

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC

May 14, 2017—5th Sunday of Easter



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.

JOINING THE BANQUET FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Twenty-two children received our Lord's Body and Blood for the first time last weekend, May 6 and 7. Our parish community was able to share this wonderful experience with the children and their families at all Masses.

Our children attended preparation classes with their parents beginning in

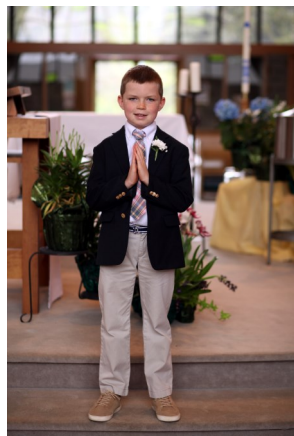


January. They learned about the parts of the Mass and read about the life of Jesus. They also participated in a scavenger hunt in the Church to locate and identify different items used during the Mass. Father Joe answered questions that the kids had about the Mass, they practiced receiving unconsecrated bread and wine, and they decorated their own plastic chalice to take home. They worked very hard to learn about our Mass and the Blessed Sacrament.



Congratulations to Nora Anderson, Caitlin Fagan, Olive Fitzpatrick, Joe Van Fleet, Mike Van Fleet, Giovanni Fortusini,

Aaron Freemantle, Josephine King, Giovanni McBride, Johan McGarry, Matthew McGuire, Julius Milano, Daniela Morales Padró, Alessandra Monacelli, Leo Nakaranuruck, Jai Julio Penalver, Sidhartha Penalver, James Reiter, Naomi Santana, Kate Thomas, Jenuel Vazquez, and Hailey Whitten.



Thank you, as well, to the parents of these children for attending the sessions with them and helping them grow in their faith.

We especially want to thank Marge Wheelock for giving of her time and talent to the children as the Sacramental Preparation Leader for First Eucharist.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

La misión de la parroquia de Sta. Catalina es inspirar, cuidar y motivar la participación de nuestra comunidad a través del culto, testimonio y servicio.

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration packets are available at all Church entrances and at the office.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Sister Parish

We enjoy an ongoing exchange of people and prayer with St. Anthony's in the Dominican Republic. Donations to the "loose change bowls" located at each Church entrance provide meals and education for over 200 children at the parish daycare center.

Almsgiving

10% or more of all donations we receive go to the poor and needy.

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: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 & 11:30 a.m.

Mass in Spanish: 4th Sunday of the month, 5:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m.

Brookdale Senior Living: 4th Tuesday of the month, 10:15 a.m.

Accommodations:

Gluten-reduced hosts are available; notify a staff member.

Personal listening receivers are available from the Sacristy.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment

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.

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 after hours, please call Fr. Joe at 585-747-3649. Families should alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. Hospitals are no longer able to provide parishes with this information. 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 at 257-2493.

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 Carol Dady with the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. & Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church

Rosary

Fridays at 5 p.m. in the Church

Prayer Groups

Centering Prayer and Ignatian Prayer Groups meet throughout the month. Small Christian Communities also meet weekly. For more information, call Ann Marie Eckert.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Income — May 7, 2017

Regular Mass Collections:	\$8,435
EFT/SecureGive Collections ¹ :	\$5,480
Mail-In/Drop-Off Collections ¹ :	\$667

Total Regular Weekly Collections:	\$14,582
Average Weekly Budget²:	\$12,350

Weekly Operating Surplus (Shortfall)³:	\$2,232
Gifts and Donations Received⁴:	\$250

YTD Operating Surplus (Shortfall)^{5,7,8}:	\$10,421
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YTD Capital Budget Surplus (Shortfall)^{6,7,8}:	\$7,282
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<i>Dominican Republic Bowls:</i>	<i>\$170</i>
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- 1 Variability in these values due to inclusion of collections that are bi-weekly, 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
- 5 Year-to-date operating surplus (shortfall) in funding for budgeted/unbudgeted expenses and adjustments for unplanned shortfalls in other revenue sources
- 6 Year-to-date surplus (shortfall) in funding for repairs/improvement to capital/infrastructure
- 7 YTD values are always from the most recently reconciled month.
- 8 Fiscal Year 7/1/16–6/30/17

SCRIPTURE READINGS**Today**

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Next Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

"Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Nicole Carrier-Titti, Rosemary Mizia, Terese Mullen, Ed Moy, Jean Wynn, Laura Carapelli, Robert Page, Ruthe Bruen, Tom Clark, Mercy James Loviglio, Michael Billing, Art Shanahan, Teresa Kuo, Charlotte Klumb, Lidia Roper, Dageiry Custodio, Thomas Brown, Colin Hayward-Toland, and David Hyatt.

