

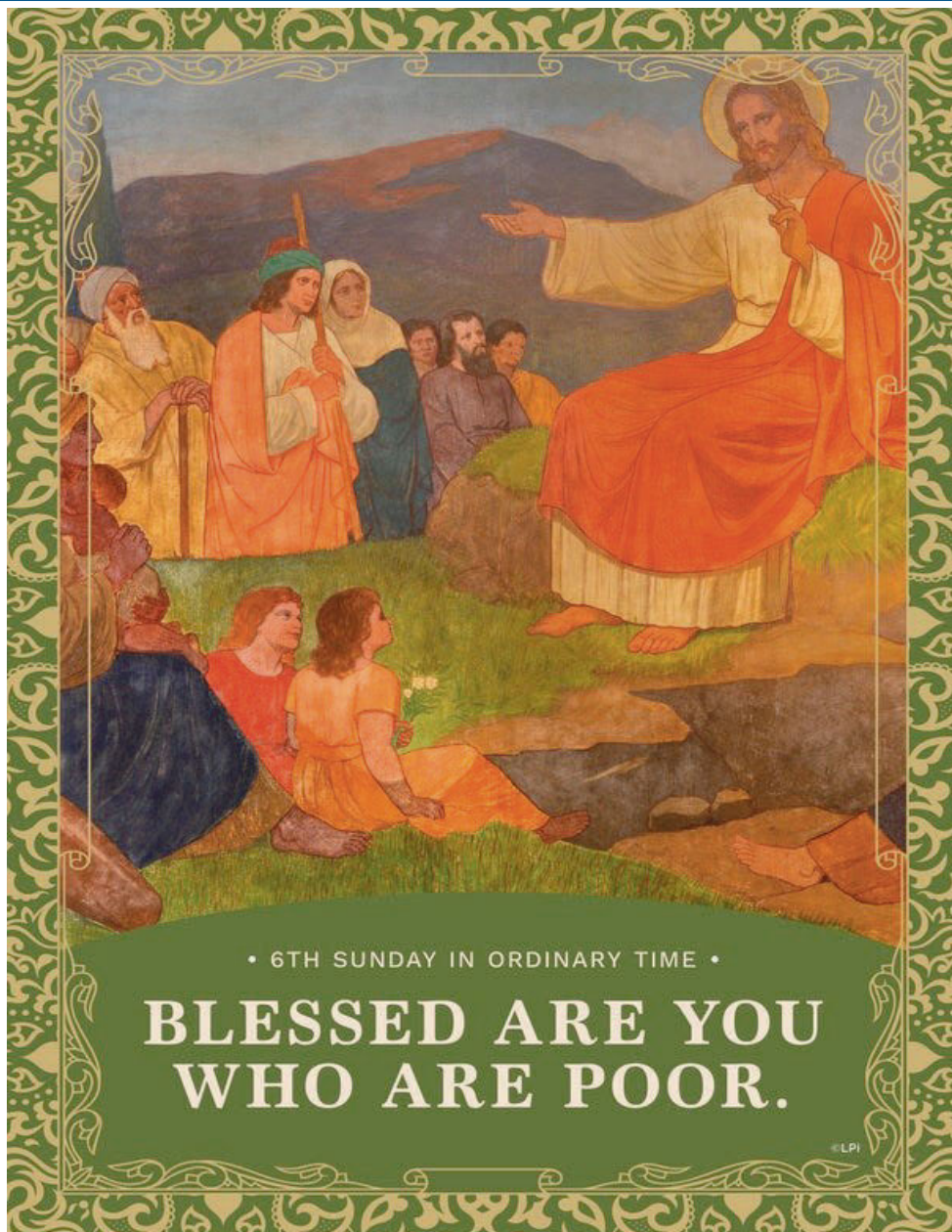
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 16, 2025—Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to actively participate 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 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 Church is a Tompkins County Living Wage Employer

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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Office Hours: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

MINISTRY TEAM

Parochial Administrator

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Regional Finance Office

315-252-7111

Please contact the Finance Office with any questions regarding contributions to the parish.

TRUSTEES

Bob Pochily, Mary Crosley

COUNCIL CHAIRS

Pastoral Council: Ted Skibinski, tedski27@gmail.com

Finance Council: Amanda Soule Shaw,

amanda.shaw@cornell.edu

Pastoral Council minutes available at stcathofsiena.org/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 at tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream.

