Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish





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

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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, March 22nd - 3:30 p.m. - Donald & Jane Byerly

Sunday, March 23rd - 10:30 a.m. - Gary & Daiana Buzalewski

Saturday, March 29th - 3:30 p.m. - Genevieve & Joseph Iswalt

Sunday, March 30th - 10:30 a.m. - Boguslaw "Billy" Mietelski (1st 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.

O God, our loving Father, we humbly ask for your healing grace upon your servant, our priest, who is now suffering. May your divine power restore his health and strength, and may he find comfort and peace in your loving arms. We pray that he continue to may serve you faithfully and be a beacon of hope for all who seek your grace. Amen.

For those who wish to send Msgr. Edward Domin a get well card or a note of encouragement, his mailing address is: St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church 4049 Hartley Ave., Easton, PA 18045.

Also, please join us in the Church to pray the Rosary for the health of Msgr. Domin on Saturday mornings before the 8am Mass.



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HOW DOES IT WORK?

Tax credits may be applied against the state tax liability of an individual for the tax year in which the contribution was made. For a two-year commitment an individual taxpayer can receive a 90% tax credit.

IS IT REALLY THAT EASY? YES!

- Fill out the intent form on the other side of this flyer and email it to our Director of Scholarships, Amy Impellizzeri at <u>aimpellizzeri@allentowndiocese.org</u>.
- You will receive an online agreement via DocuSign and mailing instructions for your contribution.
 - EPSF will send you a K-1 to receive your tax credit.

Any additional questions should be directed to Amy Impellizzeri at EPSF at aimpellizzeri@allentowndiocese.org. THANK YOU for your generous consideration.



Help Us, Help Them

Next weekend is our Annual St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Food Collection for the

needy. There are many families who are so proud but just could use a little help. They never expected to be in these situations. Sometimes, it's because of health or even lay offs of their jobs. Jesus said, "Love one another as I first loved you". What better way this Lent than to help feed others. Please drop off your non-perishable donations at the signs in the back of church next Saturday and Sunday before or after Mass. Also, if you choose to give a monetary donation instead, our St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes are at the back three exits of the church. Any questions, please call Linda Vogel at 610-779-6287. Thank you so much for your compassion.

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15: The Lord God calls Moses to lead His people and reveals His name to Moses.

<u>1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12</u>: We must remain steadfast in our faith. We cannot become overconfident even though we are the recipients of God's favor and grace.

<u>Lk 13:1-9</u>: Jesus tells us to reform and repent. Time will run out, and no one can ever count on another year. Now is the time!

<u>Today's Message</u>: From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead His people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks on the one hand of God's patience, but of the urgency of the call to conversion on the other. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self- righteous.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room SEVEN SISTERS' APOSTOLATE - Information Mtg. – 12:30 p.m. – Social Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 24

EUCHARISTIC 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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDSAY, MARCH 26

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS - after the 7:15 a.m. Mass PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. - School

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

OCIA – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00 p.m. – Church

AHG - 6:30-8:00 p.m. - Social Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Room ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LENTEN FOOD DRIVE



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

St. Catharine's Church - Helen Nowotarski

St. Mary's - Kathleen Zagar

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY. MARCH 22

8:00 William Wertz

4:30 Sarah Di Fulvio

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 Cora Nacar 9:30 James Peck

11:30 Catherine Moltznik

MONDAY, MARCH 24

7:15 Cynthia Salem

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

7:15 Dolores G. Wettstein (1st Anniversary)

6:30 p.m. James Edward Borden, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

7:15 Max Curtin 6:30 p.m. Dave Walter

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

7:15 Edward Powers 6:30 p.m. Joseph Drupieski

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

7:15 Josephine Farrell (7th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 Mary Jo Ennis

4:30 The Speece & Sauppee Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 George Merenich 9:30 Geraldine Russo 11:30 Michael Kostival

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 23, 2025

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday

2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 3/24
Tuesday 3/25
Rev. Leo J. Maletz
Wednesday 3/26
Rev. John C. Maria
Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
Rev. Keith A. Mathur
Saturday 3/29
Rev. Msgr. John B. McCann



Anointing of the Sick Masses

One of the primary ways we receive the gift of God's saving Hope is through the Sacraments.

