Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish

Reading, PA 19606

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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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.

4975 Boyertown Pike

Sacraments Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. - in the Church otherwise, by appointment only.

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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, September 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Frank J. Kosikowski Sunday, September 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Stefania & Feliks Ucinski Saturday, October 5th - 3:30 p.m. - Chester Chelstowski (9th Anniversary) Sunday, October 6th - 10:30 a.m. - Terry Eckert

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 is now open. 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 vou.

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.





OPPORTUNITY FOR DAILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHURCH. VISITATION WITH OUR LORD IN HIS MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE FROM 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th THRU FRIDAY, UNTIL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IS ACT THE OF WORSHIPPING GOD AS HE IS PRESENT IN THE CONSECRATED EUCHARIST. "OF ALL DEVOTIONS, THAT OF ADORING JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS THE GREATEST AFTER THE SACRAMENTS, THE ONE DEAREST TO GOD AND THE ONE MOST HELPFUL TO US." St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Please visit the sign up tables at the back of the For more information, please call Sue Church. Hissick and leave text/voice at 610-568-6328.

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.



1st EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS in BERKS COUNTY Spend time with Our Lord Jesus Christ in adoration. The Eucharistic Rosary Congress ("ERC") will be taking place in Berks County, beginning with 5PM Vigil Mass on: Saturday, October 5, 2024 through Friday, October 11, 2024. Holy Guardian Angels Parish (side chapel) 3121 Kutztown Road,

Reading, PA 19605.

<u>Nm 11:25-29:</u> The Lord empowered seventy elders with the gift of prophecy. Eldad and Medad were absent but they also received the gift. Some elders complained but Moses replied that it would be even more wonderful if all the people were prophets.

Jas 5:1-6: James deplores the injustice committed by the rich. He speaks of their pending miseries, their wanton luxury, wages withheld from workers. All of these will stand as witness for greed.

<u>Mk 9:38-43 ,45, 47-48</u>: Jesus reminds His followers that nothing done in His name will go unrewarded. But anyone who deceives a simple believer will be severely punished.

Today's Message: Moses and Jesus both attest to the fact that the work of the Spirit cannot be confined by the institution, and that no one can claim a monopoly of the Spirit's charism, or wisdom. Beware of growing rich while neglecting the rights and needs of others.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH MONDAY. SEPTEMBER 30 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS -- 7:00-8:00 p.m. **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1** EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. 50+ BOARD MEETING - 10:00 a.m. - Meeting Room ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING - 7:00 p.m. - Meeting Room WEDNESDAY, October 2 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 A.M. Mass until 8:00 p.m. 50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING - 1:00 -p.m. - Social Hall PREP - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - School YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room PATRIOTIC ROSARY - 6:00 p.m. - Grotto **THURSDAY**, October 3 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. PRAY THE ROSARY - 6:45 a.m. SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Meeting Room OCIA (formerly RCIA) - 6:00 p.m. - Meeting Room KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING -7:00 p.m. - Social Hall FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. SATURDAY, October 5 PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m.

For the week of September 29th The Sanctuary Candle will burn In Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Michael & Genevieve Fura

St. Mary's - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 8:00 John Yetzer 4:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Rathkey Family SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Marie Marthe Briand (3rd Anniversary) Cora Nacar (9th Anniversary) 7:30 9:30 11:30 Catherine D. Kostival **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** John Sadlowski 7:15 **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1** 7:15 Joseph Bender WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 7:15 Kathleen Bryan **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3** Rocco Cambria 7:15 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4** Marie P. Bassler 7:15 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 8:00 Florence Urban Nicholas D'Alonzo (6th Anniversary) 4:30 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 Mary I. Mathews (7th Anniversary) 7:30 9:30 Deceased Members of the Suchomelly & Bukowski Families Mary Lou Miller (1st Anniversary) 11:30 **Scripture Readings** For the Week of September 29, 2024 Sunday Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 Monday Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50 Tuesday Doctor of the Church Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8; Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11. 12-13, 14-15; Mt 18:1-5, 10 Thursday Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12 Fridav Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi Jb 38:1. 12-21; 40:3-5: Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16 Saturday Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17 -24 Sunday Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or Mk 10:2-12

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 9/30 Tuesday 10/1 Wednesday 10/2 Thursday 10/3 Friday 10/4 Saturday 10/5 Rev. Msgr. Stephen J. Radocha Rev. Miguel M. Ramirez Rev. Msgr. James J. Reichert Rev. Anthony Ripp, M.S.C. Rev. Eugene P. Ritz Rev. Philip F. Rodgers

Rosaries in October! We will be reciting the rosary before all masses in the month of October. We need volunteers to lead. Rosaries will start 1/2 hour before Mass. All materials will be provided to you prior via email and copies will also be in the sacristy before each weekend. If you came to the rosaries in May and you were blessed by them, please consider signing up to lead.

Parish Nurse News - Seasons are changing- but continue sun screen outdoors on sunny days, bring a sweater for cooler evenings, and walk. Gentle, low-impact cardio, walking eases us into fitness and health (mayoclinichealthsystem.org)! Enjoy fresh air, sights, and comfortable temps! Try to gradually increase your walk distance and pace as tolerated.

If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Oct 8th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Resources of your local Careerlink". 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 <u>pauljosephlicata@gmail.com</u> www.josephspeople.org



The 2024 **Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at

www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!

Community Connections-Berks, Inc needs the help of our Community! We are collecting soda pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Tabs can be delivered to Wyndham Advisors, 5 Hearthstone Court, Suite 106, Reading PA 19606. Tabs can be left on front porch.

