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3 March 2021 | 3rd Sunday of Lent



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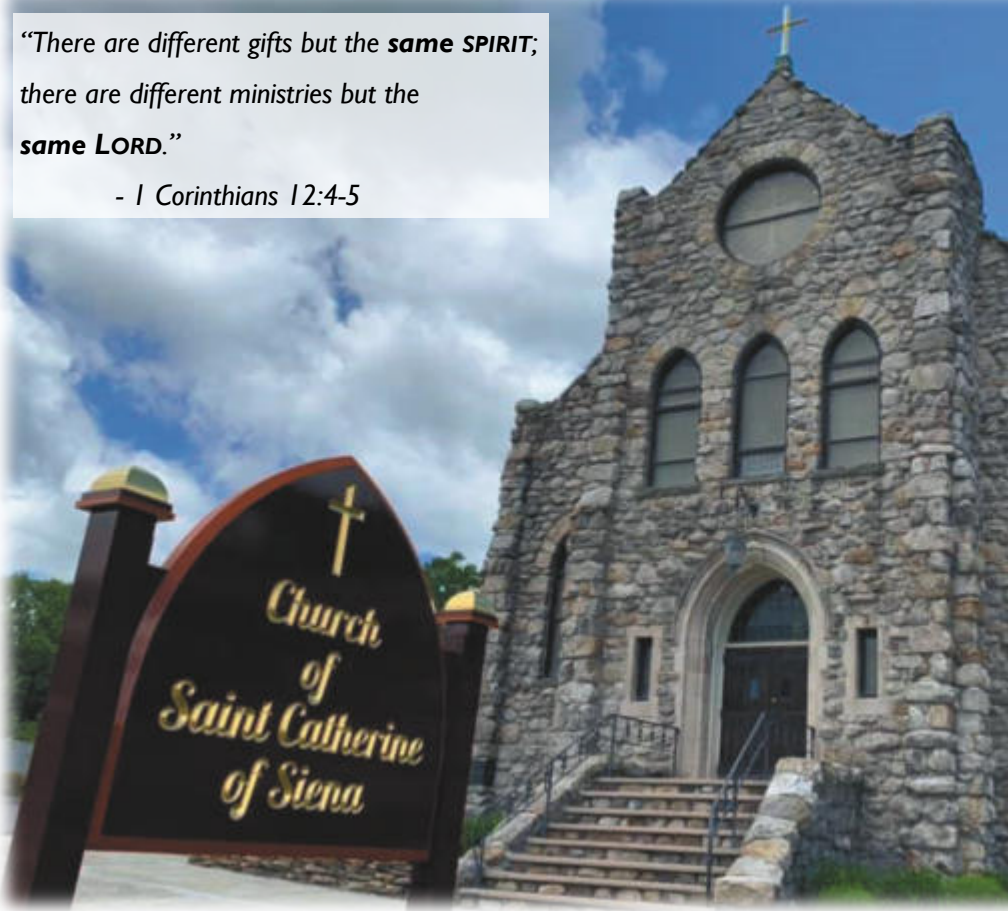
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*"There are different gifts but the **same SPIRIT**;
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- 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

As members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, we are united by faith in Jesus Christ and called to proclaim the kingdom of God. Nourished by the Eucharist and the Word, we pursue this mission through prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, catechesis, and living lives of stewardship and service.

We dedicate ourselves to welcoming all people from diverse walks of life, to ministering in an ecumenical spirit within our community, and to offering comfort to the alienated and marginalized in their faith journey.



LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 8:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm

via www.northpoconocatholic.com

& the parish Facebook page!



Streamed masses may be viewed
on YouTube by searching
"North Pocono Catholic Media."

WEEKEND MASS RESERVATIONS

Register online via the form on
www.northpoconocatholic.com

NO LATER THAN 7:00PM

the evening before mass, or call the
parish office M—F from 9am—4pm.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

3rd Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

MASS INTENTIONS

March 8—14, 2021

Monday, 3/8

HELEN R. ENGLE
(Ripley Family)

Saturday, 3/13 - 5:00pm

ALBERT & THOMAS
BARTRIDGE
(Orloski Family)

Tuesday, 3/9

PATRICIA JACK
(Marina Reilly & Family)

Sunday, 3/14 - 9:00am
FOR THE PEOPLE

Wednesday, 3/10

THERESA SLATER SKIBINSKI
(Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Brooks)

Sunday, 3/14 - 11:30am

JULIA MAREK
(Delores, Lori, & Tommy
Napolitano)

Friday, 3/12

LOUISE MARSICO
(Charlie & Ann Marie Schank)

Important Reminders

1. Reservations for weekend masses are *recommended*, but **NOT** required.
2. If you do not feel well, please remain at home. Feel free to access our livestream services! See page 2 for the livestream mass schedule.
3. If you require gluten free host, please notify a greeter when you arrive for mass.
4. We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we navigate through these unique times.