Accommodations: *Gluten-reduced hosts* are available; please go to the presiding priest during Communion.

Personal listening receivers are available in the Atrium.

Daily Mass Schedule

We offer daily Mass on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.; on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m.; and on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. We also celebrate Mass at Kendal of Ithaca (2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.); Bridges Cornell Heights (3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.); and Brookdale Senior Living (4th Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.).

Church Hours

The church is open for prayer when the Parish Office is open: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday 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. Please fill out the Baptism Registration Form on our website.

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. Please fill out the Marriage Registration Form on our website.

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. John directly at 607-302-0143. Please alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Corner, please 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. John.

Holy Orders:

Please contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: FEBRUARY 17—FEBRUARY 23

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

Monday, February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Presidents' Day

Parish Office Closed

5:30 p.m. MASS: For Peace in the World

7:00 p.m. Cayuga Vocal Ensemble, Church

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council, Conference Room

7:30 p.m. Monday Night SCC, Pastoral Care Room

Tuesday, February 18

9:00 a.m. MASS: Living & Deceased Members of the Doyle & Leclere Families by Jeff & Jane Doyle

10:30 a.m. MASS: at Bridges

7:00 p.m. Trivia Wrap-up Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Ignatian Prayer, Pastoral Care Room

9:00 a.m. MASS: Ann Cappucci Antil and Fred Antil by Pat & Jack Clark

10:00 a.m. Task Force Meeting, Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

Thursday, February 20

9:00 a.m. MASS: Geraldine Hens by Lisa Hens

9:30 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer, Pastoral Care Room

6:00 p.m. Children's Choir, Church

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Church

Friday, February 21

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. MASS: For the hungry

Saturday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:10 a.m. AA, Conference Room

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. MASS: Madeline LaRocca by the Piliero & LaFalce families

Sunday, February 23

9:00 a.m. MASS: Ivanka Gillet by the Steh Family and Our Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Pastoral Care Room

10:00 a.m. Faith Formation, Mahler Hall

10:00 a.m. Middle School Confirmation Prep, Conference Room

11:30 a.m. MASS: Catherine Follis by the Bonassar family

1:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, Mahler Hall

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Janet Crosley, Laura Woodbury, José Drost, Sue Hyatt, Jamie Halvarson, Mabel Bunting, Kristin Treat, Harry Peirce, Megan Spaulding, Jo-An Hagin, Grace Canzoneri, Steve DeGloria, Donna Updike, Chris Hughes, Greg Ferguson, Lisa Ordway, Gene Milliman, Connie Bates, Katherine Kinsella, Joe Leclere, June Haynor, Chloe Wetzel, Kathy Teeter, Ramona Forney, Donna Dutton, Emily O'Mara, Cindy Horner, Ruth Horner, Joan Dalbano, Stephanie Hawkins, Beth Hawkins, Burt Allen, Danny Palardy, Lee Miller, Ruthe Bruen, Dale Bathe, James Bilinski, Lonnie Slape, and Andrea Caraccilo.

Please hold in prayer those who have died in the peace of Christ: Mary Bialkowski, aunt of Lisa Hens

MASS ATTENDANCE, Feb 8/9

	In person	Virtual
Feb. 1, 5 p.m.:	58	156
Feb. 2, 9 a.m.:	89	
Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m.:	89	
Total:	236	156
Church capacity:	1,200	

DAILY READINGS

Monday, February 17—Gen 4:1-15, 25, Ps 50/Lm 8m 16bc-17, 20-21, Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 18—Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10, Ps 29:1a, 2,3ac-4,3b & 9c-10, Mk 8:11-13

Wednesday, February 19—Gen 8:6-13, 20-22, Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19, Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20—Gen 9:1-13, Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23, Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 21—Gen 11:1-9, Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15, Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 22—1Pet 5:1-4, Ps 23:1-3a, 4,5,6, Mat 16:13-19

A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey.

Due to illness, we will not have the Collection results for this week. Stay tuned next week for our Financial report.

Why is our achieving the goal for this strategy initiative so important?

- For St. Catherine's to continue for the future, our parish must have financial stability as shown by a balanced operating revenues and expenses report in each year, reflecting the levels of staffing in 2023-24.
- Using 2023-24 as the base year, the Task Force designed an initiative, so our parish could demonstrate its willingness to increase its offertory giving by \$100,000.
- In this way, the increased revenues would have eliminated the actual deficit.

