# 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 27TH

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

MASS 8:00 AM

9:30 AM MASS—INSTALLATION OF

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF

HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 AM

12:00 PM AVA VALENTINA SHYMANSKI

BAPTISM

12:00 PM ROSARY MEETING/STUFFING

**HANDBAGS** 

**MONDAY, APRIL 29TH** 

MASS 8:00 AM

7:00 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDDING PREP MEETING 7:00 PM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH** 

8:00 AM **MASS** 

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 5TH & 6TH GRADE FAITH

FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM **BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL** 

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

8:00 AM **MASS** 

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

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS/MAY CROWNING

6:00 PM — 8:00 PM **COMEDY NIGHT** 

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

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** 

5:30 PM — 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP

### Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 Sunday:

(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn

14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn

14:27-31a

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn Wednesday:

15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:

9-11

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14 Friday: Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, Next Sunday: 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

### Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday:

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of Monday:

the Church

Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope

Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church, National Day of Prayer

Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Next Sunday:



### Our April Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

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 Dennis & Kathleen Webster **Kevin & Mary Jo Haggerty** Humberto & Linda Yngelmo David and Nicole Kelleher

Stephen & Lilly Lazorchak

Andrew & Doreen Zipay

### 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 PM.

> Our next **Eucharistic Adoration is** Friday, May 3rd

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/ qo/10C0544ADAA2BA1F94-first

## CALLING ALL COOKS AND BAKERS ..... St. Catherine's is creating a new cookbook

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## **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.



### Youth Group Corner **Upcoming Events**

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

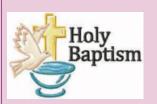
May 19th Youth Rally, Six Flags, Jackson, NJ

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

June 16th No Meeting — Happy Father's Day

### **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**





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

Brooke Dianne Lapczynski Baptized on April 21, 2024



We would like to welcome:
The Bruzzi Family
The Darata Family
The Eisenhart Family
The Tristan Turner Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

### **BOOK CLUB**

The Saint Catherine of Siena Book Club will meet on **Friday, June 7th at 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall, immediately following First Friday Adoration.

We will be discussing *This Is My Body*, by Bishop Robert Barron, as we continue our focus on the Eucharist in support of the Eucharistic Revival proclaimed by the US Bishops.



### 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 4th at 4:30 PM

### **Religious Education News**

## Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- A two-year program starting in 1st Grade.
- Registration is open for students entering 1st grade September 2024.
- Must be a registered parishioner of St. Catherine's.
- A copy of your child's baptismal certificate must accompany the registration form.
- Registration forms are located on our parish website or in the office.

Please bring your child's completed registration form, a check for \$150.00, and a copy of the baptismal certificate to the parish office.

Deadline is June 15, 2024 (a late fee of \$50.00 will be incurred)

Any questions, please contact: Sandra Kopka PCL at (908) 735-5086 or stcscre@gmail.com

A HUGE THANKS TO OUR ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY FIRE CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

Thanks to you, our parishioners, we raised \$7500 for the Food Pantry. We gave them 75 (\$100) Shop-Rite Cards. We are a loving, caring parish who showed our support for our community in a very generous way.



## ST CATHERINE'S PARISH ROLLER SKATING FAMILY DAY



SUNDAY - JUNE 23, 2024 + 4:30 - 6:30 PM at the Frenchtown Roller Rink Route 29, Frenchtown

Admission: \$1 per person at the rink
Rental Fee: Skates \$2 \* Inline Skates \$3
(limited to 100 skaters) so sign up fast!

Mark the date and bring the whole family for a few hours of roller skating fun!

The snack bar will be open.

To reserve your space email: dsalerno@scoschurch.org

# Mass Intentions

Saturday: April 27, 2024

4:30 PM Arnold Greenberg

r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday: April 28, 2024

8:00 AM William Lonegan

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

Monday: April 29, 2024

8:00 AM Kathleen Murray

r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Tuesday: April 30, 2024

8:00 AM Rosalie Bennett

r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Wednesday: May 1, 2024

7:00 PM Victoria Natalizio

r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: May 2, 2024

8:00 AM Veronica April

r/o Joseph April

Friday: May 3, 2024

8:00 AM Adele Quick

r/o Quick & Sullivan Families

Saturday: May 4, 2024

4:30 PM St. Catherine's Rosarians Living &

Deceased

Sunday: May 5, 2024

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

9:30 AM Felix Rampino

r/o The Mitariten Family

11:00 AM Claire McCarthy

r/o The Rosary Society



The collection for April 21st was \$3,508.00 (125 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for April 21st was \$4,534.00 (115 donors).

### From the Pastor's Desk

### Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena

"For perfected souls every place is to them an oratory, every moment a time for prayer. Their conversation has ascended from earth to heaven—that is to say they have cut themselves off from every form of earthly affection and sensual self-love and have risen alone into the very height of Heaven." St. Catherine of Siena

On Monday, April 29th, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena.

Born in 1347, Saint Catherine was the youngest of 25 children. Her father was a wool dyer in the small town of Siena, in Tuscany, Italy. At an early age, she became fully aware of her gifts.

By the age of six, Catherine began having mystical experiences, seeing angels as clearly as the people they protected. These experiences continued throughout her entire life. She devoted herself to prayer and fasting, and resisted all efforts by her family to marry. She had already made a lifelong commitment to God.

By the age of 16, Catherine became a Dominican tertiary. She experienced increasing numbers of visions including Christ, Mary, and the saints, interspersed with "devilish" visions and periods of spiritual apathy. Catherine worked with the sick, particularly caring for those who had leprosy and advanced cases of cancer.

Her visionary gifts attracted many followers, and a few skeptics who thought her visions were fake. The skeptics caused Catherine to be brought before the general chapter of Dominicans in Florence. The accusations were dismissed. After this, the Blessed Raymond Capua was appointed her confessor. He later became her disciple and biographer. Though Catherine received no formal education, she had one of the most theologically brilliant minds of her day. Besides being a visionary and caring for the sick, Catherine was a political fighter, answering a call as peacemaker. Catherine journeyed to Florence and Pisa several times in attempts to bring the pope home to Rome during those years when popes lived in exile in Avignon, France. She barraged the pope with letters pleading her case. In 1376, Pope Gregory XI returned to Rome, and Catherine was summoned to be his advisor. She recorded her mystical experiences in the Dialogue of Catherine of Siena.

On April 21, 1380, Catherine suffered a paralytic stroke. She died eight days later, at the age of 33.

Saint Catherine was canonized in 1461, made patron of Italy in 1939, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

Fr. Chester

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