# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH June 6, 2021—The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



# **ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!**

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to active participation in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race, or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.

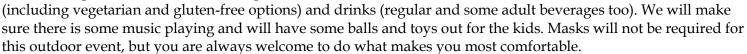
# **PARISH CELEBRATION JUNE 27**

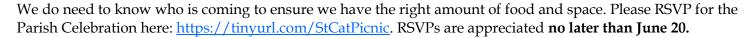
It has been too long since St. Catherine's community has been able to come together for food, drink, conversation, and reconnecting!

With the changes to the CDC rules and with the high rate of vaccination in Tompkins County, we finally can bring everyone together. We will do so for our first parish-wide gathering on **Sunday**, **June 27**, **from 1–4 p.m.** This outdoor picnic, held under a tent on our parish grounds, is an opportunity for us to do three things:

- See each other, reconnect, and rejoice that God has brought us through the past 15 months. This is well worth celebrating and acknowledging!
- Celebrate the amazing work that Ashley Blank has done here at St. Catherine's as she completes her work as our Coordinator of Faith Formation. For those who missed the original announcement, Ashley is resigning her position as of June 30 after serving our parish for 8 years. She has accepted a position at Cornell that allows her to spend more time with her family.
- Celebrate the priestly ministry of Fr. Joe, who is celebrating
  his 20th ordination anniversary and his 11th year here at St.
  Catherine's. We have been very blessed to have him as our
  pastor for over half of his priesthood.

Because of the pandemic, we are not asking people to bring food for the picnic. St. Catherine's will provide the food





We hope that you will come out and join in this three-pronged celebration!



#### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community through worship, witness, and service.

# St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., and Friday 1-4 p.m.

#### **MINISTRY TEAM**

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#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome to our parish community! Registration forms are available on our website or through the Parish Office.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

# Almsgiving

We tithe to the community, helping individuals and community organizations through donations.

# **Clothing for the Needy**

Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the parking lot.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m.

All Masses available to attend in person or via livestream; also archived and available anytime at <a href="www.tinyurl.com/">www.tinyurl.com/</a>
<a href="www.tinyurl.com/">StCatLivestream</a>.

**Accommodations:** Gluten-reduced hosts are available. Personal listening receivers are available in the Atrium.

#### Daily Mass Schedule

We offer daily Mass each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. These Masses are available to attend in person or via livestream (www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream).

#### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation** is available in the Marian Garden on Saturdays from 4–4:50 p.m., weather permitting. The Marian Garden is the space between the church and the Parish Center, across from the labyrinth. Please wait for Fr. Joe on the back side of the Parish Center.

# **Infant Baptisms**

We're so happy about the new addition to your family. Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism. Please contact the office three months prior to the baptism.

#### Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office **at least six months** before the wedding. If you do not live in New York State, you must do your preparation in your home state.

# Anointing of the Sick/Visitation

Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. For emergencies, please contact Fr. Joe directly at 585-747-3649. Families should alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to have someone prayed for at Mass and/or added to the Prayer Corner in the bulletin, we invite you to call the Parish Office.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.):

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Ann Marie Eckert.

## **Holy Orders:**

For information about vocations, contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Income – May 30, 2021

Regular Mass Collections:\$1,784We Share/EFT Collections1:\$2,992Mail-In/Drop-Off Collections1:\$902End-of-Year/Annual Giving:\$0

Total Regular Weekly Collections: \$5,678 Average Weekly Budget<sup>2</sup>: \$12,350

Weekly Operating Surplus (Shortfall)<sup>3</sup>: (\$6,672)

Gifts and Donations Received4: \$0

- 1 Variability in these values due to inclusion of collections that are biweekly, monthly
- 2 83% of Planned Operational Expenses are funded by Regular Weekly Collections
- 3 Weekly surplus (shortfall) in funds for average weekly budgeted expenses
- 4 Excluded from this number are capital contributions, extraordinary gifts, bequests

# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

So far 154 donors have pledged \$51,595 toward our goal of \$56,250. That's 92 percent of our goal. Please prayerfully consider donating to the CMA.

