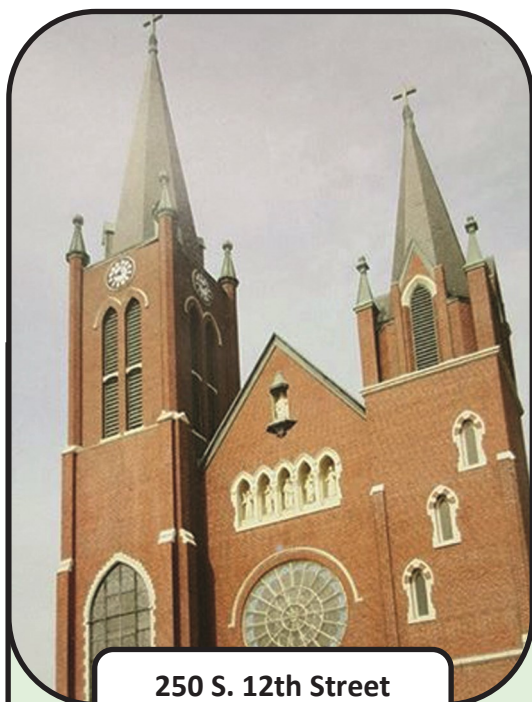


Saint Mary's

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, November 2nd - 3:30 p.m. - The Martino & Cibroski Families
 Sunday, November 3rd - 10:30 a.m. - Nicholas A. Floriani (2nd Anniversary)
 Saturday, November 9th - 3:30 p.m. - John S. Morawcznski
 Sunday, November 10th - 10:30 a.m. - Halina & Stanislaw Gniadzik

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.

SUNDAY MISSALS for 2025 are now available. They may be picked up at the Church Store or at the Parish Center. The cost is \$5.00 each.

Sanctuary Candle Memorial 2025 ! You will have the opportunity to request an intention for the sanctuary candle at St. Catharine's Church, or St. Mary's Church. Your request can be in memory of or in honor of a loved one or loved ones. Request forms can be found in the back of St. Catharine's Church or St. Mary's Church. The suggested offering for the intention is \$10.00.

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.* 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.

The words 'Behold, your mother!' from the Gospel According to John 19:27, express Jesus' intention to inspire in his disciples an attitude of love for and trust in Mary, leading them to recognize her as their mother, the mother of every believer." - Pope Saint John Paul II

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) releases a document before each presidential election to help Catholics prepare to vote. These documents can be found on the tables in the Gathering Area.



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.

Men's & Women's Advent Events

Rest & prepare for Christ's coming.

Saturday, December 7, 2024

at Saint Catharine of Siena Social Hall

BOTH events include:

- + delicious food
- + fellowship
- + guest speaker
- + adoration
- + confession
- + free will offering



Men's Breakfast

9-11 AM

Be a Catholic man
in the mold of St. Joesph

Host or join a dinner table.

Contact Ted Matyas at
Edward.matyas@gmail.com
RSVP by Dec 2

Women's Dinner

5:30-8 PM

Women's Advent
Reflections

Host or join a dinner table.

Contact Cassie Sedlack at
Bhouji@comcast.net
RSVP by Dec 2

Dt 6:2-6: Moses instructs the people to hold fast to the commandments of the Lord. In this way they shall love God and they will prosper in the Lord's favor.

Heb 7:23-28: Jesus has a priesthood that will not pass away. He is a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and higher than the heavens. He offered one sacrifice for sin.

Mk 12:28-34: Jesus describes the first commandment - the total love for God – and the second - love for neighbor.

Today's Message: The two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God who is love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

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

BLESS THIS SPACE – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

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

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

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

QUESTION & ANSWERS WITH FR. MILLER – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

AHG – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP – 10:00a.m. – Meeting Room

SOCIAL SATURDAY – after 4:30 p.m. Mass – Social Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

SOCIAL SUNDAY – after all Masses – Social Hall

Women's Club of Exeter Township homemade Christmas

Cookie Sale \$10.00 a pound. Pick-up is Saturday, December 14th at Bethany Lutheran Church 1375 Friedensburg Road. Order by phone 610-779-6506. Ask about our Chocolate Covered Pretzels. Deadline is November 30.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 All Souls of the Faithful Departed

4:30 Charles Schittler

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 Horst Witthaut (10th Anniversary)

9:30 James Altavilla

11:30 Mark Speece (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:15 Dorothy Zielinski

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:15 Edaro & Esther Ponzo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:15 Annetta Wilson

6:30 p.m. All Souls

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:15 Rita DiCerchio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:15 Patrick & Linda Martz

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 Anthony Rearden (3rd Anniversary)

4:30 Deceased Members of the Koch, Price & Hughes Families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 Michael P. Reid

9:30 James Gaffney

11:30 Adam Calvaresi (12th Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 3, 2024

Sunday

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Monday

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Phil 3:17—4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sunday

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

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

**For the week of November 3rd
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Max Curtin

St. Mary's - Dorothy Zienlinski

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/4	Rev. James J. Ward
Tuesday 11/5	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wargo
Wednesday 11/6	Rev. Leon Weisenberger, M.S.C.
Thursday 11/7	Rev. Joseph T. Whalen
Friday 11/8	Rev. Samuel Yeboah
Saturday 11/9	Rev. Msgr. Daniel Yenushosky

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. Deadline for the Christmas Party reservations/cancellations is 11/25/24. 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.

