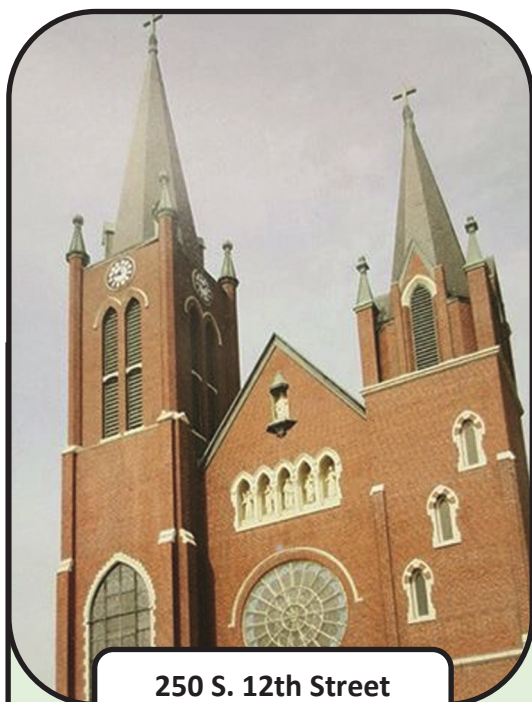


Saint Mary's

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
Deacon John Stapleton
Deacon Gregory Schneider
Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal
Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

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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

Phone: 610-779-4005
Parish Website: www.scsreading.org
Parish Email: saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com

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Phone: 610-779-5810 • www.scsreading.org

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PRE-SCHOOL:

Phone: 610-779-5810

Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center,
4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606

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 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Donna Wrobel
Sunday, January 26th - 10:30 a.m. - The Jermac Family
Saturday, February 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Donna Wrobel
Sunday, February 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Vince Skimski

Catholic Church for the Jubilee of Hope 2025 will celebrate:

FEB
8-9: Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel
15-18: Jubilee of Artists and the World of Culture
21-23: Jubilee of Deacons

Please note: Tax statements will be sent from a new email: scsstatements@outlook.com
Please check your spam folder.

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

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



KNIGHTLY NEWS & EVENTS



LENTEN FISH FRYS - The Knights will be hosting the Lenten Fish Frys at the Social Hall from 5-7 PM on the following Fridays during Lent.

March 7th
March 21st
April 11th

Similar to last year, the Fish Frys will be 100 % walk-ins. **No pre-orders** will be taken. As a result, the event will be operating on a first come, first serve basis until we are sold out.

CRAB CAKE DINNER

Father Miller and the SCS Knights will be hosting a Crab Cake dinner on

Friday, April 4th from 5-7 PM.

The meal will include crab cakes, stewed tomatoes, mac & cheese, coleslaw, rolls, a dessert, and drinks (beer & wine available for a small contribution if you so choose).

This event will be a pre-order only event as discussed above and the contact info for orders will be released in the bulletin in February.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



SAVE THE DATE!

SCS Knights 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament
SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

*Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!
The SCS Knights thank you for your continued support !*

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10: The people of God return to their homeland, rebuild the temple, and now listen to the proclamation of the law of God.

1Cor 12:12-30: By Baptism we begin to become Christians, Christ unites Himself to us, and we must grow with him.

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21: Jesus proclaims the “good news” to the poor, and announces the fulfillment of the prophetic vision of Isaiah.

Today's Message: Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims Himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In Him we have become one body with many members.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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

SCS ART SHOW - Social Hall

YOUTH GROUP – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

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

BOOK REVIEW WITH DEACON JOHN STAPLETON – 1:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:30 p.m. - Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

BOOK REVIEW WITH DEACON JOHN STAPLETON – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room

FAITH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT following the 4:30 p.m. Mass – Social Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

SOCIAL SUNDAY - After the 7:30 & 9:30 Masses - Social Hall

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

NEW PARISHIONERS' BRUNCH following the 11:30 Mass – Social Hall

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

St. Catharine of Siena



For the week of January 26th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Joseph S. Patti & Angelina Patti

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 Helen Stroud

4:30 Mynahan & Staub Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30 Leroy Adams

9:30 Special Intention

11:30 Sandra Bibbo (6th Anniversary)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

7:15 Rose & Joseph Yorck

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:15 Adam Gajewski (8th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

7:15 Collin R. Bollendorf

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

7:15 Jan Peoples

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

7:15 Francis Peter Lloyd

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 Fotios Arnidis (10th Anniversary)

4:30 Judith Koch (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 John Stapleton, Sr.

9:30 Paul T. Bassler

11:30 Angelo Porcaro (4th Anniversary)

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 26, 2025

Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Women's Lent Retreat, 2025. The Bishop's Commission for Women invites all women of the Diocese to a contemplative day of community, prayer, and reflection. Join us on **Saturday, March 8th, 2025 from 8:30am to 3:30pm** at St. Mary's in Kutztown: 14833 Kutztown Road Kutztown, PA 19530.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 1/27	Rev. Msgr. John J. Grabish
Tuesday 1/28	Rev. James J. Greenfield, O.S.F.S.
Wednesday 1/29	Rev. Eric J. Gruber
Thursday 1/30	Rev. Francis M. Grundowski
Friday 1/31	Rev. Kevin M. Gualano
Saturday 2/1	Rev. Thomas Osei Gyau

Parish Nurse News - More from Eat Well, Live Well! Health benefits of lemon and lime include may prevent cancer and rheumatoid arthritis, have antioxidants! Eat raw, squeeze juice into drinks or onto foods, use small pieces of rind in baking. Enjoy!

