



**April 5, 2026 ~ Easter Sunday**

**Cathedral Parish of Saint Catharine of Siena  
1825 West Turner St, Allentown, PA 18104**

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**CATHEDRAL PARISH VISION STATEMENT**

To be a place where the faithful can gather together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, to teach Christ's saving doctrine, and to practice the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love.  
(cf. CCC, 2179)



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#### Safe Environments

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,  
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If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the  
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llamando al 800-276-1562.

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone, who as a minor, was  
sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee / volunteer of the Diocese /  
Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited  
and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown, for more information about  
the program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by  
the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator Direct Telephone (800)791-9209

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection  
Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit  
[www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right  
hand corner of the page.

#### *Parish Registration*

Registration is required for administration of the Sacraments, attendance at Cathedral PREP Program, and for the issuance of Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation. (Parishioners must be registered and actively participating in the parish for at least six months in order to receive sponsor letter.) Please complete the registration form on our web page and bring it with you when introduce yourself to a priest after Mass or call for an appointment to register.

#### *Mass Schedule*

Daily Monday - Friday at 6:30 & 8 AM

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM

Saturday at 8:00 AM

Sunday Vigil - 4:15 PM Saturdays

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Regularly, the church is open to 4:00 PM for private prayer Monday - Friday.

#### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Daily Monday - Friday - 6:10 - 6:25 AM

Daily Monday - Saturday - 7:40 - 7:55 AM

Wednesdays - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Saturdays - 3:15 - 4:00 PM

#### *Eucharistic Adoration*

Evening Prayer & Holy Hour -

Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Holy Hour for Vocations - first Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted - 8 AM Mass followed by exposition, the Rosary, and benediction.

#### *Marriage*

Engaged couples should meet with their parish priest as soon as they become engaged. The diocesan marriage preparation program should be completed at least six months prior to wedding date. Weddings are held after 1:00 PM on Fridays and no later than 1:30 PM on Saturdays.

#### *Baptisms & Preparation*

Call the Parish Office and leave a message to set up class & baptism.

**Stewardship - Upcoming Collections:**

- April 5 - Easter
- April 12 - Capital Improvements
- April 26 - 40 Hours
- May 3 - Mother's Day
- May 10 - Capital Improvements
- May 14 - Ascension
- May 17 - Women's Alliance
- June 7 - Capital Improvements
- June 14 - Father's Day
- June 28 - Holy Father - Peter's Pence
- July 12 - Capital Improvements
- July 19 - Central & Eastern Europe
- August 2 - Capital Improvements
- August 15 - Assumption of BVM
- August 23 - Mission Co-Op
- September 6 - Capital Improvements
- September 13 - Block Collection

**Stewardship - Sacrificial Giving**

If you would like to sign up for online giving just click the link on the right-hand side of our webpage [cathedral-church.org](http://cathedral-church.org).

Bulletin articles are usually due Mondays at 9 AM; **please include the word "bulletin" in the email subject.** Each blurb / article should have a title. Thank you.

**Cathedral Cash (gift card)** program benefits the Cathedral parish including our PREP program, Saint John Vianney Regional School, and all Diocese of Allentown high schools. Physical gift cards are sold at the parish office during office hours & at SJVRS during the school year.

**ONLY** orders submitted in advance will be available for pick up in the church vestibule. Orders for gift cards in inventory, submitted by Thursday, will be available for pick up Saturday and Sunday in the church vestibule **10 minutes after the end** of all Masses.

Submit orders by: Email ([giftcardprogram@cathedral-church.org](mailto:giftcardprogram@cathedral-church.org)) / RaiseRight.com website or app (registration instructions at the Cathedral Cash table in church vestibule.)

Orders for cards **in inventory**, submitted on the weekend, will be ready for pick up by Tuesday in parish office.

**Volunteers are needed to hand out orders 10 minutes after Masses**, (you pick which Mass and when) no selling required. Please email [giftcardprogram@cathedral-church.org](mailto:giftcardprogram@cathedral-church.org) to help. SignUpGenius is used to schedule volunteers so you can decide when and how often you can volunteer.

