

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

21 January 2024 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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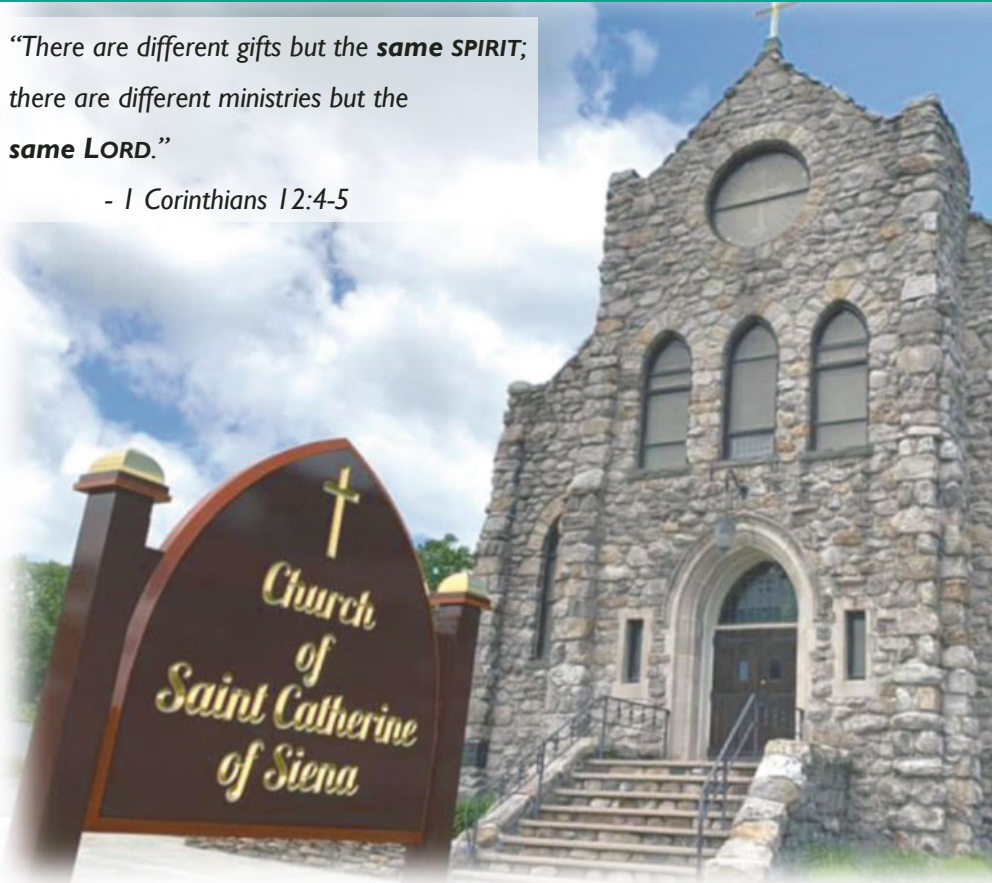
A Roman Catholic Parish Community Serving the People of North Pocono in the Diocese of Scranton

“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.scscmoscow.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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We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.


— Father John Muir

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

January 21-27, 2024

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| Sunday: | Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 |
| Monday: | 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20 |
| Thursday: | Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 |
| Friday: | 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34 |
| Saturday: | 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41 |

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE



O LORD GOD, WE PRAY FOR PEACE & LOVE
IN ALL THE NATIONS, AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE
THAT ALL WARS AND HATRED WILL END.
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM
WAR, INJUSTICE, & INTOLERANCE, FOR THE
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, THE POOR &
NEGLECTED ONES. WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN
OUR LIFE, LANDS, NATIONS, FAMILIES &
IN OUR HEARTS. LORD GIVE US WORLD PEACE.
WE ASK YOUR MERCY IN THE NAME OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 22-28, 2024

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| Mon., | 1/22 | 8:00 AM | CATHERINE GUNNING | (Midge & Ed Edwards) |
| Tues., | 1/23 | 8:00 AM | SPECIAL INTENTION FOR NATHANAEL PRZYWARA | (Myrna Bianco & Family) |
| Wed., | 1/24 | 8:00 AM | HELEN ORLOSKI | (Eleanor Morrison) |
| Fri., | 1/26 | 8:00 AM | KOPCZA & BRUNO FAMILIES | (Dan, Arlene, & Karolyn Kopcza) |
| Sat., | 1/27 | 5:00 PM | GIBLIN & KOLLINGE FAMILIES | (Their Family) |
| Sun., | 1/28 | 9:00 AM | RAYMOND DAHDAH | (Family) |
| Sun., | 1/28 | 11:30 AM | FOR THE PEOPLE | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religious Education 2024

SUNDAY JANUARY 21

KINDERGARTEN/CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 1/21- 9:00 am Mass: Class

GRADES 1-5

Sunday 1/21- 10:00 am - Class
Eucharist II Parent Meeting

GRADES 6-8

Sunday 1/21- 7:00 pm - Grades 6, 7, 8 Class

SUNDAY JANUARY 28

KINDERGARTEN/CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 1/28- 9:00 am Mass: Class

GRADES 1-5

Sunday 1/28- 10:00 am - Class

GRADES 6-8

Sunday 1/28- 7:00 pm - Grades 6 & 8 Class
Confirmation I—Class Mass 11:30 followed by
lunch and retreat, concludes at 3:00 PM

ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH MINISTRY

JANUARY 2023

Diocesan Mass for Life & Dinner

Sunday 1/21 Meet at St. Catherine's 4:30PM

Middle & High School Students welcome as well as families.
See separate flyer for more info. Taco Bell dinner after &
back for CCD. Reserve a spot in the van on Remind.

