

St. Catherine of Siena Church

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of PRAYER and FRIENDSHIP

Church and Parish Office

2 White Bridge Road
Pittstown, NJ 08867

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 245
Pittstown, NJ 08867

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
(Later by appointment)
Phone: (908) 735-4024
Fax: (908) 735-0355
Website: www.scoschurch.org
Email: office@scoschurch.org

PASTOR

Rev. Chester Zalubski
Email: frchester@scoschurch.org

Weekend Assistant

Fr. Jerome Borski

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Michael A. Meyer, D.Min.
Email: deaconmike@scoschurch.org

Deacon Dennis K. Webster
Email: deacondennis@scoschurch.org

Religious Education Director

Sandra Kopka
(908) 735-5086
Email: stcscre@gmail.com

Music Director

Pat Prakopcyk
(908) 782-7043
Email: stcatmusic@gmail.com

Office Manager

Jennifer Perna
(908) 735-4024
Email: jperna@scoschurch.org

Office Assistant

Tee Andersen
(908) 735-4024
Email: tandersen@scoschurch.org

Youth Ministry Director

Dawn Salerno
(908) 477-0105
Email: dsalerno@scoschurch.org



February 2, 2025 Vol. 10

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
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 Wednesday 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

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers

Mark Kubian
(732) 297-9425

Audio/Visual

Ken Mandoli
(908) 735-2879

Auditors

Maggie Marion
(908) 735-4024

Bible Study

Teri Saccal
(908) 229-9355
Lucia Sciancalepore
(201) 970-5072

Building Maintenance

David Perna
(908) 296-5120

Catholic Media

Denise Botto
(908) 996-6760

Coffee Fellowship

Teri Saccal
(908) 229-9355

Decorating Committee

Donna Cahill
(908) 730-9384

Events Hospitality

Margaret Rocca
(908) 996-3226

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

John-Joseph Bober
(908) 713-9707

Family Mass

Sandra Kopka
religioused@scoschurch.org

Family Promise

Mary Jo Haggerty
(908) 892-3513

Finance Council

Mike Wojtal
(908) 310-7488

Food Pantry

Patty Battipaglia
(908) 735-6020

Kids Club

Debbie Fass
kidsclub@scoschurch.org

Knights of Columbus

Ken Mandoli
(908) 507-1554

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

Mary Kauza (908) 735-4582
Jane Ricketts (908) 782-6216

Parish Gardener

George Mehaffey
(908) 581-2521

Parish Pastoral Council

Denise Botto
(908) 996-6760

Parish Picnic

Debbie Fass
(973) 222-8100

Prayer Shawl

Donna Mustillo
(908) 237-0211

Graphic Materials

Helen Nardone
(908) 391-0857

Lectors

Robert Preston
(908) 510-2712

Right to Life Representative

Robert Keeling
(908) 812-1071

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Deacon Mike Meyer
deaconmike@scoschurch.org

Rosary Society

Yasmine Hernandez-Manno
(973) 229-4368

Sacristan

Margaret Rocca
(908) 996-3668

Sanctuary Guild

Kathy Mathews
(908) 735-9511

SCRIP Program

Robin Potempa
(908) 310-4273

Spirituality Committee

Mark Salerno
(908) 477-5039

Social Concerns

Doreen Opeikun
(908) 507-6752

Stewardship

Lori Young
(908) 246-6690

Ushers

Rich Kopf
(908) 797-4607

Veterans Military Apostolate

Mark Kubian
(732) 297-9425

Website

Ed Schilke
(908) 886-3884

Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy
(908) 240-0583

Welcome

Carol Rocha
(908) 996-7612

Youth Choir

Lisa Sforza — Nancy Coletti
youthmusic@scoschurch.org

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

**BLESSING OF THROATS
ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE**

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

**BLESSING OF THROATS & SCOUT SUNDAY
ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE**

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 5TH GRADE FAITH
FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM EVENING BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE FAITH
FORMATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

WORLD MARRIAGE WEEKEND

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

WORLD MARRIAGE WEEKEND

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 2ND & 4TH GRADE FAITH
FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

Readings for the week of February 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Observances for the week of February 2, 2025

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
 Monday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
 Wednesday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
 Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
 Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM
 Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

(C/LPI)

Anyone who would like to participate in **Online-Giving** and requires assistance to start doing so, can call the office (908) 735 - 4024 on **Fridays, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. We will be happy to assist you in navigating the Online-Giving website (<https://osvhub.com/scoschurch/giving/funds>).

