

# 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  
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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

Phone: 610-779-4005  
Parish Website: [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)  
Parish Email: [saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com](mailto:saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com)

#### ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

Phone: 610-779-5810 • [www.scsreading.org](http://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, August 17th - 3:30 p.m. - Rosemarie Gruber  
 Sunday, August 18th - 10:30 a.m. - Peter P. Kaminski, Jr. (1st Anniversary)  
 Saturday, August 24th - 3:30 p.m. - Cyndie O'Leary  
 Sunday, August 25th - 10:30 a.m. - Colleen Foltin (3rd 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.

**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](http://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](mailto:mzambito@scsreading.org)



**Knights of Columbus®**

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



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**DINNER STARTING 5:30 PM**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> 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 UNDER 21 ADMITTED**

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

**Money Wheel - 50/50 Drawing Door Prizes**

**CALL BRYAN SCOLLICK@ 610-823-5193**

**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 !*

**Prv 9:1-6:** Proverbs directing attention to young men who were to take their places in the royal court speak of food and drink.

**Eph 5:15-20:** Christians should be careful to live according to the will of the Lord. They should avoid carefree living and give praise and worship to God in the name of Jesus.

**Jn 6:51-58:** Jesus proclaims that He is the living bread from heaven. Whoever eats of it shall live forever. When the Jews quarreled about this teaching, Jesus repeated it without any qualification.

**Today's Message:** Wisdom has prepared a banquet of food and wine, an image expressive of God's communion with us. For those who desire life, Jesus gives His own flesh and blood. Thus we shall be filled with the Spirit.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 7:00 p.m. - Grotto

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

FAITH AND FAMILY SOCIAL- 6:30-10:30 p.m. – Pavilion & Social Hall

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY – following the 9:30 & 11:30

Masses – Social Hall

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

8:00 Marquerite Arthur

4:30 Daniel Di Fulvio

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

7:30 Helen Mudery

9:30 Jack Gaffney

11:30 Central Catholic Coaches, Steve & Andy

Hydock & Deceased of the George Hydock Family

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19**

7:15 Joan & Edgar Lloyd

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20**

7:15 Theodore Borek

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**

7:15 Daniel Lonergan

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22**

7:15 Jessica Rodriguez

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**

7:15 Melissa Floresca

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**

8:00 Lana Worrall

4:30 Margaret Raith

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

7:30 Patricia & Andrew Pinto

9:30 Lewis Ianni (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Mary Ann Kruse (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Scripture Readings**

For the Week of August 18, 2024

**Sunday**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

**Monday**

Memorial of Saint John Eudes, Priest

Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday**

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday**

Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday**

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday**

Memorial Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday**

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**Sunday**

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

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



**For the week of August 18th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Maryann Marino**

**St. Mary's - Thomas "Butch" Mathews**

**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.**



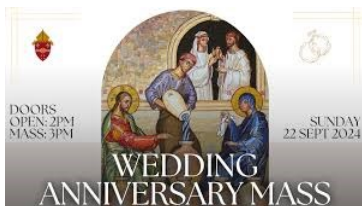
**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

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| Monday 8/19    | Rev. Thomas J. Kuller, S.J.     |
| Tuesday 8/20   | Rev. Matthew J. Kuna            |
| Wednesday 8/21 | Rev. Joseph J. Kweder           |
| Thursday 8/22  | Rev. Patrick H. Lamb            |
| Friday 8/23    | Rev. Daniel T. Lannen, O.S.F.S. |
| Saturday 8/24  | Rev. Brendon M. Laroche         |

**Pennsylvania March for Life** - Assemble on the steps of our state capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, September 23 for the 2024 PA March for Life. There will be a concert at 10am, a rally at 11am, and marching will begin at 12. For more information or to register for updates, visit [marchforlife.org/penns](http://marchforlife.org/penns)

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

**Doughnuts, coffee and fellowship! Our guitar choir will be hosting hospitality Sunday after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on August 25<sup>th</sup>.**



**Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** - Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of

Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Albert Schlert, will take place in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Doors open at 2 p.m. Please visit the following link to register and for more info: <https://allentowndiocese.org> Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage and Family Life, with questions: [rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org).

