



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

21 December 2025 | 4th Sunday of Advent

*Merry
Christmas!*

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH



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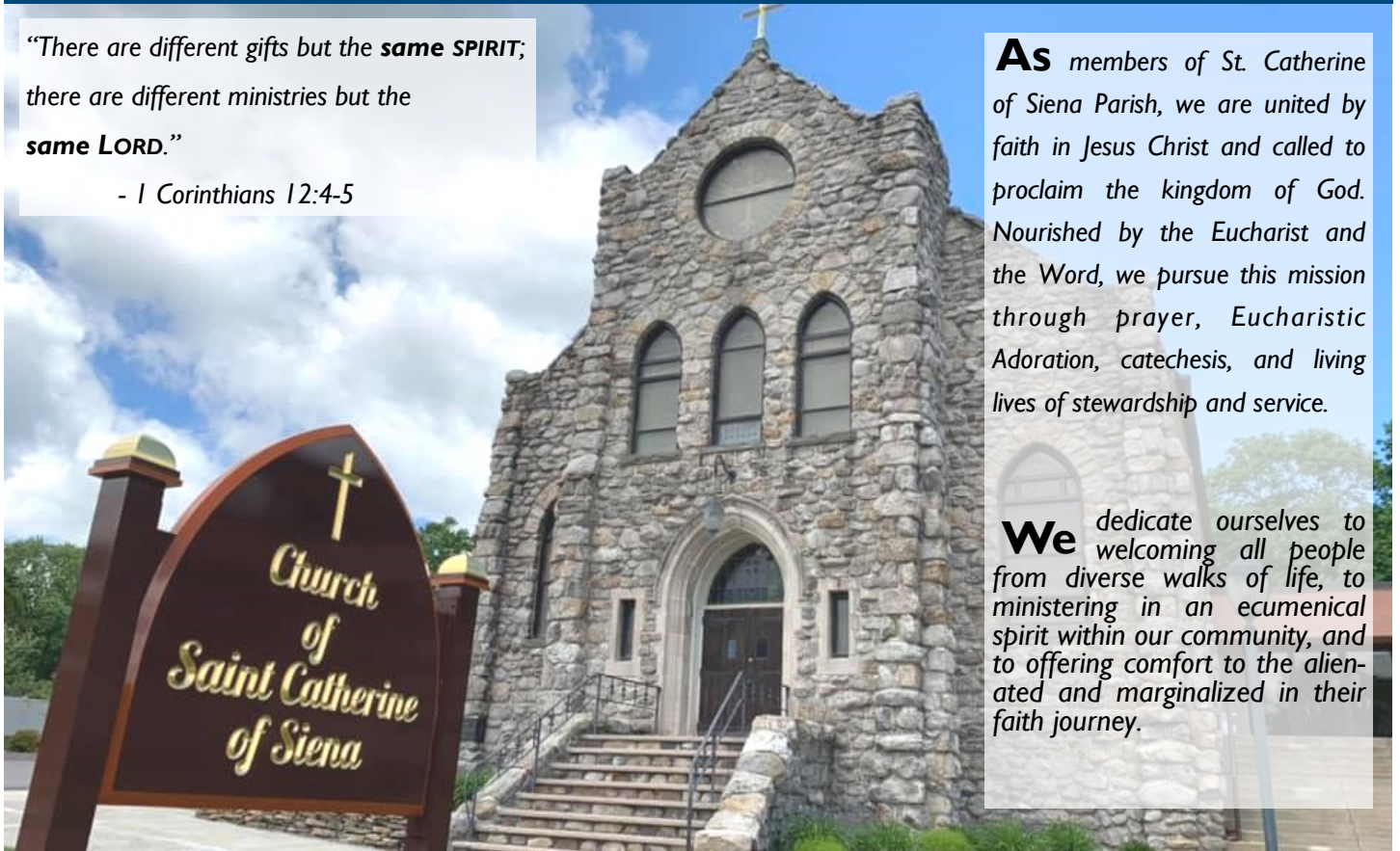
A Roman Catholic Parish Community Serving the People of North Pocono in the Diocese of Scranton

“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: 8:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:30 am

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

CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH OFFICE

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

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A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

-Father John Muir

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

December 21-27, 2025

Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Thursday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day:	Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

