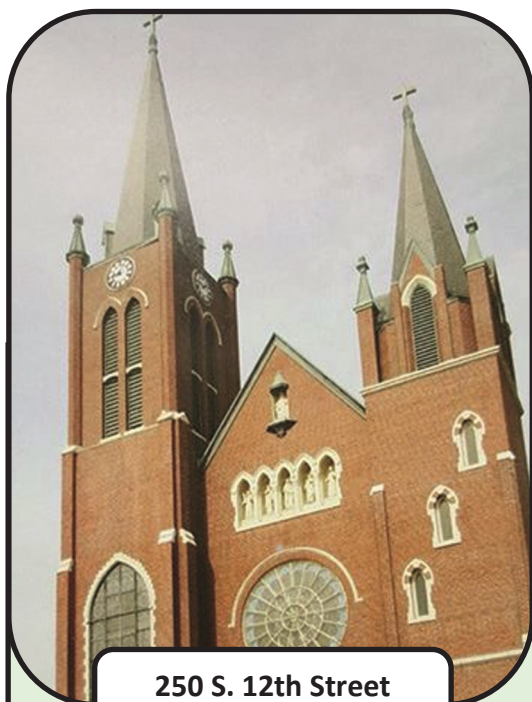


Saint Mary's

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

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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, January 4th - 3:30 p.m. - Regina Wrobel
Sunday, January 5th - 10:30 a.m. - Leon J. Zerkowski
Saturday, January 11th - 3:30 p.m. - Irene Goodman
Sunday, January 12th - 10:30 a.m. - Mary Glutz (34th Anniversary)

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 Epiphany of the Lord
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

TAX STATEMENTS

Please note: If you would like a copy of your **giving record for tax purposes**, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket. **If you would like your statement sent through email please print email address clearly on this form.** You can also email with your request anytime at **dsitler@comcast.net**. **If you do not have a computer we can mail you a copy of your statement.** **Statements will be not be ready until the week of the 20th of January.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

If you have any questions, please call Diane Sitler at 610-779-4005 .

St. Catharine's & St. Marys' Parish Welcomes All - No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish.

Is 60:1-6: The Lord favors Jerusalem, which kings and peoples will approach. The riches of the earth will be placed at the gates of Jerusalem.

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6: Paul admits that God has revealed the divine plan of salvation to him. Not only the Jews, but also the whole Gentile world, will share in the Good News.

Mt 2:1-12: King Herod, being jealous of his earthly crown, was threatened by the coming of another king. The magi from the east followed the star to Bethlehem from which a ruler was to come.

Today's Message: All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

50+ CLUB GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall

PREP – 6:30-8:00 – School

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:00 p.m. – Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

AHG – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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

PINEWOOD DERBY – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 Michael Bobb

4:30 Bill Abramowicz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 Samuel Russo

9:30 Kathleen Kennedy Donohue

11:30 Virginia Houck & Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:15 Beatrice Doino

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:15 Mary Carroll Reaser

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:15 William Lazarski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:15 Dorothy-Lins Wisniewski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

7:15 Living & Deceased of the Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 Donald Wentling, Jr.

4:30 Deceased Members of the Rizzo & Brandfon

Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 John Rundle

9:30 Alex T. Hafer (2nd Anniversary)

11:30 Bernie Soltysik

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 5, 2025

Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

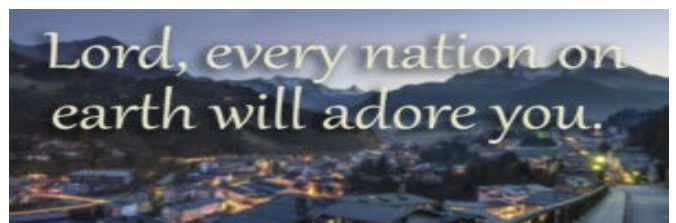
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



**For the week of January 5th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

St. Catharine's Church - John & Mary Sowizdral

St. Mary's - Stella & Joseph Albrecht



PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/6	Rev. Ladislaus J. Dudek
Tuesday 1/7	Rev. Keaton C. Eidle
Wednesday 1/8	Rev. Giuseppe C. Esposito
Thursday 1/9	Rev. Edward J. Essig
Friday 1/10	Rev. Bernard J. Ezaki
Saturday 1/11	Rev. Msgr. Victor F. Finelli

Gethsemane's Annual Mass of Remembrance

commemorating all of those interred or entombed in both Gethsemane and St Mary's Cemeteries in 2024, will be held on Sunday January 19, 2025. Mass will be held in the Chapel of the Resurrection at 3pm.

Kennedy House. Want to **volunteer** and help those struggling? It is St. Catharine's turn to run the **Kennedy House** in Reading. We would love to have you come and help out either **Saturday, January 18th and or Sunday, January 19th** or both days! Times are from 9:30-2 each day. Please call, text, or email if you can help - Sara Miller 484-459-0270 or sk1699@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there.