**More volunteers =  
Lighter workload for everyone.**

For updates or information about the youth group please see our Instagram [@allentowncathedralym](https://www.instagram.com/allentowncathedralym) or ask to join our email list about upcoming events by emailing [allentowncathedralym@gmail.com](mailto:allentowncathedralym@gmail.com).

**Sunday, April 5; Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

*Acts 10:34, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8 / Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10*

7:30; 9:30; & 11:30 AM Easter Intentions

**Monday, April 6; Monday within the Octave of Easter**

*Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15*

6:30 AM Ed Nemeth

8:00 AM Frank Sagl

**Tuesday, April 7; Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

*Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18*

6:30 AM The People of the Parish

8:00 AM Anna Maria Paolucci

**Wednesday, April 8; Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

*Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35*

6:30 AM Kathy Pellegrino

8:00 AM Conceptia Pierre

12:15 PM Diane Ryan

**Thursday, April 9; Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

*Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48*

6:30 AM Harvey Ohmacht

8:00 AM Elizabeth Devine

**Friday, April 10; Friday within the Octave of Easter**

*Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14*

6:30 AM Nancy McDevitt

8:00 AM Patrick John Becker

**Saturday, April 11; Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

*Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15*

8:00 AM Anne Fears

**Sunday, April 12; Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

*Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31*

4:15 PM John Borgmann

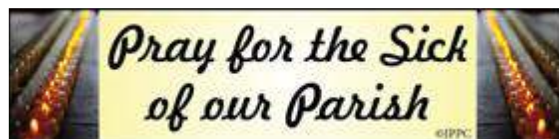
7:30 AM The People of the Parish

9:30 AM Members of the Memorial Fund & Siena Society

11:30 PM Diane Brandstetter



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**Let us continue to pray for those in our parish community who are sick:**

Catherine Stephens, Michael Trach, Marie Matyas, Veronica Stelzman-Biery, Audrey David, Kara Sorrentino, Elise Yeager, Molly Barrall, Blanca Lesmes, Zach H., Lillian Amador, Linda Treadwell, Pat Bostick, Justine Wesnak, Anne Gaeta Thompson, Elizabeth Notter, Melissa Gemelli, Antonia Estevez, and Ira Snyder. Please also pray for their caregivers. To keep this list current, names are removed after three months. Please let us know when your loved one is better. Thank you.

**Candle Intentions**

**Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory Of: Tom & Kate Traud  
From: Family

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

In Memory Of: Michael Giansanti  
From: The Girls

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

In Memory Of: Dolores Wahler  
From: Grace R. Wahler

**Saint Catharine of Siena:**

For: World Peace  
From: Lisa Bryan

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Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!! Easter is the greatest of Christian feasts. The Gospels witness to the bodily resurrection of Jesus as the foundation of the Christian faith. Within a hundred years of Jesus' Resurrection, Christians were celebrating the great Easter Vigil, beginning after dark on Holy Saturday and continuing until dawn on Easter morning. During the Vigil, Christians heard salvation history through Scripture and celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus. At the Vigil, those who had gone through three years of instruction were baptized and received First Communion. The Good News becomes real and is renewed in our lives this great day!

Today we rejoice in the news of the empty tomb. It represents the victory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ over sin and death. As we hear God's word, renew our baptismal promises, and partake of the sacraments of salvation, we must ponder what this Good News that Jesus is Risen means for us. There stood at the empty tomb both believers and doubters. Even the apostles went to the tomb and "saw and believed," even though "they did not yet understand." What does your faith reflect?

The Easter Season celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus for fifty days – today and an additional week of weeks, and for the rest of the year with every Sunday being the weekly observance of Easter. Jesus is present to us at every moment of our lives, let us be present to Him at Mass at least on each "first day of each week"- every Sunday anniversary of what we celebrate today.

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!!