MASS INTENTIONS

December 22-28, 2025

Mon.	12/22	8:00 AM	IRENE PAULIS	<i>(Joanna Stoms)</i>
Tue.	12/23	8:00 AM	CHARLIE & MARY JANE SEXTON	
Wed.	12/24	4:00 PM	RIVIELLO & BESKETT FAMILIES	<i>(Riviello Family)</i>
Wed.	12/24	10:00 PM	HARRY & MARY LINDNER	<i>(Linda Lindner & Family)</i>
Thu..	12/25	9:00 AM	JOHN MCANDREW	<i>(Tom & Grace Mielczarek)</i>
Fri.	12/26		NO MASS TODAY	
Sat.	12/27	5:00 PM	JOSEPH DICKEY	<i>(The Sheppard Clan)</i>
Sun.	12/28	9:00 AM	FOR THE PEOPLE	
Sun.	12/28	11:30 AM	DAVID A. CLARK	<i>(Father Muldowney)</i>

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



a Message from your Pastor



Dear Parishioners of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish,

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas, my heart is filled with gratitude and joy. It is a great privilege and honor to serve as the pastor of such a vibrant, loving and faith-filled parish. Over the past year, we have accomplished so much together, guided by God's grace. Whether through acts of service, moments of worship, or the simple kindness shared among us, we have truly been a testament to the light of Christ in the world.

Your resilience, faith, and commitment inspire me every day. Despite challenges, you continue to embrace the love and mercy of God, reminding all of us of the power of hope and redemption that this season brings to humanity. Together, we have made a difference, not just within our parish but also in the lives of those in our community.

As we look ahead to 2026, I pray that God blesses each of you abundantly. May this new year bring peace to your hearts, strength to your spirit, and renewed hope in His promises. Let us continue to walk together, united in faith, as we strive to do His good work in our parish and world.

Wishing you a Christmas filled with His light, love, and peace. You are always in my prayers.

Christmas blessings,

Father Muldowney

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
2025-2026**

**Growing
Together
in Faith**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

- Kindergarten During 9:00 AM Mass
- Grades 1-8 10:00-11:00 AM

Movie Day "The Star"—12:30-2:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

NO CLASSES! CHRISTMAS BREAK!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

Kindergarten—Liturgy of the Word 9:00 AM
Grades 1-8—Class 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

Kindergarten—Liturgy of the Word 9:00 AM
Grades 1-8—Class 10:00 AM

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO

**FAMILY
Christmas Movie**

MOVIE TITLE: **"THE STAR"**
RATED PARENTAL GUIDE (PG)
POPCORN & DRINKS
WILL BE PROVIDED!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
12:30-2:00pm
IN ST. CATHERINE'S HALL

RSVP VIA REMIND OR EMAIL
TEXT ANPCYM TO 81010 OR
YOUTHMINISTRY@SECMOSCOW.COM

YOUTH MINISTRY

SAINT CATHERINE of SIENA PARISH

4TH ANNUAL PARISH LOTTERY

\$50⁰⁰ ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

- Chance to win ONE of THREE cash prizes!
- Admission for two (2) to Heavy Hor D'oeuvres Party & Drawing on January 17, 2026 | 6:00 - 8:00pm
- All proceeds benefit St. Catherine of Siena Parish

1st Prize: \$5,000⁰⁰
2nd Prize: \$2,500⁰⁰
3rd Prize: \$1,000⁰⁰

AVAILABLE NOW

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Christmas at Saint Catherine's



ST. CATHERINE'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses
4:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Christmas Day
9:00 AM

ST. CATHERINE'S NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Masses
8:00 AM (Daily Mass)
5:30 PM (Vigil Mass for Holy Day)

New Year's Day
9:00 AM (Holy Day)

A Gentle Reminder: Let's Experience a Quiet Environment Before Mass

As we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the Holy Mass, I kindly ask everyone to observe a spirit of silence upon entering the church. This quiet time allows for personal prayer and reflection, helping us all to be more fully present in the sacred liturgy. Let us be mindful of those around us who are praying and refrain from unnecessary conversations or the use of technology for social media purposes.

Thank you for fostering a reverent and prayerful atmosphere in our parish community.

Help Support

The Frank Runner Foundation

The Frank Runner Foundation was created in loving memory of Jax Kuzmak, a parishioner from Saint Catherine of Siena parish.

Our mission is to provide new shoes to local children in need—offering comfort, confidence, and the freedom to run, play, and dream.

Through every pair distributed, we honor Jax's legacy and remind kids that they are seen, supported, and capable of great things.



PEW RESTORATION

At the recommendation of the Pastoral and Finance Councils and the approval of Bishop Bambara, our church pews will soon undergo a restoration project. This project will include reupholstering and repairing the pews, as well as refinishing the wood to preserve their beauty and durability.

