

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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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

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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, February 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Walter LaSota (99th Birthday)

Sunday, February 23rd - 10:30 a.m. - Peter Kaminski, Jr

Saturday, March 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Deceased of the Wulkiewicz Family

Sunday, March 2nd - 10:30 a.m. - Andrew Glutz (36th Anniversary)



Pierogi Sale - Pierogis will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including April 11, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Pierogis will be sold in the Church basement. Please use the side entrance from the parking lot. Potato, sauerkraut and cheese pierogis will sell for \$10.00 a dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 a cup. Weather permitting, volunteers are needed to help sell pierogis on Fridays.

March 5th – Saint Catharine
& Saint Mary's Ash Wednesday
Mass Schedule

7:15 a.m.

****8:00 a.m. - Saint Mary's****

12:00 noon

6:30 p.m.

Fr. Miller's Study Sessions

Thursday March 13th 7:00 pm: Life and Spirituality of St. Catharine of Siena

Tuesday, March 18th 7:00 pm: Psalms part 1 of 5

Tuesday, March 25th 7:00 pm: Psalms part 2 of 5

Tuesday, April 1st 7:00 pm: Psalms part 3 of 5

Tuesday, April 8th 7:00 pm: Psalms part 4 of 5

Tuesday, April 15th 7:00 pm: Psalms part 5 of 5

Retreat with Fr. Miller April 5th & 6th at Mariwald.
More details to follow

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES
WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

ST. JANE, EASTON
 - 3/16, NOON MASS

ST. AMBROSE, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN
 - 5/4, 10:30AM MASS

ST. THOMAS MORE, ALLENTOWN
 - 8/24, NOON MASS



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, READING
 - 9/7, 11:30AM MASS

ST. JOSEPH, SUMMIT HILL
 - 11/23, 11:00AM MASS



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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the marriage renewal and dinner possible last Saturday night. Thank you to all who attend the event as well. I hope you enjoyed your evening, I certainly did.

Fr. Miller

1 Sm:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23: King Saul has condemned David and is trying to capture him. David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but refuses to harm the king because Saul is anointed by the Lord.

1 Cor 15:45-49: Grace builds on nature. In Christ we are formed in the spiritual order.

Lk 6:27-38: The supernatural virtues go beyond the natural virtues which even sinners practice.

Today's Message: In Baptism we are called to mirror and image the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us. As David would not harm Saul, his enemy, so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room
BLUE & GOLD BANQUET – 5:00 p.m. – Social Hall
YOUTH GROUP RETREAT CLOSING – 1:00 p.m. – Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

AHG – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Social Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.
LENTEN REFLECTION FOR MEN – 8:00 a.m.- 12:00noon – Social Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 Helmut Makosch
4:30 Mary Ann Matthews

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30 Gregory Nicholas
9:30 Rosemarie Gruber
11:30 Chiara Rugolo (12th Anniversary)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:15 Maureen Hagen

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:15 Theodore Borek

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:15 Julia Calabrese

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:15 George Edmunds, Jr. (40th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:15 Helen Mudery

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 Michael Kevin Reid

4:30 David Cocci

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 Edward Bayer

9:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Skopek & Hrezik Families

11:30 Anna Boucher

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 23, 2025

Sunday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

We are looking for a **SCRIP** seller for the **4th Saturday of every month, at the 4:30 Mass**. Don't worry - sellers often switch with each other if you have a prior commitment on one of your selling dates! This is a great way to get involved with the school and parish community, and is also open to high school students who are looking to earn service hours (an adult must accompany them). Please reach out to Cristina Schmehl for more details: scripprogramscs@gmail.com!



**For the week of February 23rd
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of**

**St. Catharine's Church - Deceased Members of
the Burns Family**

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

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 2/24	Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn
Tuesday 2/25	Rev. Richard W. Kennedy, M.S.C.
Wednesday 2/26	Rev. Martin F. Kern
Thursday 2/27	Rev. Simon Kimaryo, A.J.
Friday 2/28	Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka, A.J.
Saturday 3/1	Rev. Msgr. Nevin J. Klingler

Eucharistic Adoration: is held every Monday: the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from after the 7:15 AM Mass until 8:00 PM . All are invited and encouraged to spend some quality prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament. **(Confessions from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)**

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.

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. 220



SCS 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 and the Fibanachi Trio)
- April 11th - (music by Martin Bradfield and the Fibanachi Trio)

The cost per meal is \$18 (the same as last year). Also, as was the case last year, the Fish Frys will operate on a 100 % walk-in basis. No pre-orders will be taken. The event will be operating on a first come, first serve basis until we are sold out. Beer & wine will be available for a small contribution.