**Ministers of the Altar for April 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	Eucharistic Minister	<u>Lector</u>
Saturday 4:15 PM	Valentina Medina & Vincenza Scotto DiSantolo	Kathy Sagl	Joanne Slusser
Sunday 7:30 AM		Connie Trach	Deb Kipp
Sunday 9:30 AM	Sarah Tomy	Linson Tomy	Ian Miller
Sunday 11:30 AM		Julie Weir	Irene Macus

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OCTAVE OF EASTER is an eight-day celebration in the Church's liturgical calendar, starting on Easter Sunday and concluding on the Second Sunday of Easter. This period marks the beginning of Eastertide, a time of joy and reflection on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Each day of the Octave is celebrated as a Solemnity, the highest rank of liturgical feast. Daily Mass includes the praying of the Gloria. The Gospel readings during this week focus on various appearances of the Risen Christ, reinforcing the theme of resurrection and new life.

The Octave serves as a time to extend the joy of Easter Sunday, as we reflect on the significance of the resurrection. It culminates in the Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, which emphasizes God's mercy and forgiveness. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions will be held beginning at 2 PM. The reading of excerpts from St. Faustina's diary and hymns by the Angelorum choir will begin at 2:30 PM. At 3 PM, the Hour of Mercy, the choir will lead the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Benediction will conclude the service.

THANKS goes out to so many parishioners at this joyous time of Easter as so many give of their time, talent and treasure at this time of the year and all throughout the year. Our parish is blessed with many dedicated staff, volunteers and organizations. Special thanks to those who supplied their extra effort during Lent and this Holy Week. Special mention goes out to our Choirs, Musicians, Ministers of the Altar, Ushers and many other Volunteers. Your dedication is a true blessing that enhances our liturgies and our time of prayer in praise of God. May God bless you abundantly.

THANKS from the clergy and staff for the many kind Easter wishes and greetings, and the Easter goodies that were sent our way. Your kindness is appreciated.

PASCHAL FESTIVAL Thanks is extended to all who coordinated, volunteered, donated or supported the Palm Sunday weekend event. Your support and generosity is appreciated.

PRAY FOR DECEASED PRIESTS: Apr 6: Msgr. Stanley Sosnowski (2000); Apr 7: Rev. Edward Coleman (2007); Msgr. Francis Barrett (2017); Apr 8: Rev. Thomas Peleshek (1970), Rev. Miles Bonner (1971), Rev. Henry Birkhead (2007); Apr 10: Rev. John Buikus (1979); Apr 11: Rev. John Lyons (1995)

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FAITH ENRICHMENT:

BIBLE STUDY sessions continue each Monday at 6:30 PM in the Msgr. Ott meeting room. A study of the readings for the following Sunday will be reviewed. Enter via the school-side entrance of the church and the elevator entrance.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY ADORATION AND EVENING PRAYER begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 PM. This silent time offers the opportunity for personal prayer before our Eucharistic Lord. Confessions are held from 6:30 - 7:15 PM. Evening Prayer begins at 7 PM and concludes with Benediction.

SECOND SUNDAY Q&A apologetic and discussion sessions on matters of faith and morals are held on the second Sunday of each month in the PAC following the 11:30 AM Mass. The schedule: April 12, May 17 (3rd Sunday due to Mother's Day), June 14. Questions can be submitted prior to the sessions to either Msgr. Don or Fr. Scheidel.

THIS WEEK'S SPIRITUAL CALENDAR:

April 5, Easter Masses at 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

April 6, Easter Monday, Masses at 6:30 and 8 AM; 6:30 PM Bible Study

April 8, Easter Wednesday, evening Eucharistic Devotions with confessions

April 12, Sunday, Divine Mercy - regular weekend Mass schedule; 2 PM Confessions  
2:30 PM St. Faustina Diary reflection and choir meditations

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet and Devotions

*Save the date: May 12, 2026 Women's Alliance Annual Spring Dinner  
Superior Restaurant 105 Main Street, Emmaus 5:30 Dinner ~ \$40 per  
person ~ cash bar for alcoholic drinks and more than 2 non-alcoholic  
beverages ~ RSVP and prepayment to Women's Alliance  
Menu: Salad ~ Bread ~ 2 Sides ~ Coffee ~ Tea ~ Soda  
select 1 entrée (at the restaurant):  
Black Diamond Steak ~ Broiled Haddock ~ Lemon Chicken*

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DIOCESAN EVENTS:

WE ARE REMEMBERED MASS will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 8, at 7 PM, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Whitehall.

YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOURS at Cathedral on First Fridays. Adoration 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Confessions available, followed by a young adult social 8:30-9:30 PM. Next gathering is this Friday, April 10 (delayed due to Holy Week).

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT is for anyone seeking healing after abortion. Attendees can focus on the process of healing. God's compassion and forgiveness is offered through Scripture readings, meditations and activities. For registration information contact: Carol at 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll free) or 610-435-1541, ext 5341. You may email Carol at [cswavely@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cswavely@allentowndiocese.org). The retreat will be held April 24-26. Deadline for registration is April 17.

DIOCESAN MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS: The diocese is sponsoring two days of training for parish volunteers from all ministries to gain knowledge about disabilities and mental health, and to explore practical ways to remove barriers so parishes may be places of true welcome and belonging for all. The schedule for both days includes 8:30 AM Mass with the Bishop, two training sessions and lunch, with conclusion by 5 PM. These events are free. Registration is required by April 17. Both trainings will be held at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield. For info email Maggie at [mriggins@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mriggins@allentowndiocese.org).

Mental Health Ministry Day will be Tuesday, April 21. Topics will include accompaniment, stigma, trauma and suicide. Disability Ministry Day will be Wednesday, April 22. The event will include exploring parish assessment tools, adaptive catechesis, guidance around language, and other resources.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Schlert will offer the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. This ceremony is for those adults (18 years and older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but have never been confirmed. Please contact Msgr. Don as soon as possible for further information and to discuss the preparation process.

**Scattering Seeds of Peace-** Join us for a two-part series to explore the Franciscan values of peace and peacemaking.

Facilitator: Sister Barbara Brown, OSF 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017  
April 23rd & 30th | 6:30pm-8:00pm | first-floor conference room at St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor | Cost: \$15.00 per session or \$25.00 for both sessions. |  
Register online at [www.SchoolSistersOsf.org](http://www.SchoolSistersOsf.org) or by phone 610-867-8890

DIOCESAN 65th ANNIVERSARY NEWS:

MASS OF THANKSGIVING will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert next Saturday, April 11 at 4:15 PM at Cathedral. All are welcome from throughout the diocese to give thanks for 65 years of graces. This is the actual date that marks the 65th Anniversary of Bishop Joseph McShea being installed as the first Bishop of Allentown and the naming of St. Catharine of Siena Church as the Cathedral for the new diocese. Mass will begin with a procession of representatives from parishes and schools from throughout the Diocese as they carry in their respective parish and school banners.

**33-DAY EUCHARISTIC CONSECRATION:** This diocesan-wide initiative invites the faithful to consecrate themselves to the Holy Eucharist. This Consecration will be facilitated by Dynamic Catholic and Live Vertical.

Dynamic Catholic offers publications and programs to support faith growth. They are generously donating 40,000 copies of the book *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* by Matthew Kelly. This book is a spiritual guide to deeper love for Jesus and the Holy Eucharist.

Live Vertical helps lead people closer to Christ and His Church through prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Live Vertical will facilitate the Consecration preparation period for the Parish Consecration phase to be held May 5 - June 7, Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This preparatory phase will include prayer, catechesis, and spiritual renewal.

The dates and locations of the Holy Hours: April 9: Holy Guardian Angels, Reading; April 23: Notre Dame of Bethlehem, Bethlehem; April 28: Saint Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven; April 30: Saint John XXIII, Tamaqua.

The schedule of the Holy Hours: 6:30 PM Doors Open; 6:45 PM Welcome; 7 PM Exposition; 7:55 PM Benediction; 8:00 PM Social

LIFE THOUGHT: Jesus prayed on the night before He died, *"Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began."* Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, *"To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne."* God's plan is for us to gather around Him at His heavenly throne! This hope revealed in the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Resurrection is the same human nature we share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating this means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on His throne.

