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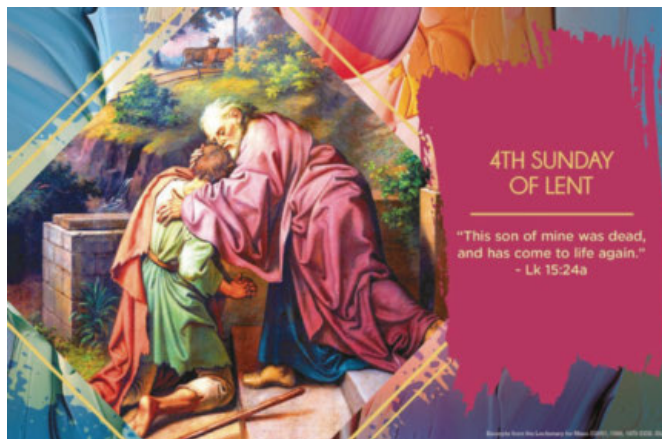
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4TH SUNDAY
OF LENT

"This son of mine was dead,
and has come to life again."
- Lk 15:24a

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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
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.

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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH/4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH/4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM FAMILY MASS/YOUTH CHOIR

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

12:00 PM PRELIMINARY PICNIC MEETING (FH)

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH MINISTRY "OPEN MIKE"

MONDAY, MARCH 31ST

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM MEN'S DISCUSSION PLANNING (FH)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST

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, APRIL 2ND

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

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:45 PM PRESTON/KLEIN WEDDING REHEARSAL

3:00 PM — 6:00 PM 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

6:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY SOUP & FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH/5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MULCHING PARISH GROUNDS

1:00 PM PRESTON/KLEIN WEDDING

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH/5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS

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

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

5:00 PM LENTEN RETREAT

6:00 PM ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

MARCH 30, 2025 — 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Observances for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: April Fools' Day

Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Friday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

(CJLPI)



We are saddened to announce the deaths of:


Kenneth Puttlitz, brother of Andrea Presuto, who passed away March 10, 2025

Jessica LaCosta, who passed away on March 13, 2025



St. Catherine's Soup & Stations

6 PM: Join us for complimentary soup and fellowship

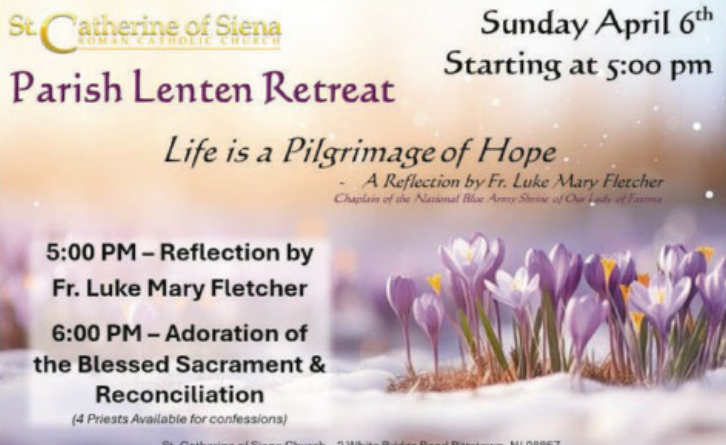


7 PM: Pray the Stations of the Cross

All are welcome; please join us.

April 4th — Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, Prayer Shawl, and Social Concerns

April 11th — Spirituality Committee, Bible Study, and Coffee Fellowship



St. Catherine of Siena
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Sunday April 6th
Starting at 5:00 pm

Parish Lenten Retreat

Life is a Pilgrimage of Hope
- A Reflection by Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher
Chaplain of the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

5:00 PM – Reflection by Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher

6:00 PM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
(4 Priests Available for confessions)

St. Catherine of Siena Church – 2 White Bridge Road Pitstown, NJ 08867

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 **6:00 PM**.

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is **Friday, April 4th**

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>



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
(FOR CHILDREN 12 AND YOUNGER)

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

SATURDAY, April 12th
FROM 1:00 TO 2:00 PM

THE EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE, ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS OR AT THE PARISH CENTER (IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER). 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 OR DROP OFF BASKETS AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES BY **APRIL 1st**.

CCD service hours will be given to 6th, 7th, and 8th students who volunteer to help with set-up or during the egg hunt.

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FAMILY NAME _____

TELEPHONE or EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF MULCHING THE CHURCH, PARISH CENTER, AND RECTORY GARDENS!

