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 (JV) 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 27th - 3:30 p.m Jadiel Trinidad			
Sunday, July 28th - 10:30 a.m Jan Rzeszut			
Saturday, August 3rd - 3:30 p.m John & Stephanie			
Podguski			
Sunday, August 4th - 10:30 a.m Anna Sajdak (5th			
Anniversary)			

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.

The weekend of August 3rd-4th a guest priest will be coming from Catholic Cross Outreach. There is **no second collection** for this, <u>and this is not part of the annual</u> <u>diocesan mission</u>. The Diocesan mission priest will be here September 13th-14th.

To Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., His Excellency Alfred A. Schlert has authorized a special collection to be taken up in the Diocese of Allentown on the weekend of August 10th - 11th. This collection will be part of a larger fundraising endeavor that will be used to pay for the Shrine Infrastructure Renewal that will begin in 2024.

The parish subscription to Formed will be ending at the end of the month. Please let Father Miller know if you want it continued.

Our current parish truck will not pass inspection. We are in need of a truck. If you or anyone have one that you are willing to sell or donate please call Father Miller or the parish office.

Parish Nurse News - PA ranks #1 in the US for Lyme disease. Be watchful for symptoms, 3 to 30 days after tick bite-a red, bulls-eye rash, flu-like illness, joint aches, tiredness, unusual new pain or headache. Contact your healthcare provider. Wear gloves and use a tweezer to remove a tick. (PA Dept of Health, Mayo Clinic)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The feeding of the five thousand (and more) by the seaside is certainly the most famous of picnics. The miracle of the loaves reminds us of the earlier miracle of the wine at Cana. Like the Cana miracle, this one begins with human initiative as the small child responds to the hunger of the crowd by offering a seemingly meager gift. What could be more appropriate for deep summer than a Gospel account of a joyful picnic with Jesus and the generosity of a child at the center?

The coming month of August has always been a time for delight in the bounty of the earth, for picnics by the sea, dinner under the stars, for porch and rooftop, for parks and beaches, and enjoying the best of local crops. August's festivals of Transfiguration and Assumption have long given Christians the best of excuses for feasting on the abundance of summer: corn, tomatoes, pesto, bowls of fresh fruit. Picnics are a sign of the welcome table of God: always room for one more, always plenty to share, always a place of laughter and story-telling and always speaking to us of our deepest longings. Don't let August pass by without a picnic!

—Rev. James Field



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH READING, PENNSYLVANIA

<u>2 Kgs 4:42-44:</u> At the command from Elisha, the man of God, the barley bread was placed before the people, indicating that this comes from the Lord. Even though the number to be fed from the twenty loaves was a hundred, some was left over.

<u>Eph 4:1-6</u>: A life worthy of the Lord consists of humility, meekness, patience and bearing love for one another.

<u>Jn 6:1-15</u>: Jesus told the five thousand to sit down. He took the five barley loaves and a couple of dried fish, gave thanks and told the disciples to pass out the food.

Today's Message: The miracle performed by Elisha finds its perfect fulfillment in Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. He opens His hands and satisfies our deepest needs. In Him we form one body.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JULY 28 NEW PARISHIONER'S BRUNCH -following the 11:30 a.m. Mass MONDAY, JULY 29

EUCHARISTIC 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 **THURSDAY, AUGUST 1** PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall **FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

CURSILLO INFORMATION NIGHT - 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

> For the week of July 28th The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Joseph Klick

St. Mary's - George Ashton

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK SATURDAY, JULY 27 8:00 Joseph & Elizabeth Gross 4:30 Florence Russo SUNDAY, JULY 28 7:30 Helen Sarnoski 9:30 Frank Rossi J. Kenton Rand (11th Anniversary) 11:30 **MONDAY, JULY 29** 7:15 Alois & Rosa Sager **TUESDAY, JULY 30** Kevin Michael Heck 7:15 WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 7:15 Gerald Young THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 Bob Wright (4th Anniversary) 7:15 FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 7.15The Cerra Family **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3** 8:00 Robert Hofmann Carl E. & Patricia Andrzjewski (55th Wedding 4:30 Anniversary) SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 Christopher Witthaut 7:30 9:30 Mary Jane Skowron 11:30 Clete Cinelli Scripture Readings For the Week of July 28, 2024 Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15 Monday Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Tuesday Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43 Wednesday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt 13:44-46 Thursday Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53 Friday Memorials of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, and Saint Peter Julian Eymard Priest Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58 Saturdav Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12 Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 7/29 Tuesday 7/30 Wednesday 7/31 Thursday 8/1 Friday 8/2 Saturday 8/3 O.S.F.S. Rev. Msgr. David L. James Rev. Richard W. James Rev. Ronald V. Jankaitis Rev. Dominik P. Kalata Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, A.J. Rev. Shaju J. Kanjiramparayil,

The Birthday of the Blessed Mother - Father Keaton Eidle will offer a reflection and lead a discussion on Marian apparitions around the world. The lecture will be followed by a pizza reception in the parish's Jubilee Center. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Date/Time: Sunday, September 8 at 3pm. Location: Assumption BVM Parish, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Please call 610-867-7424 for more information.



