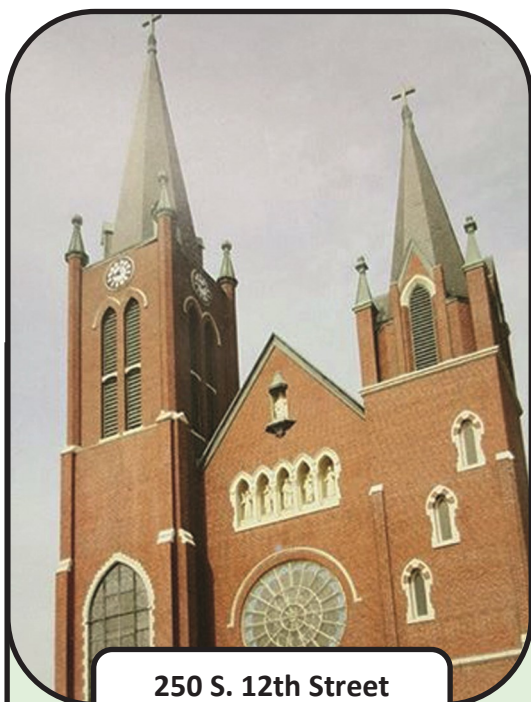


Saint Mary's

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
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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, June 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Lauren Wagner - Myland
Sunday, June 23rd - 10:30 a.m. - Irene Goodman
Saturday, June 29th - 3:30 p.m. - John Gerhard
Sunday, June 30th - 10:30 a.m. - Peter Kaminski, Jr.

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.



A special thank you to Evelyn Kuter for her faithful service as the organist at St. Mary's Church for 25 years. We wish her well in her retirement.

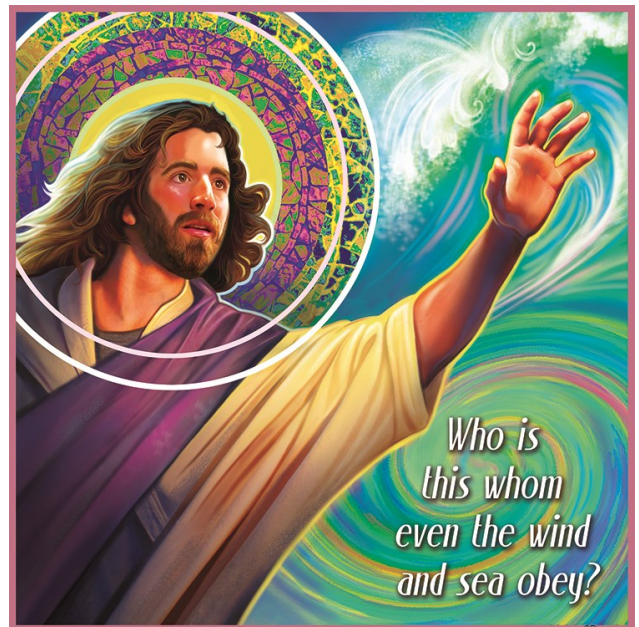
Because We Are Catholic 2024 - The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Appeal is now underway! Your contribution to this annual Diocesan campaign brings life-changing support to children, families, and people in need. Your gift fills food pantries, supports students' Catholic education, provides pro-life resources, 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

*May we make our homes places of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
but helping others enjoy
the blessings of the summertime.
Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
during these months of summer
and vacation days.
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
May we constantly strive
to make a meaningful difference
in the lives of our loved ones
and in the world around us
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime. Amen.*



*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.



Jb 38:1, 8-11: God recalls for Job that he is the Lord of creation. He has the power to do things which humans cannot explain.

2 Cor 5:14 -17: In Christ everyone is a new creation. A new world is already born.

Mk 4:35-41: Jesus is truly “God-with-us,” and we should turn to Him in faithful prayer.

Today’s Message: In the midst of adversity, we need to trust in the saving power presence of God, who triumphs over the waters of the sea. In the midst of distress, let us turn to the Lord with faith, to him whom even the wind and sea obey. He died and rose for our sake that we might live and not perish.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JUNE 24

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

LIFE AFTER LOSS –7:00 p.m. - Parish Center Basement

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING –7:00 p.m. - Social Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 Maria 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

MONDAY, JUNE 24

7:15 Barbara Dobraniecki

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

7:15 Patricia Capilo

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:15 Scott Marino

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

7:15 Richard Angstadt

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

7:15 Dominico Nhon Nguyen

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

8:00 Agnes & Jacob Bohner

4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Talarico

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

7:30 Henry & Mary Hoffman

9:30 Richard & Virginia Musser

11:30 Joseph S. Kohalmi

Scripture Readings

For the Week of June 23, 2024

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

Monday

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday

Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

For the week of June 23rd
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of



St. Catharine’s Church - Angela Corallo & Angelina Patti

St. Mary’s - Mary & Rudolph Tandlmayer

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 6/24	Rev. Bernard J. Ezaki
Tuesday 6/25	Rev. Msgr. Victor F. Finelli
Wednesday 6/26	Rev. Robert T. Finlan
Thursday 6/27	Rev. Jaya K. Francis, M.S.C.
Friday 6/28	Rev. Vincent Freeh, M.S.C.
Saturday 6/29	Rev. John A. Frink

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, & 15; Fri night to Sun morning. Contact: Anthony Scarselletti, 610-393-4671.

