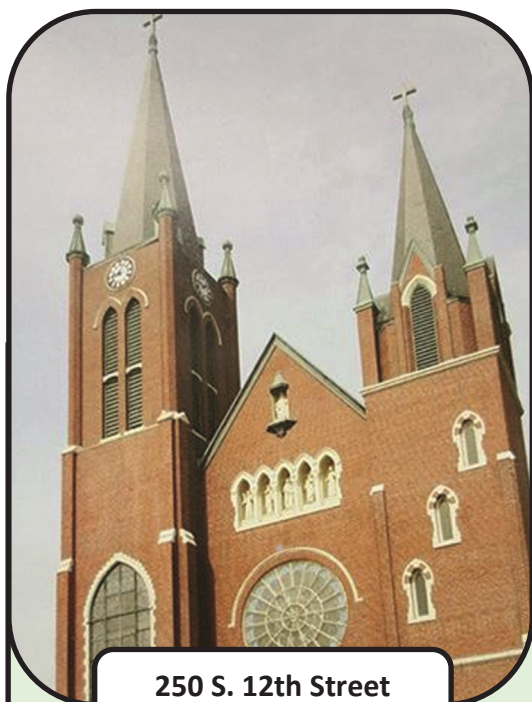


Saint Mary's

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
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Deacon John Stapleton
Deacon Gregory Schneider
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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.

PARISH CENTER: 4975 Boyertown Pike

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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.

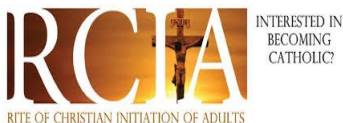
Saint Mary's News

Saturday, August 3rd - 3:30 p.m. - John & Stephanie Podguski
Sunday, August 4th - 10:30 a.m. - Anna Sajdak (5th Anniversary)
Saturday, August 10th - 3:30 p.m. - Dolly & Daniel Piccone
Sunday, August 11th - 10:30 a.m. - Blessings on Lapa, Couth & Shemanski 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.

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.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
 - Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact St. Catharine's Parish Center at 610-779-4005.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY IS ON AUGUST 15TH AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be as follows:

**Wednesday , August 14th -
Vigil of Assumption**

6:30 p.m. - Church

**Thursday, August 15th -
Feast of the Assumption**

7:15 a.m. - Church

8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church

6:30 p.m. - Church

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.

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15: The Israelites begin to grumble, and the Lord promises to rain down bread from heaven and give them quail to eat at twilight. In this they will know that the Lord is God.

Eph 4:17, 20-24: Paul tells the Ephesians that they must abandon their old pagan ways and acquire a fresh, spiritual way of living – to become new people created in God's image.

Jn 6:24-35: After feeding the multitude, Jesus and His disciples went across the lake. The people found them, and Jesus cautioned them that they were looking only for signs and food but the work of God demands faith in the One he sent.

Today's Message: The Lord provides heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. Jesus proclaims Himself to be the very bread of life. We lay aside our way of life to be created anew in His image.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

EUCCHARISTIC 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, AUGUST 6

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – 10:00 – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

50+ CLUB PICNIC– 12 noon

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 Robert Hofmann

4:30 Carl E. & Patricia Andrzejewski (55th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

7:30 Christopher Witthaut

9:30 Mary Jane Skowron

11:30 Clete Cinelli

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

7:15 Kathryn Stapleton

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:15 William Seiders

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

7:15 Alfred & Eleanor Bakanowski

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

7:15 Agnes Bohner

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

7:15 Raymond & Wanda Myslinski

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 Joseph Tomalis

4:30 The Orlando & Cianciosi Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30 Russell & Josephine Magazzu

9:30 Anthony & Louise Screpesi

11:30 Mary Mest

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 4, 2024

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

Monday

Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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



**For the week of August 4th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Angeline
& Joseph Calpino (Good Health)**

St. Mary's - Poor Souls in Purgatory

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/5	Rev. Venantius T. Karobo, A.J.
Tuesday 8/6	Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn
Wednesday 8/7	Rev. Martin F. Kern
Thursday 8/8	Rev. Simon Kimaryo, A.J.
Friday 8/9	Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka, A.J.
Saturday 8/10	Rev. Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger

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.

Matt Maher Concert hosted by United Hearts Life Mission
 United Hearts Life Mission is hosting a concert with nine-time Grammy nominee and three-time GMA Dove Award winner MATT MAHER at 7pm on September 15th, 2024, at Notre Dame High School, Easton. Matt's number one hits include "Lord, I Need You", and "Your Grace is Enough". All proceeds benefit the non-profit United Hearts Life Mission which provides life affirming OBGYN care to women in the Lehigh Valley. See the flyer [here](#). Access more information at unitedhearts.life/. Buy tickets at itickets.com/events/47.

Bring a chair and meet fellow parishioners at the Grotto to pray the Patriotic Rosary each Thursday evening beginning on Aug 8th at 7pm. We will continue this up to the election in November. All are welcome.

Parish Nurse News - Walk for better health! Safe and simple, reduces risk of heart attack. Walking burns calories, trims waistline, improves blood pressure, balance, sleep, and your immune system! Increase pace and distance only if comfortable. Make walking a regular daily habit (Mayo clinic).

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 mzambito@scsreading.org



Congratulations to Patricia & Carl Andrzejewski who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May they be blessed with many more years together!



Stella Watkins donated Medical Supplies for the Animal Rescue League! Thank you for your generosity and compassion!

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, 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 Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, 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, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die:** *Kathleen Zagar, (wife of Richard Zagar) Joseph Nowotarski, (brother of Gerald Nowotarski); Dave Sockel& 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.

Altar Server Kickball Game



Coaches:

Father Miller & Father JV

Players:

All Altar Servers*

Arrival Time 6:30 pm

Game Begins 7:00 pm

FREE food, fellowship, & fun!

**Hot dogs, ice cream,
popcorn, & beverages**

EVERYONE, come cheer & have fun!

* Servers-RSVP 610-779-4005



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Saturday, Aug 24



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

PG-historic biblical theme

Free Will Offering accepted

*Rain location-social hall



Coming soon....

CURSILLO

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 Cursillo Information Night in the Church social Hall. Please text or email Beth at: 610-781-2935 or bap3mem@ptd.net or the Parish Center

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 pauljosephlicata@gmail.com www.josephspeople.org

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.



St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus Presents a
"KNIGHT AT THE RACES"



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

DINNER STARTING 5:30 PM

1st RACE POST TIME: 6:15 PM

**St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall –
 4975 Boyertown Pike**

COST: \$30.00 per person

(Admission includes: Hot Roast Beef & Roast Turkey Sliders, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad, Homemade Desserts, Snacks, Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee & Water)

NO ONE UNER 21 ADMITTED

10 Horse Races - Opportunity to Name a Race Horse-\$5.00

Money Wheel - 50/50 Drawing Door Prizes

**CALL BOB HOFFMAN @ 610-779-8833
 OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW**



ALL EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCS KNIGHTS' CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BASED CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

The SCS Knights are grateful and very blessed for your historical support of our Council's events. Because of you, we are able to contribute to and satisfy many needs within our Church and local community. Many thanks !

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Don't Look Back**

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin.

We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on.

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place we can make plans. If those plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't tell us to dwell in the past or dream of the future. No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread and Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at the past, but if we don't let Jesus be born again in us, and if we don't take up our crosses each day—we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.

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, 12:00 noon start! Look forward to great Food and Bingo!

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 Bev Gallo, 610-763-7058 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.