WHAT'S HAPPENING—MAY 15–21**Monday, May 15**

5:30 p.m. MASS: *Living & Deceased Members of the Doyle & Leclere Families* by Jeff & Jane Doyle

7:00 p.m. Ithaca MobilePack Steering Committee

Tuesday, May 16

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Lucille Cointe* by Tana Clark

4:00 p.m. Youth Choir

5:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

5:45 p.m. Adult Faith Enrichment

Wednesday, May 17

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Alicja Nowakowska* by Maria Stycos

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, May 18

9:30 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer

7:00 p.m. Catechist/Assistant Meeting

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, May 19

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Maureen De Lyon* by Marge & Ron Kline

9:30 a.m. Strength Training

Friday, May 19 (continued)

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

10:30 a.m. Benediction

5:00 p.m. Praying the Rosary

Saturday, May 20

9:00 a.m. AA

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. MASS: *David & Phyllis Sprague* by Don & Nan Lisk

5:00 p.m. Sleep-Out for the Homeless

Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Patrick Mullin* by Bill & Colleen Perkins and Our Parishioners

9:15 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 a.m. Children's Faith Formation

10:15 a.m. Social Hour

11:30 a.m. MASS: *Alma L. Bailey* by Mary Lou Bailey-Smith

12:30 p.m. Social Hour

Parish-Wide Opportunities

BIRTHRIGHT FLOWER SALE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Thank you for your donations to the Birthright flower sale this weekend. Any additional donations that you want to make to Birthright, a center for women facing unplanned pregnancies, can be made directly to Birthright. Send checks to 605 W. State St # 1, Ithaca, NY 14850.

SOAP FOR HOPE

Catholic Charities is again asking for our help in providing personal care products for our neighbors in need for their annual Soap for Hope campaign. These items include shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, razors, deodorant, and the like. We will begin collecting these goods the weekend of **May 20-21** and will continue until **June 3-4**. St. Catherine's parishioners have been very generous in the past, contributing about a third of the items collected each year. If you would like to volunteer to help with this great effort, please contact Jessica Ryan at 339-3480 or j2ryan@msn.com.

PARISH PICNIC

Once again, St. Catherine's Welcoming and Social Committee is hosting our annual Parish Picnic to take



place on **Sunday, June 11, from 12:30-3 p.m.** in the field next to the parking lot. There will be games for kids and people of all ages, great food, and some great music (and dancing, if you wish). All are invited to bring a dish to share, if you can—desserts

and side dishes. St. Catherine's will be providing pulled pork, hamburgers and hot dogs, and water and lemonade. You are welcome to bring additional drinks if you wish. If you can't bring a dish to share, perhaps you can help with setup on Saturday or cleanup at the end of the event.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new parishioners, who registered recently: *David Harker & Kelly Dowd; Pam Dollaway; and Erica Gantz & Andrew Lawlor.*

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN YARD SALE

Once again this year, the Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS) will be hosting a community-wide yard and bake sale to support the Ithaca MobilePack for Feed My Starving Children. The sale will be held on **Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** at the LDS Church, 114 Burleigh Drive—a few blocks from St. Catherine's.

Last year many of you were able to contribute goods to the sale. This is a great way to empty out your closets and basements and support a great cause. They accept clothing, furniture (not mattresses), household goods, tools, jewelry and scarves, and almost anything else you might have.

We are not able to store donations at the Parish Center, so we ask that donations be dropped off at the LDS Church (114 Burleigh Drive) on **Wednesday and Thursday, June 14-15, between 6-9 p.m.**

If you would like to help sort and price, or volunteer at the sale, please let Ann Marie know (ameckert@dor.org). It is great fun, and you get first dibs at the goods, so you can find some great buys!

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Please join us for Mass on Ascension Thursday, **May 25, at 5:45 p.m.**

PARISH GROUNDS CLEANUP—HELP NEEDED

On **Monday, May 15**, Craig Murray and Fr. Joe are planning to clean up the "forest" area of our property. This includes cleaning up all the logs and sticks, sending them through a chipper, and spreading the chips along the prayer path that has been created. Help is needed throughout the day and into the evening. If you can help, please let June Haynor know at 257-2493 or istcathe@dor.org.