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

Catholic Trivia

Question: Whose nativity is celebrated on June 24th as one of only three birthdays celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar?

- A. St. John the Baptist
- B. St. Joseph
- C. St. Mary
- D. St. Catherine

Answer on page 6

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

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: 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 July 3rd meeting, 50 Plus Club Annual Picnic. The price for members will be \$20 and nonmembers will be \$22. July 25, 2024 is the final day for picnic registration

Trips

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 months of April, August, and December.

Parish Nurse News - Be kind to your skin. Cleanse and use moisturizing lotion regularly. Sunscreen on hands and face for car travel. Limit time spent in direct sun, use sunscreen and reapply as directed, and wear a fun, wide-brimmed hat!





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:

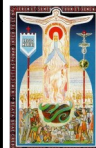
Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Richard Albelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Joan Antush, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe Barker, Maura Barrasso, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Jason Beshore, Jodi Bixler, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, 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, Jocelyn Franek, 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, Stanley Kuter, 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, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: John Kiedeisch (husband of Joyce Kiedeisch); Zachary Simpson; Patty Wagner; Annetta Wilson (mother of Barbara Grim) & 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.

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

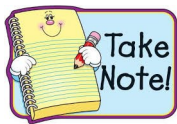
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Scan the QR code below to see openings at our Diocesan locations, Catholic schools, parishes, and more!



2024 SCIENCE EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP
JUNIOR EXPLORERS
 ST. CATHARINE OFSIENA SCHOOL
 (AGES 4-6)
JULY 8TH-12TH

DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST...A GEOLOGIST...OR HOW ABOUT A BIOLOGIST ? YOU CAN BE ALL THIS AND MORE IN THIS FUN-FILLED CAMP! EACH DAY WE'LL EXPLORE A NEW HABITAT AS WE DIG FOR DINOSAURS IN THE DESERT, MAKE CREATURES OF THE RAINFOREST, CREATE AN ARCTIC HOME, ERUPT A VOLCANO, AND GO SPELUNKING IN YOUR OWN CAVE CREATION.THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO IN THIS EXCITING WEEK OF CAMP. HALF DAY ONLY FOR AGES 4-6.



AS YOU BEGIN TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR YOUR PARISH GROUP OR ORGANIZATION, PLEASE BE SURE TO EMAIL YOUR SCHEDULE TO DSITLER@COMCAST.NET SO THAT IT CAN BE PLACED ON OUR CALENDAR AND INCLUDED IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN.

ALONG WITH THE DATES OF YOUR MEETINGS OR SPECIAL EVENTS, PLEASE INCUDE THE TIME AND LOCATION SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS.

2024 Summer Camp

Science Explorers Astronaut Academy
 at St. Catharine of Siena School
 July 22nd-26th

3...2...1 BLAST OFF TO DISCOVERING SPACE AND FLIGHT! HALF DAY CAMPERS WILL EXPLORE THE STARS AND CONSTELLATIONS AS YOU TAKE AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD SKY TOUR IN OUR HOMEMADE PLANETARIUM, PREPARE FOR LIFT-OFF AS YOU BUILD AND LAUNCH YOUR OWN ROCKET WHILE LEARNING ABOUT NEWTON'S LAWS OF MOTION, COMPLETE A MISSION TO MARS AS YOU DESIGN AND BUILD YOUR OWN MODEL SPACE STATION AND WORK IN ENGINEERING TEAMS TO CONSTRUCT SPACE CAPSULES THAT WILL BE USED TO LAUNCH "EGGSTRONAUTS"! COME JOIN US ON OUR MISSION THROUGH OUTER SPACE!

Give Thanks to Our Loving God

It is so easy to complain when things don't go our way. We don't understand why certain situations have to be so hard or why family members have to suffer. If anyone ever had anything to complain about it was certainly Job, but in today's first reading God called him out on it rather strongly.

God himself teaches us with this passage just how much he dislikes complaining. Our Psalm proclaims: "Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting." And that sums it up right there. Period. We have the love of God, what more do we need? Thanks be to God!

Our second reading only confirms this thought. "The love of Christ impels us...whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." Everything on this earth will pass away. Yet we should not fear, because we are a new creation in Christ and his love impels us forward.

In today's Gospel, the disciples fell into fear, and Jesus reminded them of his great power and love by calming the storm with just three words: "Quiet! Be Still!" When we call on him in faith, he can calm our storms as well. No matter how strong the winds or how tall the waves, Jesus can help us.

So whenever life's many trials and tribulations get you down, remember that complaining won't get you anywhere. Instead, lift your heart and mind to our all-powerful God and give thanks to him, whose love is everlasting.

Tami Urcia

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: A

Although the exact date of his birth is unknown, the Church celebrates the nativity of St. John the Baptist on June 24th. This is three months after the Annunciation, March 25th, because his Mother Elizabeth is six months along at that time. The other two birthdays celebrated by the Church are that of Jesus on December 25th and His Mother Mary, on September 8th. As the forerunner to Jesus, John the Baptist was set apart from the womb to prepare the way of the Lord. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus referred to John as the greatest among those born of women who preceded him. Many came to know Jesus through John's baptizing and preaching. The Church honors him on June 24th for the significant role he played in salvation history.