Also, if you are unable to help but would be willing to **donate** food or other supplies we would need, please contact me as well. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ACA823A4FA7-53411942-kennedy>

END-OF-YEAR GIVING OPPORTUNITIES with PLANNED GIVING:

Consider these ways to help with our capital improvements projects: -Donations of appreciated stocks and IRA rollovers -Consider increasing your weekly or monthly donations -Include the parish in your last will and testament -Include the parish in memorial donations at the passing of a loved one -Include "in memory" gifts to the parish in your own pre-planning.

SURVIVING DIVORCE—a confidential program offering hope and healing from divorce starts February 3, 2025 and runs through April 21, 2025, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Church of Saint Benedict, 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, PA 19540. For more information please contact Joe Boylan, 610-781-6415 or joeboylan@berksfoods.com.

If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "What is your plan for 2025? How will you track it?." 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 pauljosephlicata@gmail.com



Millions of Monicas – Praying With Confidence For Our Children

Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the church entirely. Like St. Monica, as mothers we persevere in prayer for their joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. We are not a support group or a self-help group. No sensitive information is shared. We believe that by coming together monthly, uniting our hearts and voices praying together, we can bring strength and joy to each other. We want to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children.

Join with other mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, Godmothers, etc., as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.

We will have three separate meetings held on different days and times with the hope that if one meeting is not convenient, there is another for you. We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month (with the exception of that will be held on 1/8/25 only) from 7p - 8p. We'll have another on the second Saturday of the month from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. We will also meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 9a - 10a. **All meetings will be held in the Church.**

For more information please visit www.millionsofmonicas.com

DID YOU KNOW? - Through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Pennsylvania Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC), businesses and individuals can lower their tax bills by donating to private schools, scholarship organizations, pre-K programs, and other educational enrichment initiatives. The bulk of the tax credits — \$110 million per year — are reserved for donors that give to scholarship organizations, which provide financial aid to children attending K-12 private schools. The program also sets aside a small amount of tax credits for donors that give to pre-k scholarship funds. At Saint Catharine of Siena School, our EITC and OSTC program plays an essential role in the school's financial strategy as well as the fulfillment of our mission. Saint Catharine of Siena School is seeking donors to participate in the EITC/OSTC program to alleviate the burden of financial aid on our operating budget AND to give as many children access to a Catholic, Saint Catharine of Siena education as possible. If you are interested in learning more about this tax credit scholarship program, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Conlon, SCS Advancement Director @ 610-779-5810.

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, 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, 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 & Theresa Essig, Robert Flipping, Jocelyn Franek, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Loretta Greely, 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, 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 & Fred Lenich, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinozzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Debra McCarthy, 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, Harvey Snyder, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suhomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Antoinette (Honey) Tutlane, 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: & 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.



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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



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

NOW THAT THE **WINTER** IS REALLY UPON US, WE WANT TO REMIND THE **SENIOR MEMBERS** OF OUR PARISH FAMILY THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COME TO MASS ON DAYS THAT ARE STORMY, ICY OR BITTER COLD. ONE DAY OF HEROICS COULD LEAD TO MANY MONTHS IN BED RECUPERATING.

Designed with Purpose NFP Information Night - What is "Natural Family Planning" and why does the Church promote it? Join the NFP Task Force at Building 24 Kitchen and Bar, 1115 Bern Rd., Wyomissing, PA 19610, where speakers will 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 on February 6th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact the NFP Task Force allentown.nfp@gmail.com with questions. RSVP at allentowndioocese.flock

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.

February 5, 2025: Matthew Dudds will sing songs and tell stories for Valentine's Day. Refreshments will be served.

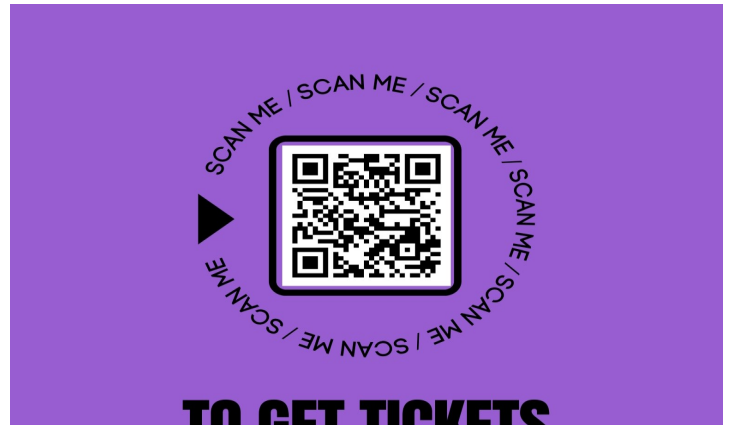
Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654. For trip information.

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.

Prayer For Healing

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.



TO GET TICKETS

Enjoy hockey and support a great cause

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Saturday, January 18th, 2025 Puck Drop at 7:00 P.M.