*World Marriage Day
is February 9, 2025*

IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD MARRIAGE WEEK
 ST. CATHERINE'S WILL HONOR THE LIFELONG COMMITMENT
 OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES BY
 RENEWAL OF VOWS FOR COUPLES AT ALL MASSES
 DURING THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 8 - 9.
 PRIOR TO EACH MASS RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT
 BOTH ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES
 FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS
 AND A BOTTLE OF WINE.

DURING THAT WEEKEND, WE WOULD LIKE TO DISPLAY PHOTOS
 IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL OF OUR MARRIED COUPLES
 (BOTH YOUR WEDDING DAY AND A FAMILY PHOTO). PLEASE
 DROP OFF YOUR FRAMED WEDDING PHOTO AS WELL AS A
 RECENT PHOTO OF YOU MARKED WITH YOUR NAMES AND THE
 NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED. THERE WILL BE A
 BIN DOWNSTAIRS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR YOU TO PLACE YOUR
 FRAMED PICTURES. WE ASK THAT YOU BRING THEM BY MONDAY,
 FEBRUARY 5TH. ALL PHOTOS WILL BE RETURNED THE FOLLOWING
 WEEKEND. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
 CAROL ROCHA AT CROCHA@HCRHS.ORG, OR 908-616-2397.

THE 11 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, WILL ALSO
 INCLUDE A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR COUPLES WHO WERE
 MARRIED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. PLEASE LET THE
 PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE CELEBRATING YOUR
 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
 SO YOU CAN BE INCLUDED.



Lynda's Helping Handbags - NJ Chapter

St. Catherine's Rosary Society 2025 Collection
 Feb 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th, and 15th & 16th



The Rosary Society will once again be collecting "new or gently used" handbags for women and teens and fill each handbag with **10-12 NEW ITEMS (see list below)**. Handbags will be donated to the Career and Life Transitions Center, Flemington, NJ and Livingston Philanthropies serving the homeless in Newark, NJ.

We are please asking Parish members to help us with the collection by donating new/gently used handbags and/or new filler items. Please make sure that all used handbags are in "good condition" and cleaned out and all donated items to fill the handbags are "New."

All handbags & filler items can be dropped off in the Marked Bins located in the Fellowship Hall after weekend Masses.

Questions, please email lwunder@comcast.net. Thank you for your generosity and help with this valuable program.

The items needed are listed below:

Hand sanitizer (sm bottle), Hand/body lotion (sm bottle), Chapstick, Cosmetics, Comb, Nail file/clipper, Razors, Soap/Bath Gel, Shampoo (sm bottle), Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Mouthwash (sm bottle), Tissues (individual), Pens and note-pads, Pocket calendar, Socks, Hair clips, Winter gloves, Hats.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 **7:00 PM**.

Our next
Eucharistic Adoration is
Friday, February 7th

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>



*We would like to welcome:
The Poceschi Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

**Please join us after every weekend Mass for coffee,
conversation, and SCRIP**

**ordering in
Fellowship Hall!**



Prison Volunteers Needed

"When I was in prison, you visited me." Mt. 25:36

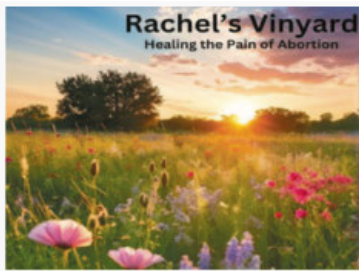
The **Chaplaincy at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women** is seeking **2 volunteers** to add to their team. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Details: The days are Tuesday and/or Thursday, from 12 PM to 2 PM., 3 times a month, minimally. The ministry is conducting Communion Services, which involves giving a brief reflection on the Scripture readings. The service itself is 12:30 – 1:30.

Training is mandatory, with one training session being on Zoom and the other in person. Typically, it is 3 months from the application submission and training to the clearance to volunteer.

If you would like more information about this rewarding and gratifying ministry, please contact:
Catholic Chaplain, Sr. Kathleen Rooney, SSJ at
(908) 370-9690 kathleenrooneyssi@gmail.com

"Come and visit the Lord!"