CLOTHING SHED HELP NEEDED

Help is needed with our Clothing Shed on the first and third Thursdays of the month from **May 18-September 7**. If you have the time and interest, please contact Phil Dankert at pdankert@twcnny.rr.com or 257-2578 for additional information. Thank you!

CALL TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others...the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us." (Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*). Celebrate



Mother's Day by taking a small step to care for our common home—join Mothers Out Front (www.mothersoutfront.org). Mothers Out Front raises the unique and powerful voice of mothers who believe climate change is a real and grave threat to everything that mothers and all parents want for our children: health, security, peace, a world of wonder, and a future with promise.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE

What does it mean to be poor in the United States? Get a glimpse of the struggle of low-income families during this year's Diocesan Social Ministry Conference on **Saturday, May 20, beginning at 9 a.m.** at St. Mary's School in Canandaigua. The conference will begin with a poverty simulation, in which participants role-play the lives of low-income families. They have the stressful task of providing for basic necessities and shelter on a limited budget. Although play money is used, the role playing is not a game. It is a simulation that enables participants to look at poverty from a variety of angles and then to recognize and discuss the potential for change within their local communities. Discussions and workshops will follow the simulation. Reservations are required by May 15. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch. Please RSVP to Laurie Konwinski at Lkonwinski@dor.org or 272-5062, ext 12.

PIETRA FITNESS

Pietra Fitness is a unique "whole person" fitness program that integrates physical exercise with Christian prayer while drawing upon the rich and timeless traditions of the Catholic Church. Pietra Fitness classes will be offered on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Mahler Hall. Wear comfortable clothing to allow for movement and bring a stretch mat. For more information, contact Pat Ober at pober@me.com.

Youth Faith Formation

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Ministry will not gather this Sunday, May 14, due to Mother's Day. They will resume sessions on Sunday, May 21, with a session focused on grace. The youth will participate in a session titled, "The Kingdom of God Is Like a Mustard Seed." In this session, middle school participants explore the parable of the mustard seed, as well as three Scripture stories that show growth. In response, they will reflect about key moments of grace and growth in their own lives.

"IN THE LOOP" WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Ministry will not gather for a Sunday session starting this Sunday, May 14, until Sunday, June 4, due to Mother's Day, the Sleep-Out for the Homeless, and Memorial Day Weekend. I am encouraging the youth to participate in the Sleep-Out for the Homeless, which will take place on Saturday, May 20, starting at 5 p.m., through Sunday morning. For further information and/or registration forms, please contact Ashley Blank at ablank@dor.org.

SLEEP-OUT FOR THE HOMELESS

Our Sleep-Out for the Homeless service event will take place this year on **May 20-21**. It is open to any student in grades eight through twelve. It is designed to provide an opportunity to learn about poverty in the United States and in our local community while also offering a chance to be of service by making food for Loaves and Fishes and collecting donations. Applications and more information can be found on by contacting Ashley Blank at ablank@dor.org. Applications must be turned in by this Wednesday, May 17. There is a \$50 fee for this event, with \$25 of the fee going to a local shelter.

CLOTHING AND FOOD DONATIONS

On **May 20-21**, we will be collecting donations in conjunction with the Sleep-Out for the Homeless. After each Mass during that weekend, we will be collecting nonperishable food and clothing for local shelters. Boxes will be at each of the entrances to Church and the entrance to the Parish Center. So start cleaning out those pantries and closets, and we will see you on May 20 and 21!



FROM THE BOOK OF JOE

Dear Parish Family,

In February I sent the following stewardship letter:

As we celebrate the opening of our new Parish Center, after countless years of planning and a very generous response to our Unite Campaign to fund the new building, I am left with a troubled heart.

We have a beautiful new building, but our parish is in a very precarious financial position. In November, I wrote a letter to you that went into the bulletin explaining the financial stress that we have been experiencing. We have a weekly budget of over \$10,000, but our weekly collections have been averaging \$8,000. At that time, I asked you to carefully look at your sacrificial giving and to increase that giving if possible. Unfortunately, we have not seen a sustained increase in giving by our parish community. If our giving does not increase, we will no longer be able to serve the parish with the same staff and programming.

Any parish that undertakes a capital campaign experiences a drop in its collections, but our drop has been larger than we anticipated, and I have not been able to compensate for it through other means. Since the start of this financial year, the staff and I have worked really hard to cut all expenses. We decreased budgets across the board and made other significant cuts to programs and supplies whenever possible. The only place left for me to make cuts to our budget is in the area of personnel. St. Catherine's has such a dedicated and talented group of people who make up our Ministry Team; it would be a great loss to this parish and our community if we had to let any of them go. These cuts would also mean that the programs that are offered, and the resources we provide for our ministry volunteers, would need to decrease.