Parish Information

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Please prayerfully consider donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Envelopes are available in the Parish Office or in the Atrium. We are currently at \$31,176 of our \$63,000 goal. That is donations from 95 parishioners and is equal to 49.5% of our goal. **Thank you for your generosity!**



MASS INTENTIONS OPEN

There are many Mass intentions open for 2025, including both weekday and weekend Masses. If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living loved one, or another special intention, please contact the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$10— this hasn't changed in many years, something you can't say about any other price.

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are in need of collection counters right now. If you have time during the morning, it is a biweekly commitment. Counters work in a team to count and record the money collected at weekend Masses. Counting is usually done on Monday mornings, and training is provided. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sandi Mettler at 315-246-5392.

THANK YOU!

The Pastoral Council would like to thank those who attended the "Parishioner Listening Sessions" organized by the Task Force. We'd like to thank the members of our choir. And we would like to thank those who volunteer as catechists for our young people.

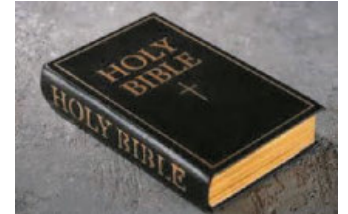
IMMIGRATION

The Peace & Justice Committee invites you to learn about immigration and our community. On **Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room**, Estelle McKee will be here to discuss the issues with us. Come and let's learn together! Estelle McKee is a Clinical Professor of Law at Cornell Law School who has practiced immigration law since 2003. She co-founded and directs the Asylum and Convention Against Torture Appellate Clinic, which has been representing individuals on appeal who are challenging their removal orders and seeking asylum or other forms of humanitarian relief. She teaches

courses and publishes in the areas of immigration, appellate practice, and legal writing. She has also trained federal court staff, public defenders, and public-interest immigration attorneys throughout the United States in appellate advocacy and applied legal storytelling. Check the event flyer for the full agenda.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study continues its discussion of *The Gospel According to Luke* on all the Sundays in February at 10:15 to 11:20 a.m. (between the Masses) in the Pastoral Care Room. All are welcome to join in at any time. BYOB (Bring your own Bible) or borrow one of ours.



OFFICE HELP NEEDED FOR THE CENSUS

Do you have some time to make phone calls to help complete the census? Instructions are available in the office and it is a simple task to call, verify information or to leave a voice message if no answer. Thanks for your help. Call the office at 607-257-2493 and tell Lisa Hens when you can do this.

cma@dor.org

The above address represents an easy way for you to donate online to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The diocesan goal for 2024-2025 is \$6,925,000 and represents a 3% increase over last year's goal. This is the first increase in the overall CMA goal in six years.

What one way does the CMA help St. Catherine's financially?

The Diocese is able to obtain lower rates on insurance, benefits, utilities, and other services based on economies of scale for our parish, that, we standing alone, would not be able to negotiate. 27% of all money raised by the appeal goes toward this allocation.

How can you help our Parish reach its goal?

Simply go online at < cma@dor.org > and enter your gift amount. Each donation will bring St. Catherine's closer to its individual goal of \$63,000.

In the Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us and to share our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.

JUBILEE YEAR: BRING HOPE TO PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

During this holy Jubilee Year, we are called to be *tangible signs of hope* for brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. US international life-saving humanitarian and development assistance makes up **less than 1%** of the annual federal budget. Catholic Relief Services receives grants through the US Agency for International Development (USAID) program to improve the health of mothers and babies, feed children so that they attend school, help farmers be more productive, dig wells, and respond to earthquakes and floods in the poorest countries around the world! These projects nurture hope, well-being and self-sufficiency. They save lives and create friends for the United States. The President has frozen spending on US foreign assistance, leaving Catholic Relief Services without adequate funds to continue this life-saving work. The US Catholic bishops are asking Catholics to contact their federal legislators on this issue. Please call our US House Representative, Josh Riley, at (202) 225-5441 and give his staff this message: *I am deeply concerned about the elimination of US foreign assistance that provides the poorest countries with humanitarian and development aid. The work of Catholic Relief Services is adversely affected by this freeze, which is hurting millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian, health and development assistance. Please encourage the President to let this life-saving aid flow.* Be sure to leave your name and county. This phone call will take a minute or two, but can make a big impact.



