Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish





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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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, October 19th - 3:30 p.m. - Carolyn Graczyk Sunday, October 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Eleanor Kaminski Saturday, October 26th - 3:30 p.m. - David & Sandra Rickert (43rd Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, October 27th - 10:30 a.m. - Andres Kazmierczak



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., UNTIL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION? EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IS THE ACT 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. For more information, please call Sue Hissick and leave text/voice at 610-568-6328.



# 2024 Christmas Boutique *It's coming faster than you think!*

Friday, November 22 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, November 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We will once again feature all the holiday magic including one-of-a-kind Christmas Shopping, the holiday Turkey Dinner, the large assortment of Christmas Cookies and Baked Goods, Homemade foods, and the famous basket raffle!

Boutique Big Buck Bonanza

WIN: \$1,000 CASH! (With four additional prizes)
Raffle Tickets will be in the bulletins the weekend of Oct. 26/27
We are pleased to once again present:

The ANGELORUM Choir

Beverly McDevitt will return with her choral group in a holiday concert in the church on Friday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Dear St. Catharine of Siena Parish Family,

From the depths of my heart, I thank you, thank you and thank you.

Words cannot truly express the overwhelming gratitude I feel for the outpouring of love, generosity, and prayers you have shown to my people in Tuong Loan Parish, Nam Dinh, Vietnam. When I shared with you the devastating news of Typhoon Yagi and the destruction it left in its wake, I knew I was turning to a community of faith, but your response has exceeded anything I could have ever imagined.

Your support has been a beacon of light during some of the darkest days for my family and hometown. Your generosity is a powerful testament to the strength of our faith and the love we share as one body in Christ. It has uplifted spirits, renewed hope, and reminded us all of God's grace working through you.

Many of you have reached out personally, asking about my family and how they are doing, and I am deeply touched by your compassion. I am happy to share that my family and my home parish are safe and continuing forward with hope. Your prayers, unwavering support, and incredible generosity have made all the difference. I cannot express how much it means to know that so many of you are thinking of and praying for us during this time.

On behalf of my home parish and our beloved pastor, Father Joseph Tran Van Duoc, I extend our deepest thanks to you. Father Joseph and all the parishioners of Tuong Loan Parish join me in praying fervently for you, for your families, and for all your loved ones. Across the thousands miles, we lift you up in prayer, asking God to shower you with His blessings, to protect and guide you, and to fill your lives with peace and joy.

Please continue to keep my hometown in your prayers as we move forward in faith, knowing that, with God's grace and the support of our brothers and sisters in Christ, we will overcome every challenge that lies ahead.

May God bless you all, and may He continue to fill your hearts with His love and peace.
With all my gratitude and love,
Fr. Van Vien (J.V.) Nguyen

Hurricane Helene & Milton Collection - The United States Catholic Bishops are requesting donations to its disaster relief fund to assist those affected by Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton. This collection will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Your support can bring hope and relief to those who have lost so much. "Together, we can make a significant impact in the lives of our fellow Catholics facing this disaster."

## Candlelight Prayer Service for the Presidential Election -

Join us at Assumption B.V.M. Church, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30pm in the church. All are welcome as we pray for our election process. For more information contact Mary at 610-867-7424 x16.

<u>Is 53:10-11:</u> The suffering servant speaks of his life as a sin offering that his people may prosper enjoying a long life. Through his suffering he will bear the guilt of many.

<u>Heb 4:14-16</u>: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the high priest who shares all our weaknesses, except sin. His mercy comes to all who seek it.

Mk 10:35 -45: James and John request a special honor in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus reminds them and the other ten that anyone who aspires to greatness must be prepared to serve first.

<u>Today's Message</u>: True greatness (holiness) is found in serving one another and by giving ourselves as did Jesus who suffered that we might be justified. He is our compassionate high priest in whom we have placed our hope.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20** 

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21** 

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.** 

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS -- 7:00-8:00 p.m.

GRAND ULTREYA 6:30-9:00 p.m. – Social Hall

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22** 

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.** 

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 A.M.** 

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

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 24

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.** 

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 a.m.** 

Mass until 8:00 p.m.

AHG - 6:30-8:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

PRAY THE ROSARY - 7:30 a.m.

CHILI COOK-OFF - following the 4:30 p.m. Mass - Social Hall

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27** 

BLOOD DRIVE - Social Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room



For the week of October 20th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - David J. Hafer

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 Terry Mscichowski

4:30 Knights of Columbus Council #14880

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20** 

7:30 Patricia DeJoseph (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30 Anna May Mast 11:30 Mary Barrett

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:15 Terry Mscichowski

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22** 

7:15 Russel Hartman

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:15 Communion Service

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:15 **Communion Service** 

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:15 **Communion Service** 

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26** 

8:00 Lewis Ianni

4:30 Donald Entzminger (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27** 

7:30 John S. Palkon

9:30 Carol Heller (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Stanley Sajdak (24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

## Scripture Readings For the Week of October 20, 2024

Sunday

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ls 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

or Mk 10:42-45

Monday

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint John Paul II, Pope

Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Women's Club of Exeter Township homemade Christmas Cookie Sale \$10.00 a pound. Pick-up is Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Lutheran Church1375 Friedensburg Road. Order by phone 610-779-6506. Ask about our Chocolate Covered Pretzels. Deadline is November 30.

## PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 10/21
Tuesday 10/22
Wednesday 10/23
Thursday 10/24
Friday 10/25
Saturday 10/26
Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Sobiesiak
Rev. Leo S. Stajkowski
Rev. Jason F. Stokes
Rev. Jonas Tandayu, M.S.C.
Rev. Jerome A. Tauber
Rev. James P. Thomas

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - Health and Turmeric! Antiinflammatory effects, positive impact on Diabetes Type 2, obesity, and inflammatory bowel disease, and found to kill cancer cells. Research continues, so talk to your healthcare provider about adding turmeric to your diet (mayoclinicminute, 2018). Also, now is a great time to teach children healthy eating fruits and vegetables daily for fiber!

YETI Cooler Raffle- CYO is raffling off not ONE but TWO Yeti Coolers filled with all kinds of goodies! Tickets will be available to purchase during Saturday's Mass October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-5:30pm and again on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at both the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses. Tickets can also be purchased through any CYO Student or Member. Tickets are \$20- with two chances to win! Email: StCatsCoaches@gmail.com for more information.

"Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can!" - Saint Padre Pio

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...On behalf of The Kennedy House Food Pantry / Soup kitchen, Sister Caroline, Sister Eneyda and all the volunteers at the food pantry, Thank you. It is the spirit of giving from so many people like you, we can fulfill our commitment to provide food for the poor. God Bless you all. God Bless St Catharine's.

St. Catharine's of Siena is holding a blood drive on Sunday, October 27,2024. Blood drives are an excellent way to support our community. Please call Dave Gibney at 484.332.1624, or schedule online at <a href="https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/85668">https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/85668</a>. 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.



Congratulations to Patrick & Joanne Bollendorf who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May they be blessed with many more years together!



## Please note the date change!

## **OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED**

St. Catharine's Family of Faith lovingly extends to you an invitation to gather with your sisters and brothers who support, sustain and encourage each other in the tender love of the Lord. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. Healing comes, however, our hearts are touched by the hand of the Lord. *On Wednesday November 6th* at 6:30 p.m. in the Church St. Catharine's Family beckons you to share with us in a Memorial Mass of love and remembrance of your dearly departed family members.

If you have lost a family member during the 2024 year, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Center or place in the collection basket no later than Sunday, November 3rd.

## OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED

Name of deceased:	
Person requesting:	
I will attend I will not attend	

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: Anthony Becerril-Bolbos

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Joseph Albert, Richard Albelt, Carl Andrzjewski, Anthony Antonucci, Joan Antush, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Irene Bezak, Joseph Bezak, 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 Franck, Abby Francy, 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, Margaret Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Lynn Keys, 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: Sister Maria Rose Zielinski, OSF & 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 distler@comcast.net.

Ceremony to Present Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins - On Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 11:00am, the Catholic War Veterans & Auxiliary, Post 454 will be partnering with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion in Northampton, PA, in cooperation with the Department of Defense as authorized by Congress, to present Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins to those who are eligible, for serving on Active Duty between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, who served during that period of eligibility, may also receive a pin. Note that the rain date for the ceremony is Sunday, November 10th, at 11:00am. Please call the Catholic War Veterans Post 454 at 610-440-0018 by Thursday, October 31st to register to receive this memento of service at this Veterans Ceremony.



You asked for it, so hear it comes: Q & A with Father Miller! Thursday 11/7/24. 6:30-8:30 pm in the Church sanctuary. Have questions about the faith? Father Miller is ready to tackle your questions! Light refreshments will be available in the Narthex/Gathering Area before and after question time. No need to RSVP. Please come with your family and bring a friend.

## 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

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

#### **Trips**

All trips for the year are closed!

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. Reservations and cancellations can be made November 25, 2024. For more information call, Janina Ankielewicz 215-644-7396.

Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654. For trip information.

Please call Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 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.



Formed is a Catholic online streaming service that provides movies, books, educational materials, documentaries, daily reflections, seasonal programs, lives of the saints, and so much more; all at no cost to our parishioners. It is an amazing resource for our children, teens and adults.

Use the links below to signup/view content.

formed.org/signup formed.org



## **KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS**

A GIGANTIC Thank You from the SCS Knights to all those parishioners who contributed to our annual "Coats for Kids" drive. Your overwhelming generosity and the match by the Knights of Columbus will allow us to provide approximately 100 coats to children in our community this winter.

To those who attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SCS Knights of Columbus "Knight at the Races" on September 28<sup>th</sup>, **THANK YOU!** The evening was a great success providing fun for our patrons & funds for our SCS Knights' charitable mission. The Knights are very thankful to the SCS parishioners and their unwavering support of our events.

The Knights of Columbus is a grassroots Catholic fraternal organization that works in service to the needs of our community. Our focus is centered on, and around, establishing programs which directly impact upholding and fostering the principles of the Catholic Church, aiding or assisting in our community's needs, promoting the family, developing our youth, and growing the brotherhood of our council.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Knights' Annual Breakfast with Santa will be on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses in the Social Hall.

The SCS Knights are always looking for and open for new members, If you are a male over 18 years of age and a practicing Catholic, we very well could be the charitable Catholic fraternity you are looking for. There is contact information on the tables in the Narthax and you can reach out to any member to get additional information as to what we are about and what we do for our Church, community and other Catholic organizations within our community. We'd love to talk to you.