Our current pews are 42 years old and in need of attention. While this is a significant and costly undertaking, we are happy to share that half of the total cost has been generously covered by a parishioner. The restoration work is expected to begin in February.

If you would like to make a donation toward this important project, please see Father Muldowney.

DIocese of SCRANTON

Office for Parish Life

Bold and Beloved

Women's Retreat

Inspired by the teaching of St. Hildegard of Bingen

January 30-February 1, 2026

For more information, call (570) 207-2233 x1100



Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

Register at dioceseofscranton.org

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
through
DECEMBER 5TH!!!

Registration closes January 16, 2026



St. Catherine's 2025

Parish Statistics—

Vital Statistics of a Vital Parish!

Total Number of Families:	1,480
New Families that joined the Parish:	37
Total Number of Parishioners:	4,039

Mass Attendance Statistics:

Avg. Weekend Attendance:	793
Avg. Sat. Vigil Mass Attendance:	234
Average Sunday Mass Attendance:	
9:00 Mass:	338
11:30 Mass:	220

Sacramental Statistics:

Baptisms:	33
First Holy Communions:	30
Sacrament of Confirmation:	24
Sacrament of Marriage:	7
Masses of Christian Burial:	21

Religious Education Statistics:

Grades K- 8 Students:	233
Students in the Children's Choir:	25

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel is open to all, stop in Monday-Friday, 9 AM-4 PM, weather allowing.

WEEKLY OBSERVANCE

December 21-27, 2025

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Wednesday:	Christmas Eve
Thursday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Saturday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Flowers for the Blessed Virgin Mother are offered by

Emile & Nancy Mazzei in honor of



*Deceased Members of the
James Abdalla Sr. Family*

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSURE DURING SNOW EVENTS

For the safety of our adorers, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be closed during snow events whenever the North Pocono School District announces a two-hour delay or cancels classes. When possible, scheduled adorers will be notified by phone message. We appreciate your understanding as we prioritize the safety of our parishioners. Thank you for your continued devotion and cooperation.

Office & Adoration Holiday Hours

- The parish office will be closed on December 24, 25, & 26 in observance of Christmas.
- The office will be closed on December 31, 2025 and January 1, 2026 in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
- There is no adoration when the office is closed.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 7, 2025

Regular Offering	\$	8,560.33
Dues	\$	2,519.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	945.00
Total	\$	12,024.33

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

December 7, 2025

Care & Education of Priests	\$	1,233.50
Share in the Care	\$	85.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	10.00

The Weekly Collection report for December 14, 2025 will be available December 28, 2025.



Food Pantry Statistics for November

The Volunteers at the North Pocono Food Pantry would like to express their gratitude to St. Catherine's and the North Pocono community for the incredible generosity and support for our neighbors who are struggling.

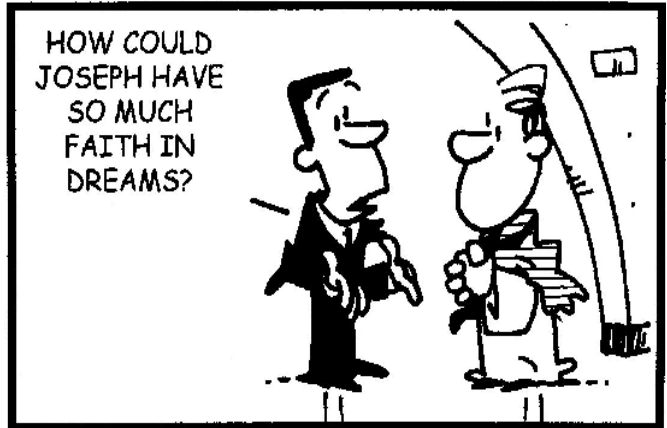
Here are some statistics for November:

- 360 North Pocono families received food assistance
- 1,100 individuals received assistance, which includes:
 - ⇒ 313 Children, 477 Adults, and 320 Senior Citizens.
 - ⇒ During the three week time period of October 20—November 10, 29 new families signed up for assistance.

Because of your love and generosity, families and individuals visiting the NP Food Pantry receive non-perishable food as well as fresh fruits and vegetables and meat twice per month—this would be impossible without your help.

Thank you and may God bless you!

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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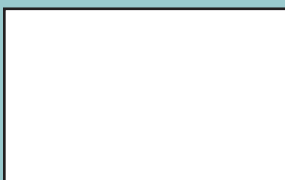
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