

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

St. Catherine of Siena

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am

St. Francis of Assisi

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45pm-4:15pm



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**From the
Pastor's Desk**




Dear Parishioners,

A few minutes ago, as I was sitting at my computer in my office at St. Francis, I saw a beautifully colored bird land on the Rhododendron bush outside the window. He was very close because he probably couldn't see me although it did seem that he was looking at me. He stayed for a few moments before taking off to another location. This is a sight that I haven't seen in several months, a sign that indeed the spring season has arrived. Along with the forsythia, azalea and ornamental pear trees, all in bloom, God is giving us a reminder that the cold, dark days of winter will always yield to a warmer and brighter spring.

So it is with our spiritual lives. We tend to go through cycles and seasons in our prayer and our relationship with the Lord. Sometimes God seems so far away and it's difficult to feel his goodness and mercy. Then, once again, we begin to feel his presence, his grace, his compassion, his mercy. That's what the Easter Season is all about. When we feel the darkest moments of our lives, as did the Apostles and disciples on Good Friday evening, it is just a moment before we experience the brightest moment of the Resurrection of Jesus. Even though we do not see him in his Risen form, we do feel the presence of Jesus, walking with us, guiding us and lifting us from the doldrums. As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, may our faith in the Risen Lord help us to rise from the darkness of this past year of Covid-19, and to rediscover what is really important in our relationship with the Lord and with one another.

Father Plante




CHURCH  SUPPORT

ST. CATHERINE
SUNDAY, APRIL 25th.....\$1,779.00


ST. FRANCIS
SUNDAY, APRIL 25th.....\$1,943.00

E-Giving donations are included in the weekly totals.
Thank you for your generosity.

 **2021 CATHOLIC CHARITY
APPEAL**

ST. CATHERINE
\$24,945 of the Parish goal of \$20,900

ST. FRANCIS
\$14,211 of the Parish
goal of \$23,750

 **THIS SUNDAY, MAY 2nd,
WILL BE THE LAST
LIVESTREAMED MASS.**

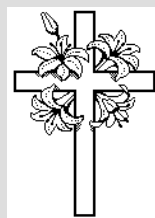
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 **Mass Intentions**

ST. FRANCIS

- SATURDAY, MAY 1**
4:30pm James F. McDonald (memorial, req. by family)
- SUNDAY, MAY 2**
11:00pm Carmen & Jose Hernandez (memorial, req by Elida)
- SATURDAY, MAY 8**
4:30pm Catherine Cipoloso
- SUNDAY, MAY 9**
11:00pm Cynthia Macomber & Deceased members of Dumaine & Bottella families



ST CATHERINE

- SUNDAY, MAY 2**
7:30am Joseph E Gallucci, Jr.(req. by Doris & Dick Yates)
9:30am Catherine D Sweeney (2nd anniv.)
- SUNDAY, MAY 9**
7:30am Angelina Gallucci & Claire Lancellotta
9:30am Anne McGuire (req, by Sheila Ehrens)



Readings for the Week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
 Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-1

Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady.

Please join us at **SS. Rose and Clement Church** for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction as we honor our Blessed Mother **beginning at 7:00pm.**

**Monday, May 3rd
 Monday, May 10th
 Monday, May 17th
 Monday, May 24th**



SS. ROSE & CLEMENT NEWS

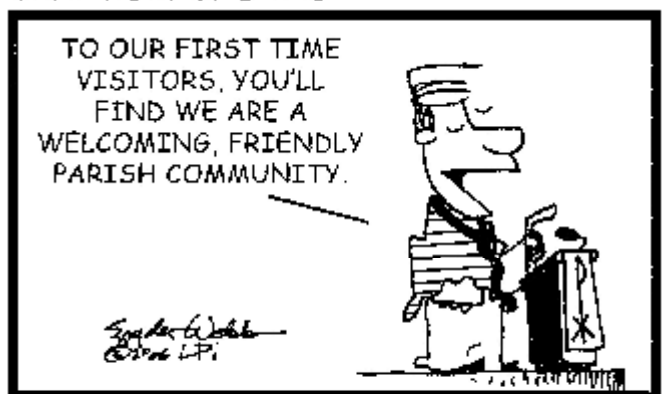


2022 MASS BOOK: The Mass Book at SS. Rose and Clement Church is open for the 2022 year. Only 4 weekday Masses may be booked for the first month to allow everyone an opportunity to remember loved ones on particular dates. There is NO limit on Weekend Masses. Some 2021 dates are available as well.

Call Patti at 739-0212 or email her at office@ssrcr.com to inquire.

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 Weekend Intentions are \$25 donation

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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