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

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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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Mary's News
Saturday, June 29th - 3:30 p.m John Gerhard
Sunday, June 30th - 10:30 a.m Peter Kaminski, Jr.
Saturday, July 6th - 3:30 p.m John & Frances Lubas
Sunday, July 7th - 10:30 a.m Dorothy Lins-Wisniewski

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.



Our soldiers bear what we cannot see They assure our right to live life free Each trained will face an unknown fate Our support they need, don't hesitate Just imagine how this land would be Without their courage - catastrophe All the liberties we have grown to know Would not exist, this life would go Find a thankfulness within your mind Speak gratitude for our bravest kind Have the willingness to show you care For fallen heroes, hold back no tear Reach out to God with his guiding light For our troops do pray, both day and night America raise your flags to wave





Father Kuna! Please join us for light refreshments this weekend 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.



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH READING, PENNSYLVANIA

<u>Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24:</u> God does not rejoice in the destruction of the living. Rather God formed human beings to be imperishable, and if we practice justice we will live forever.

<u>2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13 -1</u>5: Christians should be generous to others in imitation of the sovereign liberality of Christ who gave His life for the salvation of all.

Mk 5:21-43: Jesus overcomes the death of Jairus's daughter and the ailment of the woman with the hemorrhage. He thus prefigures His victory over the death of alienation from God. Jesus is the Prophet of the end-time who has come to bring life, in other words, to restore our relationship of love with God.

Today's Message: Because of sin, sickness and death have entered the world, but are overcome through the resurrection of Jesus. He hears the cry of those in need, healing the sick and raising the dead to life. He made Himself poor that we might become rich.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 1

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. BLESS THIS SPACE –7:00 p.m. - Parish Center Basement TUESDAY, JULY 2 50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING –10:00 p.m. – Meeting Room WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. - Social Hall FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 p.m. - Church THURSDAY, JULY 4 PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. SATURDAY

SATURDAY, JULY 6 PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> - We are in need of volunteers to help clean the Church on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. It is a great opportunity for families to participate in this service. Please call the Parish Center (610-779-4005) if you are interested.

For the week of June 30th The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Virginia Houck Family

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **SATURDAY, JUNE 29** 8:00 Agnes & Jacob Bohner Mr. & Mrs. Michael Talarico 4:30 SUNDAY, JUNE 30 Henry & Mary Hoffman 7:30 Richard & Virginia Musser 9:30 11:30 Joseph S. Kohalmi MONDAY, JULY 1 7:15 Joseph, Maria & Jan Witek **TUESDAY, JULY 2** Bernice Petracavage 7:15 WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 7:15 John Mieczkowski **THURSDAY, JULY 4** Sister M. Sarah Lamb 9:00 FRIDAY, JULY 5 7:15 La Sota – Nowotarski Families SATURDAY, JULY 6 8:00 Thaddeus (Ted) Malecki Mary Ann (Dolly) Barr 4:30 SUNDAY, JULY 7 7:30 Anthony lezzi 9:30 Deceased members of the Fura & Puwalski Families William J. Kostival (20th Anniversary) 11:30 Scripture Readings For the Week of June 30, 2024 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 Monday Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Mt 8:18-22 Tuesday Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27 Wednesday Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29 Thursday Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8 Friday Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13 Saturday Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17 Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/1 Tuesday 7/2 Wednesday 7/3 Thursday 7/4 Friday 7/5 Saturday 7/6

Rev. Kevin P. Gallagher Rev. Joseph S. Ganser Rev. Angel Garcia-Almodovar Rev. Andrew N. Gehringer Rev. Robert J. George Rev. John M. Gibbons

Catholic Trivia

Question: What is Saint Irenaeus known for?

- A. His ability to play music.
- B. Being a missionary to Africa.
- C. Founding the Franciscan Order.
- D. Being the Bishop of Lyon and com-

bating heresies.

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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 <u>dsitler@comcast.net.</u>

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Who's More Generous?

