

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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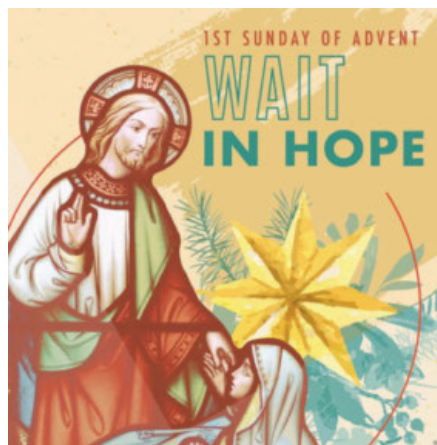
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**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.

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## Weekly Schedule

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

#### YOUTH MINISTRY WREATH PICK-UP

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH — 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### YOUTH MINISTRY WREATH PICK-UP

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS

11:00 AM MASS

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 4TH & 6TH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

8:00 AM MASS

5:00 PM BAKER/RIZZO WEDDING REHEARSAL

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

1:30 PM BAKER/RIZZO WEDDING

3:00 PM — 7:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

7:00 PM — 8:30 PM RCIA FELLOWSHIP HALL

7:30 PM WEINSCHENK/ZAKZRZEWSKI WEDDING REHEARSAL

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

#### YOUTH MINISTRY WREATH PICK-UP

2:00 PM WEINSCHENK/ZAKZRZEWSKI WEDDING

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### YOUTH MINISTRY WREATH PICK-UP

#### ROSARY GIVING TREE TAKEN DOWN

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS/ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

**Readings for the week of November 27, 2022**

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

**Observances for the week of November 27, 2022**

Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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**Rosary Society Giving Tree  
November 19th -December 4th**

Our Annual Giving Tree will be set-up in the Church Narthex beginning the weekend of November 19th through Noon on December 4th.

The Rosary Society's Giving Tree will be decorated with Christmas gift tag requests from the:

**Friendship Center for New Beginnings  
Parishioners Who Are in Need  
Veteran's Haven North  
Family Promise**

Please take a tag from the tree, return the unwrapped gift, along with the gift tag, and place it under the tree.... **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT!** Gift cards should be placed in the basket under the tree.

This is a wonderful time to share our blessings with others who are in need.

Donate to the Giving Tree Using the Giving Tree-SCRIP Order Forms located in a basket under the tree or on the SCRIP table in the undercroft.

**All gift card orders MUST be placed by November 28th to be included in the Giving Tree Collection.**



**Youth Ministry wreath pick up will be this weekend  
November 26th/27th  
at the shed**



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Albert Reider, father of Ann Preston, who passed away on November 11, 2022

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING BEGINS HERE!  
Please order your holiday gift cards early!**

Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall, on the St. Catherine's website or you can order online at [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com) (formerly ShopWithScrip).

The enrollment code for St. Catherine of Siena is **76C4BL5763L2**. There is a drop off box located in Fellowship Hall for orders and check payments. Orders may also be dropped off in the office during office hours.

If you plan to donate to the Giving Tree please try to remember purchasing ShopRite and other retailer gift cards using our SCRIP program for your Giving Tree Donation. Not only will you be supporting the Giving Tree but you will be supporting St. Catherine's children and programs for the poor.

If you have any questions please contact: [robinjoypotempa@gmail.com](mailto:robinjoypotempa@gmail.com) or call (908) 310-4273.

**St. Catherine's Family Mass**

Come celebrate "FAMILY MASS", where youngsters serve as contemporary musicians, altar servers, ushers, readers, and offertory helpers.

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

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



## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### *First Friday Eucharistic Adoration*

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month beginning at **3 PM** and ending with Benediction at **7:00 PM**.

**Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, December 2nd**

To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please use the new sign-up link.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first>

### **Advent Adoration, Reconciliation, and Christmas Carol Reflections**

**December 11th at 5:00 PM**

Join us on Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 PM in the Church to reflect upon and sing our favorite Christmas carols while we spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

**Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will immediately follow Christmas Carol Reflections, with 3 priests hearing confessions from 6:00-7:00 PM.**

### ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

**Next Meeting: Sunday, December 4, 2022, at noon**



The next Rosary Society meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4th at noon. We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

**Don't forget to RSVP if you plan to attend the luncheon.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



### **Christmas Cookie Exchange**

**December 18th  
12:00 Noon**

Join your fellow parishioners for coffee/tea/hot chocolate and holiday conversation in Fellowship Hall

Bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies with recipes to share (if possible) and an empty container to fill up for the holidays.

Please bring your cookies downstairs before Mass for early set up.

