

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER *and* FRIENDSHIP

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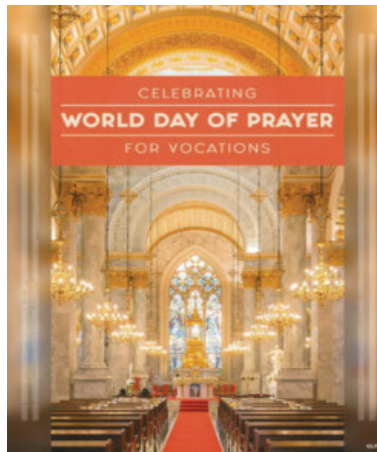
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**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.

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, PITTSTOWN, NJ

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### Weekly Schedule

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

10:00 AM 2ND GRADE 1ST RECONCILIATION & RETREAT  
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

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 BROOKE DIANNE LAPCZYNSKI BAPTISM

#### MONDAY, APRIL 22ND

8:00 AM MASS

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD

8:00 AM MASS  
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
7:00 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES  
6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM MASS

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH

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

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

8:00 AM MASS  
9:30 AM MASS — INSTALLATION OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION  
11:00 AM MASS  
12:00 PM AVA VALENTINA SHYMANSKI BAPTISM



We are happy to welcome our recently Baptized at St. Catherine of Siena:

**Lily Iris Lopez**  
Baptized on April 13, 2024

**APRIL 21, 2024 — 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings for the week of April 21, 2024**

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10: 22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16: 15-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14: 7-14  
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**Observances for the week of April 21, 2024**

Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
 Monday: Earth Day  
 Tuesday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr  
 Wednesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day  
 Thursday: St. Mark, Evangelist  
 Friday: Arbor Day  
 Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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**This past week, many of our parishioners received this text message from "Father Chester."**

**Be careful of email and text scams alleging to come from Fr. Chester! Fr. Chester would NEVER email or text you asking for money, gift cards, or to just reply to his text. He would call you or speak to you directly.**

**If you are unsure, call the office!**

**PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...IT'S A SCAM**

I need a favor from you, please text me back as soon as you get this message. There is something I need you to do for me, I am going into a meeting now with limited phone calls, so please just reply my text

Rev. Chester Zalubski

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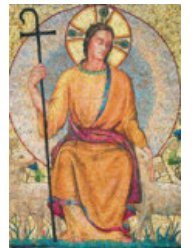
**SAVE THE DATE Back By Popular Demand**

**June 23rd  
4:30 — 6:30 PM  
Family Roller Skating  
Frentown Roller Rink**



**2024 marks the 61st Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?



- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living & dead.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



**We are saddened to announce the death of:**  
**John Robert Pezik, Jr, father of John Paul Pezik, who passed away on April 10, 2024**

**Our April Couples Anniversary Blessing**

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

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| John & Mary Andzulis       | D. Shane & Dina Lea           |
| Michael & Dawn Briggs      | Joseph & Nancy Maggio         |
| Bruce and Gina Bussell     | Richard & Kim Martinez        |
| William & Susan Courtney   | Scott & Cathy Munro           |
| Raymond & Lorraine Ferraro | Hugh & Maria Prentice         |
| John & Michele Fusco       | Andrew & Denise Stanislawczyk |
| Anthony & Lois Giello      | Frank & Joan Tampone          |
| James & Dawn Golden        | Edward & Helen Trzepla        |
| Kevin & Mary Jo Haggerty   | Dennis & Kathleen Webster     |
| David and Nicole Kelleher  | Humberto & Linda Yngelmo      |
| Stephen & Lilly Lazorchak  | Andrew & Doreen Zipay         |



**Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events**

**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)**

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WE RECEIVE A 5% DISCOUNT ON ALL SALES!

Shoprite cards are available for sale after all masses, in the office, or by calling Robin Potempa at (908) 310 - 4273.

Order forms for additional retailers are located in Fellowship Hall. Orders can also be placed online at raiseright.com - enrollment code is: 76C4BL57653L2

Questions, call Robin Potempa (908) 310 - 4273



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Social Concerns group visits and provide support such as food shopping, general errands to the sick, homebound, new moms and people in nursing homes. We also provide meals at a time of need.

