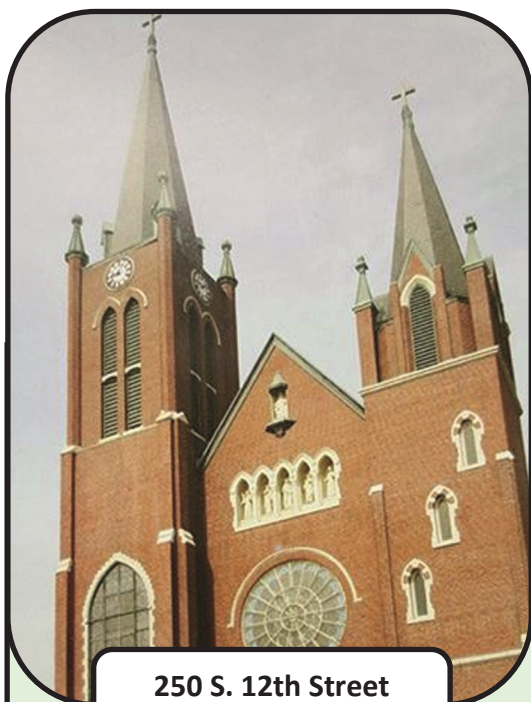


Saint Mary's

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
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.

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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 13th - 3:30 p.m. - Dolores Blaszczynska
Sunday, July 14th - 10:30 a.m. - Blessings for Grazyna & her children & grandchildren
Saturday, July 20th - 3:30 p.m. - Domenic Martino
Sunday, July 21st - 10:30 a.m. - Lis & Kasmierczak Families

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. is running a bus trip to the Polish American Family Festival & Country Fair on September 7, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Leave Reading at 10:30AM; return at 7:45PM. Members: \$60. Non-Members: \$65. Price includes bus, admission & driver gratuity. For more information call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is Friday, August 16.

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.



Farewell Father Kuna & Welcome Father JV!

PREP Registration for the 2024-2025 year is open. The Parish Religious Education Program is open to all students in grades 1 – 8. All levels will meet in person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. There is also a Family Catechesis option where the student completes the curriculum online with the help of a parent. Registration can be completed by following the link or QR code and filling out the Google form. Information is also available online at www.scsyouth.weebly.com.

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Volunteers are needed to help with PREP classes. We need teachers for Levels 3 and 6, and teacher aides in levels 1, 4, 6, and 8. All materials and training will be provided. Please look inside your heart and see if you would be able to volunteer your time for the kids of our parish. As it was once sung, "I believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way." Volunteers will need all diocesan required clearances. For more information, please contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org

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!

Am 7:12-15: Amos writes how he was chosen by God to go out and prophesy to the people of Israel.

Eph 1:3-14: God chose his followers to be holy, blameless, and filled with love - to be his adopted children in Jesus. In Jesus and through the seal of the Holy Spirit, full redemption shall come to humankind.

Mk 6:7-13: Jesus sent out the Twelve, instructing them to take only a walking stick and to preach the gospel. If they were refused a listening ear, they should leave the locality. They worked many miracles.

Today's Message: The prophet hears what God proclaims and is called to speak in God's name. The Twelve hear the message of Jesus and are sent forth to preach the good news. In Him have we been chosen to be full of love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 15

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

THURSDAY, JULY 18

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 20

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

ULTREYA - 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Meeting Room

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 13

8:00 Gloria M. Seifert

4:30 Scott Marino (29th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 14

7:30 Anthony Iezzi

9:30 Nancy & Robert Marlin

11:30 Janet D. Romanski

MONDAY, JULY 15

7:15 Robert J. Landy (4th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, JULY 16

7:15 Judy Koch

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

7:15 Francis J. Itle

THURSDAY, JULY 18

7:15 Paul Spurgen

FRIDAY, JULY 19

7:15 Dan Pelletier

SATURDAY, JULY 20

8:00 Alma Lonergan

4:30 Joseph Gierschick, Jr. (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

7:30 Rosemarie Gruber

9:30 Jennie J. Palkon

11:30 Lee Bellus (1st Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 14, 2024

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

Monday

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

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.**



**For the week of July 14th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Jadiel Trinidad

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

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/15	Rev. Kevin M. Gualano
Tuesday 7/16	Rev. Abraham Ha
Wednesday 7/17	Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
Thursday 7/18	Rev. James M. Harper
Friday 7/19	Rev. John G. Hilferty
Saturday 7/20	Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban

Daily Masses with Bishop Schlert

Monday, September 9 - Our Lady of Mercy, Easton - 8:00 am

Thursday, September 12 - Holy Guardian Angels, Reading - 8:00 am

Monday, September 16 - St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City - 6:00 pm

Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio - A Local Diocesan Pilgrimage has been planned for September of 2024 at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Please save the dates for Thursday, September 19, 2024 (High School), Friday, September 20, 2024 (English), and Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Spanish). Contact Father Hoffa directly at his diocesan email ahoffa@allentowndioeces or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

Parish Nurse News - Feeling connected is essential to everyone's mental health! Connection is especially important for students - in church, in classrooms, and in their school communities (McCabe et al., 2022). Enjoy and encourage connection with others through volunteering opportunities, team activities, including sports, and engagement in community clubs and functions, such as scouts and camps!

