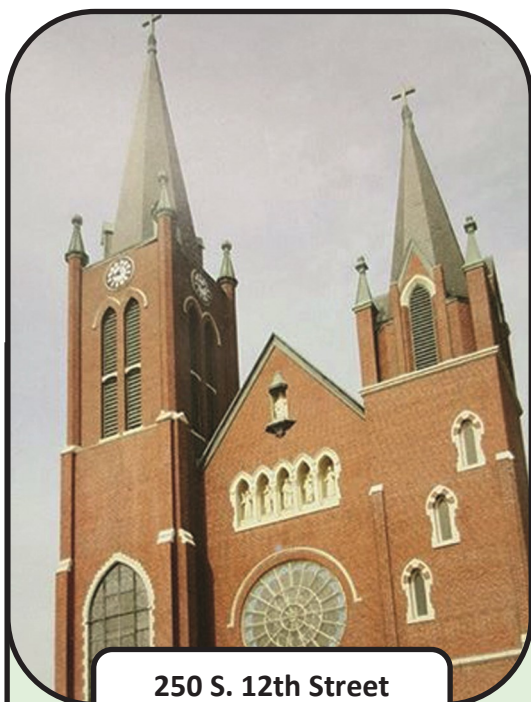


Saint Mary's

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
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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.

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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 8th - 3:30 p.m. - Max Tomczyk
Sunday, February 9th - 10:30 a.m. - Irene Goodman
Saturday, February 15th - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased
Members of the Graczyk Family
Sunday, February 16th - 10:30 a.m. - Regina Wrobel



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.

Any homebound parishioner, or family member of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive the weekly bulletin, please contact the Rectory Office at 610-779-4005.



Celebrate the Parish's 100 year Anniversary and the Jubilee Year Trip to Italy with Father Miller from October 6th - 15th. Cost is \$5,599 and includes airfare, 1 checked bag and carryon, 4-5 Star Hotels & breakfast & dinner. Rome, Assisi, Florence, Siena & more! For more information please call Proximo Travel at 508-854-8001 or email office@proximotravel.com

**Happy Vietnamese New year's !
Greetings from Vietnam!**



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?
—James Field

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8: The prophet, aware of his own unworthiness, is fearful. Purged of sin he accepts the call of the Father.

1Cor 15:1-11: Through God's favor, the Apostle turned from persecution to preaching the "good news" like Isaiah. Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Lk 5:1-11: Peter confesses: "I am a sinful man," and is reassured by Christ. Then together with James and John he leaves everything to become His follower.

Today's Message: Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the temple and is sent on mission. Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OR CONFESSIONS

CUB SCOUTS 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall
LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room all

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.
OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room
PATRIOTIC ROSARY – 6:30 p.m. – Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

AHG – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
PINEWOOD DERBY – Noon till 4:00 p.m. – Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 Marilyn Katrinak
4:30 Deceased Members of the Kulak, Nardo, Meyers & Youravitch Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 Luz Gomez (4th Anniversary)
9:30 David J. Hafer
11:30 Vincent Skimski

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:15 Mr. & Mrs. Frank McLaughlin

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:15 Barry L. Grim (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:15 Eugene Orlando, Sr. (23rd Anniversary)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:15 Joseph & Theresa Rizzo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:15 Jim McGinnis (5th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 Harvey Snyder
4:30 Pauline & Robert Brandfon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 Elias Cuesta (36th Anniversary)
9:30 Joseph Calabrese
11:30 William Wertz

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 9, 2025

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

Monday

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gen 1-20 – 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gen 2:4b-9; 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gen 2:18-25; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



For the week of February 9th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - David J. Hafer

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

NUN RUN 5K
April 12 at 10:00 AM
Join us to support the mission & lives of our MSCSisters:
Sponsorships
Live & Virtual Options
Visit: MSCreading.org
CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org
T-SHIRT DEADLINE 3/17

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/10	Rev. John A. Hutta
Tuesday 2/11	Rev. Augustine L. Idra, A.J.
Wednesday 2/12	Rev. Francis Iroot, A.J.
Thursday 2/13	Rev. Guency Isaac
Friday 2/14	Rev. Stephan A. Isaac
Saturday 2/15	Rev. Msgr. David L. James

Parish Nurse News - February is Heart Month! Read food labels! Avoid High-fructose corn syrup and Added Sugars. These can harm your heart with increased diabetes risk, heart disease, weight gain, and metabolism, liver, and digestive problems (Mayo Clinic and American Heart Assn.).

