

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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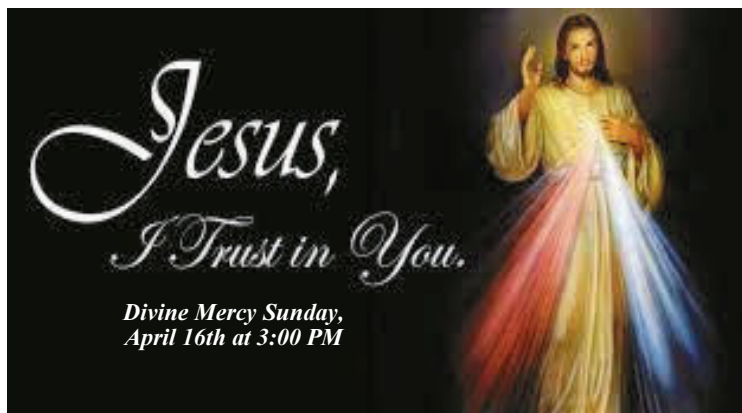
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**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, 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

**MONDAY, APRIL 17TH**

8:00 AM MASS

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH**

8:00 AM MASS  
12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH**

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 4TH & 6TH GRADE FORMATION CLASSES  
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM MASS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH**

8:00 AM MASS  
7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST**

8:00 AM MASS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND**

11:00 AM WILLIAM PAUL CONNOLLY BAPTISM  
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:00 PM MASS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD**

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



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

**Readings for the week of April 16, 2023**

- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**Observances for the week of April 16, 2023**

- Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
- Friday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: Earth Day
- Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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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)

**Women's Cornerstone 2023**

**Registration closes this week!**

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's 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.

Call or text Rachel Riebling at (646) 515-9674.  
To register: <http://iccannandale.org/womens-cornerstone>

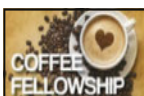
**Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. St. Catherine's Rosary Society invites all members of the parish, to join with us in crowning Mary on

**Saturday, May 6th at 4:30 PM**

Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee, conversation, and **SCRIP** ordering in Fellowship Hall!



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**SUSHI MAKING NIGHT!**

**LEARN HOW TO MAKE DELICIOUS SUSHI!**

**Who: All in 6th-12th Grade are Welcome**  
**When: Thursday, April 27th from 7:00-8:30pm**  
**Where: St. Catherine of Siena Fellowship Hall**



For questions or to RSVP Contact Jim Murray @ [StCatherine@boldym.com](mailto:StCatherine@boldym.com) or 973-370-2532



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### April 2nd Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Stewardship & Rosary Society Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! Thank You to all the following:

- 88 egg hunters
- 6th, 7th & 8th graders who stuffed the eggs and worked the day of the egg hunt
- Charlotte Letko who was the Easter Bunny, and Aiden Wronski the bunny helper
- Jim Murray and the Bold Youth Ministry
- Father Chester
- Ken Mandoli for being master of ceremonies



### 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  
9:00AM - 5:00PM



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\$75 - Adult  
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*The retreat includes meditations by the national Life-Giving Wounds retreat team, small group discussion, Holy Mass with Fr. Timothy Christy, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, and more.*

Register Now At:  
[diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce](http://diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce)

Questions:  
[cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

or scan here:



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### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Funds will benefit a New Parish Center

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908.477.0105 or [dawnsalerno@verizon.net](mailto:dawnsalerno@verizon.net)  
Tickets also available on [www.JJCOMEDY.com](http://www.JJCOMEDY.com)

# Mass Intentions

**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

**Monday: April 17, 2023**

8:00 AM Albert Reider  
r/o Fr. Chester Zalubski

**Tuesday: April 18, 2023**

8:00 AM Teresa Robbin  
r/o Irene & Paul Morrongiello

**Wednesday: April 19, 2023**

7:00 PM Stanley Kozal  
r/o Grace Kozal & Family

**Thursday: April 20, 2023**

8:00 AM George Tomsky  
r/o The Tomsky Family

**Friday: April 21, 2023**

8:00 AM Albert Reider  
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

**Saturday: April 22, 2023**

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

**Sunday: April 23, 2023**

8:00 AM Janina Maslanka  
r/o Fr. Chester

9:30 AM Joan Flotteron  
r/o Dan Dawson

11:00 AM Albert Reider  
r/o The Preston Family

## *From the Pastor's Desk* *Divine Mercy Sunday*

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Francis has urged us to embrace this day and truly reflect a spirit of mercy, repentance, and reconciliation in our lives. On this day, one week after Easter, we are reminded why Jesus rose from the dead; and one of the reasons was to shower the world with divine mercy.

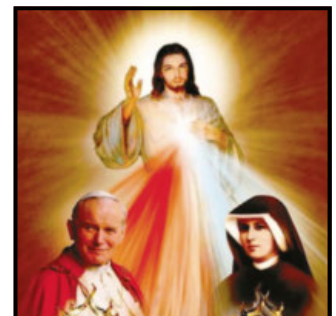
This is what the Church has to say in part about this great feast: "During the Church's millennium celebration in 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." Prior to this celebration, the Pope also wrote a profound encyclical called "Rich in Mercy." This encyclical explained the doctrinal and scriptural foundations for our understanding of mercy. Our Holy Father looked to a holy woman of Poland, Sr. Faustina, for inspiration. He canonized Sr. Faustina at the same Mass in 2000, where he instituted the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. He also clearly articulated the essential message that Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina and the message is, "That the graces of His mercy are greater than the stains of our sins."


Pope Francis reaffirmed the need for mercy. In 2019, we celebrated a special Jubilee Year of Mercy. In announcing the Jubilee, the Pope said, "The Church must always keep its doors open so no one is excluded from God's mercy." He challenged us to extend God's mercy to those around us. He said, "The bigger the sin, the greater must be the love that the Church shows to those who convert." In another address he stated, "If we humbly implore God's grace and accept our own limitations, we will trust in the infinite possibilities which God's love holds for us." "Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter, but open to God."

It may seem unusual that Divine Mercy Sunday comes so soon after the season of Lent. After all, is not Lent the season to focus on repentance and mercy? Well, our Church believes that the timing is most appropriate because Jesus' message to Sr. Faustina reminds us that there is no limit to his mercy for those who truly believe, for those who humbly ask for forgiveness. His mercy is not limited by boundaries. It is not impacted by seasonal limitations. This was his message to Sr. Faustina, and this is his message to us.

Let us all take some time today to devote ourselves to Divine Mercy — to receive it, and to radiate it to others.


Fr. Chester





The collections for April 2nd were \$3,125.00 (107 envelopes) for the regular collection, \$2,625.00 (100 envelopes) for Palm Sunday collection, and \$2,141.00 (61 envelopes) for the Retirement of Diocesan Clergy.

The collection for April 7th was \$1,613.00 (44 envelopes) for Good Friday and \$12,131.00 (233 envelopes) for Easter.



On-Line Giving for April 2nd was \$3,352.00 (103 donors). The collection for April 9th was \$4,669.00 (133 donors).



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