Jr. High Youth Group

Sunday 1/28 5:30-6:45PM



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

5:00PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER, SCRANTON

CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
BISHOP OF SCRANTON

All are welcome to join us as we pray
for a greater respect of all human life.

Please consider bringing an unopened package of
diapers to be donated to local mothers in need.

 **Women's Retreat**
Bold and Beloved
Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux
January 26-28, 2024
Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

For more information, contact the Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213 x1100

Register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/BoldandBeloved>

\$75 student
\$125 shared room
\$175 single room



Kara Kardell
Sinner striving for sainthood.
Wife and mother of 3.



Fred Shellabarger
Husband, Father, Spiritual Arson
Big Kid Who Loves Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bring in your old Palm!

Bring in your palm from last year before February 7th. The palms will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Altar & Rosary Society
invites all women of the parish!

Potluck Dinner

February 7th at 5:30 pm
in the Parish Hall
RSVP to
Linda Lindner 570-842-7323
with what you're bringing!



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Catherine's
Mardi Gras

Friday, February 9, 2024
More Details to come!



Pierogi Season Is Back!



Lent is right
around the corner so mark your calendars!
The order form will be in next week's bulletin and available in the office. Pierogis and Haluski will be available for pick up beginning February 10th.

CONTINUE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE WHILE YOU'RE AWAY



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We celebrate the baptism of
James Alan Forrester
January 21, 2024

"Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

There will be a **special collection** for the Church in Latin America next week, January 27-28, 2024. Your support and generosity are always appreciated!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are conducting their COAL Sweepstakes (Chance of a Lifetime). Each \$5 donation is a chance to win 16 cash prizes from \$1,000—\$15,000. The drawing will be held Friday, April 27, 2024, ticket holders need not be present to win. Contact Jeff Trunzo at 570-677-8004 for tickets.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We currently are in need of scheduled adorers on Monday 3-4, Thursday Noon—1pm and a temporary sub Wednesday 3-4

If you are interested in becoming a scheduled adorer or alternate, please contact one of our adoration coordinators:

Parish Office (8am—12pm) → (570) 842-4561
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.

NORTH POCONO FOOD PANTRY

Donation bins are located outside the parish office. Donations are always needed and appreciated! Monetary donations can be dropped off in the office, placed in the collection basket during Mass, or mailed to:
PO Box 250, Moscow, PA 18444

CHECK OUT OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE!

St. Catherine's has a brand new website! Check it out <https://scscmoscow.com>.

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.

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.

ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS

The Altar & Rosary Society will kick off their 2024 year with a Potluck Dinner & Meeting on February 7th at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. *All women of the parish are warmly welcome!*

Call or email Mary in the parish office to have your email added to the A&R mailing list— you will receive reminders of upcoming meetings, events and meeting minutes so you can keep up on Altar & Rosary activities even if you can't attend meetings.

BURIAL GUIDELINES FROM THE VATICAN

The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased because this shows a greater esteem towards the departed. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to the Christian faith. When cremation of the body has been chosen, the human cremated remains of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place (i.e. a cemetery). This helps to ensure that due respect is shown to the faithful departed and that they are included in the prayers and remembrance of their family and the Catholic Community.

Human cremated remains of the faithful departed should not be split among family members, scattered, incorporated into jewelry, or kept in a residence. Assurance must be given that cremated remains will be properly buried or entombed. If a family indicates that the remains are to be scattered or disposed of in any inappropriate way, the cremated remains may NOT be present in the church for a funeral liturgy. Scattering is contrary to Catholic teaching that says the cremated human remains should be handled with the same reverence as with a human body.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 14, 2024

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| Regular Offering | \$ | 11,804.60 |
| Dues | \$ | 733.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ | 10.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$ | 57.00 |
| Total | \$ | 12,604.60 |

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

January 14, 2024

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| Care & Education of Priests | \$ | 245.00 |
| Share in the Care | \$ | 15.00 |

UPDATED CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

December 2023

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| Christmas Offering | \$ | 28,173.96 |
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(Updated from Jan. 14)

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

January 21-27, 2024

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| Sunday: | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday: | Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children |
| Tuesday: | St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin |
| Wednesday: | St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| Thursday: | The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle |
| Friday: | Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops |
| Saturday: | St. Angela Merici, Virgin |

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

Request for Parish Registration Form

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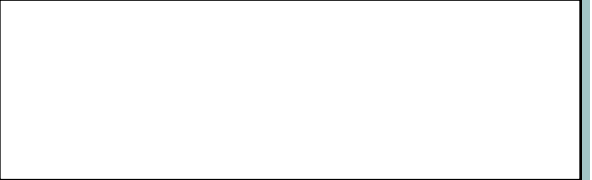
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