Please join us on our **New Night; Wednesdays, 6pm in Mary's Grotto at the church** for a group recitation of the Meditative Patriotic Rosary from the Caritas community. This is a rosary unlike our traditional rosary, in that we pray for each state by name and the souls in each state, for our local, state and federal governments, and we sing a patriotic song after each mystery. Materials are provided. Bring a comfortable chair if you like. May God Bless you and may God Bless America! St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood drive <u>on Sunday, October</u> 27,2024. Blood drives are an excellent way to support our community. Please call Dave Gibney at <u>484.332.1624</u>, or schedule online at<u>https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/</u>

drive schedule/85668. Anyone who is in good health, is 16 years of age or older, and weighs 110 pounds or more, may donate whole blood every 56 days. (16-year old donors require parental consent). Did you know:

- 40% of the US population is eligible to donate but only 5% do on a yearly basis.
- Statistics show that 25% or more of us will require blood at least once in our lifetime.
- Every 2 seconds, someone in the US requires a blood transfusion.
- It only takes about 45 minutes of your time to save a life.
- Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs to see

approximately 450 donors every day to supply the 27

hospitals served by the blood center.

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.

<u>Meetings</u>

October 2, 2024: Cash Bingo and hoagies!

November 6, 2024: John Vogel will be discussing Medicare Updates. Refreshments will be served.

<u>Trips</u>

November 20, 2024: Hunterdon Hills N. J. , Christmas Show \$120 per person.

December 4, 2024: The 50+ Christmas Party will be held at the Doubletree Hotel. The cost is \$35 for members and \$37 for nonmembers. Flyers will be available at the next meeting. For more information call, Janina Ankielewicz at 215-644-7396.

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.



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, Steven Barber, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Jason Beshore, JoAnne Biscanti, 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, John Heft, 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, Rocco Martinozzi, 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, Nada Rathkey, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Barbara Schock, Edward Senkowski, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, John Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Lyn Weidenhammer, Frank White, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman A Time to die: Joseph Capilo; David Cocci (husband of Theresa Cocci); Chester Lakatos & 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.

October is the month of the Rosary. You are invited to come half an hour early to all weekend Masses in October to pray the Rosary with us. We are currently looking for Rosary leaders for all the Masses. Not sure how to pray this beautiful prayer? No worries, we supply leaders with a prayer guide. Sign ups to lead can be found in the narthex of the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Maribeth at 819-250-1825. Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!



Blessing of Animals/Pets

We will have the Blessing of the Animals on **Saturday, October 12th at 10: 00 a.m.** at the Pavilion. There will be a short service and a blessing. We encourage you to bring your animals/pets for this special blessing. All pets should be contained with a leash for their own safety as well as the safety of the other people who will be present. **All pets are welcome!**

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist (OLME) invites you to take some time apart from your busyness, and attend one of our two special Time Apart retreats where you will be introduced to the Church's rich heritage of praying with the Sacred Word of God, as well as praying the universal prayer of the Catholic Church, the Liturgy of the Hours, The OLME retreats include daily Mass, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the gift of an atmosphere of silence, as well as ample time for prayer and reflection before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Retreat Dates:

November 22 – 24, 2024, at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center (White Post, VA) Cost is \$295 or if paid by 10/15 \$275 and

January 10 - 12, 2025, at the Ave Maria Retreat House, Doylestown, PA. Cost is \$295 or if paid by 11/30 \$275. For more information, please call 610-582-3333.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Save money! Support SCS Home and School Organization.

Shorti (6") Hoagie Coupons are \$5.00 each Can be used at any Wawa. Readily available in the school office. Paying via cash or check- return payment with stub to school office Paying via Venmo - @SCS-HSO with name, phone number or email, and # of hoagies in summary of payment



How to Enter:

- Sign-up: Register by Oct 20, 2024 by contacting Troy Rudy
 610.698.2921 or <u>troyrudy@ptd.net</u>
- Bring Your Chili: Contestants, please bring your prepared chili in a crockpot, slow cooker, etc. ready to serve.
 - No Entry Fee: Bring your appetite and competitive spirit!
- Tasting and Voting: Sample the chili entries and cast your Vote for:
 - Preist's Pick and Parish Pick

Rules:

The only rule is to have an ingredient card listing the ingredients of your concoction for anyone with food allergies. Other than that ... <u>There are no RULES!</u> What you call chili is what we call chili! Chili can be red, white, green with or without beans, any meat.

D MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP Ĵ Our traditional choir is in desperate need of Ĵ some new voices to keep this ministry active in **J** J our parish. (All ages are welcome!) 7 The choir sings at 11:30 Mass, and we hope to 7 Π begin in October if we have enough members. Rehearsals are held before the Mass, usually 7 J beginning at 10 a.m. in the conference room in J Ţ the office area. (No evening rehearsals are 7 required!) 7 Л Please consider helping to revive the choir. 5 Sacred music adds to our praise and worship of God. Voices are gifts which can be used to make Л Ŋ Ĵ music to the Lord. D 5 Do not allow the choir to disappear at St. Catharine's! 5 7 Additionally, we are always in need of more cantors to lead singing at all of the Masses. Л Ņ If you would like to consider using your singing Ĵ voice to enhance our liturgies, please contact J David at 484-332-8695 or dkostival@comcast.net J And remember: "He who sings, prays twice" (St. Augustine) yuuuuuuuuuuuuuu