



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

08 October 2023 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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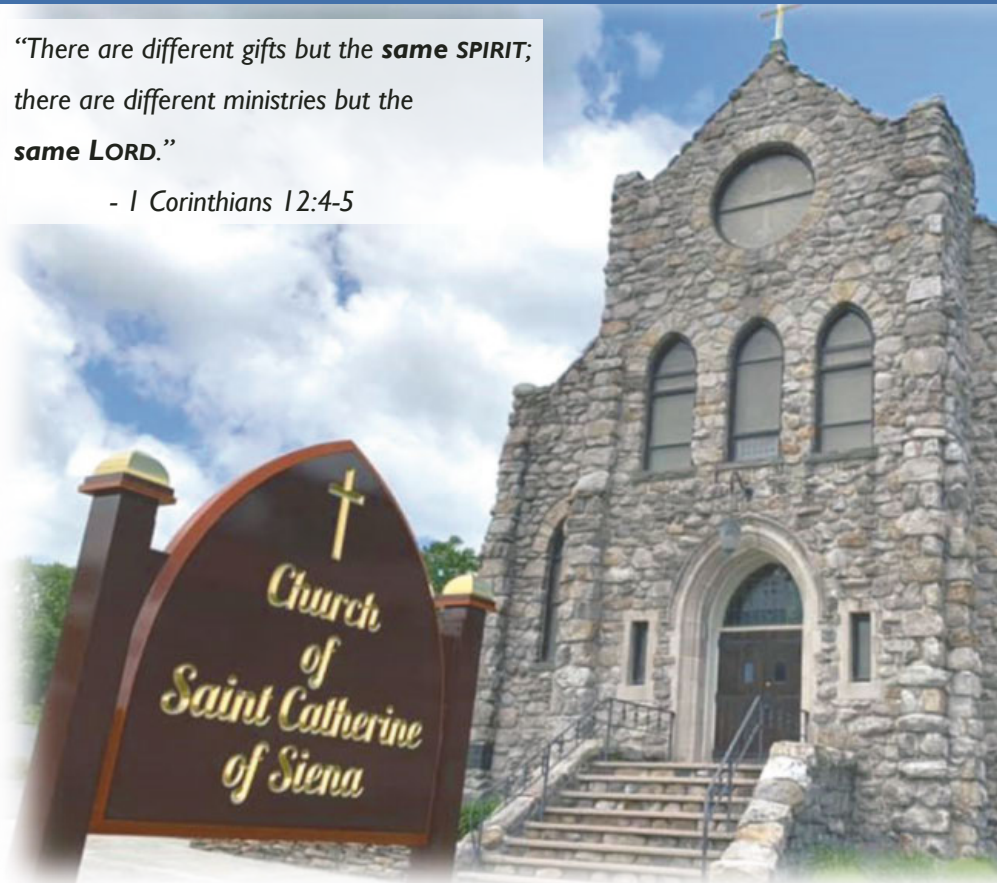
A Roman Catholic Parish Community Serving the People of North Pocono in the Diocese of Scranton

“There are different gifts but the **same SPIRIT**;
there are different ministries but the
same LORD.”

- 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.



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:30am

CONFESSIONS

Confessions take place in the Chapel
on Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM

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.”

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN!

Monday — Friday

9:00am — 4:00pm

Call or email Mary or Katie.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

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Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— *Father John Muir*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

October 8-14, 2023

Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/ Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-2

A PRAYER FOR

Ukraine

God of love,
Our world is wrought with war and violence,
as brother turns on brother,
and the innocent awake to gunfire and bombs.
May Your compassion and healing
move hearts and bring a new day to Ukraine.
Fortify your children to resist aggression
and instead become instruments of peace.
We ask this in the name of the One
who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

October 9-15, 2023

Mon., 10/9 8:00 AM	JAMES "JIM" GILLERN	(Dan McCauley)
Tues., 10/10 8:00 AM	MARY KILKER	(Jim & Jean O'Malley)
Wed., 10/11 8:00 AM	DENNIS J. GRANAHAN	(Arleen & Bill Elliott)
Fri., 10/13 8:00 AM	JACK & MARIE HOSKING	(Family)
Sat., 10/14 5:00 PM	JACK KENNEY & JANIS NARO SILEO	(Naro Family)
Sun., 10/15 9:00 AM	HELEN M. MOONEY	(Father Muldowney)
Sun., 10/15 11:30 AM	FOR THE PEOPLE	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religious Education For October 8-15, 2023

KINDERGARTEN/CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Columbus Weekend—No Classes
Sunday 10/15 - 9:00 am Mass: Class

GRADES 1-5

Columbus Weekend—No Classes
Sunday 10/15 - 10:00 am—Class
Eucharist I (Grade 1) - **Parent Meeting @**
10:00 am in the Church

GRADES 6-8

Columbus Weekend—No Classes
Sunday 10/15— 7:00 pm—Class

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH
HALLOWEEN PARTY!
*Games, Food, Crafts, Music & more
hosted by our Youth Group!*

**CHILDREN AGES 3-12 & THEIR
FAMILIES ARE INVITED!**

**OCT 28, 2023 • 6-7:30PM (AFTER 5PM MASS)
IN THE PARISH HALL**

SIGN UP BY 10/22/23
570-842-4561 OR PARISHOFFICE@NORTHPOCONOCATHOLIC.COM

Pennsylvania March for Life

Monday, October 16th
Harrisburg, Pa

High school youth ministries, college students, and families are welcome to join us as we head to Harrisburg to voice our support to life!