LITURGY COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Saint Catherine's Liturgy Committee is seeking a few new volunteers to meet quarterly to enhance the experience of Mass and scripture readings. The [Liturgy Committee](#) works with parish staff to determine seasonal themes, assists in planning liturgical celebrations (with a focus on Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter), and invites parishioners to participate more fully in liturgy. There is a great deal of thought and prayer that goes into making the scripture and holidays "more engaging" and relevant for all parishioners. Please reach out if you have any interest in serving in this ministry. For questions and to learn more, contact: Jane Doyle at jld26@cornell.edu

BEYOND THE PLATE

Beyond the Plate, a fundraiser for the Ithaca MobilePack/Feed My Starving Children, is an acclaimed culinary event that has captivated the hearts and taste buds of food enthusiasts countywide.



Beyond the Plate, a five-course gourmet dinner with wine pairing for each course, will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2025, from 5-9 p.m. in Mahler Hall. Tickets are \$120 each and go on sale at 9 a.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025. To purchase tickets, please visit the St. Catherine's website or visit tinyurl.com/BTP2025.

We are very excited to announce that our emcee for the evening will be **Ann Marie Eckert**. Chefs for this year include Jay Dietershagen (Crossroads Bar & Grille), Sam Epps (Gola Osteria), Jen Irwin & Stan Walton (formerly of Just a Taste, now operating "here." on Seneca Lake), and Serendipity Catering & Bar. Karl Kernan (Triphammer Wine & Spirits) will select the wines for each course.

How you can help

We need help at all stages of the dinner: setting up for the Beyond the Plate Dinner on Saturday, March 1 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. AND 2 more volunteers on kitchen duty during the Dinner (Sunday, March 2, 5-9 p.m.) We need servers during the Beyond the Plate dinner from 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. We also need additional people to help clean up after the dinner (8:45-10 p.m.) If you can help at any of these times, please let Mary Crosley (crosleym22@gmail.com) know. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES STAFF MEMBER VISIT: HEAR ABOUT CRS' WORK ON THE GROUND

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, Doreen Kargbo, a CRS staff member from the West African country of Sierra Leone, will give a presentation about her work, starting immediately following the 5:45PM Mass (approximately 6:45PM) at St. Catherine's. Come hear how CRS' work changes lives and upholds human dignity. A free meatless soup supper will be served. RSVPs encouraged, so we know how much soup to make! Contact Mary Crosley at 516-319-6752 or crosleym22@gmail.com



PEACE FESTIVAL THANKS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities extends a big thank you to St. Catherine of Siena parish for the recent donation of \$500 from proceeds raised at the Peace Festival last fall. (It takes a while for checks to be cut.) This gift will support our Justice & Peace Ministry's work to educate and activate people on issues of Catholic Social Teaching, helping them to live out their faith and build up Christ's reign on earth.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you so much for partnering with the Red Cross to bring health and hope to those in need.



- Your blood drive collected 33 units of life-saving blood on a goal of 22. THANK YOU!
- Every donation can help more than one person.
- You had 3 first time donors!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPERS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT

We are looking for groups or individuals willing to head up either Stations of the Cross or Soup Suppers on Fridays in Lent. Last year, our Soup Suppers had perhaps 20 people at the most for dinner after the Stations. Please contact Lisa Hens in the Parish Office (607-257-2493) if you are willing to help.

WE CAN TAKE ACTION TO END HUNGER

Are you wondering what you can do to end hunger? Come join us after the Masses on the weekend of February 22 and 23, 2025 to put our faith into action.

We are planning a letter writing campaign to our representatives in Congress to use our voices to help to end hunger and poverty. We are planning to hold this event after each mass on the weekend of February 22 and 23. We will be joining the letter writing campaign "Nourish Our Future" of Bread for the World to impact policies and programs in pursuing a world without hunger. This year, we are specifically addressing child hunger in the United States and severe malnutrition and famine around the world.

More than one in five children is at risk of hunger in the U.S. The Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children, also known as WIC, is the most significant and powerful program for pregnant women and children under the age of five. Last year WIC served seven million participants a month, including 40% of all infants in the U.S. WIC contributes to public health and the well-being of our nation. We are asking Congress to recommit to fully fund WIC now and in the future, to strengthen and develop programs that help families to enroll in WIC.

We are also asking Congress to recommit to support for Global Nutrition. In 2022 Congress passed the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act with strong bipartisan support. This program, along with other global assistance programs, is now suspended and in danger of elimination. In contrast to widely distributed misinformation, *less than 1% of the federal budget goes into global nutritional programs*, yet millions of children and mothers receive life saving aid through them. These programs also support U.S. strategic interest by promoting regional stability and strengthening relationships with neighboring countries. They purchase life saving nutritious foods from American farmers.

