

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

St. Catherine of Siena

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am



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St. Francis of Assisi

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm, Sunday 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45pm-4:15pm



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**From the
Pastor's Desk**



Dear Parishioners,

Over the past year, the Covid-19 pandemic has affected just about every aspect of peoples' lives throughout our country and, indeed, throughout the world. It has affected the education of our youth, the employment of many of our citizens, the manner of celebrating holidays and personal events such as weddings and funerals and, of course, the way we gather as parish family and worship together. The latest repercussion of the pandemic will affect the way we celebrate Ash Wednesday this coming week.

Most of us have become quite accustomed to attending Mass or a prayer service on Ash Wednesday and being signed on our foreheads with the ashes of left over palm from Passion Sunday from the previous year. It has also become sort of a mark that identifies us as Catholics as people almost proudly display the black crosses on their foreheads on that day. It sometimes annoys me when I see some television news commentators and pundits displaying the biggest crosses they can find while, in their speech, being quite nasty and disrespectful of their opponents. I sometimes wonder whether they have slipped the priest a contribution to get a bigger and more prominent cross. (Just kidding.)

This year will be a bit different. Since the Covid-19 virus is spread primarily by personal contact the priest will not be applying the ashes directly on the forehead. Instead, after blessing the ashes and pronouncing the formula once over the entire congregation, those who wish may come forward and the priest, in silence, will sprinkle a few ashes on top of the person's head. They will be almost invisible except to the most observant eye. Perhaps this will be a good thing as it will focus the rite more on the interior disposition of the individual rather than on outward show.

There will be two Masses on that day. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am at St. Francis. Evening Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm at St. Catherine. This year there will be no noon Mass. Ashes will be blessed and distributed during the Masses. There will, of course, be limited seating at Mass, following the current attendance guidelines. Remember that while reception of Ashes is a commendable practice, there is not nor has there ever been an obligation to receive them. Unfortunately, we will not be able to livestream Mass on that day but there are opportunities to view Mass on TV, for example, at the regularly schedule times on EWTN. May you all have a blessed day and a good start to Lent.

Father Plante

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2021

- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11[7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



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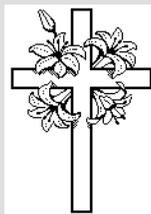
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Mass Intentions

ST. FRANCIS

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**
4:30pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Francis
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
11:00pm Justin A Saba (16th anniv.)
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**
4:30pm Oscar & Carolyn Levesque
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
11:00pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Francis



ST CATHERINE

- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
7:30am Deceased Parishioners of St. Catherine
9:30am Deceased Parishioners of St. Catherine
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
7:30am Nancy Connors (anniv.)
9:30am Deceased Parishioners of St. Catherine

Mass intentions may be booked **no more than 1-2 weeks** in advance.
ONLY the red Tabernacle lamp will be available at St. Francis.



LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

What to Give Up...

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| Give up complaining... | focus on Gratitude |
| Give up pessimism ... | become an Optimist |
| Give up worry ... | trust Divine Providence |
| Give up bitterness ... | turn to Forgiveness |
| Give up hatred ... | return Good for evil |
| Give up negativism ... | be Positive |
| Give up anger ... | be More Patient |
| Give up pettiness ... | become Mature |
| Give up gloom ... | enjoy the Beauty all around you |
| Give up jealousy ... | pray For Trust |
| Give up gossiping ... | control your Tongue |
| Give up sin ... | turn to Virtue |
| Give up giving up ... | Hang in there! |

ASH WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 17th

St. Francis:
8:00am,

St. Catherine:
6:00pm

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.



MEETING **PARISH MEETING PROPOSED MERGER:** There will be a Parish Consultation Meeting at **SS Rose & Clement on Monday, February 22nd, at 6:30pm** to discuss the proposed merger of St. Francis and St. Catherine's with Ss. Rose & Clement's. Representatives from the Diocese of Providence will be here, and the meeting will be conducted by Father Andrew. The church is **restricted to 125 people**, so seating will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. The doors to the church will open at 6:00pm. **The event will also be livestreamed on the SS Rose & Clement's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ssrcparish**



ST. FRANCIS NEWS

ST. FRANCIS MEMORIES

How many of you remember your yearbook? Or perhaps you were a part of the 1993 50th anniversary book. These are great tributes to fond memories of days gone past. A committee is being formed to create an **electronic memory book for the St. Francis of Assisi community**. We will create a slide show of photographs, history of the parish and events and collect verbal and written memories from both long time and more recent parishioners. Would you be interested in joining us to assemble this cherished piece of history? Contact **Norma Malachowski at njm.57@verizon.net or 401-739-8336**. Thank you and we look forward to sharing our fondest memories of our beloved parish.



Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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