

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 (Family Mass), 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

DAILY (Chapel)

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

HOLYDAY (Church)

Eve: 5:15 p.m. (Vigil)

Holyday: 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., & 5:15 p.m.

MASSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES

September to June (Chapel)

French Mass - 2nd Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Spanish Mass - 4th Sunday 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION - Sacrament of Penance

(Sacristy) Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Individual or during Mass)

Please call the Rectory to arrange for Baptism.

Attendance at a Pre-Baptism Session is required –

3rd Saturday: 1:30 p.m. in the Rectory

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory 9-12 months before proposed wedding date to arrange for marriage preparation.



Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially for Carol J. Lapegna (1/21/19).



Come and join!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Every First Friday of the Month
Immediately following the 5:15
Mass in the Chapel**



WEEKLY MEDITATION

Please join us for Meditation on Thursday evenings in the Chapel, from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. It's a quiet time to retreat from the "hustle and bustle" of the workplace and home.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY LITURGY
can be found at number 876 in Worship.

Saturday, February 2

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

7:00 a.m. Antonio, Guilia, Giovanni Colasante

5:00 p.m. All the Members of this Parish

Sunday, February 3

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

7:30 a.m. Euclides Lucio Ferreira

9:00 a.m. Lucille Tarantino

10:30 a.m. Barbara Zicarelli

5:00 p.m. Marlene Capuano

Monday, February 4

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

7:00 a.m. Dolores Clark

5:15 p.m. W. Donald Fay, Jr.

Tuesday, February 5

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

7:00 a.m. Mary O'Keeffe

5:15 p.m. Marcel and Anna D'Silva

Wednesday, February 6

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

7:00 a.m. Thomas G. Shea

5:15 p.m. Kathy E. Longo

Thursday, February 7

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

7:00 a.m. Dr. Jack Prunier

5:15 p.m. Katie O'Reilly

Friday, February 8

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

7:00 a.m. All Souls

5:15 p.m. Albert B. Greco, Sr.

Saturday, February 9

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

7:00 a.m. James and Eileen Boland

5:00 p.m. Michael Lombardo

Sunday, February 10

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11, 11; Lk 5:1-11

7:30 a.m. All the Members of this Parish

9:00 a.m. Audrey Niblo

10:30 a.m. Kirk James

11:00 a.m. French Mass

5:00 p.m. Dr. Jack Prunier

NEXT WEEKEND CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 9

Reconciliation: Fr. Mark D'Silva

5:00 p.m. Fr. Paul Shankar

Sunday, February 10

7:30 a.m. Fr. Mark D'Silva

9:00 a.m. Fr. William Platt

10:30 a.m. Fr. William Platt

11:00 a.m. French Mass

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mark D'Silva

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 7	Walking with Purpose – Connect Coffee 9:30 a.m., Lucey Parish Hall
Feb 7	Meditation 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
Feb 7	St. Catherine's Support Circle <i>"Networking- Everything that you wanted to know but, were afraid to try"</i> 7:00 – 9:00, Room 209
Feb 8	Line Dance Social 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Lucey Parish Hall
Feb 9	Walking with Purpose 9:30 a.m., Room A
Feb 25/26	Bible Study Begins (see bulletin for details)

BIBLE STUDY



The next Bible Study begins February 25. This 5-session study entitled **"Pilgrim People"** incorporates an introductory session and four lessons.

Monday evenings: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday mornings: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

God's people have always been sojourners, pilgrims on a journey, open to God's call and direction. This study explores the major events and characters of the Bible that exemplify God's call to be pilgrims who are 'looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God' (Heb 11:10). Among the biblical pilgrims and sojourners encountered in the study are Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the people of the Exodus, the Jews of the Babylonian exile, the Holy Family and Christ's first disciples. The commentary is written with full citations of the appropriate biblical texts and provides insight into the biblical characters, historical settings and modern applications.

There is a \$30 materials fee which is to be paid the 1st day of class. Cash or check accepted.

For registration options and more information about our program visit www.stcath.org (Adult Faith Formation).

PARISHIONER UPDATES

As we try to maintain our records, please let us know if you have recently moved, changed your phone number, or changed or added an email address. Contact Terri Marino at terri.marino@stcath.org or 203-637-3661 ext. 326. If you have never formally registered, please visit our website at www.stcath.org and you can easily register online.

CARE FOR THE SICK AND AGED



If you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a visit from one of our deacons or priests, please contact Fr. Mark D'Silva at 203-637-3661 ext. 318.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Saturday, February 9
St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan

Welcome begins at 2:30 p.m.
Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m.
Refreshments will follow.

All, especially the sick, the handicapped and the frail are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick.



Introducing a New Day Program: **A Journey Through Loss to Healing**

As we strive together to build an even stronger parish community, we invite you to join us this spring for a new initiative sponsored by the Parish Partners Ministry.

Weekly sessions follow a text, which has received a special award of merit by the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, New Day Journal, developed by Maureen O'Brien, O.P.

Trained Parish Partners facilitators will conduct the program. Our first support group will take place here in a confidential setting. Sessions will be held weekly on Thursdays:

March 21 - May 16
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration is required. There is no fee. If you would like to sign up, or have any questions, we would love to talk with you!