By contacting our congressional representatives, we aim to ensure that they support evidence-based, *effective programs that save lives and improve families' futures*.

Our parish's offering of letters, together with hundreds of churches and community organizations in the US, will amplify our impact. We are joining forces with advocates across the country to urge our representatives *to pursue a world where children have enough nourishing food and a world without hunger*.

If you are unable to join us for this event but would like to get involved in supporting this initiative, please check out <https://www.bread.org/offering-letters/> for tools for advocacy and connecting to our representatives.

HELP US CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY

MONTH, from St. Catherine's AntiRacist Book Club. We invite you to increase your knowledge of American history in weekly quotes from well-researched authors that surprised, motivated and sometimes embarrassed us. Please join us for Coffee Hour after 9 am mass February 23 to view and borrow the books we have read and discussed throughout the past four years.

Did you know... In recent years, different views of Reconstruction have emerged. "Black participation in Southern life was the most radical development of Reconstruction... The Union army included 180,000 Black soldiers/cooks/workers who learned to read and write. These men and women became educators and leaders during the Reformation." Their leadership was not universally welcomed by the defeated south.

White farmers, living in mountainous Appalachia in small self-sufficient farms, were isolated from the wealthy plantation owners. Many favored the Union and viewed the Civil War as a rich man's war and a poor man's fight. After the war, the entire south was devastated by the collapse of levees, lack of fresh seed for crops, battered tools and equipment, sons and husbands who died on the battlefields leaving plantations in the hands of their wives and elderly fathers. And then the boll weevil destroyed cotton production, allowing European countries to replace US cotton with linen in international trade. There were other crushing economic developments: capital was scarce, the institutional base and national leadership was fractured, world markets were struggling, loans were based on next year's crops and building a national railroad favored development west of the Mississippi River.

In contrast, the North had unparalleled economic opportunity and the industrial revolution was in full swing. There was a brief time when freed slaves were landowners (40 acres and a mule) but it did not last. President Andrew Jackson granted immunity to the Confederate leaders and soldiers creating "a tragedy that the lofty goals of civil and political equality were not permanently achieved."

Quotes from author Eric Foner, "A Short History of Reconstruction"

FROM THE BOOK OF FR. JOHN

I TAKE THIS CHANCE TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN:

May I take this opportunity to thank you all, for all that you do to make the work of evangelization a success in our parish, in our area, in our county, in our diocese of Rochester, in our country and in the world. The Chinese saying that you walk alone you will not walk far, but when we walk together, we will cover miles. Thank you for walking the talk in the work of evangelization. We depend on each one of you to make our Mission a success. I promise you my prayers as you continue to pull together, from the few days old parishioner to those who are enjoying sharing their wisdom with us.

God bless you and reward you for making Saint Catherine's parish Ithaca's flag, keep on flying in every aspect, through your contribution feel blessed.

I keep you in my prayers every day for we are in this together. Thank you.

GIVING MADE EASY EFT (ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER)

Do you know there is an easy way to donate to St. Catherine's...no cash to carry, no checks to write, no envelopes to remember? Here are the simple steps:

<stcathofsiena.org> Website

"Who We Are"

"Online Giving"

"Direct Payment Plan form"

Print off form, fill it out, and return it to the Regional Finance Office at the address listed. Many of our parishioners already use this convenient way of conveying their stewardship gifts to the parish.



YOUTH NEWS

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are actively seeking altar servers! Anyone who has received First Eucharist is eligible to be an altar server. If interested, please contact Fr. John.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025

Want to join other Catholic teens from our parish, diocese and around the country for faith, prayer, fun, service and more? Then consider attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 20-22, 2025 in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is often the most anticipated youth event throughout our diocese and country and is one that has proven to be a "mountaintop experience" for hundreds of teens in our diocese. For more details contact Rich at rich.rasmussen@dor.org



YOUTH MASS ON FIRST SUNDAYS AT 9 A.M.

Our new tradition is off to a great start! Youth Masses will be the first Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. The next one is March 2nd. We are looking for children and teens to be involved as lectors, choir members, musicians, altar servers, hospitality ministers and more. Contact Rich to sign up for a role for the next one!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will be having CLOW weekly during the 9am mass. This is for children of **all ages**. There is no need to sign up in advance. All children are welcome. Fr. John will call the children forward at the beginning of mass.

