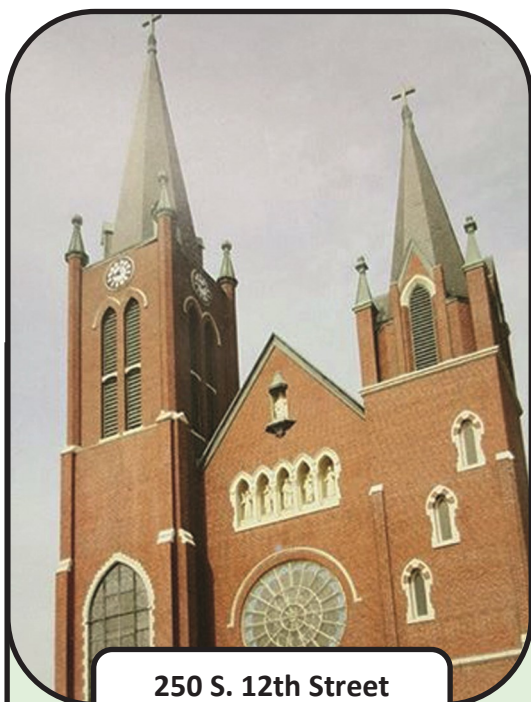


Saint Mary's

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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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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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, December 7th - 3:30 p.m. - Dorothy Zienlinski
Sunday, December 8th - 10:30 a.m. - Catherine Pieja Cirulli
Monday, December 9th - 8:00 a.m. - Homebound Parishioners
Saturday, December 14th - 3:30 p.m. - Mr & Mrs Francis Zalegowski
Sunday, December 15th - 10:30 a.m. - Rita Gethmann



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.

We will be decorating St. Mary's Church for Christmas on Thursday, December 19th beginning at 9:00 am We look forward to your help.

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 Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. We will have additional Masses during Advent. Everyone is invited!

*Tuesday, December - 10th & 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December - 11th & 18th at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December - 12th & 19th at 6:30 p.m.*

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MONDAY,
DECEMBER 9TH
7:15 A.M.
12:00 NOON
6:30 P.M.**

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



Advent Confessions

Regular Schedule

Saturdays

2:45pm-3:15 pm St. Mary's

3:30pm-4:15 pm

Mondays

7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Additional Confessions for Advent

Sundays

6:45 am-7:15 am

8:45 am-9:15 am

9:45 am-10:15 am St. Mary's

10:45 am-11:15 am

**Advent Penance Service - Monday December 16th
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 pm

7:00 pm

9:00 pm St. Mary's

10:30 pm

Christmas Day Masses - Wednesday, December 25th

8:00 am

9:00 am St. Mary's

10:00 am

**Daily Mass from December 26th to December 29th
9:00 am**

December 28th— 29th

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

**Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation
December 31st - 4:00 p.m.**

January 1st

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's

9:00 a.m.

Bar 5:1-9: Baruch tells Jerusalem of God's favor. God will gather the people together that Israel may grow secure in the glory of God. He leads in joy, mercy, and justice.

Phil 1:4-6, 8:11: Paul rejoices in the progress of faith among the Philippians. He is sure that God who began this good work will help it grow. Paul prays that their love may even more abound that they may be rich in harvest.

Lk 3: 1-6: Luke outlines some historical facts at the time of John the Baptist's preaching. It is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. John prepares the way for the Lord.

Today's Message: The Lord has done great things, leading His people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

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

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

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30p.m. – Social Hall

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

100th ANNIVERSARY MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. -School

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

ITALY INFORMATION NIGHT - After 6:30 Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6.00 p.m. – Meeting Room

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 5:45 p.m. – Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

AHG – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – following the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 11:30 a.m. – Social Hall

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, December 9th.



