

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER and FRIENDSHIP

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening:** 4:30 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM

**Daily:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**First Friday:** 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**Wednesday:** 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Please call to register.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

## CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, PITTSTOWN, NJ

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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892-4574

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Ken Mandoli  
735-2879

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735-4024

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623-0345

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996-6760

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713-9707

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328-6605

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391-0857

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Dawn Salerno  
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713-1997

### Ushers

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797-4607

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735-4024

### Website

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713-4914

### Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy  
735-2028

### Welcome

Carol Rocha  
996-7612

## Weekly Schedule

### SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM PARISH ROSARY/MEETING

12:30 PM JAMES SCOTT ROMAN BAPTISM

6:30 PM — 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

### MONDAY, MARCH 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM 6TH & 7TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM — 8:30 PM IRON LENT SMALL GROUP

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS (ROSARIANS)

7:00 PM — 8:30 PM BOLD MIDDLE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

2:00 PM — 5:30 PM 2ND GRADE RETREAT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM FAMILY MASS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

**Readings for the week of March 6, 2022**

- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/ Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36

**Observances for the week of March 6, 2022**

- Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
- Monday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Tuesday: St. John of God, Religious
- Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

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**St. Catherine's Stations of the Cross**

**Lenten Friday Evening at 7 PM**

**Please join us each week as these ministries leads us through the Way of the Cross**

**March 4th**

Knights of Columbus

**March 11th**

Rosary Society

**March 18th**

Usher's & Eucharistic Ministers

**March 25th**

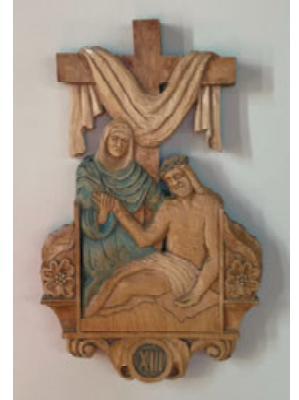
Family Promise & Lectors

**April 1st**

Eighth Grade

**April 8th**

Youth Ministry & Stewardship



**SAVE THE DATE...Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**The Women's Cornerstone Experience is Back!**

**We're thrilled to announce that we will be offering a shortened one-day spiritual experience on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 6 PM at Immaculate Conception in Annandale.**

**Please **SAVE THE DATE** and look for more details coming soon or call Christine at 908-500-5073.**

**40 Acts in 40 Days**

This Lenten season, Bishop James F. Checchio is asking all the faithful in our diocese to commit to doing 40 works of mercy. Our diocese has over 630,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Metuchen, so if each person could commit to doing 40 works of mercy, together we will have fulfilled over 25 million works of mercy.

The Corporal Works of Mercy	The Spiritual Works of Mercy
• Feed the hungry	• Admonish the sinner
• Give drink to the thirsty	• Instruct the ignorant
• Clothe the naked	• Counsel the doubtful
• Shelter the homeless	• Comfort the sorrowful
• Visit the sick	• Bear wrongs patiently
• Visit the imprisoned	• Forgive all injuries
• Bury the dead	• Pray for the living and the dead

Learn more and make your commitment by visiting:

[diometuchen.org/worksofmercy](http://diometuchen.org/worksofmercy)

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**(FOR CHILDREN 12 AND YOUNGER)**

Sponsored by St. Catherine's Rosary Society and Stewardship Committee

SATURDAY, April 2nd  
FROM 1:00 TO 2:00 PM  
AT THE CHURCH GROUNDS

RAIN DATE: Sunday, April 3rd, 1-2 PM

THE EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE, ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE EVENT.

BRING A BASKET OR BAG TO HOLD THE EGGS YOUR CHILD FINDS. SNACKS, DRINKS, AND PRIZES WILL BE PROVIDED.

TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 735-4024 OR RETURN THE FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY MARCH 27th.

CCD service hours will be given to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> students who volunteer to help with set-up or during the egg hunt.

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FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

GIRLS \_\_\_\_\_ BOYS \_\_\_\_\_





## Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Raffle

**St. Catherine of Siena Council #15217**  
**Annual 50/50 Raffle** (raffle license #RL 0121)

**THERE WILL BE 3 PRIZES:**  
25%, 15% and 10% of the total net proceeds

**THE WINNING TICKETS**  
**WILL BE DRAWN**  
**MARCH 20, 2022**  
**FOLLOWING THE 11 AM MASS**

All proceeds support  
charitable works in the  
St. Catherine's Community



**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD OUTSIDE AFTER ALL MASSES**  
**OR SEE ANY KNIGHT FOR TICKETS.**

# 40 CANS FOR LENT

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans of Lent program.

The goal is for each family to put aside one can of non-perishable food everyday of Lent and bring in 7 cans to Mass each weekend starting March 5.

The Knights will collect and transport your donations to local food pantries within our diocese.

The collection bins will be placed in the kitchen area of the Church.

Food contributions from our parishioners have totaled 17,963 pounds. That's over 9 tons of food for the needy!