SIGN UP FOR RICH'S NEWSLETTER

Rich, our Faith Formation Director, puts out a wonderful newsletter for families and youth. If you are not already receiving this newsletter and would like to receive it, email rich.rasmussen@dor.org to get on the mailing list.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our high school youth group will meet on Sunday, February 23rd from 1-2:30 p.m. at Mahler Hall. Please join us!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation sessions are in Mahler Hall at 10:15am Sundays roughly every other week. Contact Rich for more information.

CONFIRMATION & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Confirmation Prep/MS Youth Group will meet roughly every other week at 10 a.m. in Mahler Hall. The next meeting is Sunday, February 23rd Contact Rich for more information.

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT MUSIC MINISTRY

Calling all teen and young adult music lovers! If you are between the ages of 14-21, help us grow our new music ministry with fun music that you help choose, perform, share and experience!

Music that speaks to you as a Catholic, as a musician, or just as a young person. Whether you only want to try it once or you want to perform weekly or monthly or for service events, or if you would just like to help organize or choose music, play an instrument, or sing, we need to hear from you! Please contact tyme.baez@dor.org if you are interested.

YOUTH CHOIR

We welcome any children or young teens interested in participating in youth choir, which will sing at youth masses the first Sunday of the month and special masses such as Easter. Weekly rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in the church. Please come! No need to sign up in advance.



EASTER YOUTH CHOIR

The youth choir will begin rehearsing in March for the Easter Mass. This is a great opportunity for any children or teens who cannot commit to the choir on a regular basis but would like to be a part of it for special masses. Stay tuned for a start date!

CONTACTS

Rich Rasmussen-Faith Formation Director:
rich.rasmussen@dor.org

Tyme Baez-Children's Choir and Teen Music Ministry
Director: tyme.baez@dor.org

READINGS, AND PRAYERS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional: *Christ in Me Arise*, Breaking Bread 503

Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Jer 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings,
 who seeks his strength in flesh,
 whose heart turns away from the LORD.
 He is like a barren bush in the desert
 that enjoys no change of season,
 but stands in a lava waste,
 a salt and empty earth.
 Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
 whose hope is the LORD.
 He is like a tree planted beside the waters
 that stretches out its roots to the stream:
 it fears not the heat when it comes;
 its leaves stay green;
 in the year of drought it shows no distress,
 but still bears fruit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Response:



Second Reading: 1Cor 15:12. 16-20

Brothers and sisters:

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead,
 how can some among you say there is no resurrection
 of the dead?

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been
 raised,

and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain;
 you are still in your sins.

Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have
 perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,
 we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead,
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to
 Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve
 and stood on a stretch of level ground
 with a great crowd of his disciples
 and a large number of the people
 from all Judea and Jerusalem
 and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.
 And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
 for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,
 for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,
 for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
 and when they exclude and insult you,
 and denounce your name as evil
 on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same
 way.

But woe to you who are rich,
 for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,
 for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Universal Prayer

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: Give Me Jesus, Breaking Bread #669

Invitation to Prayer

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

People: May the Lord accept 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.

Priest: ... we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy – Jubilation Mass

Priest: The mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation – Jubilation Mass



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Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

Great Amen – Jubilation Mass



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Priest: ... we dare to say:

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: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Sign of Peace

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

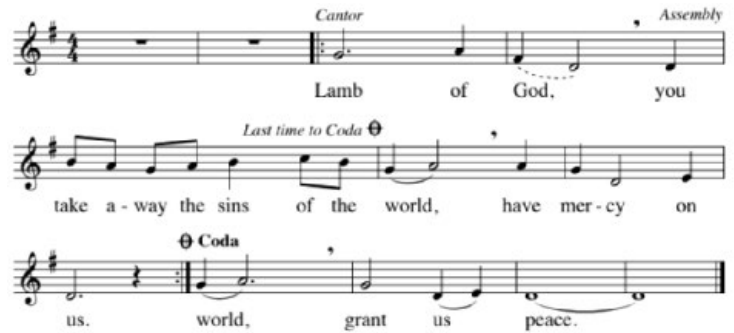
People: Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God – Jubilation Mass



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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 who are 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.

Communion Hymn: *Only A Shadow*, Breaking Bread #568

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Let us pray. ... Through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: *How Can I Keep from Singing*, Breaking Bread #569

Justice, Peace and Life

February 2025

We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved.

