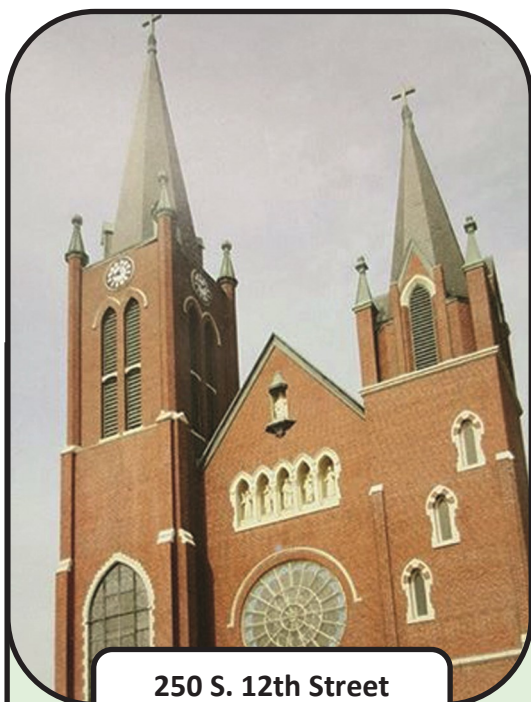


Saint Mary's

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
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Deacon Gregory Schneider
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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 23rd - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Skoraszewski
Sunday, November 24th - 10:30 a.m. - Bernard Wrobel
Saturday, November 30th - 3:30 p.m. - Jane Chelstowski (37th Anniversary)
Sunday, December 1st - 10:30 a.m. - Jean Ustaszewski

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. of Berks County will hold its annual Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia Dinner on Sunday, December 15th, at the YR Club, 1029 Thrush Rd., Wyomissing. Doors open at 4:15pm. Cocktail hour (cash bar) and hor d'oeuvres 4:30-5:30pm followed by the sharing of the Christmas wafer, dinner, koledy, dessert, coffee and tea. Members: \$55.; Non-members: \$65. For more information and reservations, call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279. after 7:00pm. The deadline for reservations is Dec. 6th.



ENVELOPES can be found today on the altar rail for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Each plant is \$12.00. Please print names legibly.



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
SAINT CATHARINE'S CHURCH**

**7:15 A.M.
12:00 NOON
6:30 P.M.**

ST. MARY'S - 8:00 A.M.

THE SCS KNIGHTLY NEWS



THE SCS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE HOSTING A



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2024
(at the SCS SOCIAL HALL)**

Visits with Santa and Breakfast will begin following the 7:30 AM Mass and will conclude at 11:30 AM

Each child Visiting with Santa will receive a small gift bag from him

BREAKFAST MENU: Scrambled Egg Casseroles (Plain Egg, Ham & Cheese, or Western Style) Creamed Chipped Beef Bacon Sausage French Toast Home Fries Toast Coffee Milk Juice

*An opportunity for a free will offering will be available to cover the cost of the breakfast
The SCS Knights thank you all for your support through the year and wish you and your families all the blessings of this joyous Christmas Season!*



Dn 7:13-14: Daniel foresees the coming of the Son of Man. He receives all honor and glory. All peoples of every nation serve Him. His kingship shall last forever.

Rv 1:5-8: By the shedding of His blood, Jesus has made us a royal nation of priests to serve God. The Lord God is the Alpha and Omega- the beginning and the end. He is Almighty.

Jn 18:33b-37: Before Pilate, Jesus admits that He is a king but that His kingdom is not of this world. Jesus says that He came into the world to testify to the truth.

Today's Message: To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and His kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28

PARISH OFFICE - Closed

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

PARISH OFFICE - Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:15 Alberta Lutz

4:30 Geraldine (Delle Palme) Hydock

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 John S. Bankert, Jr. (15th Anniversary)

9:30 William H. Hartranft

11:30 The O'Malley Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:15 Stella Deeble

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:15 Mary Ellen Landy (4th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:15 Anna M. Venezia

7:00 p.m. Frank S. Marabella

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 John Mieczkowski

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 Margaret A. Scott

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 Mary Moll

4:30 David & Mary George

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 Diane Cerra

9:30 Joseph F. Kabat

11:30 David S. Snukis

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 24, 2024

Sunday

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Mk 11:9, 10; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28

Friday

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



For the week of November 24th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Margaret & John Franek

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

"If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path." - Saint Josamaria Escriva

CHRIST THE KING

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 11/25	Rev. Msgr. Algimantas A. Bartkus
Tuesday 11/26	Rev. Msgr. William F. Bayer
Wednesday 11/27	Rev. Frans J. Berkhout
Thursday 11/28	Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Biszek
Friday 11/29	Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin
Saturday 11/30	Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Music Ministry invites one and all to *All Things in Her Heart: Musical Meditations on the Joyful Mysteries* on **Sunday, December 8, at 5:00 pm**. Deepen your celebration of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception and the Rosary through this annual Advent Evening of Scripture and Song, sung by the Choir of St Elizabeth. Prelude music starts at 4:30. A free-will offering will be taken at the door. St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church is located at 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall. All are welcome!

