

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved  
Son, with whom I am  
well pleased; listen  
to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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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, FEBRUARY 24TH

11:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY MEETING  
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

8:00 AM 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION  
8:00 AM MASS  
8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION  
9:30 AM MASS  
11:00 AM MASS  
12:00 PM ROSARY BOOK MEETING — 33 DAY CONSECRATION  
7:00 PM — 7:45 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

8:00 AM MASS  
7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE MEETING

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

8:00 AM MASS  
12:30 PM — 2:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
7:00 PM KNIGHT'S SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING  
7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

11:00 AM ROSARY BOOK MEETING — 33 DAY CONSECRATION  
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 5TH & 6TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES  
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

8:00 AM MASS  
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:00 AM MASS  
3:00 PM — 6:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION  
6:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY SOUP & FELLOWSHIP  
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ RECONCILIATION

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

**ROSARY BAKE SALE**

2:00 PM — 5:30 PM 7TH GRADE RETREAT  
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM FAMILY MASS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

**ROSARY BAKE SALE**

8:00 AM MASS  
9:30 AM MASS/RCIA FIRST SCRUTINY  
11:00 AM MASS  
12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

**Readings for the week of February 25, 2024**

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25  
*Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Observances for the week of February 25, 2024**

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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**SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR PARISH MINISTRY FAIR**

We had a great turnout, and we hope you learned about the many ways that you can help our parish community grow and share God's love with everyone!

We are always in need of help; so if you haven't yet signed up to join a ministry, why not consider doing so now?

Watch the coming bulletins for more information about each of our ministries.

Many hands make light work, and the rewards are immeasurable!

**Our February Couples Anniversary Blessing**

*As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage.*

Ihor & Sandra Kopka	Michael & Alice Romanek
Matthew & Amanda Parisi	Daniel & Donna Snyder
Daniel & Elizabeth Perez	Kenneth & Mary Ann Weiss
Lawrence & Bernadine Remaly	Colin & Donna Blanchard

**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 **6 PM**.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is **Friday, March 1st**

*It is absolutely essential to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration, please sign up in advance by using the sign-up link below.*

*Or call Mary Kauza at (908) 735-4582 or Jane Ricketts at (908) 782-6216 to sign up directly.*

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

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

**Next Meeting: Sunday, March 3rd, at noon**



We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



**Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events**

**March 1st — 3<sup>rd</sup> Retreat**  
 St John Paul II Youth Retreat Center Kearny, NJ.  
 RSVP by February 20th. Check display case for more Information.

**April 1st — 6th** Appalachia Mission Trip

**April 7th** No Meeting

**April 20th 10:00 AM — 5:00 PM** Diocesan Youth Day, St. Thomas Aquinas HS Edison, NJ

**April 21st** No Meeting

**May 5th 5:00—7:00 PM** Hot Topics with Deacon Mike

**May 19th** — Youth Rally, Six Flags, Jackson, NJ

**June 7th 5:30—7:00 PM** Leadership Meeting

**June 16th** No Meeting — Happy Father's Day

**We are always happy to accept dinner donations for youth group meetings! (Pizza/Subs/Salads/Tacos)**

**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**St. Catherine's Soup & Stations**

**6 PM:** Join us for complimentary soup and fellowship.

**7 PM:** Pray the Stations of the Cross.

**All are welcome; please join us.**



**March 1st** hosted by Decorating, Ushers, and SCRIP

**March 8th** hosted by Bible Study and Coffee Fellowship

**March 15th** hosted by Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion

**March 22nd** hosted by the Rosary Society, Eucharistic Adoration, and Wedding Committee



**Youth Choir will be singing for Family Mass Saturday, March 2nd at 4:30 PM.**

There will be a final practice on Sunday, February 25th from 7 PM — 7:45 PM.

New members are welcomed to join Youth Choir at anytime to help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



**Adult Choir Corner!**

In preparation for Holy Week, Adult Choir rehearsals will be on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 PM, Sunday March 10th, 17th, and 24th at 12 Noon.