# **SCRIPTURE READINGS**



This Week

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Next Week

Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk4:26-34

"I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord." (Ps 116)

# **PRAYER CORNER**

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Chris Kimball, Otis Phillips, Sharon Campanella, Eloise Amore Grady,

Sharon Darling, Kent LeBeau, Kristen Portelos, Bishop Matthew Clark, Jo-Ann Mancini, Carol Franco, Bernice Magee, John Steh, Phyllis Galliher, George Wonder, Meghan Dougher, Libby Dyer, Stuart Hangac, Joe Jancaitis, Trish Schapp, Cindy Horner, Tom Sims, Sophia Steh, Steve Taglieri, Therese Goodine, Gertrude Rice, Wilson Manik, Fran Facer, Ruthe Bruen, Laura Hogan, Penny Lane, Cecile Baert, Ian Ochola, Alma Bonilla, Joan Poitras, Mary Rafferty, Chris Durette, Mary Anne Wilson, Thomas Walpole, Judy Guido, Keyan Gilbert, Art Muka, Chris Blain, Catherine Luscardi, Sue Shanahan, Bill Ryan, and Dageiry Custodio.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING—JUNE 7–13

All liturgies and prayer opportunities are available both in person and via livestream. You can reach our livestream feed via the Boxcast link on St. Catherine's website (<u>www.stcathofsiena.org</u>) or at <u>www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream</u>.

#### Monday, June 7

Parish Office Open 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

9:00 a.m. MASS: Anita Malone by Shery Scanza and St. Catherine's Music Ministry by Jeannie Barnaba

#### Tuesday, June 8

#### Wednesday, June 9

Parish Office Open 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Ralph Gilday Ryan by Joe & Jessica Ryan* 7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

# Thursday, June 10

#### Friday, June 11

Parish Office Open 1–4 p.m.

No Mass Today

#### Saturday, June 12

5:00 p.m. MASS: David Pytcher by Irene Pytcher and Family and Our Parishioners

#### Sunday, June 13

10:00 a.m. MASS: Jane & William Dodson by Sally Dullea

# **Parish Information**

# MASS SCHEDULE

We are currently holding two weekend Masses: Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. Both Masses are livestreamed and can be watched anytime after their initial broadcast. Livestreaming is available through our website (click the teal Boxcast box) or at this link: <a href="www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream">www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream</a>.

# **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

We have daily Mass each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. These Masses are livestreamed (<a href="www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream">www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream</a>). Daily Mass is also available at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. and Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.; at Saint Anthony on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.; and All Saints on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is available in the Marian Garden on Saturdays from 4–4:50 p.m., weather permitting. The Marian Garden is the space between the church and the Parish Center, across from the labyrinth. Please wait for Fr. Joe on the back side of the Parish Center.

# WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration from 7–9 p.m. in the church each Wednesday. It will also be livestreamed from 7–7:30 p.m. at <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream">www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream</a>. All are welcome. You are asked to enter through the east (small parking lot) entrance.

# ONLINE BOOK OF INTENTIONS

We invite you to add your prayers for people, situations, and places and we will continue to pray for them at each weekend Mass: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/StCatBookofIntentions">https://tinyurl.com/StCatBookofIntentions</a>.

# FINANCIAL GIVING

For in-person giving, envelopes should be put in the offering boxes that are located in the atrium and in the entrance area of the church. You can also mail donations to the Parish Office or donate online at <a href="https://stcathofsiena.weshareonline.org/">https://stcathofsiena.weshareonline.org/</a>. We so appreciate all the parishioners and guests who continue to support the parish. Your donations are essential to St. Catherine's.

# Parish Opportunities

## **PARISH CELEBRATION**

Don't forget to RSVP for the Parish Celebration on **June 27 from 1–4 p.m.** More information is on the front cover, and the link for registering is <a href="https://tinyurl.com/StCatPicnic">https://tinyurl.com/StCatPicnic</a>.

# **RENEWING CONNECTIONS**

If you haven't yet signed up for Renewing Connections, we hope you will do so as soon as possible. There are four options: Sundays, June 13 and 20 (held outdoors at 11:30 a.m); Tuesdays, June 15 and 22 (held via Zoom at noon); Thursdays, June 17 and 24 (held outdoors at 6:30 p.m.); or Saturday, June 19 and 26 (held outdoors at 6:15 p.m.) Register in advance at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/StCatRenewing">https://tinyurl.com/StCatRenewing</a> or by calling Mary Hutchens at 279-6612.

# Adult Faith

# PLAYLIST THEME — THE CREED

Our final Online Learning Playlist of the season is focused on the Creed. In it we will explore some of the central teachings of our Church, delve into a little of the history that led to these core beliefs, and learn ways we can pray with the Creed. Please email Ann Marie at <a href="mailto:ann.marie.eckert@dor.org">ann.marie.eckert@dor.org</a> to receive a copy.