Parish Nurse News - As you prepare for Thanksgiving, be mindful of thankfulness and easy ways to stay healthy. Gratitude is a plus for mental health! Enjoying small portions of new foods, old favorites, and desserts is fun and avoids over-eating and the discomfort of feeling too-full!

Advent/Christmas devotional books (small blue books) are available at the Church Store. Cost is \$2.

Time is running out to help Gethsemane Cemetery sponsor a **Veteran's wreath through Wreaths Across America** this season. The last day to sponsor is December 3rd, 2024. Please visit Gethcem.com or call 610-929-2613 for more information.

Boy Scout Used Toy Drive - Boy Scout Troop 358 will hold their annual Used Toy Drive, next weekend, November 30 and December 1. We are looking for gently used toys that are clean, have all or most of their parts, and are in good condition. No plush toys please. The scouts will be cleaning the toys and delivering them to the Opportunity House who will then deliver them to children in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Say thank you to the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who devoted their lives to serving others. The Diocesan Collection date for the Retirement Fund will be on the weekend of December 7th & 8th.

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 28th & 29th. THE PARISH CENTER WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd.

THANKSGIVING WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-November 25th - 7:15 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, November 26th - 7:15 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, November 27th - 7:15 a.m. - Mass

Vigil of Thanksgiving Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day - 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 29th - 9:00 a.m.

Our traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. Please gather together with your fellow parishioners and friends in giving thanks to God for His many blessings. There will be songs of praise before Mass, so feel free to come early and join the singing. Our guitar group will offer the music.

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

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Women's Dinner

5:30-8 PM

Women's Advent
Reflections

Host or join a dinner table.

Contact Cassie Sedlack at
Bhoujii@comcast.net
610-698-1168
RSVP by Dec 2



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 Abelt, 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, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke,

Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhardt, 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, George Dietrich, 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, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Al Heck, William F. Hedl, 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 Martinuzzi, 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, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suhomelly, 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, Bill Wertz, Frank White, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: Rita Gethmann (wife of Carl Gethmann) & 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: First Lt. David J. Wentling, IV, Second Lt. Nicholas A. Wentling, 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.

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

January 8, 2025: Pat White will review the trips for 2025. 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. 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.

Welcome! If you are visiting, we hope you find us to be a warm and welcoming faith community. If you are new to the area, we encourage you to register as members. You can do this by meeting Father Miller or Father JV after Mass. We are happy you are here!

SAVE THE DATE

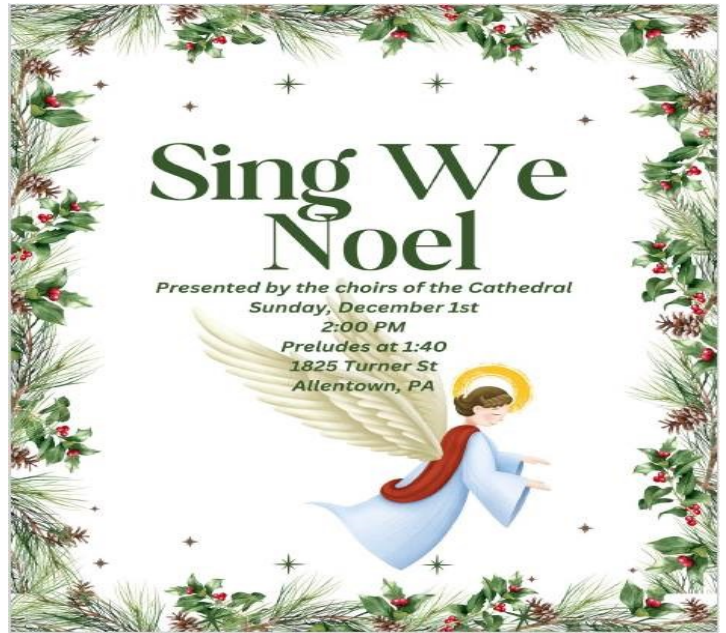
We Still Do . . . and Always Will

Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 4:30 Mass
St. Catharine of Siena Roman Catholic Church

Look for sign up forms in January

If you'd like to help plan the event, please contact Lisa Siciliano
at 610-781-4064 or by e-mail at wdy561@yahoo.com

Renewal of Wedding Vows Ceremony & Dinner in the Social Hall



With heartfelt gratitude,
St. Catharine of Siena
School extends
its thanks for your
generous support
of our endowment.



DEC 15, 2024

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A Special Collection for the St. Catharine
of Siena School Endowment Campaign

*Thank you for helping us ensure the health and future
of our school for generations to come.*



Amount \$ _____

*With your kindness and continued generosity,
your donation helps our St. Catharine of Siena School
students become who God meant them to be!*

Holiday Sale
FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

HANDCRAFTED WREATHS FOR SALE!
HOMEMADE COOKIES BY THE POUND!

**WE ARE ACCEPTING HOLIDAY DECORATION DONATIONS
FROM NOVEMBER 14TH TO NOVEMBER 30TH.**

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.



Christmas Concert

Constantia Male Quartet

Sunday December 8th 3pm



Baked Goods and Basket Auction

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1094 Welsh Road, Reading
610-777-1624