We thank you for your past participation and we hope you will continue to help our less fortunate neighbors. *Thank you!*



**One Can of Food Can Make a Difference**

### St. Catherine's Family Mass

Calling ALL St. Catherine's Families...



Come celebrate "FAMILY MASS" on the Second Saturday of every month at 4:30 PM, where youngsters serve as contemporary musicians, altar servers, ushers, readers, and offertory helpers.

Join us on **March 12th at 4:30 PM** for our next Family Mass.

Please contact us at [Celticstamper@gmail.com](mailto:Celticstamper@gmail.com) to volunteer at any Family Mass.

### ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

PARISHIONERS are invited to please join the Rosary Society **downstairs in the meeting area** to pray the PARISH ROSARY.



Pray the Parish Rosary at **NOON**, following the 11 AM Mass, on **Sunday, March 6, 2022**. We will gather downstairs.



Stay after the Rosary for our monthly meeting. We will meet downstairs.



We are happy to welcome our recently baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

**Sydney Claire Luciano**  
baptized on February 26, 2022



## RIGHT TO LIFE

Panel Discussion

Sponsored by the Hunterdon County Federated Republican Women

Join us for an informative evening, discussing New Jersey's recent abortion law changes, which pose a health risk to women and makes NJ one of the most radical states in the country.

**Featured Speakers:**



**Marie Tasy**  
Executive Director,  
NJ Right to Life



**Assemblyman Erik Peterson (R-Franklin)**  
NJ State Assembly,  
District 23 Congressional Candidate



**Joan Fasanello**  
Founder and Director,  
Life Choices



**March 7th**  
**7 PM**  
**Hunterdon GOP**  
**1 NJ-12 Ste. 105**  
**Flemington**

**To Reserve Your Seats:**

Email [hcfwrmembership@gmail.com](mailto:hcfwrmembership@gmail.com) with your Name and # of Attendees

Limited Seating Available! Please respond by March 1

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: March 5, 2022

4:30 PM David Perna  
r/o The Family

## Sunday: March 6, 2022

8:00 AM Adam Lukaszewski  
r/o Ed & Karen Trzepla

9:30 AM Anne DeVito  
r/o Andrea, Bob, Stephanie &  
Jonathan Presuto

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

## Monday: March 7, 2022

8:00 AM Veronica April  
r/o Joseph April

## Tuesday: March 8, 2022

8:00 AM John Gambardella  
r/o Robert & Irene Mascola

## Wednesday: March 9, 2022

7:00 PM Anthony & Victoria Natalizio  
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

## Thursday: March 10, 2022

8:00 AM Phyllis & Charles Pason  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## Friday: March 11, 2022

8:00 AM John Opeikun  
r/o The Opeikun Family

## Saturday: March 12, 2022

4:30 PM Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## Sunday: March 13, 2022

8:00 AM The Protection of Babies in the Womb  
& Their Families

9:30 AM Robert & Ann Preston  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM John Kauza  
r/o Donna & Ed Baker

## *From the Pastor's Desk* *First Sunday of Lent*

On Ash Wednesday we started the Season of Lent with the imposition of ashes on our heads. It is meant to remind us of our identity and relationship with God. First, it means we belong to God. We are his children. Second, as his children, we have the responsibility to make Jesus' presence felt and experienced in this world. Third, given the identity and relationship that we have with God, as His children, we are constantly called to holiness of life.

Thus, these 40 days of Lent are an opportunity given to us for turning back to God, for conversion. Through the help of the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, hopefully, we will come to acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives and we will focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward Him.

This Lent, may I suggest the following:

**Prayer** is the foundation of our spiritual life. Without prayer, no spiritual growth is possible. Prayer is simply talking to God and then quieting ourselves to listen for His response. Lent calls us in a practical way to carve out moments for prayer, to join the community in worship and to enter into the silence where God speaks to our hearts. I invite families to worship and pray together especially by attending Sunday Eucharist.

**Fasting** is the act of giving up something in order to develop spiritual discipline. One main meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Meatless Fridays, no sweets or chocolates: such are traditional fasting practices. But, fasting goes beyond just food and drink. Consider, instead, taking the time to pray words from the Scripture.

**Almsgiving** is the culmination of the Lenten disciplines, for through it we open ourselves up to God's grace. Just as fasting is about "giving up," almsgiving is about "giving to." Whereas fasting is about saying no to ourselves, almsgiving is about saying yes to others. Through almsgiving, we conquer the temptation to seek real happiness in our possessions. Almsgiving most directly applies to giving financial and other material support to those in need, but it can also apply to spiritual needs. For instance, what if for each of the next six weeks, you chose a family member, coworker, or even a stranger and went out of your way to show some act of kindness. It can be as simple as helping with chores, or being mindful to saying thank you!

These 40 days of Lent will be filled with struggles and temptation, yet through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we anticipate the rich fruit of God's blessing blossoming in our lives. May this Lent truly be a springtime of grace!

Fr. Chester



The collection for February 27th was \$3,612.00 (124 envelopes) for the general Collection.



On-Line Giving for February 27th was \$3,198.00 (107 donors).



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