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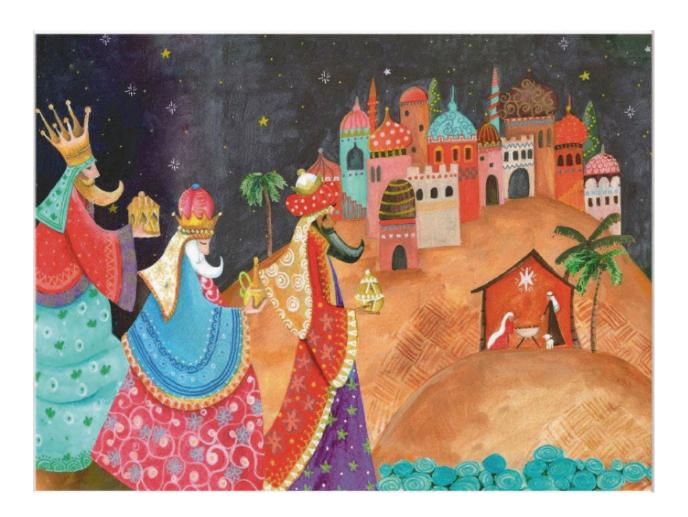
December 11, 2022—Third Sunday of Advent



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOURNEY WITH THE MAGI



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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pastoral-council-minutes

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing for the Needy

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

Blue Mutual Aid Food Cabinet

We host a blue food cabinet in front of the church, which functions as a small food pantry that is available for all community members. Anyone is invited to donate or take food from the cabinet.

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

St. Catherine's, as a member of Area Churches Together (ACT), supports the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry with food donated by parishioners and volunteer hours.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11:30 a.m. All Masses available to attend in person or via livestream; also archived and available anytime at www.tinyurl.com/ StCatLivestream.

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

Daily Mass Schedule

We offer daily Mass on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. These Masses are available to attend in person or via livestream (www.tinyurl.com/ StCatLivestream).

Church Hours

The church is open for prayer when the Parish Office is open: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday and and Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. Please enter through the east door.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4–4:50 p.m. and 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. 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 Fr. Joe.

Holy Orders:

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

The collection numbers for December 4 were not available at the time of printing. We will print them next week.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Income – November 27, 2022

	10/27/22	Year-to-Date
Sunday Mass Envelope Collection:	\$6,639	\$90,543
Loose Collection:	\$562	\$18,406
Electronic Giving (Sunday Collection):	\$3,057	\$109,300
Holy Days:	\$0	\$2,168
Christmas:	\$10	\$10
Easter:		\$100
Collection to Support Schools:		\$1,082
Collection for Buildings and Grounds:	\$100	\$4,450
Christmas Flowers:	\$371	\$371
Votive Candles:		\$630
Memorials:		\$350
Total Collection for This Week:	\$10,258	\$226,927
Average Weekly Budgeted Operating Expenses:	\$14,071	
Surplus (Shortfall) for This Week and Year-to-Date:	(\$3,813)	
We anticipate an operating loss for this fiscal year.		

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

So far, 94 donors have pledged \$38,891 toward our goal of \$60,000. That's 65 percent of our goal! Please prayerfully consider donating to the CMA. Thank you for your generosity.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: DECEMBER 12-18

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

Monday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. MASS: Katherine Kerwin Ryan by the Ryan Family

Tuesday, December 13

Memorial of St. Lucy

10:30 a.m. MASS AT KENDAL: Michele Chloe Garcia by Amy

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Peace & Justice Committee

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, December 14

Memorial of St. John of the Cross

9:00 a.m. MASS: Mary & Jim Gilligan and Deceased Family Members by the Gilligan Family

12:00 p.m. Rotary Club

5:45 p.m. Adult Faith Committee

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 15

9:30 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer

6:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.

Thursday, December 15 (continued)

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 16

9:00 a.m. MASS: Our Godchildren by Jeff & Jane Doyle

6:00 p.m. Middle School Christmas Event

Saturday, December 17

10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Baptism Class

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. MASS: Janet Ingraffea by Her Family and Our Parishioners

6:00 p.m. Rosary

Sunday, December 18

9:00 a.m. MASS: Gloria Leclere by Jeff & Jane Doyle

10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant

10:00 a.m. Social Hour

11:30 a.m. MASS: Gertrude Vrabel by Jeannie Barnaba

12:30 p.m. Social Hour

2:00 p.m. Advent Meditation with Ashley, Tom, and Alejandro

Parish Information

GIVING TREE

If you signed up to buy gifts for our Giving Tree, please place your gifts in the labeled bins in the atrium before or after Mass **this weekend**, **December 10/11**. Volunteers will be available to accept your gifts until 4 p.m. on Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity!