RACHEL'S VINEYARD: A PLACE OF HEALING AND HOPE
Are you struggling from an abortion? Whether you were pressured into an abortion, were unable to prevent a family member from having one, or you were a part of the abortion decision, this retreat will help you move beyond any guilt, shame, or anger you have. Our weekend retreats are uniquely designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment. This weekend will help you find a new voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. Discover peace and healing.
Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat
February 21-23 2024
Washington, NJ
To register, or for more information, please contact Leah by email at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co or text or call (608)709-3479 and Ana at ana@soulfilledbygrace.co or text or call at (908)319-2950
rachelsvineyard.org



Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **February 14 — 16, 2025**.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone Tom & Ruth DeFalco at (732) 904-9636 for an application and information or visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Our February Couples Anniversary Blessing

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

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Colin & Donna Blanchard | Larry & Bernadine Remy |
| Ihor & Sandra Kopka | Michael & Alice Romanek |
| Matthew & Amanda Parisi | Daniel & Donna Snyder |
| Daniel & Elizabeth Perez | Kenneth & Mary Ann Weiss |
| Carl & Joyce Poceschi | |



Come and Join us in Song!

The **ADULT CHOIR** is ready to expand the ministry. This can be a great opportunity for those who love to sing, please contact our Music Director, Pat Prakopcyk at the following email stcatmusic@gmail.com



DATES TO REMEMBER & RSVP

February 7- 9 West Mountain Winter Getaway

February 28 – March 2 — RETREAT
at St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center in Kearny

March 16 — Chick-Fil-A Party* (tentative) in our **NEW ROOM** at the Parish Center

April 13 - 17 — MISSION TRIP to Appalachia
IT IS IMPORTANT TO RSVP! PLEASE . . . with a YES, NO, MAYBE or I NEED MORE INFO
Call, Text or E-mail Dawn at
(908) 477-0105 • dsalerno@scoschurch.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday: February 1, 2025

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

Sunday: February 2, 2025

8:00 AM Clarice Mitariten
r/o Mary & Mike Mitariten

9:30 AM Thank You to all the Coffee/Fellowship/
Event Hospitality Committee Members
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM Frank Yanchic
r/o Debi Erling

Monday: February 3, 2025

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

Tuesday: February 4, 2025

8:00 AM David Button
r/o Linda & Fred Button

Wednesday: February 5, 2025

7:00 PM James Suskiewicz
r/o Stephanie & Mike Pierce

Thursday: February 6, 2025

8:00 AM Bernadette Lukacs
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Friday: February 7, 2025

8:00 AM Ida Zepf
r/o Laurie & Bob Keeling

Saturday: February 8, 2025

4:30 PM Linda Dorsi
r/o Bob Bronish

Sunday: February 9, 2025

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

9:30 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

11:00 AM Mario Cerqueira
r/o Sergio & Anabel Cerqueira

From the Pastor's Desk

The Presentation of the Lord — February 2nd

St. Blaise — February 3rd

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Presentation, commemorating the time when the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph 40 days after His birth.

This feast is often referred to as "Candlemas Day," for part of its celebration includes the blessing of candles used in worship throughout the year. We remember the words of Simeon, who took the Holy Child in his arms and praised God for revealing in Him "a light to the Gentiles, and the glory of Israel." (Luke 2: 22-32). The use of candles in liturgy and other prayer forms reminds us that Jesus is the Light we are called to follow; Light that guides our living in this world and leads us to the next.

Some of those candles are used when we commemorate the martyrdom of St. Blaise with the traditional **Blessing of Throats, which will take place at the end of all Masses today, February 1st & 2nd.** St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea, Armenia, the first nation to officially adopt Christianity, though some were slow to accept the king's decree. In the year 316 AD, Agricolaus, the non-believing governor of Sebastea, ordered Blaise arrested and executed for refusing to offer sacrifices to pagan gods. According to legend, as Blaise was being led to prison, a mother ran up to him with her young son who had a fish bone caught in his throat. Blaise prayed over the boy, gave a command, and the boy was able to cough up the bone, which saved his life. While imprisoned, many of the faithful visited their bishop and asked him to bless their candles for use during prayer. His cult spread throughout Europe, and since the Middle Ages throats are blessed on his feast day. Through his prayers, we hope to be spared from diseases of the throat and other respiratory illness.

St. Blaise is just one more example of how God works through the followers of His Son; and that IS the point, isn't it? As followers of Jesus, we are called to be instruments through which Our Lord continues to reach out and minister to others. Through us, the Light of Christ must shine.

Fr. Chester



The collections for January 26th were \$4146.00 (119 envelopes) and \$1163.00 (47 envelopes) the Foundation of Catholic Education.