- [Pope Francis](#)

Love Your Neighbors— All of Them



"Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources"
Pope Francis

Click on the names of these regional organizations to learn more about how to stand with immigrants:

[Catholic Charities Family and Community Services](#)

[Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga](#)

[Worker Justice Center of New York](#)

[Alianza Agricola](#)

Stand up for people FROM other countries:

Catholics are standing up against the recent changes to federal immigration policies that are causing fear among our fellow Catholics and other people living in our diocese and across the country. Immigrants with and without documentation are afraid of being detained. Threats of mass deportations and the presence of heavily armed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in cities in central New York have a chilling effect on people's willingness to go out in public and to send their children to school.

Pope Francis and U.S. Catholic bishops have spoken out against mass deportation and the dehumanization of immigrants. Bishop Salvatore Matano wrote in his [recent letter](#) to the faithful about the injustice of painting a group of people with the same broad brush and the need for laws that are truly just. He writes:

"Because a very needed reform of immigration laws has yet to be achieved, persons who have come to this country to build a new life and who are contributing to society in many ways have found themselves in uncertainty. Like our ancestors who sought a new beginning in America, many hard-working immigrants desire a legal path to permanent residency and citizenship but a broken immigration system has not yet afforded them this possibility."

Let's remember Jesus' word that when we fail to welcome strangers, we fail to welcome Him.

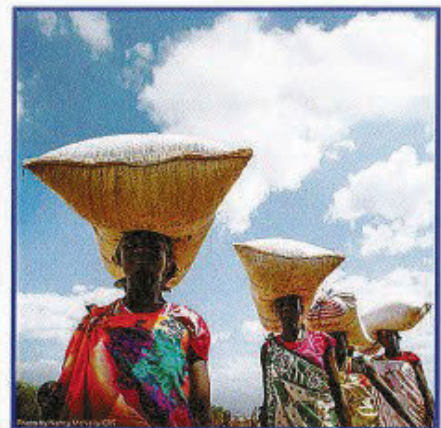
Stand up for people IN other countries: Protest the Freeze on Humanitarian Assistance

From Catholic Relief Services: **"Your help is urgently needed! Let your members of Congress know that you are deeply concerned about the Administration's recent decision to stop work on almost all U.S. foreign assistance programs. This freeze will be detrimental to millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian, health and development assistance."**

The Administration has begun to issue immediate stop work orders on almost all foreign aid as they review State Department and USAID programs between now and April 20.

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Humanitarian Assistance Freeze....

Catholic Relief Services and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are calling on us to denounce the president's executive order to freeze aid to low income countries. In a [backgrounder on international aid](#), the USCCB wrote:

International poverty-reducing humanitarian and development assistance makes up less than 1% of the annual federal budget. This small fraction of the budget supports the poorest and most vulnerable communities around the world.

Global health programs improve maternal and child health, reduce malnutrition, prevent malaria, and help orphans and vulnerable children affected and infected by HIV and AIDS. Development projects help farmers be more sustainable, increase access to and improve the quality of children's education, provide access to clean drinking water, prevent trafficking in persons, and build resilience in the face of climate change. Humanitarian interventions respond to urgent natural and human induced disasters, protect refugees and internally displaced persons, and provide U.S. grown commodities to people in need. Development finance mechanisms provide debt relief to the lowest-income countries and promote private investments that bolster health, agriculture, energy security, infrastructure, and small businesses in low-income countries.

Tell your members of Congress to engage with the Administration to reverse this life-destroying policy.

You can use this [link](#) (also linked on the home page of CRS at www.crs.org).

Unfortunately, there is no link on the White House web site to use to communicate via e-mail with the president or his staff. Letters to the president can be sent to:

1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500



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New York State
Catholic Conference

Support for New York Families with Children

Join the New York State Catholic Conference is asking our State legislators in Albany to include Governor Kathy Hochul's [proposal](#) to increase the **NYS Child Tax credit** in the state budget. Tax credits are an effective way to help low and moderate income working families. Shamefully, the child poverty rate is around 18% in our state (nearly 1 in 5 children). This proposal will help struggling families to make ends meet. Go to [this link](#) to contact your State Assembly Member and State Senator on this issue.

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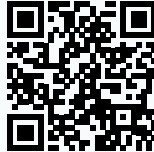
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