

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 Catherine Sanna (4-21-19).



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 838 in Worship.

Saturday, April 27

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

7:00 a.m. Dyanna Borges

5:00 p.m. Joseph, Sr., Irene and Joseph, Jr. Siciliano

Sunday, April 28

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

7:30 a.m. Francisco Borges

9:00 a.m. All the Members of this Parish

10:30 a.m. Filomena and William Morelli

11:00 a.m. Alberto Jaramillo

5:00 p.m. Isabella Donohue

Monday, April 29

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

7:00 a.m. All Souls

5:15 p.m. Sana Micalizzi

Tuesday, April 30

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

7:00 a.m. Karen Forrest

5:15 p.m. Natalie Puente

Wednesday, May 1

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

7:00 a.m. Miranda Papetti

5:15 p.m. Joseph Gagliardi

Thursday, May 2

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

7:00 a.m. Anne Richiski

5:15 p.m. Stephen Ritch

Friday, May 3

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

7:00 a.m. Concetta Cassiere

5:15 p.m. Joseph J. Capalbo

Saturday, May 4

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

7:00 a.m. Aidan Paul Mulhern

5:00 p.m. Rocco and Carmela Capalbo

Sunday, May 5

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

7:30 a.m. Louis A. Chiapetta

9:00 a.m. Rosaria and Lorenzo Bria

10:30 a.m. All the Members of this Parish

5:00 p.m. Ruth and Fred Caruso

NEXT WEEKEND CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 4

Reconciliation: Fr. William F. Platt

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Sunday, May 5

7:30 a.m. Fr. Paul Shankar

9:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Shankar

10:30 a.m. Fr. Mark D'Silva

5:00 p.m. Fr. William F. Platt

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2	Meditation 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
May 5	Chapel Concert 3:00 p.m., Chapel
May 16	St. Catherine's Support Circle "The Corner Office Perspective" 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., Lucey Parish Hall
May 22	Protecting God's Children Session 6:30 p.m., Lucey Parish Hall

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all graduating High School Seniors!



Applications for the 2019 scholarships are **now available** on our website at **www.stcath.org** under faith formation.

The St. Catherine of Siena Scholarship Fund provides scholarships and awards to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership skills through their own participation in church, school and community service activities. These scholarships will be awarded based on the student's participation, and not on family history of participation now or in the past.

The scholarships and awards are funded by contributions from individual parishioners and corporate donors to the St. Catherine Scholarship Fund.

Completed applications must be **postmarked no later than May 1, 2019.**

CARE FOR THE SICK AND AGING



If you or someone you know is homebound or going to be in the hospital and would like Confession, Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory: 203-637-3661.

Just because you cannot make it to Mass, it does not mean you should be separated from the beautiful graces of the Sacraments and your St. Catherine Family of Faith.



2nd Announcement

Elizabeth Kelley and Ryan Sweeney

Have Made a Promise of Marriage

 *St. Catherine's
Friends of Music*



Sunday May 5, 3.00 PM



Our next chapel concert will be on **Sunday May 5, at 3:00 p.m.** featuring trumpet virtuoso David Glukh and organist/soprano Liya Petrides, performing an array of sacred and popular music from **Mexico**, including the *Mexican Hat Dance* and *Besame Mucho*.

Admission is \$20 for adults, children are free.

Tickets available at the door or reserve by emailing **music.director@stcath.org** or calling **203-637-3661 ext. 322.**



Saturday, June 1, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Our second annual **Spring Cabaret** dinner-show will take place in Lucey Parish Hall on **Saturday June 1, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.** Our exceptional musicians and guest artists will once again wow and dazzle with their performances of the classical, Broadway, and popular repertoire.

This year's four-course Italian Dinner and desert will be catered by Corbo's Corner Deli. The cost for the evening is \$50 per person and tickets will be available soon!

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. We also invite anyone who has not formally registered to do so at **www.stcath.org**.



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EVENTS AND NEWS

Financial Report

Sunday Offertory (for the last four weekends)

March 23 & 24.....	\$ 11,538**
March 30 & 31.....	\$ 9,504**
April 6 & 7.....	\$ 13,233**
April 13 & 14.....	\$ 13,154**

**May Include Monthly, Annual (AEG) and/or (OLG) Offertory



Online Giving

**Take the Simple Way to
Support your Parish!**

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.



Thank you to all who have already responded to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. We have raised 119 gifts worth \$63,138 from 112 donors bringing the parish to 31.57% of its \$200,000 goal.

This weekend is "In-Pew" weekend. All parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider making a gift or pledge to the Appeal. Support for the Appeal is a tangible way to place a share of our blessings at the service of others, especially those most in need.

Your Appeal gift helps Catholic Charities feed the hungry and shelter the homeless across Fairfield County, as well as provide education for low-income families and counsel those in need. It also allows for the training of priests and deacons in our Diocese, and for the care of our senior priests.

Please think about making a donation or pledge and contribute to the best of your ability.



Mother's Day Diaper Drive May 11 – 12, 2019 (at all Masses)

Did you know???