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 will be available for a small contribution. **This event will be a pre-order only event and the contact info for orders will be released in the bulletin in early March.**

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

COME & SEE ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY



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THEY SAID TO HIM, "RABBI, WHERE ARE YOU STAYING?"
JESUS SAID TO THEM, "COME, AND YOU WILL SEE."
JOHN 1:38-29

YOUNG MEN (15-19)



Young men of the Diocese of Allentown, if you are open to discerning the Lord's call to the holy priesthood, this is your chance to see where future priests study, pray, and live throughout their formation!

The weekend includes Mass on Saturday and Sunday, prayer time and adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be time for recreation and the opportunity to meet current seminarians and other young men considering the priesthood.

Visit allentowndiocese.org/come-and-see-weekend to learn more.



14-16 MARCH 2025

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY
1400 EVANS ROAD
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TO REGISTER, CONTACT THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS.
610-437-0755, JMARIA@ALLENTOWNDIOCESE.ORG



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



REGISTER HERE:



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: Giavana Beal & Raegan Rich

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 Burkhardt, 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 Greeley, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Terry Hayward, Al Heck, William M. Hedl, 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, Genny Kopel, 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, 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, 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: Barry Reisig (husband of Sueanne Reisig) & Sister Mary Joanita CSSF (Gertude Ziemba) & 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.

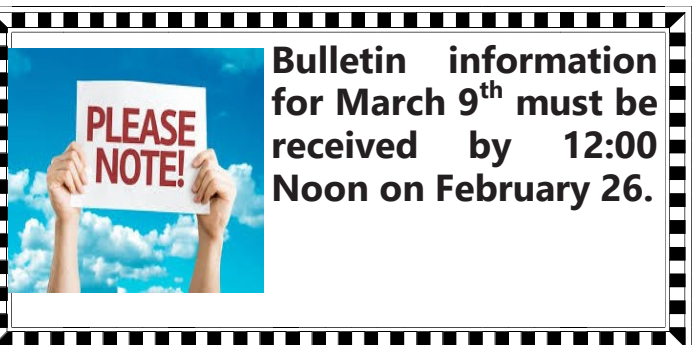
Berks Catholic High School Presents: "Cinderella: Enchanted Edition" Step into the magic this spring! Friday, February 28 @ 7:00 PM - Saturday, March 1 @ 2:00 PM, Franco-Post Auditorium, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA 19611

Join us for a magical retelling of the timeless story of Cinderella, the beloved musical based on the classic fairy tale and featuring enchanting songs by Rodgers & Hammerstein. This special show is full of wonder, laughter, and unforgettable music that will transport you to a land where dreams really do come true.

Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$15 – Seniors \$10, Students \$5

Bring your friends, family, and loved ones to experience an unforgettable evening of magic, romance, and a little bit of fairy dust. See you at the ball!

Office hours for the week of March 3rd will be 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday. The office will be closed on Friday, March 7th.



Bulletin information for March 9th must be received by 12:00 Noon on February 26.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

April 2, 2025: Everybody's Birthday Party, Victor Emmanuel's, Members \$25, Nonmembers \$27. Please contact Michele Berman at 484-955-8885 for more information.

Trips

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

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.

Special note- In the event of inclement weather on the day a 50 Plus Club meeting is scheduled, please refer to Exeter School District's decision on school closure. If Exeter has decided schools are to be closed, there will be no 50+ meeting on that particular day. If there is a delay in school start time, the meeting will be held as usual!

THANK YOU
for your generosity
YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SUSTAIN OUR PARISH!

- January 5th \$18,855
- January 12th \$23,165
- January 19th \$18,478
- January 26th \$27,728

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN
COMMISSION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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**YOUNG ADULT
NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK**

PARTY PORCH



**THURSDAY
4/10**
AGES 18-38

**\$20
FOOD &
DRINK
INCLUDED**



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The Allentown Diocese Office of Education has started the "Ready, Willing, & Able" podcast for Catholic parents. The podcast offers content which will support and empower parents as primary educators of the faith for their children. Host Genevieve O'Connor has an MTS in Moral Theology from the University of Notre Dame, and she invites a series of guests to explore a wide range of topics, including: family prayer, the relationship between politics, faith, and parenting, and bringing advent alive for kids. Listen to Ready, Willing, and Able on its website: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2410685>, or look it up on your favorite podcast streaming platform.

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