Mary's Shelter is seeking part time Youth Advocates who have the desire help homeless youth – teaching them life skills through Positive Youth Development. We create a safe and supportive environment while motivating youth to explore education, employment, and housing opportunities. We are currently seeking part time staff for a variety of shifts and days. If you have experience or want to learn to work with youth and want to make a difference in a young person's life, we look forward to hearing from you! Please email Sandee Burns, Human Resources, at Sandee@Marysshelter.org



The words 'Behold, your mother!' from the Gospel According to John 19:27, express Jesus' intention to inspire in his disciples an attitude of love for and trust in Mary, leading them to recognize her as their mother, the mother of every believer." - Pope Saint John Paul II

Cash BINGO Night is almost here - Feb 21 at 7 PM! Don't miss your chance to win cash prizes and enjoy a night of food, fun, and fellowship! Buy your tickets today - single tickets and reserved tables are available. Proceeds benefit St. Catharine of Siena School.

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.



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Faith-Filled Education with Room to Explore
 Watch your child grow in a vibrant community of faith & experiential learning

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 OR CALL 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: Chase & Alanna Rogers & Luke Llyod

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, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, 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, 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, Margaret Iuso, Michael & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, 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, 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, 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: Ruth Ann Haas*, (mother of Carol McCullough, grandmother of Joseph & Patrick McCullough & great grandmother of Brayden & Hannah McCullough); *Nada Rathkey*, (mother of Jeff Rathkey) & *Antoinette Tutlane* & 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.

Ossa is ready for the Super Bowl! Go Eagles!



AVCP Antietam Valley Community Partnership
12th annual community dinner

Sunday March 9th from 12-2 Antietam School 2310
Cumberland Ave

Chili, Golumpki, or Kielbasa / Haluski dinners \$15 each
Family size dinners (feeds 4) \$50 each
Haluski \$8 per quart

Please order through the AVCP website or call Larry @ 610
779 6973

You are rewarded not according to your work or your time but according to the measure of your love. St. Catharine of Siena

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Congratulations to the St. Catharine's January Lottery Calendar winners:

1/3/2025	#608	Paul Collins, Jr.
1/9/2025	#319	Lisa Rohrbach
1/10/2025	#547	Eleni Geishauser
1/14/2025	#592	Nathan Munz
1/19/2025	#111	Ben Rich
1/21/2025	#829	Steven Miller
1/23/2025	#225	Peter Dolan
1/28/2025	#049	Peg McConnell
1/30/2025	#085	Scott Vu-Linh Tran

We appreciate your support for SCS School!
Best of Luck to the February Calendar Holders as you wait for your number to be called!

Prayer for the Retreat:

Throughout the duration of the retreat, we are organizing prayer for each hour of the retreat.

Please consider dedicating one hour to pray for the attendees, leaders, and speakers. It would be greatly appreciated by all attending. There is an online sign-up sheet for times, or please reach out to Libby Kozlowski by e-mail Libbykoz@gmail.com to sign up. Thank you for encouraging us in prayer and trusting us with your teens.



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

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“Where is God Calling You?” ----- **Vocations Discernment Retreat**

Are you a young adult seeking clarity about your calling in life? Are you discerning married life, single life, priesthood or religious life? This retreat will allow you to encounter speakers from all these callings and give you a space to listen to God's voice in exploring your vocation.

St. Mary's Church 14833 Kutztown Rd, Kutztown, PA 19530

Contact: Zelenda Hodgskin, zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.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
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 reservations for this trip are full, however, names are being taken for a waiting list!
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.