If interested please **RSVP By December 11th** to:  
Doreen Opeikun at cell 908-507-6752 or email [doreenope@gmail.com](mailto:doreenope@gmail.com)



*We would like to welcome  
The Dugan Family  
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

### *Family Advent Wreath Lighting*



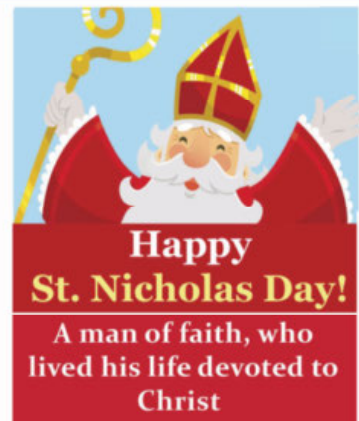
**The 1st Sunday of Advent begins the weekend of November 26th & 27th.**

Our sign-up sheet for the Family Advent Wreath Lighting is located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up.

Lighting of the wreath takes place at the beginning of each weekend Mass. We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass.

**CELEBRATE WITH US !**

**Sunday  
December 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 AM  
Family Mass**



We are expecting a **special guest** to be **with us during Mass** and all will have an opportunity to take photos with him and the children after Mass.

A specially decorated area will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for photos, so bring your cameras and cell phones.

Hospitality will also be provided in the Fellowship Hall as well as **goodie bags for all the children.**

*Calling all 5th Graders to volunteer as ushers, readers, offertory helpers, altar servers (if trained), and hospitality. Contact Katharine Lawrence at 908-892-1526 to volunteer for this Family Mass.*

**St. Nicholas takes up to the heart of Christmas and honors the Christ Child who selflessly gave the greatest gift of all ... HIMSELF!**

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday: November 26, 2022**

4:30 PM Anne Sterbenz  
r/o Marcie Istvan

**Sunday: November 27, 2022**

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

9:30 AM Helen Zrebiec  
r/o The Baker Family

11:00 AM Mary Janet Lyness  
r/o Thomas Lyness

**Monday: November 28, 2022**

8:00 AM James Robert Dawson  
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

**Tuesday: November 29, 2022**

8:00 AM James Robert Dawson  
r/o Margaret Rocca

**Wednesday: November 30, 2022**

7:00 PM Bianca Hollywood  
r/o The Evers Family

**Thursday: December 1, 2022**

8:00 AM Melchior & Louella Carrier  
r/o Ruth DeGutis & Family

**Friday: December 2, 2022**

8:00 AM Mary Frances Engle  
r/o Denis & Kristi Boyle

**Saturday: December 3, 2022**

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

**Sunday: December 4, 2022**

8:00 AM Veronica April  
r/o Joseph April

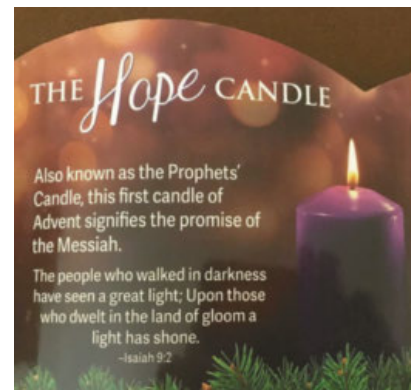
9:30 AM Thomas Webster  
r/o Pat & Patricia Dziubek

11:00 AM Rose & John Russo  
r/o Rosario & Marianna Quartararo

*From the Pastor's Desk*  
*1st Sunday of Advent*

As we know, a new Church Year has commenced as we have entered the season of Advent. Integral to the season of Advent is the **Advent Wreath** which has a long Catholic tradition. The Wreath is displayed prominently in front, on the left side of the Sanctuary. It typically has four candles that are lit progressively during the Sundays of Advent. The first candle is the Prophecy Candle or the Candle of Hope. It reminds us that we can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. The second Candle is the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. We remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah who said, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him." The third candle is the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy. We reflect on how we joyfully anticipate the coming of the Christ Child. The fourth candle is the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love. We reflect on how the angels announce the coming of the Savior, sent by God because He loves us. These candles can also help us reflect on the desire to see the light of Christ shine through the darkness of our lives.

*Fr. Chester*



The collections for November 13th were \$3,268.00 (106 envelopes) for the General Collection and \$1,095 (47 envelopes) for The Archdiocese for Military Services, USA. The collections for November 20th will be posted in the December 4th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for the November 13th collection was \$2,723.00 (103 donors). The collections for November 20th will be posted in the December 4th bulletin.

**Reconciliation for Advent**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every **Saturday at 3:30 PM** and **Wednesday at 6:30 PM** or by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

On **December 11th** Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be at **6:00—7:00 PM** with 3 priests hearing confessions.

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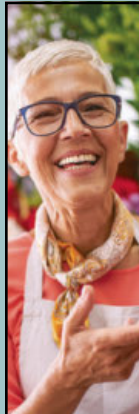
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