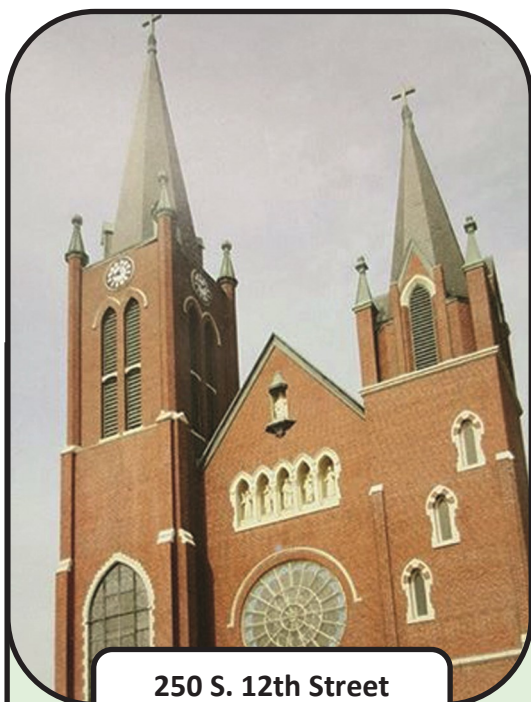


Saint Mary's

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
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Deacon John Stapleton
Deacon Gregory Schneider
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P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
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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 31st - 3:30 p.m. - Patricia Pinto
Sunday, September 1st - 10:30 a.m. - Richard Zaorski
Saturday, September 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Diane Cibroski
Sunday, September 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Deceased of the Szot,
Niedzwiecki & Baranowski Families

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 2025 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 24th. In person requests will not be taken during this time. Please write out your requests (Include the intention, requested by, and date. Also include your name and contact information and a check for the amount due). You can mail, drop them off at the Parish Center or put them in the collection basket. Requests will be dated upon arrival and will be honored to the best of our ability. The **Mass form** will be available on the tables in the Gathering area the weekend of September 21st and will be also available online. If possible, indicate an alternate date in case your first choice is not available. The offering for each intention is \$10. You may request ****two** Mass intentions per deceased; one of which will may be a weekend Mass.** The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you. If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Parish Center between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at 610-779-4005. If you are handicapped or a shut-in, please call the Office and we will help you.

Please note: We will do our best to accommodate everyone; however, we will be working with a limited amount of Masses and we ask for your patience.

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 !

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8: Moses warns the people that they are not to add or subtract from the statutes and decrees of the Lord. God is looking after them directly.

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,27: Everything worthwhile comes from God. Christians should welcome God's word, listen and act upon it.

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23: Jesus condemned lip service. It is wicked thoughts from the heart that really make a person impure.

Today's Message: Through observance of the Lord's commands, we shall experience the fullness of life. Living in conformity with God's will frees us from all casuistry about good and evil. We are called to welcome God's word and to let it take root in our hearts.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

NO CONFESSIONS
PARISH CENTER CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

50+ CLUB BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

SIENA STITCHERS – Meeting Room – 10:00 a.m.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 7:00 p.m. – Grotto

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

OCIA (formerly RCIA) 6:00 p.m. – Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 Geraldine & Samuel Russo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:15 Mary Louise Mancuso

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:15 Steven Bibbo (10th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:15 Michael C. Fura (21st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:15 John Kiedeisch

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 James Gaffney

4:30 Deceased of the Scarpaci Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 Genevieve Fura & Michael C. Fura

9:30 Michael C. Fura & Genevieve Fura

11:30 Jorge Romero (5th Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 1, 2024

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

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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



**For the week of September 1st
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Deceased
Members of Copar/Maslar Family

St. Mary's - Mary & Gene Pondo

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/2	Rev. Leo J. Maletz
Tuesday 9/3	Rev. John C. Maria
Wednesday 9/4	Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
Thursday 9/5	Rev. Keith A. Mathur
Friday 9/6	Rev. Msgr. John B. McCann
Saturday 9/7	Rev. Robert J. McConaghy

Parish Nurse News - Tips for healthy snacking! Don't snack if you aren't hungry! Keep raw fruits and veggies (skin intact) at the front of the fridge, easy to see and quick pick. Avoid snacks with TV or computer, easy to overeat! Choose low carbs, sugars, and sodium (Positive Promotions, Reviewed by K. Sherman, RD) like cucumbers, carrots. Hummus is an excellent tasty and healthy dip!

Divorce Recovery Support Group

If you are suffering a divorce or separation, or perhaps grieving a past divorce, join us for prayers, donuts and encouraging conversation. BYOC - bring your own coffee. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, second floor of the parish office on the first Saturday of each month, 9:00 to 10:00am (after the 8:30am Mass). **The next meetup is September 7th. For information call 505 688-8663.**



The first ever Altar Server Kickball Game and Parish Family Outdoor Movie Night were both huge successes. Both events were held August 24th back to back. "Millers Magnificent Mavericks" were ultimately victorious over "JV's Victors" in a close nail biter of a game that ended 4-3. Special thanks to Redner's for their donation of hotdogs and to Scoupe Deville who graciously donated ice-cream & water ice for all. Thanks to our Knights of Columbus who donated the large inflatable movie screen and to the countless volunteers who gave of their time and talent to pull off these fun family events. We look forward to doing this again. Youth don't miss out on the next game. *Sign up now to be an altar server!* See Father JV Nguyen for details.



Congratulations to Joe & Terri Essig who will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May they be blessed with many more years together!



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.

The Children's Liturgy is returning!!!

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



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.

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 Gladfelder, 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, 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 Suhomelly, 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: 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.

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFELINE

Next week (September 7th and 8th), there will be baskets of baby bottles at all the church exits. Please take one and fill it with your change, the kind that rattles or the kind that crinkles, and return your filled bottle the following week (September 14th and 15th) to the same baskets. This campaign will benefit Lifeline of Berks County in their mission to make abortion unnecessary in Berks County by building up a culture of life and family in our community.



412 Reading Ave. West Reading, PA
610-374-4044
www.lifelineberks.org



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.

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:

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.

STAND UP FOR LIFE AND LIBERTY



At the Berks County Life Chain

Sunday, October 6, 2024

2:00 to 3:30 PM

Penn Avenue, West Reading

**For more information, contact Pam Snyder at
610-790-9197**

Now more ever, please consider taking a public stand, in prayer, with hundreds of like-minded individuals at this critical juncture in our nation's history; before our 1st Amendment rights are stripped away!! Prayer walk takes place Sat. evening Sept. 30, beginning at 5:45 PM at St James Church. Come out to ask for God's blessing on the Chain. Understand that the Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful activity, committed to presenting the truth about abortion and the healing power of Jesus Christ.



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.**

Join Our Altar Servers at St. Catharine of Siena Parish



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.