

St. Catherine of Siena Church

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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, APRIL 8TH — HOLY SATURDAY

11:00 AM BLESSING OF THE FOOD BASKETS
7:30 PM RCIA — THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH — EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 10TH

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM NO FORMATION CLASSES
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH

8:00 AM MASS
7:00 PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:00 PM MASS/RCIA CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION
8:00 AM MASS
8:30 AM — 10:30 AM 3RD GRADE FAITH FORMATION
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY



Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Observances for the week of April 9, 2023

- Sunday: Easter Sunday
- Saturday: Tax Day
- Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
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***Divine Mercy Sunday
Holy Hour — April 16th at 3 PM***

On the first Sunday after Easter, April 16th **Divine Mercy Sunday** — we, as Catholic Christians are obliged to honor the image of Jesus pouring out his **HEART'S MERCY** on us. This was the vision that Saint Faustina of Poland saw in modern-day times in 1931.

Join us at 3 PM for this powerful devotion.

Jesus himself, through visitations He made to Saint Faustina, instructed her: "Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable Graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (St. Faustina Diary entry 687). "We hope that all people will be struck by **the truth that mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to God's mercy.**" (Intro to Diary)

Join Us For A Night Of Laughter Benefitting
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Where: St. Catherine of Siena Fellowship Hall




**For questions or to RSVP Contact Jim Murray @
StCatherine@boldym.com or 973-370-2532**

EASTER SUNDAY

Women's Cornerstone

Join us to re-energize your spiritual life! Gather together with other women searching for a deeper relationship with God and each other.



Cornerstone is a one-day experience for women 25 years or older from St. Catherine of Siena and local parishes.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, **April 22nd**, at **Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale**, starting at **8 AM** and ending with a celebration following an **8 PM Mass**.

Come and see what the day has to offer! Questions? Call or text Rachel Riebling at 646-515-9674. To register: <http://iccannandale.org/womens-cornerstone>

SIZZLING SUMMER RAFFLE is coming to St. Catherine of Siena Parish



Wouldn't some extra sizzling cash add to the fun and enjoyment of summer for family members, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances?

- Raffle ticket books will be available after Masses during the weekends of April 29/30 and May 6/7, and at the Parish Office.
 - Drawing will take place on Father's Day, June 18, 2023, at 12 noon.
 - Winners need not be present for the drawing.
 - All proceeds from this raffle go to the Parish Center building fund.
- More information about the raffle will be shared with you soon.



Thank you in advance for your support in making our Sizzling Summer Raffle a success!

LIFE-GIVING Wounds RETREAT

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce, Separation, or Family Brokenness



Saturday, June 3
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Register Now At:
diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce

Questions:

cdaverso@diometuchen.org

or scan here:



COME & JOIN THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON FUN!

St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry



St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry combines the love of needlework with the love to help those in need. Blessings are knitted into every prayer shawl and baptismal blanket we create. Each item is blessed by a priest and given to someone for whom it will be a meaningful keepsake.

Our group **meets every Tuesday, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. All who would like to help are welcome, and yes, we do help beginners learn to knit and crochet!

Please drop in or contact Donna Mustillo at (908) 237-0211 for more information.

Clothing Drop-Off Bins



Clothing bins are located in the church parking lot. Your clothing donations will be shipped throughout the US, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

For the use of our Parish site, we will receive a monthly payment of \$100 for each bin. As we help others by donating clothing, we also help our Parish gain funds towards the maintenance of our church.

Thank you to all who use our bins!

The Divine Mercy Novena

April 07-15, 2023

Novena prayers and chaplet for all 9 days

Click for prayers

The Catholic Crusade

www.thecatholiccrusade.com

Pray More Novenas

www.praymorenovenas.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday: April 8, 2023

7:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: April 9, 2023

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

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

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

Monday: April 10, 2023

8:00 AM Helen Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Tuesday: April 11, 2023

8:00 AM Tee Andersen Birthday Blessings

Wednesday: April 12, 2023

7:00 PM Anthony Natalizio, Sr.
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: April 13, 2023

8:00 AM Deacon Dennis Webster Birthday Blessing

Friday: April 14, 2023

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

Saturday: April 15, 2023

4:30 PM Marlene Yaros
r/o Maggie & Mike Marion

Sunday: April 16, 2023

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

9:30 AM Joan Weate
r/o The Quick Family

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Easter Sunday

Dear Parishioners and Guests: HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Easter is not about brightly colored eggs, wearing pastels, or enjoying a big meal, although it could include these. Easter is about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For some it will be a sad day, because Easter is a reminder of a loved one who has died and is now desperately missed.

Death seems so cruel, so harsh, and so final. That is what the disciples were feeling when they saw their Lord, whom they had left everything to follow, hanging on the cross. They were devastated. Death had crushed them. But if they would have gone back into their memories, they would have recalled an important event and statement Jesus had made.

They would have remembered Jesus standing at the tomb of his close friend Lazarus. They would have remembered that Jesus did something completely unexpected: He wept. Jesus wept, because He knew that death was not part of God's original plan. Humanity was not meant to grow old, to suffer with disease, or to die. But because of the sin of Adam and Eve, sin entered the human race, and death followed with it. And death spread to all of us. Jesus wept, because it broke His heart.


But standing there at Lazarus' tomb, Jesus also delivered these hope-filled words: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live." Death is not the end. And the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves it.

If you have put your faith in Christ, then Easter means that you will live forever in the presence of God. Easter brings hope to the person who has been devastated by death. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the greatest hope!


Next Sunday, April 16th at 3:00 PM, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast marks the pinnacle of our Easter celebration. The devotion to our Lord's Divine Mercy was especially encouraged by Pope St. John Paul II, through the revelations of Our Lord's mercy granted to the Polish-born saint, *Sister Faustina Kowalska*. Special indulgences attached to this feast are obtainable for those who partake of the requirements attached to this feast (an indulgence is the removal of all or part of the temporal punishment due to sin – *not the sin itself*). To receive the indulgence, one must go to Confession within 3 weeks before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and to receive Holy Communion during this same period.

My brothers and sisters, our staff, Deacons, and I wish you and your loved ones a most blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Chester



The collections for April 2nd and April 9th will be posted in the April 16th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for April 2nd and April 9th will be posted in the April 19th bulletin.

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