CAYUGA VOCAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT

This Sunday, December 11, at 4 p.m. in the church, the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble (CVE) will present "Radiant Dawn," a concert featuring music by MacMillan, Lauridsen, and Tallis, as well as a premiere of Christine Donkin's *Sorrow Into Song*. We are very fortunate to have CVE presenting their winter and spring concerts at St. Catherine's each year. Please come and be inspired by CVE's beautiful seasonal offering of music!

ADVENT MEDITATION WITH ASHLEY, TOM AND ALEJANDRO

You are in for a real treat **next Sunday, December 18, at 2 p.m**. Ashley Blank, with Tom Loredo (guitar) and Alejandro Bernard-Papchryssanthou (keyboards), will present "Quietly Waiting," an Advent Meditation, in the church. For those who have heard Ashley sing, you know what an incredible gift she has to share. Joined by Tom and Alejandro, she will present a collection of songs by Lauren Daigle, Amy Grant, Christy Nockels, Audrey Assad, and Sara Groves. The program will be approximately one hour in length and will allow us to experience a quiet time of meditation during this busy season. Don't miss the opportunity to be blessed by the musical gifts of Ashley, Tom, and Alejandro!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Children's Faith Formation Christmas pageant will be held **next Sunday**, **December 18**, **between the 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.** All are welcome to come watch our kids in their performance.

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Mass Attendance,	N OVEMBER	26/27
	In person	Virtual
November 26, 5 p.m.:	77	85
November 27, 9 a.m.:	207	123
November 27, 11:30 a.m.	95	109
Total:	379	317
Church capacity:	1,200	

WITH OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

If you've recently lost a loved one, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We want to make sure that all our parishioners who have recently lost a loved one receive a small gift: a poinsettia plant for

Christmas as a tangible expression of our church family's sympathies. We did our very best to make sure we're getting one to everyone who has recently experienced this loss; however, if



you anticipated receiving one and don't get it in the next several days, we want to make sure you have one before Christmas. Would you kindly call our office at 607-257-2493 if you don't receive a plant by Friday, December 16? Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who came to the church on Thursday, November 16, to help change out the Breaking Bread hymnals. In an hour's time, they removed the plastic covers from all of the 2022 hymnals, placed them on the 2023 hymnals, and distributed all of the newly covered hymnals into the pews. It's a cumbersome job with only one or two hands, but with 10–12 people working together, the job went quickly. A big thank you to all who helped to complete a big task in a short amount of time!

Because the 2023 Breaking Bread hymnals include the full readings for each Sunday, they are bigger. Two of them will no longer fit together in the hymnal carrel as in past years. We have placed the extra hymnals at the ends of the pews, and you can help keep the church looking neat by replacing them at the ends of the pews before leaving after each Mass. Thanks for your cooperation!

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS

Just a reminder that if you would like to make an end-of-year gift to the parish, please make sure it is postmarked **before December 31** to be counted for this year. We are so grateful for your generosity!

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Mass Attendance,	DECEMBER 3	3/4
	In person	Virtual
November 26, 5 p.m.:	137	115
November 27, 9 a.m.:	200	178
November 27, 11:30 a.m.	120	66
Total:	4 57	359
Church capacity:	1,200	
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FROM THE BOOK OF JOE

Dear Parish Family,

To continue with our ongoing discussion on the Eucharist: Catholic Mass as we know it has its origins in the fourth century. So, what did the first followers of Jesus do for the first 375 someodd years?

The ritual developed over time. The first followers of the Way (they were not called Christians until Paul did so in Antioch in 42 AD, many years after Christ's death). The first century followers of Jesus were Jews, and as Jews, they continued gathering in the synagogues.

In the second century, according to Pliny Caecilius, the early Christians would gather on *Status dies*, Sunday. They would sing a hymn, make oaths to live a by a certain moral code, disperse, and then gather later in the day for a shared meal. There was certainly no uniformity in these gatherings.

During the third century, the Christian community was being persecuted, which meant they were still underground. The gatherings moved around from safe house to safe house. There were still no written liturgical texts; psalms and the Lord's Prayer were recited by memory, prayers were said extemporaneously, and some communities had letters from the apostles or copies. They did take, bless, break, give bread and wine, and we can see the beginnings of ritual customs and liturgical actions.