**Parish Nurse News** - Season changes, back-to-school, and coming events can elevate stress. Learn management skills before stress impacts your health. Important tips: healthy diet, fruits and veggies, relax, walking, 8 hrs. of sleep, and less screen time! ([www.mayoclinic.org->healthy-lifestyle->stress-management](http://www.mayoclinic.org->healthy-lifestyle->stress-management))

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:

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| 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.

Please text or email Beth at: 610-781-2935 or [bap3mem@ptd.net](mailto:bap3mem@ptd.net) or the Parish Center at 610-779-4005 if you would like to attend.

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wise Fools**

When we were in high school, we learned that the word sophomore came from Greek words meaning "wise fools." The idea was that the second year student thinks he knows it all now, but still has a lot to learn. The first two readings invite us to a banquet of wisdom. Jesus says he himself is the way to understanding God's will; he gives himself as food and drink for eternal life. So how will we accept these invitations to partake of the Wisdom of God?

One way is to read the scriptures every day, taking time to think and pray about what you read. Don't do all the talking; let God have his chance to be heard. The gospels are especially good "food" because of all the examples Jesus gave in his sermons and parables.

Listen to the readings and homily at Mass. The Pastor may have some insights that make you think. Receive communion often to be fed with the living Bread. The Church has always taught that we are fed with both the word and the Eucharist.

If we want to grow in God's wisdom, we have to exercise our faith. If you have a friend or relative who is a good example of faith, talk with that person about how you experience God or your lack of experiences. You could offer to be a sponsor for someone in the RCIA, and help someone else's faith to grow. Your parish or diocese may also have on-line resources or discussions. God never forces himself on anyone. To grow in his Wisdom, we have to accept it. Ask him for real food and you won't be disappointed. But be patient, God only gives what we are ready to receive.

Tom Schmidt,

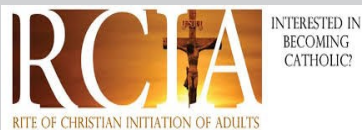
Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**a time to be born... Recently Baptized: Thea Lutz**

**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, Steven Barber, Joe Barker, 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 Burkhardt, Bill & Maria Bunch, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Therese (Brenner) Cooney, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Barbara D'Augustino, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Dr. Elizabeth Edmunds, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Jocelyn Franek, Abby Franey, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Rita Gethmann, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, 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, 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, Phyllis 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:** & 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.

*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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).*



**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.

**Siena Stitchers** will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month beginning September 5th at 10am in the Meeting Room. New members are always welcome. Call Anita @ 610779-1571 or Barb @610 779-8346.

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



## Altar Server Kickball Game



**EVERYONE**, come cheer & have fun!

\* Servers-RSVP 610-779-4005

**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

St. Catherine of Siena Parish



Saturday, Aug 24

THE  
PRINCE  
OF  
EGYPT



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

PG-historic biblical theme

Free Will Offering accepted

\*Rain location-social hall

### 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/](http://unitedhearts.life/). Buy tickets at [itickets.com/events/47](http://itickets.com/events/47).



## 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

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

October 2, 2024: Bingo and hoagies! 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.

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we observe another Marian celebration, the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its original date was May 31, when it was instituted by Pius XII in 1954, but it was eventually moved to August 22 so that its close relationship with the Assumption might be made clear. Mary's queenship is multi-dimensional: she reigns gloriously in heaven as queen and mother; she is the queen who intercedes; she is the sign of the Church in its future glory.

Of course, the traditions surrounding the Blessed Mother's queenship extend much further back than the establishment of this feast. In the eighth century St. John Damascene could write, "When she became Mother of the Creator, she truly became Queen of every creature." According to Jewish tradition, the mother of the king was accorded a seat of honor at the right of the king. With Jesus' royal heritage as a descendant and member of the house of David, Mary quite naturally takes her proper place as the queen mother. Pius XII simply recalled these traditions and gave us a day to remind us of how we can direct our prayers to Mary, our Queen.

—Rev. James Field