Does the Christian duty to help the poor seem to be overwhelming? We hear more and more about the homeless and jobless. Even in St. Paul's time there was more than enough poverty to go around. He was trying to build interest (in our second reading) in a project to help the Christians in Jerusalem. We see two of his reasons here.

First he tells what fine Christians they are, and hopes that they will be just as good in giving to his collection. Paul is challenging them to continue to show their love for God in their support for fellow Christians. The second reason was to show a good example: By helping the church in Jerusalem, they would show that Christians were united in faith and love for each other.

The main example he uses is Jesus, who made himself poor (i.e., human) so that we could be rich in grace and forgiveness. Paul challenges them, and us, to follow that example in giving from our wealth so that others can survive. Note that he doesn't expect them to live in poverty, just to share what they have out of love for Christ.

Today, we can ask ourselves, "Do I give to the poor because I feel guilty about all that I have? Or do I want to show my love for Jesus when I see him in the poor?" By looking at why we give to charities, we may find ourselves being even more generous than we expected. Tom Schmidt

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACT PERSONS AND RESOURCES

Altar Servers - 610-779-4005) American Heritage Girls - (Julia Wright - 610-370-9290) Boy Scout- (Terry Wade - 610-478-1200) Bereavement Support - (Judy Cameronjudyacameron@comcast.net) Catholic Charities - (610-376-7144) Catholic Soup Kitchen (Sara Miller - 484-459-0270) Choir- (Dave Kostival - 484-332-8695) Church Library - (Genevieve Samolewicz - 610-779-1660) Cub Scouts - (610-301-1321- William Lander) Cursillo – (Bill McMahon 610-779-8654) CYO President - Keith Lawlor - 267-879-7220 Disability Advocates -(Carol McCullough 610-370-1660) Eucharistic Ministers-(Deacon Greg Schneider - 610-929-0386) Exeter Food Bank - (Jim Bucciaglia - 610-698-8131) Girl Scouts - (Adrienne Evans - 908-872-6105) Guitar Choir – (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535) Home School Organization- (Elizabeth Kieffer - 610-310-7842) Knights of Columbus - (Dave Korch - 610-775-8954) Lectors – (John Vogel 610-779-6287) Maintenance - (Elisha Robinson - (610-779-4005) Marriage Preparation - (610-779-4005) Ministers of Hospitality- (Deacon John Stapleton 610-779-4005) Parish Nurses - mjauman@verizon.net Parish School – (Mrs. Marcella Kraycik - 610-779-5810) Saint Catharine's Pre-School – (610-779-5810) PREP (CCD) – (Coordinator - Marci Zambito,610-779-8535) Protecting God's Children Coordinator - (Marci Zambito - 610-779-8535) PRO LIFE/ LIFE RUNNERS - Sharon D'Andrea - 610-507-9267 RCIA – (Deacon John Stapleton) - (610-779-4005) Religious Store - (Bill Wertz - 610-779-5283) Saint Vincent de Paul Society- (Carol Cinelli) 610-779-4005 School Board - Mindy Anderson - 484-332-3292 Scrip - (Cristina Schmehl - 610-779-1513) Senior Citizen Group (50+Club)- (Kathleen Zagar - 610-698-3289) Siena Stitchers - (Anita Barber - 610-779-1571 & Barbara Grim - 610 -779-8346) Youth Group - (Marci Zambito 610-779-8535) Parish Office- (610-779-4005) Church Website - http://www.scsreading.org/scsparish/wp/ Saint Catharine's School - 610-779-5810

> Looking For Employment? Scan the QR code below to see openings at our Diocesan locations, Catholic schools, parishes, and more! Diocesse of Diocesse of ALLENTOWN

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 Andrzjewski, 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 Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, 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, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Mary 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, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Janet Üstaszewski, 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 A Time to die: Janet Dodge (wife of Terrance Dodge); Esther Marsh, (mother of David Marsh) Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman & 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.