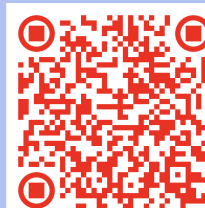
Date Night at Folino Estate For Engaged and Married Couples -

Catholic engaged and married couples are invited to an evening of romance and reflection at Folino Estate Winery in Kutztown, PA on Friday, January 24, 2025. The evening will feature a cocktail hour with live music and optional couples' portraits by [Vargas Photography](#). A tasteful dinner buffet will follow along with an intimate New Year's reflection by guest speakers Greg and Heather Maigur. Tickets are \$100 per couple, and space is limited to 25 couples, so reserve your spot today! Register at allentowndiocese.org/. Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage & Family Life, at rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org with any questions.



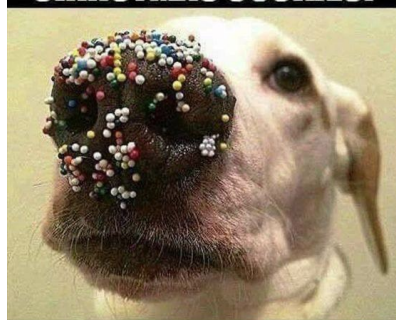
Join our team of AMAZING educators !Looking to teach in faith filled school? Looking to get back in the classroom from retirement? Looking to get back into the classroom after family time? Then we are looking for you! We are in search of a Long Term Substitute Job Function: Third Grade Long Term Substitute—responsible for covering all the teacher's duties, such as teaching classes, and helping students adjust to a new routine. This position has the possibility to turn in a full time teaching position for the 25-26 school year. Please contact Mkraycik@scsreading.org for more details.

A huge thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Christ for an unforgettable day in our 8th-grade science lab! Dr. Christ brought his expertise in pathology and microbiology to life, sparking curiosity and excitement as our students explored real hospital-grade slide specimens. It was an incredible opportunity for our 8th graders to dive into the world of medical science, and perhaps even discover a future career path! We are so grateful for this hands-on experience that opened their eyes to the fascinating field of healthcare!



Saint Catharine of Siena School extends our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of our Walk-a-Thon! Your generosity and kindness have made a significant impact, and we are truly grateful for your continued dedication to our school community. With your generosity, we will be able to provide enriching experiences for our students. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission!
With sincere appreciation,

CHRISTMAS COOKIES?



NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY CHRISTMAS COOKIES

The Christmas Boutique features a huge bake sale with hundreds of home-made Christmas cookies which are always a sell-out. We are asking all talented bakers in the parish to make a contribution to the Bake Sale, such as cakes, pies, breads. Please contact Michele at mfeeny@boyertownasa.org Baked goods may be dropped off at the social hall anytime on Thursday November 21st or early in the day on Friday November 22nd To volunteer at the Christmas Boutique on November 21st or 22nd please email SCSChristmasboutique@gmail.com



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, Joseph Albert, Richard Albelt, Carl Andrzejewski, 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 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, Margaret Iuso, Michael Jurasinski, 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, Bernie Soltysik, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Richard Uliasz, 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 Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman. *A Time to die: Michael Hesson & 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.

St. Catharine of Siena Parish's American Heritage Girl troop PA1111 will be participating in the National Wreaths Across America Day on December 14 at Forest Hills Memorial Park by collecting wreath sponsorships. Each sponsored wreath will be placed on a veteran's grave. A portion of the wreath sponsorships go to the troop to cover badge work and camping fees. Join the troop in remembering and honoring our local veterans. Sponsorships or donations can be made in person with an AHG member after each Mass on this weekend. Thank you for your support to the AHG troop and honoring our veterans who sacrificed so much!

Help American Heritage Girls Troop 1111 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Forest Hills Memorial Park, Inc..

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0275P

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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- Scribes
- Commandments
- Lord
- Heart
- Soul
- Mind
- Strength
- Love
- Neighbor
- Sacrifices

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Congratulations to Julie Wright & Rob Wright Winners of "Parish Pick" Chili Cook Off!

the NFP task force presents
DESIGNED WITH PURPOSE
NOV 7TH
6:30 - 8:30

What is "Natural Family Planning" and why does the Church promote it? We'll talk through the science of how "NFP" works and why it's vital for women's health. Whether you're single, engaged, married, or simply want to learn more about NFP, we welcome you to join us!

@ HOPS AT THE PADDOCK
 1945 W Columbia St, Allentown, PA 18104. Light refreshments will be provided.
 SCAN TO RSVP

Contact: NFP Task Force
 allentown.nfp@gmail.com

OUR SPEAKERS:

- KATHLEEN CHOYAKES**, Fertility Awareness Educator
- SARAH DEARMEN**, Licensed Professional Counselor
- ANDREW RALL**, FEMM Certified Nurse Practitioner



9th Annual Toy Drive

(sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church)

To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

St. Catharine of Siena has agreed to join all our local Churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need. Parents will select toys for their children on December 13, 2024. A toy collection box will be placed in your building in October. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through age 13) and place them in the box between before December 1st. We are also seeking gift sets for the older children (14-18). Art sets, shaving sets, nail care sets, hair care sets, etc. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480)



Congratulations to Ed & Joan Skoczen who will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on November 7th. May they be blessed with many more years together!