Bishop Schlert will be celebrating Masses that offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in various locations throughout the year.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is given to anyone who is seriously ill, either physically or mentally, or to anyone advanced in age or facing a medical procedure. This great gift of grace offers holistic healing by praying for a cure, but, more importantly, for the gift of hope and peace that the sufferer would be united to Christ on the Cross.

St. Ambrose – Schuylkill Haven – May 4, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Mass

St. Thomas More – Allentown – **August 24, 2025 at 12** p.m. Mass

St. Catharine of Siena – Reading – **September 7, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. Mass**

St. Joseph – Summit Hill – **November 23, 2025 at 11:00** a.m. Mass

Fr. Miller's Study Sessions

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

The fifth session date will be after Easter.

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

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. 12 noon is the start time, doors open at 11!

May 7, 2025: Kim Cox from Sterling Senior Life Solutions will discuss how to downsize. Refreshments will be served.

Trips

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

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 , trip is closed, taking names for a waiting list

October 21-22, 2025: Ride the Rails in West Virginia, 2 train rides with meals, \$530, per person, double occupancy. **Trip is closed along with the included note of taking names for a waiting list!**

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.

March is Women's History Month. Which of the 4 saints was a Doctor of the Church?

Though she had prophetic and apocalyptic visions since her childhood, she only began recording them later in life in a book called <u>Silvias</u>.

She was a German Benedictine abbess who also wrote about the lives of the saints, medicine, and natural history. As a poet and composer, she write one of the first musical plays. She traveled widely throughout Germany, evangelizing large groups of people.

A. Saint Barbara B. Saint Hildegard of Bingen C. Saint Rose of Lima D. Saint Veronica

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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: Natalie Griffith

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Joseph Albert, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzjewski, 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, Jennifer Burrell, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Therese (Brenner) Cooney, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe & Theresa Essig, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, Pope Francis, Jocelyn Franck, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, 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, Antonio Mark Ramos, 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, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman A Time to die: Betty Jane Paris & 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.

<u>We pray for the Gift of Peace</u> 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.

Join the St. Catharine of Siena School Advisory Board!

We are seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join the **School Advisory Board**. As a vital part of our school community, the advisory board plays a key role in guiding the school's mission, supporting strategic planning, and fostering a strong Catholic identity. Interested candidates should submit their application via the following link: https://tinyurl.com/SAB-Application Together, let's continue to build a school rooted in faith, excellence, and community!



 February 2, 2025
 \$23,674.00

 February 9, 2025
 \$15,460.00

 February 16, 2025
 \$18,340.00

 February 23, 2025
 \$19,387.00

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



-Vacation Bible Save the Date! School is back! At TOTALLY CATHOLIC TRUE NORTH VBS. kids DISCOVER THAT THEY CAN TRUST Jesus in a wild world! TRUE NORTH is filled Bible-learning awesome experiences kids see, hear, and Hands-on experiments. touch! unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. NEW this year is the Saint of the Day! Plus, we'll help kids

discover how they can shine Jesus' light in everyday life. VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 23, 2025 thru June 27, 2025 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2025. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available at www.scsyouth.weebly.com or scan the QR code. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.



SECOND COLLECTION - "ALMSGIVING" - "...When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be (Ash Wednesday's Reading) - During the Season of Lent, there will be a second collection on select weekends for special needs: March 30th, Lifeline, April 6th - St. Vincent DePaul & April 13th, Rice Bowl Please be generous during this season of almsgiving.

Parish Nurse News - Impressive benefits of green grapes include vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and water for important hydration. They add color, beauty, health to your table and taste. Enjoy! (health.clevelandclinic.org-health-benefits-ofgrapes)



You Are a Miracle AND RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION SATURDAY, APRIL 5 8:30AM TO NOON ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH, SINKING SPRING, PA This event is a morning retreat for those YOU'RE A MIRACLE! impacted by addiction and their families. Agenda 8AM - Mass with Parish Keynote Speakers: Joe & Nicole McGivney 8:30AM - Breakfast Authors of "YOU'RE A MIRACLE" 9AM to Noon - Presentations Including representatives Joe McGivney will share his story of refrom alcoholism and miraculous healing through the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney

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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.

B. St. Hildegard of Bingen died in 1179 and was canonized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. Later that year, he declared her the 4th female Doctor of the Church. She is the patron saint of writers, musicians, and creativity.