- Nearly 1 in 3 American families struggle to afford diapers.
- The average cost to diaper a child is almost \$1,000/year.
- There is no federal or state assistance diaper purchases.
- Childcare settings require a supply of diapers; without it, parents can't work.

Please bring a box (or two!) of any size diapers, and place in the bins in the back of the church. You can also drop them off **until May 16th** if you forget to bring them to Mass.

Mothers for Others is a local organization which supports the well-being of underserved families by providing diapers and baby equipment for children from birth to 3 years old. More information can be found at mothersforothers.org



July 9 - 13, 2019

Raffle tickets will be available soon!



- *1st prize: \$30,000 AMEX Gift Card
- *2nd prize: \$5,000 AMEX Gift Card
- *3rd prize: \$3,000 AMEX Gift Card
- *4th prize: \$500 Aux Delices Gift Card
- *5th prize: Mohegan Sun Casino Getaway
- *6th prize: Giant Revel Mountain Bike

What could you do with an extra \$30,000? Think about it and then pick up some raffle tickets! Buy some for friends and co-workers, Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday or graduation gifts.

For more information, please contact: Betsy Parker, Raffle Chair, at parkerelizabeth@sbcglobal.net.

EVENTS AND NEWS



For ALL St. Catherine's Volunteers!
May 22 @ 6:30 p.m.
June 26 @ 7:00 p.m.
July 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Protecting God's Children program educates and trains adults (clergy, teachers, staff, volunteers, parents) about the dangers and warning signs of abuse, the ways to prevent abuse, the methods of properly reporting suspicions of, and responding to allegations of abuse.

ATTENTION CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS!

If you would like to volunteer, in ANY capacity at St. Catherine's (or any parish), you must attend a VIRTUS session. These sessions will be held here prior to the Carnival for those who would like to volunteer. **Please choose one:**

May 22 – June 26 - July 1
Lucey Parish Hall
A light dinner will be provided.

Please take advantage of this great opportunity!

Preregistration is required - visit www.virtus.org to register for one of these sessions.

Please contact Betty Lundgren at 203-637-3661 ext. 331 with any questions.

YOU CAN BE AN ALTAR SERVER!



As long as a child has received first communion, they can be trained to serve. Altar Servers are generally asked to serve two Masses each month.

If interested, please RSVP to our coordinator, Connie Murljagic, at cmurljac@gmail.com.



**St. Catherine's
Support Circle**

The Corner Office Perspective 8.0: More Insights from Insiders

Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM
Lucey Parish Hall

This is the eighth year we're offering "The Corner Office Perspective," an event we've continuously fine-tuned to reflect the dynamic employment marketplace.

And whether you're seeking your next career opportunity, want to get an insider's perspective of how business "gets done," or simply want to network with community members with common life interests---this is an event for you.

As before, The Corner Office Perspective will feature an "off the record" panel discussion with senior hiring executives from the community working in a variety of organizations, functional areas, and professional fields. This will be an interactive evening and topics we expect to cover include:

- The impact of the current low unemployment rate on hiring decisions and job search strategies
- Personal business life experiences, successes, challenges, and insights gained as job seekers, hiring managers, and business executive - to include "aha!" moments
- Where are the best areas for job growth in their organizations and the economy
- What they, and their organizations, seek in a new employee
- Any other business-related questions that you might want to ask.

A 6:30 PM networking reception with refreshments will be held prior to the event. We expect this to be another informative and fun evening, and we're happy to once again combine a job market discussion with a networking event and to draw on the expertise of some truly talented people from our community.

To reserve a space at the SCSC table, please RSVP to Miranda DeSantis, our event chairperson, at mirandadesantis@me.com.

St. Catherine's Support Circle was formed in early 2009 to support people seeking jobs in challenging economic environment. The group continues to encourage participation by both job seekers and those interested in providing their advice and support. For information and recommended resources for job seekers, visit our page on www.stcath.org. 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 Steering Committee 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.

Religious Education classes for the 2018-19 school year finish on April 28, 2109

We had a wonderful year with the children in all of our religious education programs.



Catechists are needed for the 2019-2020 school year.

Please consider sharing your love for our Lord with the children of our parish.

For more information, contact the Faith Formation office at 203-637-3661 X330.



Because of the empty tomb, we have peace.

Because of His resurrection, we can have peace during even the most troubling of times because we know He is in control of all that happens in the world.
~ Paul Chappell

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Gospel Summary – Jn 20:19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

Reflection for Families

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages, and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal whether in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus.

Bringing the Gospel Into your Family

Using the newspaper, news broadcast, or situations you know about, share ideas about people in the world or your community who might be discouraged. Suggest ways either in prayer or by action that your family might bring hope to these people.

Discussion Starters

- * I remember once I was really discouraged but I found peace when. . .
- * I was a source of peace for someone when. . .
- * I can relate to the "doubting" Thomas, but I have learned. . .



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Bishop Frank J. Caggiano

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Proclaim the truth and do not be silent though fear."

~ St. Catherine of Siena