fri night to Sun morning. Contact: Anthony Scarselletti, 610-393-4671, OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com.



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: Marilyn Sittler & Nora Engelman

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Richard Albelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Joan Antush, 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, 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, Jane Hinkle, 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, 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, William Nelson, 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, Jean U., Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Patty Wagner, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Mary Ziegler; James Heimbach** (husband of Rose Heimbach) & 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.

Quo Vadis & Fiat Days Retreats—Quo Vadis and Fiat Days (two separate retreats for young men and women) will be held on July 7-11, 2024 at Muhlenberg College! All high-school aged young men and women (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) are invited to attend these discernment retreats to hear to what vocation God might be calling them. Retreat activities will include time for fellowship, Mass and Adoration, presentations and talks, and activities each day rooted in prayer for the discernment of their vocations. The retreats will include Eucharistic Adoration, Outdoor Rosary Procession, daily sports and games, field trips, and meeting new friends and fellowship! Call 610-871-5200 for more information.

Poor Boxes are located in the Gathering Area of the Church. All money collected stays within our parish.

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Dad	Handsome
Father	Strong
Grandpa	Helpful
God	Love
Joseph	Protector
Caring	Role Model

Honor thy Father

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

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

August 7, 2024: 50 Plus Club Annual Picnic. Flyers/ registration will be available at the August 7th , 50 Plus Club Annual Picnic. 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

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.

Because We Are Catholic 2024 - The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Appeal is now underway! Your contribution to this annual Diocesan campaign brings life-changing support to children, families, and people in need. Your gift fills food pantries, supports students' Catholic education, provides pro-life resources, underwrites seminarian formation, provides elder care, serves students with special needs, and much more. Your donation will make a difference to someone in your own community and beyond. Join the Because We Are Catholic Appeal today at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org

Ask and It Shall Be Given - Thanks to all who donated gifts and money to the Saint Vincent DePaul Baby Shower. With your generosity we were able to donate many beautiful and needed items for distribution to babies in our area. We were also able to make a monetary donation to help with the operation of Mary's Shelter. What a blessing to be part of a parish that cares so much about new life!



Catholic Trivia ANSWER: B - St. Thomas More was born in London in 1478. His father was a lawyer and judge and Thomas studied and became a lawyer in 1502. He also lived at a monastery for several years and was a very faithful man. He and his first wife had 4 children and Thomas insisted that his daughters receive the same education as his sons. He was a gifted theologian and writer and had a reputation for being effective and honest. He rose in the ranks of politics and was a trusted advisor to King Henry VIII, but their relationship became strained when Thomas refused to send a letter to the Pope to help the King obtain an annulment from his wife Catherine to marry Anne Boylen. Charges of treason were falsely made and Thomas was found guilty by a jury that included Anne Boylen's father, brother and uncle. This resulted in his death in 1535. Thomas More was canonized by Pope Pius XI 400 years later in 1935 and is the Patron Saint of lawyers, civil servants, politicians and difficult marriages.