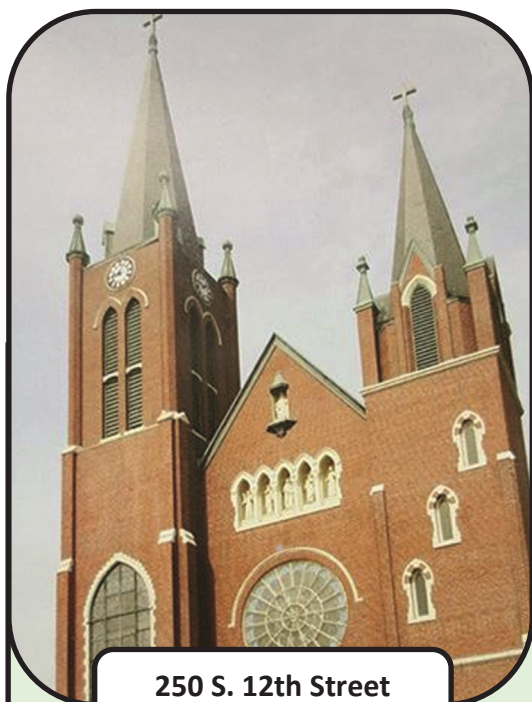


Saint Mary's

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

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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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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 24th - 3:30 p.m. - Cyndie O'Leary
Sunday, August 25th - 10:30 a.m. - Colleen Foltin (3rd Anniversary)
Saturday, August 31st - 3:30 p.m. - Patricia Pinto
Sunday, September 1st - 10:30 a.m. - Richard Zaorski

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.

<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

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.



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 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 !

Knights will be selling tickets after each Mass at the tables in the back of the Church.

Jos 24:1-2a: Joshua admonished the Israelites to decide their allegiance to God. They answered that they would serve the God of their fathers who delivered them from slavery and protected them.

Eph 5:21-32: Paul gives specific directives to wives and husbands. Wives are to be submissive to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ. Husbands must love their wives as their own bodies. They are to be ever faithful to each other.

Jn 6:60-69: Jesus emphasizes that to believe in Him demands faith – a gift from His Father. Mary left Jesus, but His Twelve turned and said, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Today’s Message: Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel; Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? The desertion of disciples is a prelude to the paschal mystery. With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord, who gave himself up for us all.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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

Masses

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 7:00 p.m. - Grotto

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 Lana Worrall

4:30 Margaret Raith

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30 Patricia & Andrew Pinto

9:30 Lewis Ianni (6th Anniversary)

11:30 Mary Ann Kruse (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

7:15 Michael W. Bollendorf, Sr.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

7:15 Marge Lonergan

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

7:15 Margaret Raith

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

7:15 Joseph Daly (2nd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

7:15 Carol Menet (18th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 Maria Banis

4:30 Anthony Marino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30 William & Rose Cain

9:30 Fernando Cuesta

11:30 Sandra & Steve Bibbo

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 25, 2024

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

Monday

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Monica

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

Memorial of The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 6:17-29

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

**For the week of August 25th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**



**St. Catharine’s Church - Faculty & Staff
of Saint Catharine’s School**

St. Mary’s - Al & Madeline Sowizdral

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 8/26	Rev. Keith R. Laskowski
Tuesday 8/27	Rev. William J. Linkhorst
Wednesday 8/28	Rev. David J. Loeper
Thursday 8/29	Rev. David Lopez, F.S.S.P.
Friday 8/30	Rev. Philip J. Maas
Saturday 8/31	Rev. Stephen L. Maco



The Children’s Liturgy is returning!!!

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

We are happy to let you know that the Children’s Liturgy will return to St. Catharine’s in mid-September. This will take place during the 9:30am Mass. We are looking for a few volunteers to be part of a team to help lead the Children’s Liturgy once a month. This is a great way to serve our parish, especially if you regularly attend the 9:30am Mass. For more information contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org



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.

