



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH
21 March 2021 | 5th Sunday of Lent



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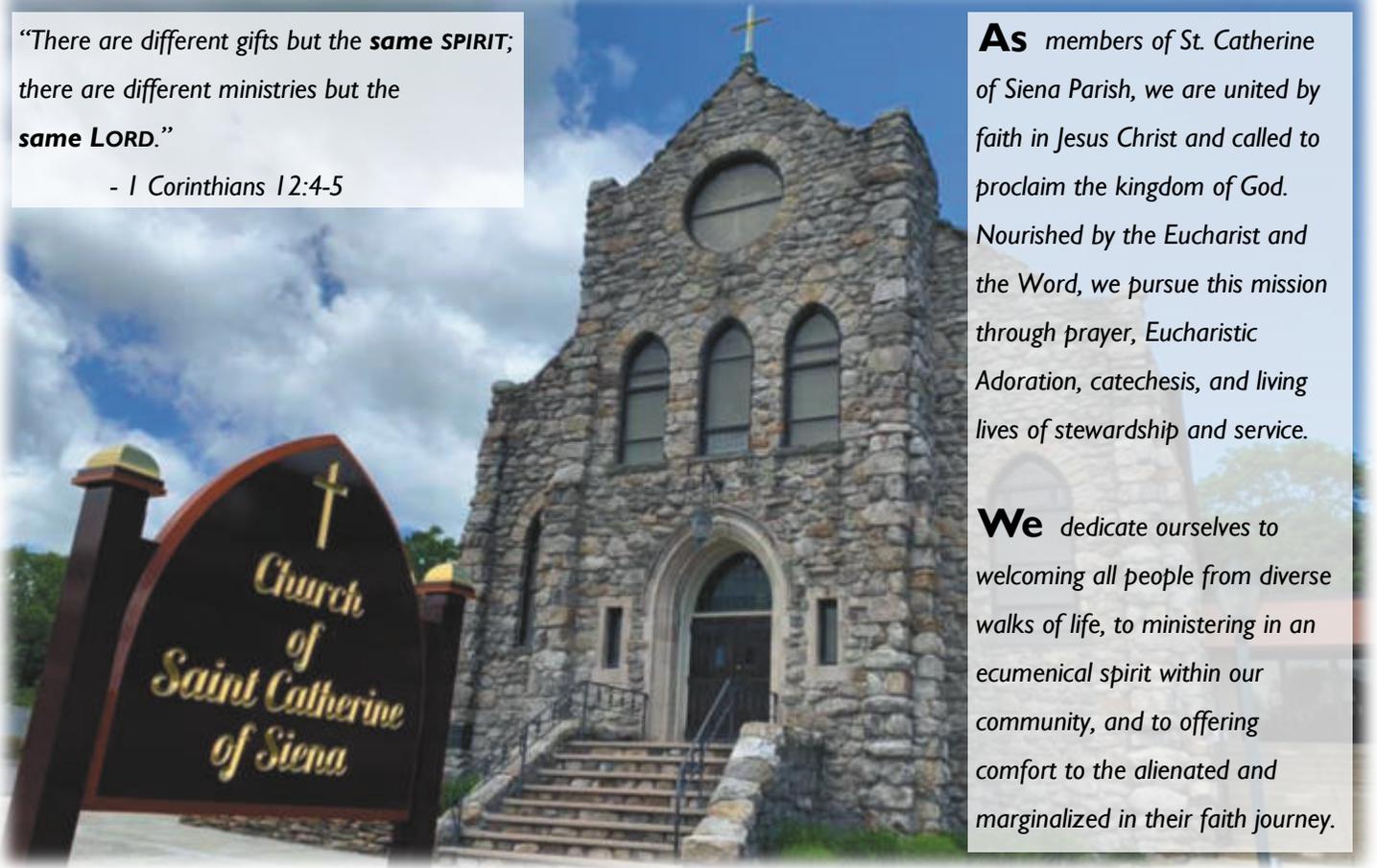
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- 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

