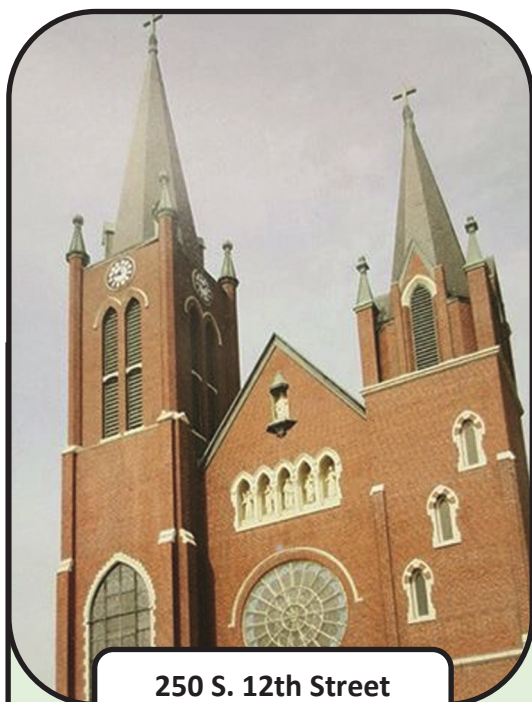


Saint Mary's

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. Van-Vien (J.V.) Nguyen, 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
Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo,
M.S.W, M.S.
Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human
Services

P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org



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.

Sacraments Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. -
in the Church otherwise, by appointment only.

PARISH CENTER: 4975 Boyertown Pike

Phone: 610-779-4005
Parish Website: www.scsreading.org
Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-5810 • www.scsreading.org

PREP OFFICE: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-8535

PRE-SCHOOL:

Phone: 610-779-5810

Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center,
4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606

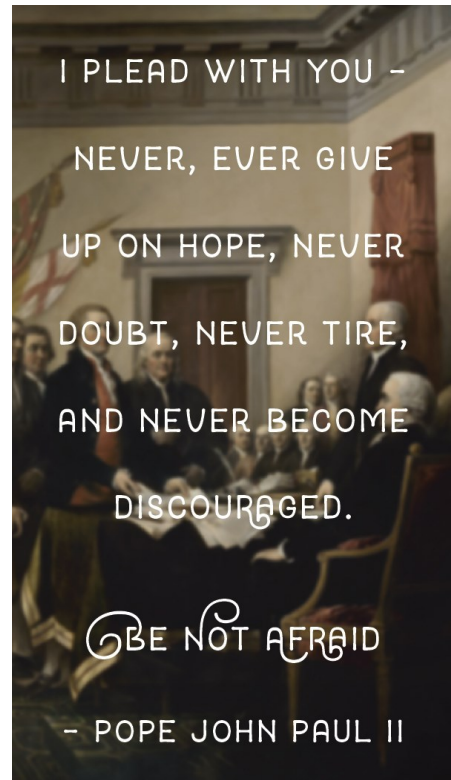
St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement

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, July 6th - 3:30 p.m. - John & Frances Lubas
 Sunday, July 7th - 10:30 a.m. - Dorothy Lins-Wisniewski
 Saturday, July 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Dolores Blaszczyńska
 Sunday, July 14th - 10:30 a.m. - Blessings for Grazyna & her children & grandchildren



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American summer is officially underway, and people are on the move. Signs of hospitality are everywhere. In today's Gospel, Jesus' visit home is hardly marked by hospitality. He goes up to the *bema*, the elevated place for solemn public reading of the Torah, and his message is poorly received. Today, we read from the descendant of the *bema*, the ambo, almost an "altar of the Word of God." Many ancient ambos are preserved in Italy, decorated with marble, ivory, precious metal, and jewels. Six hundred years ago, the pulpit came into use, meant for preaching rather than proclamation of scripture. Before microphone systems, pulpits were often located halfway down the church, amid the gathered people, and not so clearly associated with the altar.

Today, the ambo (the plural is "ambone"!) is an expected feature of our worship spaces because the Word is once again proclaimed to the people. Before 1964, typically the readings were done quietly by the priest at the altar in Latin, and optionally repeated in English from the pulpit. With the restored place of scripture in our worship, a beautiful and worthy ambo, related in design to the altar table, has once again become a prominent and familiar feature of Catholic architecture.

—Rev. James Field

ATTENTION ALL NEW PARISHIONERS




"Brunch with Father" will be held immediately after the 11:30am Mass on July 28th in the social hall. This invitation is for any *new* members to the parish (within the last 18-24 months) and their families. Family members of all ages are welcome! If interested, please **RSVP** to the parish office at 610-779-4005 with your name and the number of family members attending.

Father Miller is looking forward to getting to know you better!

Ez 2:2-5: Ezekiel is selected by God to be a prophet and messenger to the Israelites. When resisted, Ezekiel is to say: "Thus says the Lord God!" In this way they shall see that he is a prophet.

2 Cor 12:7-10: Paul is given a "thorn in the flesh." He asks God for relief and God replies that his grace is sufficient.

Mk 6:1-6: Jesus began to teach in His home synagogue. The people, knowing Mary and Joseph, cannot understand the wisdom Jesus shows and Jesus tells them: "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place."