Please call the Parish Partners Ministry at 203-637-3661 ext. 375 or contact parishpartners@stcath.org

We hope to offer this New Day Program twice each year in the Spring and Fall, and will rotate between afternoon and evening sessions. We look forward to welcoming you, and hope that you will find this new opportunity helpful, comforting and healing!

EVENTS AND NEWS

Financial Report

Sunday Offertory (for the last four weekends)

December 29 & 30.....	\$ 65,211**
January 5 & 6.....	\$ 53,992**
January 12 & 13.....	\$ 12,704**
January 19 & 20.....	\$ 12,835**

*Includes Christmas, Monthly, Annual (AEG)
and/or (OLG) Offertory

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND FRANCE

April 11 – 18, 2019

Tour Barcelona, Lourdes, Burgos, Santiago de Compostella, Fatima, and Lisbon.

Only \$2,200 per person (double occupancy)
Includes 4-Star hotels and ALL MEALS.

For more information, please contact Fr. Paul Shankar directly at 361-563-7400 or frpaulraj@yahoo.com.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Thank you to all who so generously donated to last weekend's Collection for the Church in Latin America. We collected \$2,125.



As you may know, we've launched an **Online Giving** program as an easy way for parishioners to make contributions to the church. **We'd like to encourage everyone to take advantage of this simple way of supporting St. Catherine's.**

You will find reusable cards in the pews that provide more information on the program, and we invite those already giving ONLINE to place one of those cards in the collections baskets each week to indicate that you already contribute.

THANKS-IS-GIVING APPEAL 2018 – 2019



Date	Total Donations Received	# of Donations Received
12/24 – 12/31/18	\$ 55,400	98
01/01 – 01/06/19	\$ 9,273	13
01/07 – 01/13/19	\$ 6,795	22
01/14 - 01/20/19	\$ 5,995	15
01/21 – 01-27/19	700	3
TOTAL	\$ 78,163	151

Many thanks and much gratitude to our parish families that have responded to this year's TIG Appeal which continues through April. **Please consider a donation to this important parish appeal.** Your generous and continued support to St. Catherine of Siena Parish is greatly appreciated!

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA DRIVE FOR TROOPS DEPLOYED IN AFGHANISTAN



BRINGING A LITTLE
COMFORT TO THE TROOPS.

On Sunday, February 24 the 2019 Confirmation Class will sort, pack and ship donations from the Parish for our Troops who are deployed in Afghanistan. Each Confirmation Candidate will write a card or letter to a soldier thanking them for their service (They can do this in advance if they would like to). www.unitedforthetroops.org of Shrub Oak, NY will deliver our care packages.

We will have bins in the Lucey Parish Hall the weekends of February 17 and 24. Here is how you can help:

- Members of your family can write cards or letters to thank our Troops for their service and put them in our donation bins;
- Donate items from the list below. **(Note: No glass jars, aerosol cans, or items over 16 oz. Snack must be in individual sized pkgs.)**

Eye Drops/Visine	Nuts
Baby Wipes	Deodorant
Nerf Footballs	Magazines
Hot Chocolate/Tea	Mouthwash
Peanut Butter	Nutella
Playing Cards	Pop Tarts
Chapstick/Lip Balm	Purell
Trail Mix	Chex Mix
Instant Oatmeal	Tylenol
Skin Moisturizer	Beef Jerky
Canned Fruit	Athlete's Foot Powder
Insect repellent (non aerosol)	Tuna/Salmon (foil packs)
Pasta/Chili/Stew	
(individual size pop top cans)	
Cereal and Cookie Boxes	
(individual sized)	
Single serve powdered drink	
(Kool Aid, Crystal Light)	

Questions: mikeballengee@icloud.com
or 203-961-0902

EVENTS AND NEWS



Calling all undercover
country fans, dancing fans, and
fans of St Catherine's Players!

Have you ever wanted to learn how to line dance? **Or watch people learn how to line dance?** Or eat snacks and enjoy the company of people who want to learn how to line dance?

If so, you are in luck. **Join the cast of *Footloose, the Musical* on Friday, February 8, for our Line Dance Social** and learn from an expert. No experience needed, just bring your dancing shoes.

7:30-9:30 p.m. - Lucey Parish Hall.
Pizza, drinks and dessert will be served.
All are welcome!

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the rectory, and tickets will also be available at the door if they don't sell out!



Director, Lauren Sherwood

Ren, played by Fritz Chery



There are no coincidences in life . . . 15 years ago, Fritz played Ren in Stamford High School's production of *Footloose*. Also, in that production was Matt Blank, future husband of St. Catherine's Player's (SCP) director, Lauren Sherwood. Remembering Fritz, Matt invited him to audition for the SCP production and they found their lead for that demanding role!

By day, Fritz owns and runs Grace Day Care and Learning Center, for children ages 1 – 5. He is also a commercial real estate salesman.

After success with *Shrek, The Musical*, last year, SCP is happy to have Lauren directing for a second time, after starring in *Peter Pan* three years ago.