The Parish Gardening Ministry is mulching the grounds on **April 5th at 8:00 AM**. Rain date is April 12th at 8:00 AM. Coffee and cake provided. If you are, able please call the office at (908) 735-4024 or email office@scoschurch.org

Many Hands Make Light Work



*We would like to welcome:
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Conner
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hollyfield
Mr. Walko & Ms. Armstrong
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

The Mowing Ministry is looking for some good people to help us out once a month.

Training and equipment will be provided. Please contact Pete Walter at pete.walter29@gmail.com or call (908) 328- 4528.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (April 17th)
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday (April 18th)
Stations of the Cross at Noon
Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday (April 19th)
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 11:00 AM
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday (April 20th)
8:00 AM Mass
9:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

The office is closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. Have a Blessed Easter!

SAVE THE DATE

**ST. CATHERINE'S
VARIETY
COMEDY
FUNDRAISER**



SATURDAY, MAY 3rd
IN THE NEW PARISH CENTER
following the 4:30 PM Mass

Watch the bulletin for more information

Our March 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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| Robert & Jennifer Beylickjian | Thomas & Michele Kosakowski |
| Donald & Kristy Dangell | Michael & Margaret Marion |
| Salvatore & Arline DiFazio | Bertch & Helena Petrossian |
| Jason & Stacey Gallagher | Roger & Margaret Tosco |
| Joseph & Aida Jablonski | Brian & Margret York |

40 CANS FOR LENT

Sharing Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans for Lent program. The goal is for each family to put aside one can of non-perishable food every day of Lent and bring in 7 cans to Mass each weekend starting February 17th.

The Knights will collect and transport your donations to local food pantries within our diocese.

The collection bins will be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

Food contributions from our parishioners have totaled over 23,000 pounds. That's nearly 13 tons of food for the needy!

We thank you for your past participation and we hope you will continue to help our less fortunate neighbors. Thank you!



One Can of Food Can Make a Difference

SAVE THE DATE!
(SIGN UPS COMING SOON)

APRIL 5TH 2025

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL
SOMERVILLE, NJ

2025

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY 2025

BRADEN JOHNSON
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Hope House of St. Magdalen's Church is asking for our help to replenish their Food Pantry. They are in need of non-perishable food (canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc). Please drop off your donations in the designated bins in Fellowship Hall.



DATES TO REMEMBER & RSVP

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
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4:30 PM Eugene Gansfuss
r/o Mike & Maggie Marion

Sunday, March 30, 2025

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

9:30 AM Frank Simone
r/o The DiFazio Family

11:00 AM Sr. Joan Coffey
r/o Carol Philp

Monday, March 31, 2025

8:00 AM Eva Wonsevicz
r/o Marie Kristoff

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

8:00 AM Stanley & Amelia O'Grodnick
r/o The O'Grodnick Family

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

7:00 PM Anthony F. Natalizio, Sr.
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday, April 3, 2025

8:00 AM Edward Wonsevicz
r/o Marie Kristoff

Friday, April 4, 2025

8:00 AM James Santilli
r/o Don & Linda Nuzzio

Saturday, April 5, 2025

4:30 PM Peter & Merrill Hennion
r/o Mike & Stephanie Pierce

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:00 AM Thank You to all the Decorating &
Wedding Committee Members

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

11:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Josphe April



From the Pastor's Desk *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

During the weeks of Lent, the Scripture readings and Mass prayers at our weekday Masses invite us to seriously respond to the call to conversion of heart that we heard on Ash Wednesday and to continue in our efforts to enter into the season as best we can. We are called to turn away from our sinfulness and to turn towards God. The traditional Lenten penances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are held up before us as excellent ways of responding to this challenge to faithfully live the Lenten season.

When it comes to Lenten prayer, many of us are using "Living with Passion," reflection booklet for our personal prayer during this season. It is a very good way for us to reflect upon the readings of the day and to give six minutes a day back to the Lord. It is very encouraging to see these books being used by so many in our community.

In addition to spending additional time in personal prayer, have you considered the possibility of additional community prayer through weekday Mass? Mass during the week is celebrated at 8:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 7:00 PM on Wednesday. Weekday Mass is much simpler than Sunday Mass and normally runs about 20-25 minutes. They are a great way to begin or end the day.

Fr. Chester

	The collection for March 23rd was \$4,071.00 (149 envelopes).
	On-Line Giving for March 23rd was \$3,487.00 (109 donors).

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