Today's Message: Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by His own relatives. Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart, rooted in a self-pride, which must give way to weakness and powerlessness.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 8

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, JULY 9

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, JULY 11

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 6

8:00 Thaddeus (Ted) Malecki

4:30 Mary Ann (Dolly) Barr

SUNDAY, JULY 7

7:30 Anthony Iezzi

9:30 Deceased members of the Fura & Puwalski Families

11:30 William J. Kostival (20th Anniversary)

MONDAY, JULY 8

7:15 Keith Hayward

TUESDAY, JULY 9

7:15 George & Dolores Spanier

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

7:15 Angeline Arnidis

THURSDAY, JULY 11

7:15 Barbara Dobraniecki

FRIDAY, JULY 12

7:15 Monica Sorg

SATURDAY, JULY 13

8:00 Gloria M. Seifert

4:30 Scott Marino (29th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 14

7:30 Anthony P. Iezzi

9:30 Nancy & Robert Marlin

11:30 Janet D. Romanski

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 7, 2024

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

Monday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Henry

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10;

Mk 6:7-13



For the week of July 7th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Joseph S.
Kohalmi

St. Mary's - Stella Deeble

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 first-hand. Hosting a student supports Catholic education! (Student would attend Berks Catholic) Families, single people, and empty-nesters can host! You will receive a generous stipend and continuous support from a local coordinator. Please contact maureenc@amhomelife.org for more information!

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

| | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday 7/8 | Rev. Msgr. William F. Glosser |
| Tuesday 7/9 | Rev. Msgr. Gerald E. Gobitas |
| Wednesday 7/10 | Rev. Msgr. John J. Grabish |
| Thursday 7/11 | Rev. James J. Greenfield, O.S.F.S. |
| Friday 7/12 | Rev. Eric J. Gruber |
| Saturday 7/13 | Rev. Francis M. Grundowski |



The Diocese of Allentown would like to remind its parishioners to be on alert, and not fall victim, to ongoing scams that are once again popping up at various parishes throughout the area. In the past months individuals have reported getting text messages and/or emails from someone claiming to be their pastor asking for various things, most often gift cards. The Diocese reminds everyone if you are ever concerned about a message that you receive, whether by text message or email, verify it before you take any action.

In the most recent instances, the bogus messages asked each recipient to purchase a gift card for a cancer victim on behalf of the pastor, but the scam can oftentimes take various forms. These requests are fake and should be considered a scam.

Additional reminders for the public to not fall victims to a scam include:

- Don't click on any links or open attachments in unsolicited texts or emails
- Be extremely cautious when dealing with anyone you've only met by social media or text message if you don't know who they are

Please note: The priests will never text or email you asking for money, gift cards, etc.

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Strength in Weakness

Is Paul serious? Can you imagine being content with "weaknesses, insults, hardships, and persecutions?" (2Cor 12:10) Paul could have been proud of all that God revealed to him, and of all that he accomplished in spreading the gospel. But instead he boasts about his weaknesses. He knows that all the good work he has done have been accomplished by Christ. So he accepted suffering, rejection, setbacks and persecution because they helped him see how much Christ was doing through him.

We can learn a lot from St. Paul. Remember how Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself. Paul loved himself in the good sense of accepting his faults and weaknesses. He was always aware that he once persecuted Christians. But that fault enabled him to experience God's forgiveness.

St. Paul says that when he is weak, then he is strong. He knows that God will still work through him, showing God's power to heal the sick and draw converts to Christ, in spite of Paul's weaknesses. Paul did what he could to encourage others to follow Jesus, but he knew the results of his preaching and healing were up to God. When you think that you would fail at spreading the faith, remember Paul and give your weaknesses to God. Then see what he can do!

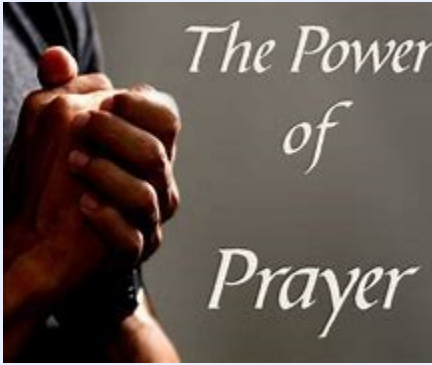
Tom Schmidt

Fr. Stephan Isaac will preside at the next St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour, taking place at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00pm. Fr. Isaac, who serves as Chaplain of both Bethlehem Catholic High School and the Lehigh University Newman Center, will lead us in prayer for the return to the Faith of our fallen-away loved ones. All are invited to join in asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the intercession of St. Monica for our prodigals. After the Holy Hour, refreshments will be served and a St. Monica Ministry meeting / book discussion will take place in Friendship Hall. All are welcome. For information or to register, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com.

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. 220.



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 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, Theresa Grabowski, 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 Ustaszewski, 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: Rose Marie Gruber**, (wife of Robert Gruber) & 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.

What did one flag say to the other flag?
Answer: Nothing. It just waved!

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?
Answer: Because the horse was too heavy to carry!

What dance was very popular in 1776?
Answer: Indepen-dance!



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.**

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.



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/>.

Looking For Employment?

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





DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES!

St. Catharine of Siena R C Church
is hosting
a special blood drive to save lives.

JOIN US TO DONATE BLOOD
JULY 15TH - 20TH
AT
MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER
2745A Leisch's Bridge Road
Reading, PA

SCHEDULE YOUR BLOOD DONATION

Please scan the QR Code
or call **800-223-6667, ext. 2**
and mention **Group ID 3164**

*Be sure to include Group #3164 in the note section when registering








Join Us for the Annual Uniform Corner Summer Social!

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**, 🍦 **Ice Cream** , and 🎲 **Games 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!