Adult Choir will be singing on Holy Thursday 7 PM, Easter Vigil 7:30 PM, and at the 11 AM Easter Sunday Mass.

**We are saddened to announce the deaths of:**  
**Henry Zanzalari, father of Linda Bush, who passed away on February 5, 2024**  
**Clifford Schumann, father of Ilene Costello, who passed away on February 14, 2024**

*Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in March?*

**JOIN US ON MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> AT THE 11:00 AM MASS TO RECEIVE A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING.**

All married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation by sharing your names and wedding date in our "Anniversary Book" located in the Narthex of our Church; or send your names, and wedding date to the parish office in an envelope marked "Anniversary Blessings".

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
 WE WILL BE OFFERING A MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS, 11 AM, ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2024. SIGN UP IN THE "ANNIVERSARY BOOK" LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

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

Sponsored by St. Catherine's Rosary Society, Youth Group, and the Stewardship Committee

**SATURDAY, March 23rd FROM 1:00 TO 2:00 PM AT THE CHURCH GROUNDS**

**RAIN DATE: Sunday, March 24th, 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 (908) 735-4024 OR RETURN THE FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY **MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: February 24, 2024

4:30 PM Edward Mazzochi  
r/o Barbara Sullivan & Family

## Sunday: February 25, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley Kozal, Jr.  
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

9:30 AM Margot Hernandez  
r/o Marlene & Jim Langreder

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

## Monday: February 26, 2024

8:00 AM Gregory A. Wilson  
r/o The Andersen Family

## Tuesday: February 27, 2024

8:00 AM Eva Wonsevicz  
r/o Marie Kristoff

## Wednesday: February 28, 2024

7:00 PM Chris Davidson  
r/o The Quick Family

## Thursday: February 29, 2024

8:00 AM Fredrick Juliano  
r/o Dan Dawson

## Friday: March 1, 2024

8:00 AM Hedy Dawson  
r/o Dan Dawson & Family

## Saturday: March 2, 2024

4:30 PM David Perna  
r/o The Family

## Sunday: March 3, 2024

8:00 AM Gertruda Zalubaska  
r/o Chester Zalubski

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

11:00 AM Catherine Raymonds  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Second Sunday of Lent

Today we celebrate the second Sunday of Lent. Lent is the time, approximating forty days, of reflection and penance leading up to Easter. Pope Francis stated, "Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." He said that Lent is meant to wake up Christians and to help them see that God can give them strength to change their lives and their surroundings.

One of our leading Catholic scholars has described Lent as the desert time in the Church year. He reminds us that the desert time can be for us an opportunity to reflect on who we are and why we are here. It takes many of us a while to absorb the reality of the Christian vision: that we are children of God called to announce in word and deed the favour of the Lord. But the desert can also have its dangers. It can be a place of desolation, a place of loneliness. And we certainly can be tempted when we are vulnerable and isolated. Each of us struggle against temptation and sin, and for many of us it is a daily struggle. We are challenged to admit that we are all sinners and we need help in resisting our temptations. We are encouraged to take Lent seriously and acknowledge our own shortcomings, and guard against them.

During this special time in the Church year, we can therefore turn to God and seek renewal in heart, mind, and body through the disciplines of Lent: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, if we are physically able. We can respond to the challenge to live a Christian life and truly turn away from sin and towards the living God, and we can avail ourselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pope Francis reminds us that "...in the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to hardness of heart, we are called to dive into a sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness." We are invited to reflect on these profound words of Pope Francis, and strive to unite our hearts to the Lord and experience his love and mercy in a very special way as we continue our Lenten journey.

*Fr. Chester*



The collection for February 18th was \$3,508.00 (114 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$691.00 (48 envelopes) for the Catholic Spirit. The collection for Ash Wednesday was \$2,061.00 (72 envelopes).



On-Line Giving for February 18th was \$3,713.00 (108 donors).

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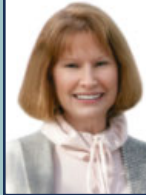
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