Not until the fourth century, with the Edict of Milan in 313 AD, when Christianity gained legal status, did the liturgy begin to take shape. It was not until the Edit of Thessalonica in 380 AD, when Christianity became the religion of the Empire, that we really start to see the liturgy develop. The earliest surviving liturgical texts that we have date to the seventh century; the earliest musical texts date around the ninth century. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (386 AD), St. Athanasius (373 AD), St. Chrysostom (407 AD), and St. Basil (379 AD) all give us detailed descriptions of the rituals they celebrated. Once the faith became tolerated (in the Edict of Galerius in 311 AD), the liturgical life of the Church began to blossom.

Peace,



PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Greg Dipasquale, Jack Colangelo, Kathy Boice, Allegra LaFalce, Julian Kuczma, Bonnie Beccue, James Bilinski, Elizabeth Colangelo, Zackery Dawson, Ron Ross, Mike Herzog, Fran and Heidi Kallfelz, Elijah Touchton, Dee Loredo, Cara Wynn, Madeline LaRocca, David Sirois, David Touchton, Bud Eckert, Lonnie Slape, Andrea Caraccilo, Mary Mulvanerton, Bruce Bland, and Roy Dexheimer.

Please hold in prayer those who have died in the peace of Christ:

John Jones, father of Carolann Saggese; Lucille Fetsko, mother of Frank Fetsko; William Buttner, husband of Catherine Buttner; and Barbara Hoyt, friend of Laurie Foster.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are still in dire need of collection counters, as well as liturgical ministers, especially for the Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please prayerfully consider whether you might be called to join one of these ministries. Please contact June in the Parish Office at 607-257-2493 or june.haynor@dor.org. Thank you so much!

MUSIC, READINGS, AND PRAYERS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our cantors are Janet Strebel (5 p.m.); Bob Talda (9 a.m.); and Lisa Hens (11:30 a.m.).

Prelude: Enter the Journey, verse 3 (Breaking Bread #648)



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Processional Hymn: *Companions on the Journey* (Breaking Bread #592)



(continued)



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Greeting

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

Penitential Act



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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Is 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm



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Second Reading: Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation – Mass of Quiet Waiting



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Gospel Dialogue

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

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mt 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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.

Prayers of the Faithful

People's Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn – *Earthen Vessels* (Breaking Bread #419)



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Invitation to Prayer

Priest: ...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

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.

Holy, Holy – Mass of Quiet Waiting



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Memorial Acclamation – Mass of Quiet Waiting



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Great Amen – *Mass of Quiet Waiting*



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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: ...who live and reign forever and ever.

People: Amen.

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

People: And with your spirit.

Lamb of God – *Mass of Quiet Waiting*



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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.

People: 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.

Communion Hymn – We Come to Your Feast (Gather #938)





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Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn – O Come, Divine Messiah (Gather #401)



Text: *Venez, divin Messie*; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663–1745; tr. by Sr. Mary of St. Philip, SND, 1825–1904, alt. Tune: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE, 7 8 7 6 with refrain; French Noël, 16th C.; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880–1968. All rights reserved. Used with permission of OneLicense #A-728114.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: DECEMBER 17/18			
5:00 P.M.			
Sacristan	Mary Lou Bailey-Smith		
Commentator	***		
Lector 1	Bob Talda		
Lector 2	Gregory Menzenski		
Ministers of Communion	Jill Dollaway Steve Dollaway Deb Roe		
Ministers of Hospitality	Thomas Every—Main 1 John Sipple—Main 2 Silvia Abbiati—East 3 Robin Tobin—West 4 Mary Kay LaLonde—East 5 ***—West 6		
Holy Cleaner	Patricia Sipple		
9:00 A.M.			
Sacristan	Bonita Lindberg		
Commentator	Jonathan Lunine		
Lector 1	Bill Perkins		
Lector 2	Cecelia Linscott		
Ministers of Communion	Debbie Cherney Stephen Jesch Colleen Perkins		
Ministers of Hospitality	***—Main 1 Jennifer McGuire—Main 2 John Sipple—East 3 Marty Whetzel—West 4 ***—East 5 Colleen Barnes—West 6		
Holy Cleaner	Poppy McLeod (sub req'd)		
	11:30 A.M.		
Sacristan	Catherine Raghunandan		
Commentator	***		
Lector 1	Jeannie Barnaba		
Lector 2	Jessica Ryan		
Ministers of Communion	*** *** ***		
Ministers of Hospitality	Mary Ann Albonesi—Main 1 Valerie Evans—Main 2 ***—East 3 Jane Bonassar—West 4 David Albonesi—East ***—West 6		
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