I met with the Finance Council last week, and they have offered me their insights on actions I can take to address this problem. Their first suggestion was that I write this letter, letting you know what is at stake for our parish if our giving does not increase. Parishes are funded through their parishioners; we receive no outside revenue to support the mission of the parish. We rely on you for our heat, lights, water, staff salaries and benefits, internet connection, snow plowing and grass mowing, all our programs and supplies, and everything else that makes this parish what it is.

I appreciate the generosity of so many of you and the ways that you have supported the parish. I need to challenge those of you who are not making consistent, sacrificial giving to St. Catherine's a priority in your personal finances to use this moment to do so. I have enclosed a financial commitment form that includes information on electronic fund transfers from checking or savings accounts as well as through credit cards. Electronic fund transfers are done automatically on a weekly, biweekly, monthly, or bimonthly basis, which is very helpful to our cash flow and ensures your consistency in giving.

We have a beautiful new building built by you to house our many and vibrant parish programs. It would be such a shame if this was also the moment in our parish history that we need to reduce staff and programming because of financial issues. I entrust this problem to your prayer and family conversation and await your response in the coming week.

Please return the enclosed commitment form through the parish collection or by mail by March 5.

There were ninety responses to this letter; some were brand new givers and some were already giving and increased their gifts. Some were one-time gifts and others annual increases. Several of the above-mentioned people gave one-time gifts totaling \$22,820, which greatly helped with the immediate cash flow situation. The majority of responders increased their annual gifts, totaling \$75,672. The total increase was \$98,492. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all those who so generously responded to this situation. Our cash flow situation has been greatly improved. Overall it looks like we are narrowing in on our budget. While I want to take this moment to extend my gratitude, I would also like to challenge the rest of the community to continue to pray about their sacrificial giving to ensure that our community continues to thrive.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe".

CLOW AND CFF RESUME MAY 21

Children's Liturgy of the Word and Children's Faith Formation will resume sessions next Sunday, May 21, at their regular times. Estelle McKee will be the Children's Liturgy of the Word leader for this month. During CFF, grades 1-6 will gather to participate in the annual Parish Cleanup Day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 14	May Crowning
May 14	Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale
May 15	Parish Grounds Cleanup
May 25	Ascension Thursday
June 11	Parish Picnic



Happy
Mother's
Day

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: MAY 20/21

5:00 P.M.

Music	Bob Talda
Lector	Bob Gravani Shannon Bronson
Minister of Communion	Mary Lou Bailey-Smith - Host Gail Carruth - Host Judy Howell - Host Jill Dollaway - Cup (sub req'd) Steve Dollaway - Cup (sub req'd) Mary Hutchens- Cup Mary Kay LaLonde - Cup Steve Moolin - Cup
Altar Server	*** - Cross *** - Book
Minister of Hospitality	Eileen Gravani - 1 Bob Pochily - 2 Barbara E Hoyt - 3 John Sipple - 4

9:00 A.M.

Music	Youth Cantor
Brookdale	Madeline LaRocca
Lector	Margaret DeGaetano Art DeGaetano
Minister of Communion	Diane Bradac - Host Bill Perkins - Host Colleen Perkins - Host Hannah Brown - Cup Amy DeGaetano - Cup Marion Krohn - Cup Susan Ruswick - Cup Tori Wishart - Cup
Altar Server	Anthony Lynch - Cross Luke Lynch - Book
Minister of Hospitality	Lucia Younger - 1 Azucena Ortega - 2 Nathaniel & Beverly Way - 3 John Wishart - 4 Gigi & Ted Galanthay - 5 Marty Whetzel - 6

11:30 A.M.

Music	Mary Martin
Lector	*** Sean Scanlon
Minister of Communion	Valerie Evans - Host *** - Host *** - Host Robert Brown - Cup Mary Ellen Cummings - Cup Carla Marceau - Cup Pat Wynn - Cup *** - Cup
Altar Server	Francesca Santelli - Cross Jack Bonassar - Book
Minister of Hospitality	Ellen Walsh - 1 *** - 2 Kevin Walsh - 3 Amanyi Richardson - 4 Cathy Buttner - 5 Jane, Maggie & Lizzie Bonassar - 6

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