TODAY'S READINGS

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READING I *Exodus 17:3—7*

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!” The LORD answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95: 1—2, 6—7, 8—9 (8)

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him. R.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he
guides. R.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert.
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.” R.

READING II *Romans 5:1—2, 5—8*

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL *John 4:5—15, 19b—26, 39a, 40—42*

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” — For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. — Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

“I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.”

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2021 Schedule

ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group Meeting Friday, March 5th

Youth Group Meeting Friday, March 12th

Movie Night To Be Announced

Youth Group Meeting Friday, March 19th

Youth Group Meeting Friday, March 26th

All meetings this month will be in Kelly Hall from 7:30-8:30PM!! We'll have games, snacks, & continue with "Lent One Day At A Time for Catholic Teens." Please wear a mask.



Living Stations of the Cross will be put together as a virtual experience this year for Palm Sunday. Contact Katie or Christian to get involved!

All 6-12th grade students welcome!

Join Remind for updates right to your phone!
Txt @STCYG to the number 81010
Email Katie at
youthministry@northpoconocatholic.com
with any questions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

weekly virtual classes are available to ALL GRADES A-Z

March 7 HYBRID:

Grades 1-5 (A-K) @ 10:00am

Grades 6-8 (A-Z) @ 7:00pm

March 14 HYBRID:


Grades 1-5 (L-Z) @ 10:00am

Grades 6-8 (A-Z) @ 7:00pm

March 20 VIRTUAL:

First Communion Retreat

Posted @ 9:00am




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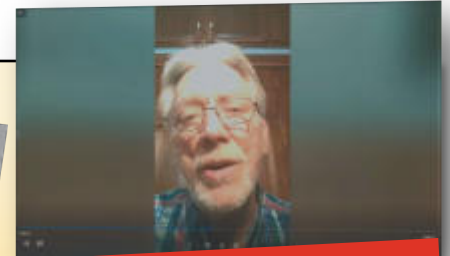
DRAWING ON APRIL 30 @ 8PM

Get your tickets from any Knights of Columbus member, or call Charlie Schank at (570) 561-8944.

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

March 8—14, 2021

- Mon, 3/8:** St. John of God, Religious
- Tues, 3/9:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Sun, 3/14:** 4th Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

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February 21, 2021

Weekly Offering:	\$5,921.20
Dues:	\$656.00
Care/Education of Priests:	\$151.00
Special Collections:	\$520.00

February 28, 2021

Weekly Offering:	\$6,849.00
Dues:	\$1,341.00
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Easter:	\$526.00
Special Collections:	\$117.00

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Confession

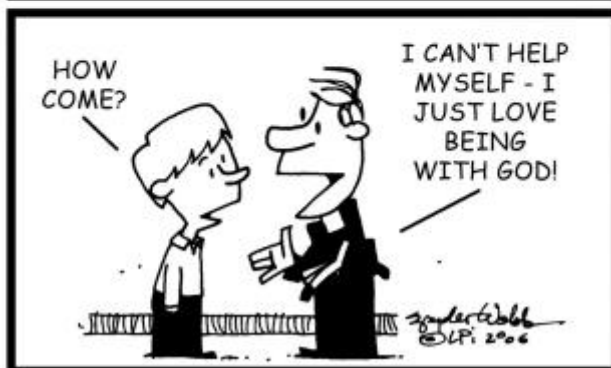
in the chapel

Saturdays from
3:30pm - 4:15pm



*Wednesdays @ 12pm
in the Carriage House*

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

March 7—13, 2021

Sun, 3/7:	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 or 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
Mon, 3/8:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tue, 3/9:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wed, 3/10:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thu, 3/11:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Fri, 3/12:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Sat, 3/13:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

4th Annual Homemade Lenten Pierogi Sale 2021

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 Parish Office: (570) 842-4561

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