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



Join Us for the Annual Uniform Corner Summer Social! A Date: August 14, 2024 Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Location: Our Beautiful Play yard. Get

ready for a day of **fun in the sun** with friends and family at the most exciting event of the summer! Here's what we have in store for you: Delicious Chick-fil-A, Galore: Bring your best smile and summer spirit for an unforgettable time. Whether you're enjoying tasty food, indulging in sweet ice cream, or participating in exciting games, there's something for everyone! Don't miss out on this spectacular celebration. Mark your calendars, gather your loved ones, and join us for a fantastic day at the Annual Uniform Corner Summer Social! We are looking for some volunteers, so if you are interested, please click the QR CODE...Thank you and

see you soon!



Your family can make a global impact from the comfort of home! Consider hosting an international exchange student this upcoming school year! Your family can learn about another culture firsthand. Hosting a student supports Catholic education! (Student would attend Berks Catholic) Families, single people, and emptynesters can host! You will receive a generous stipend and continuous support from a local coordinator. Please contact maureenc@amhomelife.org for more information!

Tour to Mexico with Fr. Phil Rodgers - Pilgrimage Tour to Mexico with Fr. Phil Rodgers - Including: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tepeyac Hill, Zocalo Plaza, Tlaxcala, Our Lady of Ocotlan, Puebla, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Teotihuacan, and more! October 5 to 11, 2024 - \$2,150 PP/DO. Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802, ext. 0, for more info.

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



Join our team of AMAZING cafeteria workers.. We are looking for PT and Sub Positions Job Function: Works with Cafeteria Manager to ensure readiness of food for lunch,, and serves food to staff and students. Perform various duties to maintain sanitation standards prescribed by the state. Learns to run the lunch register. Maintains

clean and orderly refrigerators and work areas. Makes sure stations are properly cleaned, sanitized, and organized between lunch periods and at the beginning and end of the shift. Adheres to safety policies and reports all accidents in accordance with procedure. Maintains a safe and sanitary work environment conforming with state and school standards. Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned. For more information, please see https://allentowndiocese.isolvedhire.com/jobs/.

Catholic Trivia ANSWER: D - Saint Irenaeus became the Bishop in Lyon France in about 177 A.D. and was known for expanding Christian communities and for combating heresies, particularly, Gnosticism which emphasized personal spiritual knowledge above the teachings and traditions of the Church. Irenaeus wrote "Against the Heresies" about the authoritative tradition of the Church of Rome handed down from Peter and Paul through an unbroken succession. He highlighted the unity and goodness of God and attested that the Gospel of John was written by John the Apostle and the Gospel of Luke was written by Luke, companion of Paul. Pope Francis declared Irenaeus the 37th Doctor of the Church on January 21, 2022. He is the patron Saint of those who work for the unity of the Eastern and Western Churches and his memorial is on June 28th.

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. The price for members will be \$20 and nonmembers will be \$22. July 25, 2024 is the final day for picnic registration.

September 4, 2024: Kathy Cox from Country Meadows will bring "Fun and Fitness" to our club members! Refreshments will be served.

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.



Financial Stewardship

		May 5, 2024		
	Actual		Budget	
This Year	\$	20,808	\$	23,421
Year to date	\$	860,519	\$	1,053,945
Year to date de	ficit \$	193,426		

		May 12, 2024		
	Actual		Budget	
This Year	\$	16,335	\$	23,421
Year to date	\$	876,854	\$	1,077,366
Year to date de	ficit 💲	200,512		

	May 19, 2024			
	Actual		Budget	
This Year	\$	15,651	\$	23,421
Year to date	\$	892,505	\$	1,100,787
Year to date de	ficit §	5 208,282		

	<u>May 26, 2024</u>			
	Actual		Budget	
This Year	\$	18,660	\$	23,421
Year to date	\$	911,165	\$	1,124,208
Year to date deficit \$		213,043		

Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and other ways, to make our parish great.