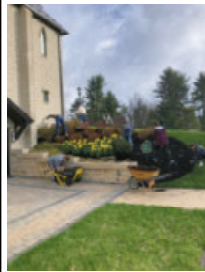
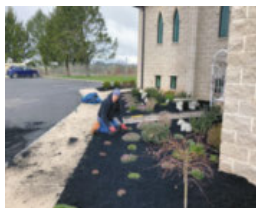
If you have some time to offer, please contact:  
Doreen Opeikun (908) 507 - 6752



We would like to congratulate the following children who received First Reconciliation on April 20, 2024

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Allura Bilyj     | Marcus Oest       |
| Ashton Bilyj     | Morgan Oest       |
| Alexis Cody      | Anthony Puma      |
| Madison Davis    | Mason Rasavage    |
| Charlotte Dix    | Nicolena Romano   |
| Brookelyn Lauyer | Mikaila Sanderson |
| Madeline McNulty |                   |

THANK YOU TO OUR MULCHERS



April 21st is World Day of Pray for Vocations!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

CALLING ALL COOKS AND BAKERS .....

St. Catherine's is creating a new cookbook and we want your recipes!



FAMILY FAVORITES

a collection of your family's favorite home-made recipes from St. Catherine of Siena Church

This custom cookbook promises to be a treasured keepsake for us all.

Look for more information to come in the bulletin and on our website.

Proceeds will go towards our new Parish Center.



St. Catherine's Comedy Variety Fundraiser  
Saturday, May 4

6 - 8 PM (DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM) • FELLOWSHIP HALL

Tickets will go on sale beginning the weekend of April 13th. \$25 per person. Limited to 100 tickets. Choose your own seating, first-come, first-served basis. BYOB and BYOD (Dinner).

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER WILL GO TO THE NEW PARISH CENTER BUILDING FUND.



Derek Lee  
Showtime at the Apollo, Comic View, Tom Joyner Show  
Comedy magician!



Mollie Spurduto  
Tropicana Atlantic City, Good Karma Comedy Festival 2024  
Standup comic!



Justin Gonzalez  
New York Comedy Festival, Carnegie Hall, Comedy Cellar (NYC)  
Funny storyteller & singer!



...and hosted by Pamela Roth as "Sister Mary Agnes" aka "The Funny Nun"  
Nun impersonator!

For info call Debbie Fass  
973-222-8100

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday: April 20, 2024

4:30 PM Susan DeLauro  
r/o Mom (Nancy Unorski)

## Sunday: April 21, 2024

8:00 AM Arnold Greenberg  
r/o Fr. Chester  
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's  
11:00 AM Teresa Robbin  
r/o Irene & Paul Morrongiello

## Monday: April 22, 2024

8:00 AM Courad Shad  
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

## Tuesday: April 23, 2024

8:00 AM Margot Hernandez  
r/o Jane & Glenn Ricketts

## Wednesday: April 24, 2024

7:00 PM Donald Salati  
r/o Donna & Dominic Mustillo

## Thursday: April 25, 2024

8:00 AM Loretta Kaden  
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

## Friday: April 26, 2024

8:00 AM Samuel Knopp  
r/o Donna & Jim Gallagher

## Saturday: April 27, 2024

4:30 PM Arnold Greenberg  
r/o Bernie & Larry Remyly

## Sunday: April 28, 2024

8:00 AM William Lonagan  
r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill  
9:30 AM Bill & Debbie Gianos  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish  
11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

## From the Pastor's Desk First Reconciliation

On Saturday, April 13th, thirteen children made their First Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a joy and privilege it was to see them at this Sacrament!

We also encouraged the whole family to come to church with the child and to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation too. I'm pleased to say that I was able to hear the confession of some families that morning. This was a great example not only to the children in the family but indeed to other children and adults present in church - including myself.

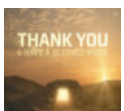
I think this is really helpful because the children get the idea that going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a regular part of parish life as they see their parents and other parishioners waiting beside them.

On this occasion I would like to thank Mrs. Sandra Kopka, Director of our Religious Education Program, Stacy Gallagher, the 2nd grade catechist, who prepared the children for this Sacrament, and all our wonderfully generous volunteer teachers who have given so much of their time and talent to help our children. Their skill, wisdom, and commitment showed itself not only in the content of the classes but in the ways they acted and related to our children.

Finally I would like to thank all the parents, families, and friends... who nurtured, challenged, and encouraged their children and who continue to support and love them.

Congratulations and well done to all!

*Fr. Chester*



The collection for April 14th was \$3,675.00 (129 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for April 14th was \$4,246.00 (99 donors).

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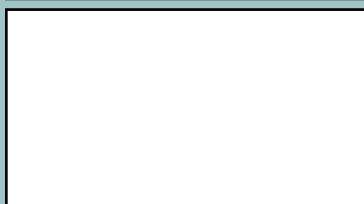
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