On-Line Giving for January 26th was \$3,320.00 (107 donors).

LAWN DOCTOR



www.lawndoctor.com

908-782-5296

Christopher T Kotalic - Owner

Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home Inc.

26 Main Street, Lebanon, NJ 08833

908-236-2520

Tara Scarponi- Dannielle Vincent Scarponi
 Manager/Funeral Director Owner/Funeral Director
 N.J. Lic. No. 4981 N.J. Lic. No. 3334
 www.ScarponiFuneralHomes.com

ShopRite



OF HUNTERDON COUNTY

ca ShopRite of Flemington 29
 272 Route 202 & 31, Flemington
 Tel No. 908-782-2553
 ca ShopRite of Clinton 29
 50 Walmart Plaza, Clinton
 Tel No. 908-730-6800
 ca ShopRite of Greenwich 29
 1207 Route 22 West, Phillipsburg
 Tel No. 908-454-8086
 Think your neighborhood. Think your ShopRite.

Johnson-Walton FUNERAL HOME

Guy J. Walton
 Manager
 NJ Lic. #4182
 PA Lic.#13851

Caring Service for Hunterdon County
 Since 1938

24 Church Road • Milford, NJ
 908-995-2393

MARTIN



1761 Rt. 31 • Clinton, New Jersey 08809

(908)735-7180

Christopher J. Knoll, Manager
 NJ Lic. #4460

GROUNDING IN FAITH, GUIDED BY FAMILY

We deeply value your family's beliefs and will help you plan a meaningful service that reflects you and your loved one's life and commitment to faith. Call or visit us, in-person or online, for free, no-obligation information on preplanning.

(908) 782-3311 • WRIGHTFAMILY.COM • 38 State Highway 31, Flemington, NJ

Traditional Values, Modern Concepts, Golden Rule Service.

Daniel James "D.J." Wright
 Owner, Executive Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4537

Priscilla D. Fay
 Director, N.J. Lic. No. 3885

Robert L. Ford II
 Director, N.J. Lic. No. 3578



SUPPORT
 OUR PARISH



Independence Manor at Hunterdon

Assisted Living Residence

908-788-4893

188 State Highway 31, Flemington, NJ 08822



FUSCO ELECTRIC, LLC

Pittstown, NJ

CALL/TEXT (908) 713-6623

Lic. #13290, Lic. #18092

FREE ESTIMATES

Local Electrical Contractor
 Residential/Commercial/Industrial
 Authorized Kohler Generator Dealer
 Installations/Service/Maintenance

KOHLER
 Generators
 Platinum Dealer

Immaculate Conception Cemetery & Mausoleum

Located on the Property of
 Immaculate Conception Parish

316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale, NJ
 Please call 908-735-7319 for additional
 information or to set up an appointment

Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home

Established 1894

CHARLES HOLCOMBE FISHER
 Manager, NJ Lic. No. 2631

RYAN CHRISTOPHER WINFIELD
 Director, NJ Lic. No. 4888

ROBERT FISHER BOGART
 Director, NJ Lic. No. 4274

MARK PATRICK WHITTAKER
 Director, NJ Lic. No. 4549

908.782.4343 • Fax 908.782.2431 • 147 Main Street • Flemington, NJ 08822
 www.holcombefisher.com

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported
 print and digital newsletters
 to reach your community.

Visit ipicomunities.com

OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Scan to
 contact us!

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets

833-287-3502

catholicmatch

New Jersey



CatholicMatch.com/NJ

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
 and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Lorne Searight

Lsearight@4LPi.com
 or (800) 477-4574 x6460

PRESSURE WASHING

5.0 ★★★★★ Google Reviews

Need a good House Wash?

We Clean Vinyl, Aluminum, Stucco, Hardieboard & Brick

Your Local Exterior Cleaning Experts
 Professional | Licensed | Insured
 NJ HIC #13V0616150

Call Today or Scan Now for a FREE Quote

908-328-2582
 PSIPressureWash.com

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

StemBrothers

Naturally, Your Fuel & Home Energy Experts.

"Your Full Service Energy Supplier Since 1946"
 BioHeating Oil • Propane • BioDiesel Fuel
 Motor Oil • Gasolines • Kerosene
 HVAC Service • Installations

www.stembrothers.com • heating@stembrothers.com

Phone 908-995-4825 or 908-996-4441

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

St. Catherine, Pittstown

04-0866