Allentown Diocese (AD) Men and Women's Cursillo Weekends

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 <u>Cursillo</u> <u>Information Night</u> in the Church social Hall. Please text or email Beth at: 610-781-2935 or <u>bap3mem@ptd.net</u> or the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 if you would like to attend.

Come Join the Exeter Township Police & Central Berks Regional Police for National Night Out! August 6th - Free Entry -Antietam Pool - 6pm. - 9 p.m. -905 Byram Street, Reading. Enjoy food, music, games and prizes. **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.

https://forms.gle/jMQb2HGF2cEuQsjT7

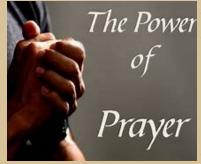


Volunteers are needed to help with PREP classes. We need teachers for Levels 3 and 6, and teacher aides in levels 1, 4, 6, and 8. All materials and training will be provided. Please look inside your heart and see if you would be able to volunteer your time for the kids of our parish. As it was once sung, "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 <u>mzambito@scsreading.org</u>

Join Us for the Annual Uniform Corner Summer So-

cial! 🏂 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, A Ice Cream , and A 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!





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 & Maria Bunch, Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Barbara D'Augustino, 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, Wayne & 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, Barry Kreisher, Margaret luso, 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, Melanie Lintz, 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, Barbara Schock, 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: Barry Kriesher, (husband of Barbara Kreisher & brother of Dolores Horrigan); Anthony Pugliese; Geraldine Babb & Patrick Martz & 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.

Deacon Christopher May will preside at the next St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour, taking place at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown on Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00pm. Deacon May, who serves Sacred Heart Parish, Reading as a permanent deacon, 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. A St. Monica Ministry meeting and book discussion will immediately follow the Holy Hour. All are welcome. For information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC: The diocesan appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for retired and infirmed priests, seminarian education, and support for the Special Learning Centers. You are encouraged to consider your gift to the appeal by returning the pledge form you received in the mail to the parish office (or via the weekend collection). Thank you for your support.

Seeking Host Family for Berks Catholic High School Fall 2024

Host an International Student! Meet Zuying

Zuying is a rising 12th grade girl from China. Zuying loves to draw and will often sketch when she travels as a way to remember the scenery or make a memory. She enjoys playing the piano and songwriting as well. Zuying is excited to improve her English and attend American High School.

Host Family Stipend: \$1000 a month

For information about Hosting: Contact Kathleen Wagner Phone: (610)905-3843 Email: kwages62@gmail.com





Altar Server Kickball Game



EVERYONE, come cheer ε have fun!

* Servers-RSVP 610-779-4005

St. Catherine of Siena Parish



Parish Family Outdoor* Movie starts 8:30PM. Bring friends, neighbors, & lawn chairs!

PG-historic biblical theme

Free Will Offering accepted

*Rain location-social hall

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Prophet's Profit

If you want to compare miracles in the first reading and the gospel, Elisha did his first, but Jesus did it better. Elisha had a hundred people to feed with twenty barley loaves and a handful of fresh grain. Jesus had five thousand people and only five loaves and a couple fish. So was Jesus trying to show up Elisha?

Neither Jesus nor Elisha ever did a miracle for their own benefit. When Elisha cure the kings servant, he refused to accept a gift, because it would imply that Elisha did the miracle, while the prophet knew that God had cured him. Jesus refused to let the crowds make him a king.

The miracle of feeding the five thousand was not done just for the crowd. He was using it to teach the disciples something important. He knew there would be times when they felt overwhelmed, so he showed them what God can do with our meager abilities.

There are millions of people hungry for the good news that Jesus brings to the world. Remember the miracle of the loaves when you only have a few dollars to give to the missions, or when you're not sure you know enough to teach someone about Jesus. And remember that you do those things, not to make you look holy, but to let God show his loving power. Tom Schmidt

50 Plus News

Please call, Acting 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. 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.

If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Aug. 13th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Be a STAR with Interview Skills". We have helped thousands of people over the years and there is never a fee for our services. Email Paul Licata for more info at pauliosephlicata@gmail.com www.josephspeople.org

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on FRIDAY, October 11th during the Extravaganza 2024 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office 610-374-1695 at e-mail or at Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org

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!



Coaches:

Players:

All Altar Servers*

Arrival Time 6:30 pm

Game Begins 7:00 pm

Hot dogs, ice cream,

popcorn, & beverages