# THE TRINITY—LIFE AND FAITH SESSIONS

Our final Life and Faith Session of the academic year will happen this Sunday, June 6, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. as Joe Ryan presents "The Creeds We Say," covering how and why were they written, what were they meant to achieve, and why are there two major creeds instead of one? We'll look at the context of the early Christian Church during which the Creeds were finalized; you'll learn exactly why a number of the lines were inserted; and you are certain to gain new knowledge of a central prayer you say weekly. Join the session at this link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/96963077674">https://zoom.us/j/96963077674</a>. To view any of the Life and Faith sessions that have been presented, go to the archives: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/StCatLifeandFaith">https://tinyurl.com/StCatLifeandFaith</a>.

# WEDDING BANNS

Brian Joseph Burns and Rebecca Ann Guzzo

May God bless your marriage!

# St. Catherine of Siena Church Directives for Public Masses

updated June 4, 2021

## **Mass Schedule:**

- The weekend Mass schedule is Saturday at 5 p.m.; Sunday at 10 a.m. We will add a Sunday Mass when attendance necessitates.
- Daily Mass is celebrated on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m.

#### **Procedures:**

- Registration is NOT required.
- Masks ARE required.
- We are only using the Parish Center doors on the west side of the Church.
- We have sections of the Church (east and west side) that are designated for people who prefer to maintain social distance from others.
- The center section of the Church does not require social distancing.
- We have a check-in procedure for Mass. Upon your first time at Mass, we record a family name and phone number for COVID tracking purposes. Each additional time you attend Mass, we simply record the number in your family group.
- Please plan to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass to check-in and be seated. The doors to the Church are locked when Mass begins.
- We are not singing within the Church.
- The Sign of Peace should be done through words and gesture.

#### **Distribution of Communion:**

- Only the Sacred Host will be distributed to the faithful.
- We ask that you only receive the host in your hand (not on the tongue).
- When coming forward, keep your mask in place until after you have received the host from the priest/ Communion minister. Once it is received, step to the side, lower your mask, consume the host, and replace your mask before returning to your seat.

#### Dismissal:

- At the conclusion of Mass, please remain in your pew until directed by the hospitality minister to leave the church.
- You are not allowed to remain in the Church for so that the cleaning crews can prepare the Church for the next Mass.

#### **Donations:**

• If you are not currently donating online, the Offering Boxes are located in the entrance area of the church and in the Atrium of the Parish Center. Please put your envelopes, checks, or cash donation in those boxes upon entering or leaving the Church. We will not be passing collection baskets.

*June 4, 2021: These directives will be updated as situations change.* 



# FROM THE BOOK OF SHERRY SCANZA

Dear Parish Family,

There are signs everywhere that the COVID pandemic is on its way out. Infection rates have fallen and vaccination rates have risen. The CDC and New York State recently relaxed their guidelines for masking and distancing requirements. Following that change, the Diocese of Rochester updated its guidelines to allow vaccinated parishioners to sit

closer together, even though everyone is still to be masked. Last week, we learned that the bishops of the upstate New York dioceses have reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation. It seems like our world is waking up from a long period of hibernation, and we are beginning to come back to full engagement with life, work, and community.

That is great news, but what does it mean to move forward during this time of transition? We are all asking that question as we go through our daily activities—work, shopping, medical appointments, social activities, and worship. Some are feeling a great sense of relief, while others are feeling a sense of uncertainty and trepidation. Most of us are feeling some of both.

Our most recent guidance from the New York State bishops is that the Sunday Mass obligation has been reinstated, but that we still must abide by the diocesan policies of mask-wearing, as well as distancing for those not yet vaccinated. Why? It seems safe to assume that they still don't have enough data, and we haven't been in the transition long enough to be completely confident about removing all restrictions.

And what about singing? Other than the Eucharist, our spoken and sung responses are the parts of our worship that bind us together as community. We lift our hearts and our voices together in spoken and sung word. As the choir director, I really believe that something miraculous happens when we sing. It is not just sustained speech—it is an expression of the deepest longings of our souls that spoken word cannot adequately express. It connects us to each other. And we have been worshipping without that part of our liturgy for a year and a half now. It feels like we are trying to walk without feet.