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are in need of volunteers to help clean the Church on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. till 10:00/10:30 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.

50 Plus News

Please call, Active President Bev Gallo for any 50 Plus Club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-763-7058 . You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

Meetings

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 registrations/cancellations. Please contact Janina Ankielewicz at 215-644-7396 for further information.

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

Trips

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.



DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES!

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

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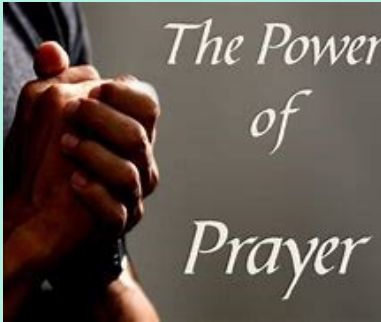
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Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your 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 & Maria Bunch, 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, Barry Kreisher, 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, 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: Michael Bobb**, (brother of Matthew Bobb & Julia Wright) & 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.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Blessings and Glory**

The second reading from Ephesians is rather long and with only six sentences, it is not easy to follow. To put it simply, he is giving a description of the many blessings God has given us. First is Redemption, meaning that Christ saved us from punishment for our sins by forgiving them instead. Second is the plan of God for saving everyone, by making Christ ruler of the universe. We have to accept these gifts by letting go of the temptations around us and holding on to the love we have received from God. We then share that love with others, so that they know God loves them, too. As our experience of God's love grows, we begin to understand the mystery of how God lives in all people.

Paul also reminds us that we are chosen and destined to help God bring his plan, his Kingdom, to completion. When we teach children how to love and share, when we are honest with customers or suppliers, when we are not ashamed to show our faith in Jesus, when we are respectful of the poor, elderly, or disabled, we are slowly building the Kingdom of God.

Paul mentions three times in this reading about "the praise of God's glory." (Eph 1:14) When we are able to help or forgive, or just be a good example to others, we want them to know that God is in all the good we do. Instead of taking credit for the results, we give God the glory. No, you don't have to take off your glasses and put on a red cape before helping others. Just mention that God does the real work, we just try not to get in his way.
Tom Schmidt,

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Cursillo has been a powerful means of spiritual growth for Catholics throughout our diocese as well as Catholics around the world for decades. We are pleased to announce this year's weekends are as follows:

Men: 6:00 p.m. - Thursday 9/19/24 to Sunday afternoon 9/22/24
 Women: 6:00 p.m. - Thursday 9/26/24 to Sunday afternoon 9/29/24
 (Must be 18yrs of age to attend)
 Where: Mariawald Renewal Center, Mohnton, PA

For more information call: Beth Pawlik: 610-781-2935 and stop by the Cursillo table in the Narthex of the Church.

Save the date.... Friday, 8/02/24 7:00 pm for a Cursillo Information Night in the Church social Hall. Pizza and drinks will be served. Please text or email Beth at: 610-781-2935 or bap3mem@ptd.net or the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 if you would like to attend.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Does the scene of the disciples being sent out two by two bring to mind any other scripture? After the flood, Noah opens the door of the ark and sends his passengers out to renew the face of the earth. Certainly, Jesus has the same purpose. The purpose is fulfilled in your communion in the Body of Christ today, and in your being sent from the Eucharist into the world. The sending is so important that our word "Mass" derives from it. In Latin, the last words of worship are *Ite, missa est*, which means "Go, you are sent." From that, people began to call Catholic worship the *missa*, or in English, the "Mass." Our English words dismissal, missal, emissary, and mission are all related. We are not sent into the workaday world alone, but in relationship to one another.

Some people have acquired the unhappy habit of leaving worship as soon as they receive Communion and therefore miss the prayer, the dismissal, and the solemn blessing that are essential parts of the Mass. The dismissal is a seal on our Communion and reveals its purpose. Thanks be to God!

—Rev. James Field



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!



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August 11, 2024
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ITALIAN BUFFET SERVED FROM 12:30 TO 2:00 PM

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