**For the week of December 1st
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - Jeffrey Schloder

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 Owen A. Holbrook

4:30 Chester & Dorothy Sychertz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 Theresa & William Bryan

9:30 Marie P. Bassler

11:30 Henry & Mary Jane Skowron

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:15 Rev. Joseph Curtin

Noon Maureen Hagen

6:30 p.m. Rita Minotto

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:15 Paul C. Trielvel

6:30 p.m. Sondra Ricci

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:15 Alois & Rosa Sager

6:30 p.m. Edward Wentzel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:15 Carl, Marie & Maryanne Heine

6:30p.m. Bernie Soltysik

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:15 Jesse Arnold (10th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 Margaret Buccigliaglia

4:30 Joesph & Patricia Capilo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 Helen Krafczek (1st Anniversary)

9:30 Maria Mac Nguyen

11:30 Elizabeth Mesisca (2nd Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 8, 2024

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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| Monday 12/9 | Rev. Douglas C. Burns, O.S.F.S. |
| Tuesday 12/10 | Rev. Thomas Burns, M.S.C. |
| Wednesday 12/11 | Rev. Christopher S. Butera |
| Thursday 12/12 | Rev. Msgr. Albert J. Byrne |
| Friday 12/13 | Rev. Floyd Caesar |
| Saturday 12/14 | Rev. Msgr. Aloysius R. Callaghan |



All members of the parish are invited to attend an Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the holiday season and spiritually prepare for the new year. Multiple priests will be available for Confession.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools. Email pilgrimage@aor call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Due to the Holidays, all information for the bulletin must be received in our office as follows: **December 22nd, 29th and January 5th by Friday, December 13th by noon.** Information for the bulletin can be emailed to dsitler@comcast.net.



There will be an information session concerning Fr. Miller's trip to Italy on Wednesday, December 11th after the 6:30 Mass. The session is intended for those who are curious about the trip and want to learn more about it.

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!





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: Natalie McHugh, Phoebe Hinsey & Emmett Davison

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Joseph Albert, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Irene Bezak, Joseph Bezak, Jason Beshore, JoAnne Biscanti, Jodi Bixler, Susan Bolognese, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, 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, 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, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Jackie Kopicki, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat & Fred 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, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, 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, Bill Wertz, Frank White, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: Vince Skimski*, (husband of Jamie Skimski & father of Heath Skimski); *Edward Wentzel*, (father of Teresa Mueller) & 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.

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



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

The Siena Stitchers will be displaying handmade articles for sale at the Church. All proceeds will go to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society.



Patriotic Rosary

Thursday's 5:45 PM (Advent Time) Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Exeter HS Boys' Basketball

Designer Purse

BINGO

Raffles * Food * 50/50 * Specials

Sunday, January 12 (Snow Date January 19)
Doors Open 12:00 PM * Games Begin 1:30 PM

Exeter High School Cafeteria * 201 East 37th Street * Reading, PA 19606

Scan the QR code to purchase!



Purchase 8 tickets to reserve a table!

Tickets \$30 in Advance * \$35 at the Door (While They Last)

Purchase by November 15 to receive 3 free raffle tickets!

Questions? Email exeterboysbasketballclub@gmail.com



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.

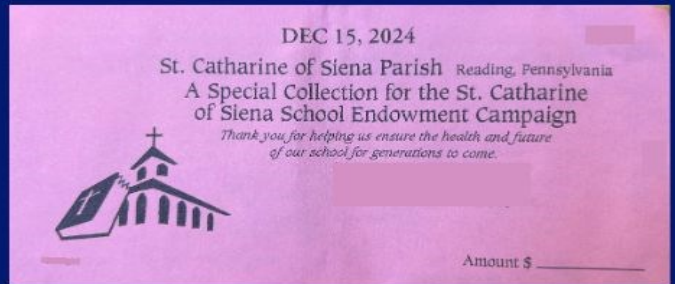
Trips
All trips for the year are closed!

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.

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



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

ADVENT CHALLENGE – INVITE ONE BACK: Consider inviting someone you know who has fallen from the practice of the faith. Invite them to join you at a Daily of Sunday Mass or weekly devotions. As we await the coming of our Lord at Christmas, we are reminded that Jesus always waits for our return. Perhaps someone you know needs a simple invitation on how to do that.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKI): available at the parish office throughout the week. The wafers are broken and shared on Christmas Eve at the family meal.


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- 11/10/2024 - \$18,772.00
- 11/17/2024 - 16,173.00
- 11/24/2024 - \$18,727.00

BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024
3:00 P.M.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
740 FRANKLIN STREET
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Christmas Vespers

FEATURING THE
SAINTS HONOR CHOIR

