# **St. Catherine of Siena Church**

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER and FRIENDSHIP

#### **Church and Parish Office**

2 White Bridge Road Pittstown, NJ 08867

### Mailing Address

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#### **Office Hours**

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#### PASTOR

**Rev. Chester Zalubski** Email: baca11963@yahoo.com

#### Weekend Assistant

Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, DD Bishop Emeritus

#### Permanent Deacons

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#### Parish Catechetical Leader

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#### Music Ministry

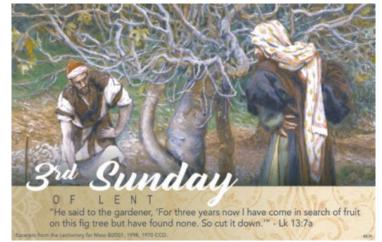
Pat Prakopcyk (908) 782-7043 Email: stcatmusic@gmail.com

#### Parish Secretary

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#### **Coordinator of Youth Ministry**

**Jim Murray** (973) 370-2532 Email: StCatherine@boldym.com



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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.

#### PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers Kelly Wojtal 892-4574

Audio/Visual Ken Mandoli 735-2879

**Auditors** Maggie Marion 735-4024

Building Maintenance Ray Ferraro 623-0345

Catholic Media Denise Botto 996-6760

**Decorating Committee** Donna Cahill 730-9384

**Events Hospitality** Margaret Rocca 996-3226

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** John-Joseph Bober 713-9707

Family Mass Celticstamper@gmail.com

**Family Promise** Mary Jo Haggerty 892-3513

**Food Pantry** Patty Battipaglia 735-6020

Knights of Columbus Michael J. lannozzi 328-6605

**Monthly Eucharistic** Adoration Mary Kauza 735-4582 Jane Ricketts 782-6216

Parish Landscape Kevin Cahill 730-9384

**Parish Pastoral Council** Denise Botto 996-6760

**Parish Picnic** Debbie Fass 730-7303

Prayer Shawl Donna Mustillo 237-0211

**Graphic Materials** Helen Nardone 391-0857

Readers Robert Preston 510-2712

Right to Life Rep Robert Keeling 812-1071

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Deacon Mike Meyer Deaconmikemeyer@hotmail.com

**Rosary Society** Jane Ricketts 782-6216

Sanctuary Guild Kathy Mathews 735-9511

SCRIP Program Jennifer Perna 208-0472

Social Concerns Doreen Opeikun 507-6752 Dawn Salerno

477-0105

Stewardship Lori Young 713-1997

<u>Ushers</u> Rich Kopf 797-4607

Veterans Military Apostolate Parish Office 735-4024

Website Ed Schilke 713-4914

Wedding Coordinator Ellen McCarthy 735-2028

Welcome Carol Rocha 996-7612

Weekly Schedule		
SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH	1	
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM		
4:30 PM	MASS	
SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH		
8:00 AM	MASS	
8:00 AM — 9:00 AM	2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED	
9:30 AM	MASS	
11:00 AM	MASS	
6:30 PM — 8:15 PM	8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED	
MONDAY, MARCH 21ST		
8:00 AM	MASS	
TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND		
8:00 AM	MASS	
1:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	
7:00 PM	KNIGHTS SOCIAL MTG & DEVOTIONS	
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23	RD	
6:30 PM — 8:00 PM	6TH & 7TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED	
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM	RECONCILIATION	
7:00 PM	MASS	
THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH	1	
8:00 AM	MASS	
FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH		
8:00 AM	MASS	
7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS (FAMILY PROMISE & LECTORS)	
CATURRAY MARCH 201		
SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH 3:30 PM — 4:00 PM		
4:30 PM	MASS	
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SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH		
8:00 AM	MASS	
9:30 AM	FAMILY MASS	
11:00 AM	MASS	
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#### **Readings for the week of March 20, 2022**

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9	
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/ Lk 4:24-30	
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35	
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19	
Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11: 14-23	
ls 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38	
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14	
Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	
Observances for the week of March 20, 2022	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	
The Annunciation of the Lord	

Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting.

#### A General Information Meeting will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732) 562-2457 or diaconate@diometuchen.org

#### LENTEN SERVICES

Every Wednesday Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30 PM

**Every Friday** Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during this time.

Every Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:30 PM

Adoration & Penitential Service (April 3rd) Adoration 5:30 PM Reconciliation 6:00 – 7:00 PM



#### 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 25th Family Promise & Lectors

<u>April 1st</u> Eighth Grade

<u>April 8th</u> Youth Ministry & Stewardship



#### 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 26/27, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just



as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**.