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Taken Out of Context**

If you want to start an argument, try telling your wife that St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians says she should agree with everything you say. I’m sure that many people have taken out of context the line about wives being submissive to their husbands. In fact, the first sentence says they both should be subordinate to one another. (Eph 5:21)

So what does Christ show us guys about being subordinate to our wives? Paul mentions the main example: Christ handing himself over for her (the Church) refers to his death on the cross. He made it even clearer for them the night before he died: He washed the feet of his disciples and told them to do the same for each other. (Jn 13:14-15)

Still not sure that subordination is a mutual quality in marriage? Paul explains that marriage is the best example of “love your neighbor as yourself.” He quotes Genesis 2:24 about two people becoming one body. So your love for yourself now becomes love for your spouse. Do I love my wife so much that what she needs is as important to me as what I need? Do we encourage and support each other in our chores and weaknesses? Do we support each other’s faith? Ladies, ask yourselves the same questions.

Paul’s conclusion is that marriage is a sign of what the church should be. If you ever want to know what the love of Christ for his Church is, look at how a couple in a strong marriage love each other. And if you want to have a good marriage, love each other as Christ loves you.

Tom Schmidt,



The young adult Bible study group is an excellent way to come to know the Word of God, make friends, and help each other grow as men and women of the Church. Come join us at 7pm

on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room down the hall from the parish office. Contact Merrick Plaisance at 610-914-0251 or merrickplaisance@yahoo.com for information.

Daily Masses with Bishop Schlert

Monday, September 9 - Our Lady of Mercy, Easton - 8:00 am
 Thursday, Sep., 12 - Holy Guardian Angels, Reading - 8:00 am
 Monday, October 28 – Saint Theresa of Calcutta,
 Mahanoy City – 6pm

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, 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 Burkhart, 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, 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, Jackie Kopicki, 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, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Bruce Rapp, 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 Scheffler & 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.

Parish Nurse News - Heart health and lower cholesterol tips! Cut back on animal fats such as full-fat dairy, processed meats, hot dogs, and fatty red meats ribs. Increase soluble fiber, oats, fruits, whole grain foods. Go meatless one meal per week with plant proteins, beans, lentils, tofu, or quinoa (health.clevelandclinic.org).



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. Rain or shine.



- 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. **The first Class will be a "Come & See Session" on Thursday, September 5th at 6 p.m. in the Church.**

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, 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.



St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus #14880 understands that times are still difficult for many living here in our community. We feel that no child should be without a warm coat this winter. Over the past several years we have donated cases of coats to students at St. Catharine School and want to continue this charitable event. We are conducting our 2024 Coats for Kids campaign at St. Catharine's and with your help we can keep our youth warm this winter. Through a matching gift from our state council, your donation of \$10.00 will provide coats for 2 children. Please help us with this endeavor. Send your check, made payable to the Knights of Columbus #14880, to: Knights of Columbus #14880, 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606.



September Food Drive Collection

to support the Kennedy House. The Kennedy House is asking St Catharine's parish as a whole to donate as much food as possible to restock their food

pantry for the most needy families here in Berks County. The collection will take place for the month of September. Collection boxes to be located at all exit doors for easy drop off. God bless you all & thank you.

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.



SUNDAYKIDZ



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

G I N C R E A S E Q
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Listening Softly Increase Spirit Spoken
 Betray Twelve Peter Master Holy

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Eucharist was never meant to be only "comfort food," something that makes us feel warm and satisfied. It is to be bread for the journey, nourishment for the task that God has set for our community and for each one of us. Thus it is not surprising to see some walk away in today's Gospel, for they understood that recognizing Jesus as the bread of life is a commitment to changing one's life.

St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this week, once observed that in celebrating the Eucharist we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. As we conclude the series of reflections in John's Gospel on Jesus as the bread of life, it is appropriate to think about the role that the Eucharist plays in our lives and in our parish. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment in faith to serve the Lord. How does the parish social ministry carry out that mandate? How do you carry it out in your own life? Is it related in any way to the celebration of the Eucharist? How does celebrating Mass Sunday after Sunday make a difference in your life and in the world?