

# St. Catharine

## Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, December 6, 2020



### Eucharist - Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:30 PM  
Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 NOON

### Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 8 AM (11:30 AM Mass suspended until 2021)  
Saturday 9 AM

Daily Masses are celebrated in the Church.

### Holiday / Holy Day Schedule

9AM Mass on Holidays; Consult the bulletin for Holy Days.

### Confession / Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3-4 PM in the Church or by appointment.

Rectory Hours Monday - Thursday 9AM-4 PM  
Friday 9AM-12:30 PM

### Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 2PM and Saturday, Feb. 13 at 1PM. Please call the rectory office (hours above) to schedule a Baptism. If this is your first child, you also need to plan on attending a Pre-Baptismal class which takes place on a bi-monthly basis. Baptism is not celebrated during Lent.

### Marriage

Arrangements must be made with a priest at the rectory ONE YEAR prior to date of Marriage.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

A process for non-Catholics who wish to experience parish community and join the Catholic Church. Also for Catholics who wish to return to the Church or have not celebrated Eucharist.

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is in the Ministry Center Chapel following the 8AM Liturgy until Benediction at 11AM (except July & August).

### Anointing of Sick

Communal celebration as scheduled or individual Anointing at home by appointment.

### Visitation to Homebound

Contact the rectory to arrange for a visit to home, hospital or nursing home.

### Education

Academy of Our Lady 201-445-0622

Pre K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, including before school and after school care.

Religious Education 201-444-5690

For children in grades K-8 who attend a public school.

### Parish Registration

New parishioners and those not registered, please take a Welcome Packet from the Narthex and return the registration form to the rectory. Registration forms are also available on our website. Please inform the rectory if you move or change phone number.

### Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Catharine, are dedicated to spreading the Good News by word and example. Nourished by the Eucharist, we seek to advance God's Kingdom by enriching spiritual life, increasing parishioner involvement, deepening commitment to social justice, fostering communication, and building community.



Sunday, December 6, 2020

### Second Sunday of Advent

*Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low.*  
— Isaiah 40:4

#### Today's Readings

**First Reading** The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalms** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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#### Watching for Christ's Coming

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, "Never forget what I did for you." Instead, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He calls us to remember by doing, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, "celebration is wholly communion and feast" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

#### Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

#### Eucharistic Bread and Sacramental Wine

Donated this weekend in honor of living & deceased members of the Geyer & Vetter Families

Donated by Ellen Geyer



#### Mass Intentions for the Week

##### Saturday, December 5

9 AM Rita Marino *req. Karen & Tom O'Keefe and Family*  
5:30 PM Richard Geyer *req. Ellen Geyer*  
Anthony Curcio (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) *req. Michele O'Neill*

##### Sunday, December 6

8 AM All Parishioners  
10 AM Charles (Punch) Garvey (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
*req. Lou & Pat Walden*  
Lois M. Dunlap *req. Ilenko Family*  
12 PM Francis Gizzi (34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) *req. Gizzi Family*

##### Monday, December 7

8 AM Cindy Emery *req. Loving brothers & sisters*

##### Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

8 AM Geraldine Barry *req. Cynthia & Ron Barry*  
12:05 PM William Floyd, Jr. *req. Tom & Dolores Floyd*  
7:30 PM Alonso Escalante, Sr. *req. Escalante Family*

##### Wednesday, December 9

8 AM Carlo Catenaccio *req. Mary Gizzi and Family*

##### Thursday, December 10

8 AM Romualdo De Sensi *req. Vila Family*

##### Friday, December 11

8 AM Edward & Dolores Bennett *req. Estate*

##### Saturday, December 12

9 AM Ed Hughes *req. Eleanor Hunter & Maureen Strysko*  
5:30 PM Peter Tracy *req. Audrey Tracy*  
Michael Collopy *req. Mulhauser Family*

##### Sunday, December 13

8 AM Harold & Kevin Rew  
*req. Mary Teresa Rew & Carol Ann Rew*  
10 AM Maureen Matthews *req. Cassidy Family*  
William Hunter *req. Cassidy Family*  
12 PM Anthony Garofalo, Sr. *req. Antoinette Pucci*

#### Prayers for the Recently Deceased



William Brazel, Thomas Sweeney  
and Diane Lautermilch

Our parish community extends our deepest sympathy  
to each family on their loss.

#### Prayers for the Sick

**We remember those who are ill, especially:**

Pasquale Amato, Jim Bull, Cathy Dargento,  
Katherine Dworetzky, Fred Gaudart, Bernie Gay,  
Brandon Higgins, Paul David Johnson, Erma McCarthy,  
Alda Mechetti, Joseph Neri, Alexis Nunez, Joe Rorro,  
Nicole Salzano, Eileen Skinner, Mary Sweeney,  
Mary Thumann, Audrey Tracy and Carol Van Savage.