St. Catherine's has taken a very cautious approach to singing during the pandemic — that is to say, we are *not* singing. However, you are probably aware that some parishes have been singing all along, either with a cantor or a small group. On the other hand, there are some other faith communities that have not yet even begun to gather. There is a wide spectrum of perspective and practice. Here we have been guided by the fact that singing is one of the most dangerous activities for spread of the COVID virus. It is an airborne virus, and any activity that includes expulsion of air, especially with the force used in singing or playing a wind instrument or even speaking forcefully, has a much greater risk of spreading the virus. Masks do not completely mitigate the risk. Those who are vaccinated may be spared getting COVID or may experience only a mild case, but we still don't know enough about asymptomatic transmission.

Even as CDC guidance has relaxed for outdoor and many indoor activities, most churches and choral groups are still uncertain about when it will be safe to sing together in person indoors. Here at St. Catherine's, Fr. Joe, the staff, and representatives of our music ministry have been in careful and prayerful conversation about it for some time. We have talked about having cantors return to the Mass, singing live behind a shield. But the role of the cantor is to encourage congregational singing, not to be a soloist. If the congregation is not yet singing, why have the cantor sing live? It is our greatest desire to return to singing as soon as possible, and we continue to do research and to pray. We are waiting for updated CDC guidance for faith communities, which is expected later this month.

The Center for Congregational Song, an ecumenical nonprofit organization and outreach arm of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada, has presented valuable data originating from the CDC and other

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# FROM THE BOOK OF SHERRY SCANZA (CONTINUED)

scientists who have studied this issue. Their recommendation is that 75–80 percent of a congregation be vaccinated before the risk of spread is low enough for it to be safe to sing. It is possible that we are already at that figure, but with the transient nature of our community and the ebb and flow of visitors at our Masses, it is difficult to know for sure. (This is one of the reasons that we are asking for proof of vaccination — so that we will know how many of our parishioners are vaccinated and can see when we reach the 75–80 percent mark.) Some would say it is safe to sing now, but is that a risk we are willing to take?

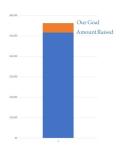
So, when will we sing again during Mass? The answer is as soon as possible, perhaps within weeks or by the end of the summer. But we will sing when the science and data show that it is safe enough to sing without putting people at risk. And let us all pray that that happens very soon!





The 2020–2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) campaign is almost over. So far 154 parishioners have pledged **\$51,595** toward our goal of **\$56,250**. That's **92 percent** of our goal. We are so close! Please prayerfully consider giving to the CMA.





The CMA benefits our parish directly in support of our programs and parish administration. It also helps the poorest and most vulnerable among us through its support of our own Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga. Additionally, if we do not meet our goal, we must make up the difference out of our own parish operating funds, which endangers our ability to pay for programming and staff. Please prayerfully consider donating to the CMA. You can donate online at <a href="https://www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/">https://www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/</a>. You can also bring a check, made out to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, to the Parish Office and we will forward it to the diocese. We are deeply grateful, as always, for your support.



# PRAYERS AND RESPONSES WITHIN THE MASS

#### Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

#### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### Gospel Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Invitation to Prayer**

Priest: Pray, brethren ... acceptable to God, the almighty

Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit. Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

#### **Preface Acclamation**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The Mystery of Faith

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your

Resurrection until you come again.

#### The Lord's Prayer

People: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Priest: ... and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

#### Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

# PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot physically receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I join myself spiritually to You and your Church.

# **Concluding Rites**

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Go in peace. People: Thanks be to God.

# MUSIC FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Because singing creates the most risk when people are gathered, we ask the community to refrain from public singing. Our music ministers record music for our liturgies.

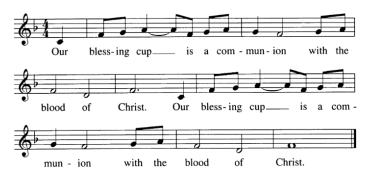
On the recording, our cantor for this weekend is *Sally Ramirez*.

# Processional Song: Table of Plenty



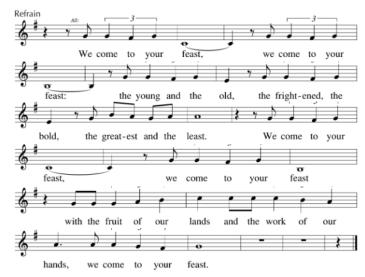
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#### Responsorial Psalm: Our Blessing Cup



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# Offertory Hymn: We Come to Your Feast



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# Communion Hymn: Ave Verum Corpus

# Recessional Song: As Christ Is for Us



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