

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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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

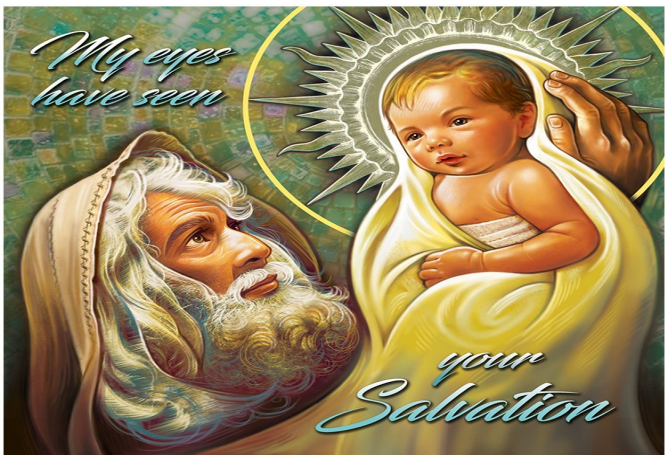
Saturday, February 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Donna Wrobel
Sunday, February 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Vince Skimski
Saturday, February 8th - 3:30 p.m. - Max Tomczyk
Sunday, February 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Irene Goodman

The Lenten Pierogi Society will begin making pierogies from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Monday, February 10 and will meet each Monday and Tuesday through April 8. Pierogies will be made in the kitchen under the Church. Please use the parking lot Chapel entrance. New members are always welcome.

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.

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

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



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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 - (Music by Mitch Milanek & Fred Nowotarski)
March 21st - (Music by Martin Bradfield & The Fibanachi Trio)
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 and the contact info for orders will be released in the bulletin early March.



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 !*

Mal 3:1-4: Malachi speaks of God's great intervention in sacred history - God's speaking to the patriarch, and to Moses, and God's leading the way through the Red Sea. These wonderous ways in which God is manifested will be applied to messianic messengers.

Heb 2:14-18: In the biblical sense, "flesh" means human nature considered in its weakness. It is contrasted with "spirit" and God. Because of the connection between sin and death, Christ overcame the power of death through His priestly work.

Lk 2:22-40: Mary is seen here, united with Jesus and Joseph in the Temple ceremony. Jesus is formally recognized as a member of God's chosen people through whom world salvation was to be achieved.

Today's Message: Jesus, the King of glory, yet like us in all things, comes to His temple to be a light for a the nations.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
SOCIAL SUNDAY – after the 7:30 & 9:30 Masses – Social Hall
NEW PARISHIONERS' BRUNCH after the 11:30 Mass – Social Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

50+ BOARD MEETING – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

50+ GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m. – Social Hall
PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room all
MILLIONS OF MONICAS – 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.
SIENA STITCHERS – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room
PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:30 p.m. – Church
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.
MILLIONS OF MONICAS - 10:15-11:15 a.m. – Church
VALENTINE DINNER & RENEWAL OF VOWS – Social Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
CUB SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST – following all Masses

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:15 Mary Firth

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:15 Francis J. Itle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:15 Robert DeMarco

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:15 Bob Wright

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:15 Donald Kerns

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 Marilyn Katrinak

4:30 Deceased Members of the Kulak, Nardo, Myers & Youravitch Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 Luz Gomez (4th Anniversary)

9:30 David J. Hafer

11:30 Vincent Skimski

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 2, 2025

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

Monday

Heb 11:32-40, Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11



**For the week of February 2nd
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn in
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Deceased Members of the
Vaccarelli Families**

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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/3	Rev. Abraham Ha
Tuesday 2/4	Rev. Msgr. Willaim E. Handges
Wednesday 2/5	Rev. James M. Harper
Thursday 2/6	Rev. John G. Hilferty
Friday 2/7	Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban
Saturday 2/8	Rev. Allen J. Hoffa

Parish Nurse News - Links between mental and physical health remind us that sleep is crucial to everyone's well-being! Children and teens need 8 to 9 hours each night to improve school enjoyment and grades, lessen anxiety and stress, and decrease risk of car accidents by half (mayo clinic health system).

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 allentowndiocese.flock.

Camp Cadet with Pennsylvania Police Troop M - The Pennsylvania State Police Troop M will once again be hosting the annual Pennsylvania State Police Camp Cadet Program at Camp Fowler, 5851 Horseshoe Road, Orefield (Lehigh County). Camp Cadet will take place from Sunday, June 8, 2025, through Friday June 13, 2025. Camp Cadet is an overnight summer camp for boys and girls between the ages of 12 to 15 years old. The goal of Camp Cadet is to introduce cadets to the diverse criminal justice system and establish a positive relationship between law enforcement and youth, while living in an atmosphere similar to an actual State Police Academy. For those who are interested in attending Troop M Camp Cadet, registration can be done by going online and registering through this link: troopmcampcadet.org/. Registration is now open throughout February or until slots are filled. Contact: Trooper Nathan T. Branosky at nbranosky@pa.gov or (610) 807 - 3395.

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.**

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.



Presentation of the Lord

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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, 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 Martinuzzi, 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 Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman *A Time to die: Ronald Moyer & 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, 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.

Have you reserved your spot for Cash BINGO Night on Feb 21? Don't miss the chance to win cash prizes and enjoy a night of fun with friends! Tickets and special games are available for pre-purchase 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.





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 this weekend in the rear of Church. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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 or call 215- 766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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, 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.

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



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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
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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