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the principles of effective lobbying, the specific and current issues Pennsylvania is facing, and what you can do right now to champion pro-life policies to your PA elected representatives. This rally and march are suited for all levels of experience and comfort with advocacy.

Cost for the trip is **\$30 per adult/\$25 per student** and includes charter bus & driver gratuity

Passenger pick up in Scranton at 7:45am

WWW.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG

SCHEDULE

- 10:00am - Prayer & Praise Pre-Rally
- 11:00am - March for Life Rally
- 12:00 p.m. - March for Life
- 1:30pm - Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 2:45pm - Depart for Scranton

CONTACT INFO

To register, contact Shannon at Skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, x1155.

ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH MINISTRY
OCTOBER 2023 CALENDAR

HALLOWEEN PARTY PLANNING MEETING
THURSDAY 10/12 7-8:30PM
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME

JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY 10/15 5:30-6:45PM

PA MARCH FOR LIFE
MONDAY 10/16
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME! A LETTER CAN BE WRITTEN FOR AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL. ST. CATHERINE'S YM WILL COVER STUDENT'S FEE. RSVP ON REMIND TO KATIE

HALLOWEEN PARTY SET UP
THURSDAY 10/26 7-8:30PM
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HELP SET UP & DECORATE

HALLOWEEN PARTY
SATURDAY 10/28 6-7:30PM
LOTS OF MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CHILDREN WITH GAMES, CRAFTS, & MORE!

Join Remind Txt @STCYG to the number 81010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Children's Choir!

Led by Christian Brown
St. Catherine's
Children's Choir Director

All children under 18 are invited
Performances will include the
Parish Christmas Pageant (12/17) and
Christmas Eve Mass (4 PM)

Rehearsals will be 10:45-11:15 am on:

- October 15 & 29
- November 5 & 19
- December 3 & 17

Please register via the Google forms link
on the parish website.



Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship with eGiving. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving while sustaining your parish and its ministries with regular, recurring gifts even if you are out of town. It's safe. It's Simple. It's convenient.

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food pantries serve 25,402
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will meet pm Wednesday, October 11th at 7:30 PM in Kelly Hall.

The **Pallet of Beer Raffle** drawing will take place Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from members of the Knights and also in the Parish Office.

Winner can choose either a pallet of beer or \$500 cash prize.

ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS

The Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 11 from 10-6 and Sunday, November 12th 9-1. Donations of Tricky Trays (Raffle Baskets), Baked Goods, and gently used Christmas Decorations are being sought. Please call the office regarding drop-off times. Volunteers are always welcome, students will be given service hours.

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES:

- **Holy Cross High School** will host an open house on Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 11 am—3 pm.
- **Scranton Prep** will host an open house on Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 12 pm-4pm. Registration is required at www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse.
- The **University of Scranton** will host open house events on October 22nd and November 5th. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 1-888-SCRANTON or the school's Open House webpage.

SAINT JOSEPH CENTER SIDEWALK SALE

Saint Joseph's Center will be conducting a Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, October 14th from 10 am—1 pm at 320 S. Blakely Street, Dunmore.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, please call or email the parish office.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Our Grief Support group gathers in the Carriage House Wednesdays at noon. All who are grieving are welcome.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit from Father Muldowney, please call the parish office. Hospitals and healthcare facilities do not make the parish aware when someone is admitted.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

If you are interested in becoming a scheduled adorer or alternate, please contact one of our adoration coordinators:
Mary (8am—12pm) → (570) 842-4381 Rose (12—4pm) → (570) 842-7185

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 1, 2023

Regular Offering	\$	8,923.00
Dues	\$	1,713.00
All Saints	\$	30.00
Total	\$	10,666.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

October 1, 2023

Care & Education of Priests	\$	1,267.66
Propagation of the Faith	\$	110.00

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 Muldowney.

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

October 15-21, 2023

Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Wednesday:	St. John XXIII, Pope
Saturday:	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Flowers for the Blessed Virgin Mother for this weekend are offered by Mary Jane Sexton in memory of

Charlie Sexton



FREE

NUTRITIOUS MEAL

Every Tuesday, 12:00–12:30pm

SAINT EULALIA PARISH CENTER

214 Blue Shutters Road, Roaring Brook Twp.

Enjoy a...

fruit salad, green salad, meat, vegetables, lemonade, and dessert.



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I HAD ALL KINDS OF PLANS FOR MY LIFE, THEN GOD CAME ALONG AND CHANGED EVERYTHING!



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ME TOO — AND THANK GOD HE DID!



Welcome to

ST. CATHERINE of SIENA PARISH!

If you are interested in becoming a registered member of the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection or return it to the parish office.

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