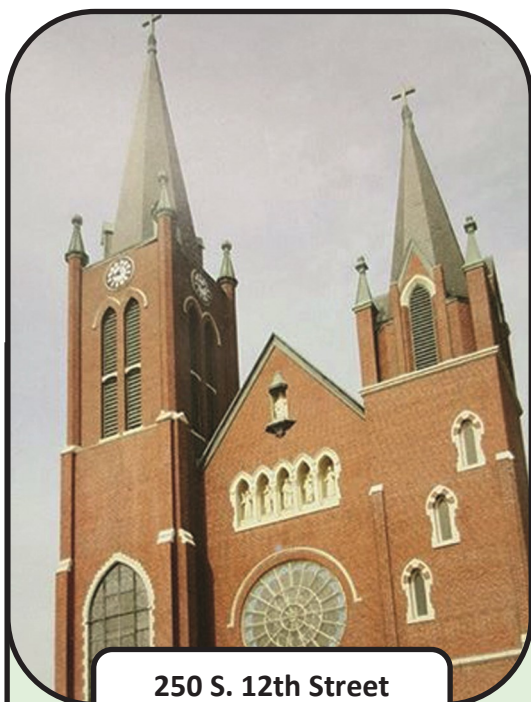


# Saint Mary's

# 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

#### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
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P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204  
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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](http://www.scsreading.org)  
Parish Email: [saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com](mailto:saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com)

#### ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL: 2330 Perkiomen Avenue

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Phone: 610-779-8535

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Phone: 610-779-5810

Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center,  
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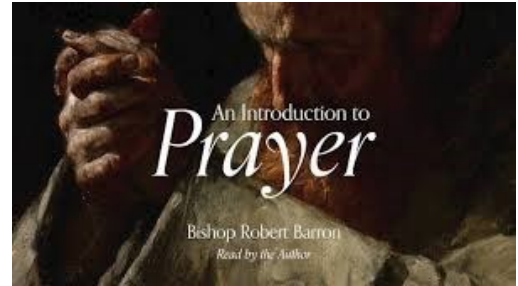
#### St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement

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 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Richard Zaorski  
Sunday, January 19th - 10:30 a.m. - Nicholas Nowotarski  
Saturday, January 25th - 3:30 p.m. - Donna Wrobel  
Sunday, January 26th - 10:30 a.m. - The Jermac Family

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.



**Introduction to Prayer**

**Book Discussion, three opportunities:**

January 22nd @ 7:00pm in Church with Father Miller  
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

**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](mailto: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 27th of January.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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



**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 from 7p - 8p. We'll have another on the second Saturday of the month from 9a - 10a. 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](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com).

**Is 62:1-5:** “Zion,” “Jerusalem,” is the people of God and God describes His love and concern for us in terms of the joy of a bridegroom.

**1Cor 12:4-11:** The gifts of God come from the same Spirit. The gifts are diverse but the Spirit is one; and the gifts are given to unite not separate us.

**Jn 2:1-11:** Christ the Lord reveals His glory, and the kingdom of God is at hand.

**Today's Message:** At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of His signs, revealing His glory to His disciples, and later to all the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

PREP – 6:30-8:00 – School

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

BOOK REVIEW WITH FR. MILLER – 7:00 p.m. - Church

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:30 p.m. - Church

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

AHG – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Social Hall

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SCS ART SHOW – Social Hall

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

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

SCS ART SHOW - Social Hall

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

4:30 Barbara D'Augustino

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Davis & Miller Families

9:30 Earl Heintz (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30 Edward Wentzel, Sr.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

7:15 Marge Lonergan

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

7:15 Theresa Hieu Le

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

7:15 Ethan Ayscue

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

7:15 Tammy Swavely (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

7:15 Edna Druzba

**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 (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Scripture Readings**

For the Week of January 19, 2025

**Sunday**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Monday**

Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday**

**Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday**

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday**

Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday**

**Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-4; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday**

**Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**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

A sincere “Thank You” to all of our loyal sponsors, who year after year, continue to support our parish bulletin. Please say “Thanks” to all our sponsors for their generous support and mention their ad when doing business with them.



**For the week of January 19th  
The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Deceased Members of  
Sarro & Parott Families**

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

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 1/20	Rev. Andrew N. Gehringer
Tuesday 1/21	Rev. Robert J. George
Wednesday 1/22	Rev. John M. Gibbons
Thursday 1/23	Rev. Msgr. William F. Glosser
Friday 1/24	Rev. Msgr. Gerald E. Gobitas
Saturday 1/25	Rev. Quinn Gomez, F.S.S.P.

**Parish Nurse News** - Keep it simple for healthy weight! Avoid high carb snacks. Eat more fruits and vegetables, drink water, do not eat while you watch television. Try something new, this month explore recipes with healthy avocado!

**World Day for Consecrated Life** - The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please pray for all the women and men who have committed themselves to God and His people in the consecrated life. Be sure to thank them for their witness and service on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

**Catholic Church for the Jubilee of Hope 2025** will celebrate: JAN - 24-26: Jubilee of Communicators.



**A Simple Act of Care for 2025**

As we pause and reflect on our blessings after the holidays and a busy winter season ahead, the Diocese of Allentown invites you to show simple act of care to yourself, your loved ones, and even [Parish]: **creating your will**. In thanks for your support, we partner with **FreeWill** so you can make a will and find peace of mind for the year ahead. It’s completely free to use and takes as little as 20 minutes. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://allentowndiocese.mygiftlegacy.org/> to get started.

**Join the Columbiettes for a pregame Ladies’ Super Bowl Event** for some Wine and Cheese, friends, and fun. Make a field goal and meet other ladies from parishes in the area. We hope you will consider making a touchdown by joining our national fraternal organization too...but you aren’t required to do that. This event is in the St. Ignatius Parish Education Center Meeting Rooms from 1 – 3 on February 9. If you have any questions, call Marie Calderoni at 610-334-5736.

**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

**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 28th from 6-8 pm**  
**email Stephanie Conlon, Advancement Director for tour information & to confirm time.**  
**email: seonlon@sesreading.org**

Prayer for Vocations

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen



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 Cunniss, 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, Terry Hayward, 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 & 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: Joseph Murphy, (husband of Dolores Murphy), John Kompa, (Father of John Kompa & sister of Felicia Skimski) & William O'Donnell & 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](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**

**RETRouvaille:** REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**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.

**PROJECT RACHEL HOTLINE:** For information and compassionate post-abortion counseling and reconciliation: 1-866-3Rachel.

## Berks Catholic News

**Berks Catholic High School Open House- Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm.** Come feel the energy of our community! Open registration for new students, activity fair, tours, opportunity to speak with teachers and administrators.! Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/VjBULL4E1CDM3fd78>

For more information about Berks Catholic High School or to schedule a Shadow Day, please contact the Admissions Office at 610.374.8361 ext.244.

**Partner School and PREP School Night at Berks Catholic- Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**- Girls Basketball. JV starts at 6. All Partner and PREP students admitted for free. Wear your school or BC spirit wear.

### 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: Boombox 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

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.

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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:

\$40 per couple enclosed