Every gift<u>, no matter the size</u>, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday (April 14th) Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday (April 15th)** Stations of the Cross at Noon Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday (April 16th) Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 11:00 AM Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

> Easter Sunday (April 17th) 8:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass

#### **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**



For you formed my inward parts. You knitted me together in my mother's womb. B: 139:13

Please join us for an *"INCARNATION CELEBRATION"* In honor of the Incarnation of Our Lord, and the Miracle of Life! Saturday, March 26, 2022 9:30 am 'til Noon

> Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall 316 Allerton Road, Annandale

Food – Fellowship – Children's Activities! Bring Family and Friends – All are Welcome! No charge, but donations are welcome!

Hunterdon County Right to Life ICC Pro-Life Ministry Please RSVP by 3/21 908-328-1268 908-303-8859

#### SPRING OPEN HOUSE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL THURSDAY, MARCH 31st at 7:00 PM

#### All are Welcome!

7<sup>th</sup> Graders Are Encouraged To Get An Early Start!

Call St. Thomas Aquinas for further info or directions (732) 549-1108 X620 Or visit us on the Web at <u>stahs.net</u>

#### The Legion of Mary

of St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church 105 Mine Street – Flemington, NJ Presents The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition

On Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

Eucharistic Congress Featuring:

	turday 9am – 7pm and Sunday 8am – 2pm (located in the Parish Center) ibit is accompanied by a First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
9:00 am - 3:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday closing with Benediction (in the Church)
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Presentation with Father Brighenti and Father Trigilio (from EWTN) in the Spiritual Formation Center (located in the downstairs of the Church)
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Guided Meditation - Encounter Christ (accompanies by soft meditative music) Led by Brother Samuel of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (in the Church
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Benediction led by Father Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Chaplain of the National Blue Army Shrine (in the Church)
3:45pm - 4:45pm	Confession
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Holy Mass (Vigil)
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Spanish Presentation (in the Foyer of the Parish Center)
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Spanish Holy Hour (in the Church)

"The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become lik Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of Heaven." — Blessed Carlo Acutis Jesus said to them, "I om the bread of life; he who arms: to Me will never hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst". (John 6:35)



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

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

We're thrilled to announce that we will be offering a shortened <u>one-day</u> 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.

### St. Catherine's Family Mass

Come celebrate "FAMILY MASS" on the last Sunday of every month at 9:30 AM, where youngsters serve as contemporary musicians, altar servers, ushers, readers, and offertory helpers.

Join us on February 27th at 9:30 AM for our next Family Mass.

Please contact us at stcathfamilymass@gmail.com to volunteer at any Family Mass.



# Mass Intentions

#### Saturday: March 19, 2022

4:30 PM John Kauza r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

#### Sunday: March 20, 2022

- 8:00 AM Melchior & Louella Carrier r/o Ruth DeGutis & Family
  9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
- 11:00 AM The Colalillo Family r/o St. Catherine's Parish

#### Monday: March 21, 2022

8:00 AM Robin Potempa Birthday Blessings

#### Tuesday: March 22, 2022

8:00 AM Antonino & Rosa Rofrano r/o Ortensia Clancey

#### Wednesday: March 23, 2022

7:00 PM Carl Quick r/o Ruth Ann & Joe Jamicky

#### Thursday: March 24, 2022

8:00 AM Arunas & Jill Lapnas r/o St. Catherine's Parish

#### Friday: March 25, 2022

8:00 AM Thomas McCluskey r/o Diane Cannan

#### Saturday: March 26, 2022

4:30 PM John Opeikun r/o The Opeikun Family

#### Sunday: March 27, 2022

8:00 AM	Jose Matos r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families
9:30 AM	Carl Quick
11.00 414	r/o The Webster Family

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



The collections for March 13th was \$3,645.00 (107 envelopes) for the general collection .

From the Pastor's Desk Thírd Sunday of Lent

During the Season of Lent we have the tradition of Walking with Jesus on the way to Calvary. It is a beautiful way to walk with Jesus and to pray in the company of fellow parishioners.

Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, have become a popular devotion in parishes.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. In the 12th century, St Francis of Assisi devised the list of stations and started the tradition of reciting it as a type of devotional service. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ's journey to Calvary.

"The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us. We should, therefore, practice this devotion with the greatest possible fervor, placing ourselves in spirit beside our Savior as He walked this sorrowful way, uniting our tears with His, and offering to Him both our compassion and our gratitude." (St. Alphonsus Liguori, 1761)

Praying the "Stations of the Cross" is one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics and is often performed in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during His Passion. The object of the Stations is to help us make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death.

This devotion may be conducted personally, by making your way from one station to another and saying the prayers, or by having the celebrant move from station to station while the congregation make the responses.

A plenary indulgence may be gained by praying the Stations of the Cross. If, for some reasonable cause, the Stations are interrupted, a partial indulgence may be gained for each station.

In our parish we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM. This Lent bring your family to pray the Stations of the Cross and walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary.

Fr. Chester



On-Line Giving for March 13th was \$2,853.00 (111 donors).