**Cathedral Happenings**

**Sunday April 5**

**Monday April 6**

6:30 PM - Bible Study - Msgr Ott Room

**Tuesday April 7**

7:00 PM - Scouts - Parish Activity Center

**Wednesday April 8**

**Thursday April 9**

**Friday April 10**

**Saturday April 11**

5:00 PM - Cathedral Cash Pick Up - Vestibule

**Sunday April 12**

After all Masses - Cathedral Cash Pick Up

9:45 AM - PREP

10:30 AM - OCIA - Bishop Thompson Room

1:30 PM - Choir Practice

2:00 PM - Divine Mercy Celebration

**A Holy Hour  
of Petition and Hope**

**Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00pm**

**St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown**

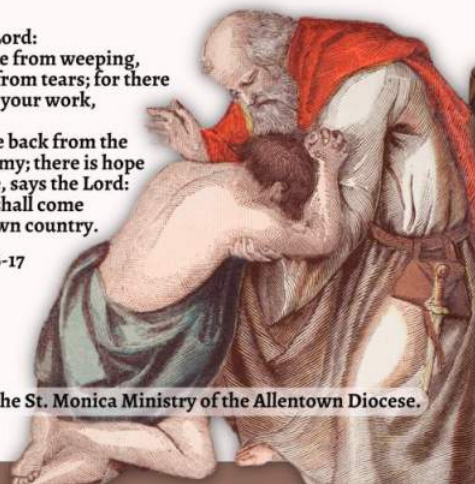
**Presiding will be Rev. Patrick Lamb  
Pastor, Queenship of Mary Parish, Northampton**

*Please join us in asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the intercession of St. Monica for fallen-away Catholics and for those whose loved ones have left the Church.*

Thus says the Lord:  
Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears; for there  
is a reward for your work,  
says the Lord:  
they shall come back from the  
land of the enemy; there is hope  
for your future, says the Lord:  
your children shall come  
back to their own country.

Jeremiah 31 : 16-17

Sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry of the Allentown Diocese.



**Cathedral Parish – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Kauffman's BBQ Chicken Sale**



Sunday May 17, 2026

12:15pm – 3:30pm

Walson Center Breezeway

Celebrate spring and the return of baseball!

This could be your first picnic of the year.

We'll provide dinner! You provide the fun!

**1/2 BBQ Chicken with Baked Potato & Applesauce**

**\$15.00**

**Online Ordering begins April 11<sup>th</sup>! Order early! Order often!**

Help spread the word! Look for us on Facebook!

**Golden Agers Social Group** for those over 55 meets every Thursday downstairs in the Parish Activities Center from 2 – 4 PM. Food, community, bingo, pinochle and more! Join us for food and fun! No RSVPs needed just come!

**EASTER FUN:** A man went to church only once a year- only on Easter. The Pastor greeted him as he left church, and said, "Great to have you with us at Mass today!" The man responded, "Well, maybe I'd come more often if you'd preach about something different!"

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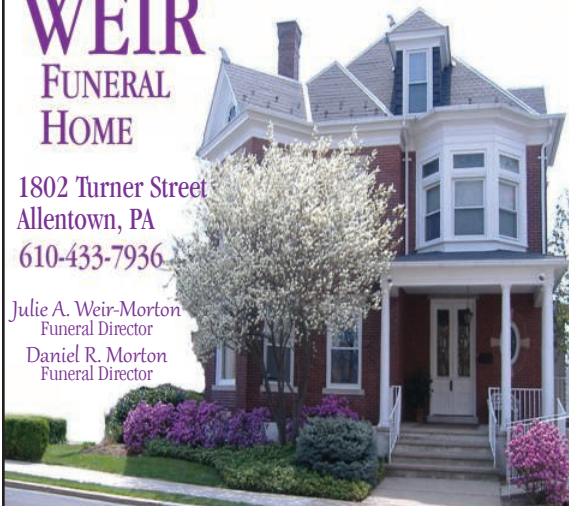


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