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

5th Sunday of Lent

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

MASS INTENTIONS

March 22—28, 2021

Monday, 3/22

JOE GALABINSKI & MARIA
LEWIS
(Maria & Vincent Russoniello)

Tuesday, 3/23

WILLIAM MOTTER JR.
(Family)

Wednesday, 3/24

HELEN SHEPPARD
(The Morning Mass Crew)

Friday, 3/26

BILL BERNAVAGE
(Jeannie Bidwell)

Saturday, 3/27 - 5:00pm

CLARE STACHNIK
(Michael Family)

Sunday, 3/28 - 9:00am

FOR THE PEOPLE

PALM SUNDAY MASS
IN THE CHURCH

Sunday, 3/28 - 11:30am

PAUL O'HOP
(Paul & Julie Lukasiewicz)

PALM SUNDAY MASS
IN THE PARKING LOT

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

5th Sunday of Lent

READING I *Ezekiel 37:12—14*

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 130:1—2, 3—4, 5—6, 7—8 (7)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication. R.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered. R.

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD. R.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
and he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities. R.

READING II *Romans 8:8—11*

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong in him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

GOSPEL *John 11:3—7, 17, 20—27, 33b—45*

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

weekly virtual classes are available to ALL GRADES A-Z

March 21 HYBRID:

Grades 1,3-5 (A-K) @ 10:00am
Grades 6-8 (A-Z) @ 7:00pm

March 28 HYBRID:

Grades 1-5 (L-Z) @ 10:00am
Grades 6-8 (A-Z) @ 7:00pm

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in the chapel

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Monday—Friday from 8am—4pm

We are in need of adorers for the timeslots listed below.

Call the appropriate coordinator to reserve an available timeslot!



MONDAYS: 8-9am, 9-10am, 10-11am, 2-3pm
TUESDAYS: 9-10am, 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm
WEDNESDAYS: 9-10am, 10-11am
FRIDAYS: 12-1pm

COORDINATORS

8am—12pm → Mary: (570) 842-4381

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WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

March 22—28, 2021

Tue, 3/23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Thu, 3/25: The Annunciation of the Lord
Sun, 3/28: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

March 2021 Schedule

ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH MINISTRY

Movie Night at Cinemark! Friday, March 26th 7:15PM
Meet at Cinemark in Moosic at 7PM. We have the theatre reserved for us! *Limited number so please contact Katie or Christian to sign up. \$5 per person, purchase your own snacks.
We'll be watching "Risen"
Families welcome however it is a PG-13 movie.



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 14, 2021

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| Weekly Offering: | \$3,465.00 |
| Dues: | \$1,108.00 |
| Care/Education of Priests: | \$90.00 |
| Easter: | \$270.00 |
| Special Collections: | \$62.00 |

We thank you for your inspiring generosity to the parish!
If you should have an interest in exploring additional ways to support St. Catherine of Siena such as including the parish in your will; creating a special fund in honor or in memory of a loved one; donating appreciated securities; or other ways to ensure the financial stability of our parish, please contact Father Simon.

Prayer for a Generous Heart



God of All Goodness,
give me a heart for generosity.
Show me how to hold my possessions lightly,
ever mindful of their temporary value.
Inspire me to share what I have in full measure,
so that others are able to live without need or want.
Let me know the grace of a bountiful life,
one overflowing with gratitude for all that I
have to give.
In the name of your generous son, Jesus, I pray.
Amen.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

March 21—27, 2021

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| Sun, 3/21: | Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 |
| Mon, 3/22: | Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11 |
| Tue, 3/23: | Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wed, 3/24: | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thu, 3/25: | Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Fri, 3/26: | Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42 |
| Sat, 3/27: | Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56 |

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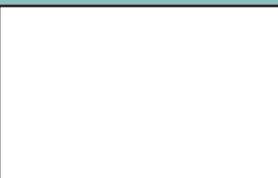
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