Join us Sunday Feb 9th after all the Masses for our annual **Boy Scout Troop 358 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!** Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids. You can buy your tickets on Feb 2nd in the rear of Church. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Friday - 8:30 a.m. - noon
 610-779-4005

Sunday Collections

December 1st - \$17,514.00
 December 8th - \$19,724.00
 December 15th - \$19,299.00
 December 22nd - \$20,451.00
 December 29th - \$ 21,179.00

Christmas Collection
 \$34,154.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Divorce Recovery Support Group - If you are suffering a divorce or separation, or perhaps grieving a past divorce, join us for prayers, donuts and encouraging conversation. BYOC - bring your own coffee. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, second floor of the parish office on the first Saturday of each month, 9:00 to 10:00am (after the 8:30am Mass). The next meetup is February 1st. For information call 505 688-8663.

Berks & Lehigh County Chapter - If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Feb. 11th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Basics of Networking." 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

Enrolling Now
SCHOOL TOURS PRE-K - 8TH GRADE

Experience the Wildcat Way.
 Where You Can Be Who God Meant You To Be!

Tour St. Catharine of Siena School and see how immersive learning and hands-on faith formation inspire young minds every day!

Join us on our Family Engagement Night for School Tours on Wednesday, January 29th from 6-8 pm email Stephanie Conlon, Advancement Director for tour information & to confirm time. email: sconlon@sesreading.org

Please Join Us
 For Our
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATION

Schedule of Events
 Sunday, January 26, 2025

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK-OFF

- 9:30 am CSW Opening Mass
- Student Art Show & Refreshment following Mass

Introduction to Prayer
 Book Discussion, three opportunities:
 January 29th @ 1:30pm in the Church meeting room with Deacon Stapleton
 February 1 @ 10:00am in the Church meeting room with Deacon Stapleton
 *by Bishop Barron

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 Cunnus, 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 Gladfelder, Theresa Grabowski, Loretta Greely, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Terry Hayward, 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 & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Lynn Keys, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, 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, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, 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, Frank White, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziembra, Mollie Ziembra, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: Sister Mary Agatha (Celbula) CSSF, Gail Nolan, William Hedl, (husband of Roberta Hedl) & 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.

Join us for Cash BINGO Night on Feb 21 at 7 PM in the Social Hall! Tickets start at \$30, with reserved seating options available. Enjoy food, drinks, cash prizes, and raffle baskets! Pre-purchase your tickets today using the QR code on the church TV screens by the Crying Room and Parish Center side doors. Proceeds benefit St. Catharine of Siena School.



Attention All New Parishioners

“Brunch with Father” will be held after the 11:30 Mass on February 2nd in the social hall. This invitation is for any new members to the parish and their families. If interested, please RSVP to the parish office at 610-779-4005 with your name and the number of family members attending.

Father Miller is looking forward to getting to know you better!



MEN ALIVE IN CHRIST HALF DAY LENTEN REFLECTION

“What Good is Hope?”

Catholic men, we invite you to renew and strengthen your hope and trust in Christ Jesus at our annual half day Lenten Reflection.

Embrace your mission live virtuous masculinity, and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful morning of men’s fellowship, Sacraments, and talks from our Bishop and two other speakers.

We are excited to equip you with the tools you need to go forth as hopeful Catholic men, imitating Christ, and invigorated in the fire of the Holy Spirit!

JOIN US:

Date / Time: March 1, 2025, 8am – Noon
St. Catharine of Siena Parish, 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606

Contact:
Mike Akins, Email: makins46@hotmail.com
Text: (610) 914-0382



Sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown’s Commission for Men



REGISTER HERE:



Saturday, February 8, 2025

Mass 4:30 pm
Dinner 5:30 pm



Please join us for 4:30 Mass including Father Miller Celebrating a Renewal of Wedding Vows for Couples in Attendance then enjoy a Romantic Dinner in the Social Hall

\$40 per couple
Includes Champagne toast, Salad, Bread & Butter, Chicken Limone with Pasta & Veg, Dessert, Water, Coffee and Tea

PLEASE RSVP on or before Sunday February 2nd along with your cash or check made payable to St. Catharine’s. RSVP forms can be dropped off at the Parish Center or put in with the collection at Mass.

Contact Marcia Wert at mwertrn@ptd.net or 484-794-0680 with questions.

St. Catharine of Siena Renewal of Wedding Vows and Dinner February 8, 2025

Mr. and Mrs. _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are invited to participate in a retreat. St. Catharine and St Ignatius Parishes are offering a retreat for high school students.

The spirit of the retreat is one of acceptance, hope, and love. It is an opportunity to grow in relationship with God, self, and others. The retreatants come to recognize God’s presence in all things: in music, nature, family, friendships, and especially Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments.

Who: All youth grades 9-12
When: February 21 - 23, 2025
Where: Camp Manatawny - transportation will be provided.
Cost: \$50

We are accepting registrations now. Registrations can be sent to SCS School or dropped off at the parish office. Permission slips can be found at www.scsyouth.weebly.com. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first serve basis. All registrations are due NO LATER than February 15. For more information contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org

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

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

March 5, 2025: Boombbox Bingo, refreshments will be served.

Trips

April 16, 2025: “Noah”, Sight and Sound, \$135

May 20, 2025: Chesapeake City Dine Around, \$170

June 24-27, 2025: Lucy and Desi Comedy Center, as well as, PA Grand Canyon, \$1025, per person, double occupancy!

July 10, 2025: Magic and Wonder Show, \$110

August 27, 2025: Toby’s Dinner in the Round, “Saturday Night Fever”, \$145

September 23, 2025: Penn’s Peak, “Billy Joel and Elton John Tribute” \$100

October 21-22, 2025: Ride the Rails in West Virginia, 2 train rides with meals, \$530, per person, double occupancy

November 15, 2025: Christmas Show at American Music Theatre, \$90

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.