This year's show is extremely well cast. With Lauren's experienced directing, and with Fritz's history with the role, *Footloose* promises to be one of the more memorable St. Catherine's productions! Lauren, Matt and Fritz are examples of company dedication and talent that the St. Catherine's Players reflect every year.

Performances: March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10

Tickets will go on sale February 8!

Visit www.stcath.org (Community Life) for information.



**St. Catherine's
Support Circle**

"Networking- Everything that you wanted to know but, were afraid to try"

Thursday, February 7, 2019
7:00- 9:00 p.m. in Room 209

"Networking - Everything that you wanted to know but, were afraid to try" is a fun, interactive presentation from Mark Troncone, Senior IT Project Manager. He will cover the following topics:

- The 7 Point Employment Strategy
- Why do we Network? – the REAL reason
- Networking "Facts of Life" – you will be amazed at what you thought is the norm
- The 3 Networking doors you Must walk through
- The 7 Common Networking Mistakes, Networking Best Practices and Networking Preparation
- Networking over the telephone – they won't be able to say "NO" to you
- How to network effectively in an open forum–use efficiency and time to find people who can give value
- The "Eight to Eliminate" networking people to avoid – don't walk away - RUN
- How to network one on one with someone in transition – how to maximize results by helping each other and exchanging contacts
- Networking for results with someone who is employed - developing a networking "Godfather"

Mark promises that if you follow his techniques, Networking will become fun instead of a chore and your results will move in a positive direction.

This session will be chaired by **SCSC Steering Committee member Celeste Robledo**. Celeste is a Career Advisor with more than ten years of experience in talent acquisition and development. **RSVP required**. To reserve a seat at the SCSC table, RSVP to Celeste at celesterobledo@gmail.com.

The St. Catherine's Support Circle was formed in early 2009 to support people seeking jobs in the challenging economic environment. The group continues to encourage participation by both job seekers and those interested in providing their advice and support. To find helpful information for job seekers, visit the parish web site www.stcath.org, then first link to Community Life, and then link to the SCSC page. Here, you will also find driving instructions to SCSC events.

The SCSC steering committee includes professionals who have experience in diverse areas including human resources, executive search, career coaching, clinical career counseling, general management, education, marketing, public relations, finance, accounting and IT. If you have similar experience, and would be interested in joining your fellow professionals on the committee, please contact SCSC Chairman Bob Sloane at rsloane@optonline.net.



What's Happening in Faith Formation

Visit www.stcath.org for the full class calendar.

The Religious Education Office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Faith Formation News

109 children will be making the Sacrament of First Penance and Reconciliation on February 4 and February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The children have been working very hard to prepare for this sacrament.



- **February 4 and 7 – Sacrament of First Reconciliation**
7:00 p.m. in the church.

- **February 22 – Family Fun Night**

All children registered in Religious Education programs for grades 1-5 and their families, are invite. RSVP to the Faith Formation office at 203-637-3661 ext 330 by February 21.

Prayer for Guidance in the Day Ahead

Good morning, Lord! Today's a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes, or failures I may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad and give thanks, and I do, Lord. Thank you for today, a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that you want me to be.

Today I want to start the day with you on my mind and in my heart. As I dress, let me wear the armor you've provided daily: the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the belt of truth, the shoes of peace, and the sword of the spirit—with prayer on my tongue: praise for you and petitions for those around me and those I meet.

Help me to set my thoughts on things above and to speak only what will help and encourage others. Help me to treat each person I encounter as you would, with respect and love, forgiving others and asking for forgiveness myself when needed.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

**"Otherwise you fall into contempt of your neighbor,
if you judge his evil will towards you,
instead of My will acting in him"
- St. Catherine of Siena**



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Facebook page:

@stcatherineofsienachurchriverside

**"And he said, "Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his own native place."**

Gospel Summary – LK 4:21-30

Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the temple. At first the people were amazed at his knowledge but then it occurred to them, he was one of them - a carpenter in their own village! They became very angry with Jesus and planned to throw him bodily from a nearby mountain top. Jesus simply walked through them and left. Some scholars say that the crowd's reaction and Jesus escaping them to continue his teaching and preaching is a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection and the mission of the Church to continue spreading the Good News.

Reflection for Families

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A few times of being wrong slows us, especially parents, down and teaches us that things are not always as they seem. It takes time and often forces us to eat humble pie (or at least laugh at ourselves), but very often, by the time we get the story we recognize that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is misleading. Parents need to show their children that they trust and have faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least children recognize their parents' faith in them as our first response.

Bringing the Gospel Into your Family

When the people of Nazareth had no faith in Jesus, Jesus could not work any miracles. He had to leave the area and go where people believed in him. Share together places in your own lives, either individually or as a family where weak faith prevents Jesus from working in your lives. What steps can you take to allow Jesus to enter? What can you do to help one another develop a stronger faith?

Discussion Starters

1. A truth that is hard for me to hear is . . .
2. I have seen others reject a certain person who speaks the truth. They do not listen because . . .
3. A truth I have tried to tell but felt rejection from others happened when . . .



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