# Christmas Schedule...

## Christmas Eve - Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

- 4:00 pm Family Liturgy
- 7:00 pm Liturgy
- 10:00 pm Solemn Christmas Liturgy

## Christmas Day - Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 am Liturgy
- 10:00 am Liturgy
- 12:00 pm Liturgy

**All Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses will require a reservation this year.**

**Reservations begin this Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.**  
(reservations cannot be accessed prior to this date and time)

### **Make Reservation Online:**

- Access the form at [Bit.ly/StCatChristmas](http://Bit.ly/StCatChristmas)
- Access the link on our website: [www.stcatharinechurch.org](http://www.stcatharinechurch.org)
- Access the link in the CONNECT email
- Scan the QR Code below:



### **Call to register if you have difficulty signing up online:**

Please call Pam Biggs at 201-819-4571 or the rectory office at 201-445-3703 for assistance in making a reservation.



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This Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

## Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Masses will be celebrated in Church on Tuesday at:**

**8AM - 12:05PM - 7:30PM**

**Our 12:05PM Mass will be available via Livestream:**

<https://livestream.com/stcatharine>



### December Wedding Anniversaries

We ask for God's continued blessings over the following couples who will be celebrating wedding anniversaries this month. Bless their homes and their families. Help them to renew their vows of love and loyalty and to strive to remain united with You, steadfast in faith and in Your service.

- Carol and Hal Knapp 58 years
- Diane and Shel Hirschberg 48 years
- Christopher and Vita Rauth 33 years
- William and Mary Ann Skees 30 years
- James and Barbara Livolsi 26 years
- Salvador and Tracey Contes 25 years
- Jennifer and Robert Scherer 25 years
- Richard and Sharon Scarpelli 21 years
- Pedro and Karol Rubio 12 years
- Cormac and Triona Davin 11 years

St. Catharine married couples are invited to register their wedding dates to be included in our monthly bulletin acknowledgment. Contact the rectory at [parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org) or 201-445-3703.

## BAPTISMS

**We Joyfully Welcome Our Newly Baptized:**

- Tyler John Crowley
- Bryn Kennedy Hassell
- Grace Leigh Helmig
- Avery Charlee Kelly
- Ryleigh Marie Petzinger
- Cooper James Romanowski
- Hudson William Romanowski
- Hudson Pierce Zielinski

### Rectory Staff is in the Office

~ Available to Receive Phone Calls / Emails ~

**Monday - Thursday 9AM - 4PM; Fridays 9AM - 12:30PM**

Although the Parish Office remains closed to the public, the staff is conducting business over the phone, through email, and can assist with any drop offs and pick ups.

### Mass Cards

Since the rectory office remains closed to the public, Mass Card requests are being handled via phone or email.

Call 201-445-3703 during office hours:

Monday - Thursday 9AM - 4PM, Fridays 9AM - 12:30PM  
or email [parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@stcatharinechurch.org)



### Join Us For Mass!

The Church will open 15 minutes prior to the start time of each Mass. Kindly refrain from arriving before that time to allow for cleaning between Masses and please wear a mask. See page 8 for more details.

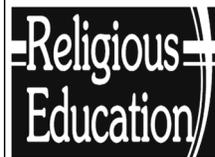
Cardinal Tobin has continued the dispensation from the Sunday obligation. If you are an at-risk person, have been exposed to the virus, or are feeling ill in any way, we ask that you please stay home. Mass will continue to be livestreamed at 5:30PM on Saturdays with archived viewing at any time.

### or Watch Mass Online

Our Saturday 5:30PM Mass may be watched LIVE via Livestream OR viewed later as a recording. To watch, visit [www.stcatharinechurch.org](http://www.stcatharinechurch.org) and click on



God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for His coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.



Please contact us at with any questions at [stcatharinereligioused@gmail.com](mailto:stcatharinereligioused@gmail.com)

Michelle & Maryann  
Co-Directors of Religious Education



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Learn about our wonderful parish school!  
Please visit [www.academyofourlady.org](http://www.academyofourlady.org)

### Toasty and Warm for Winter



Many thanks for the generosity you offered during our Warm for the Winter collection for those in need at Eva's Village

Please visit [www.evasvillage.org](http://www.evasvillage.org) to learn more about what they do and how you can help!



All high school students are welcome to join us!

### CYO - Youth Ministry

**CYO TONIGHT: Game Night!**  
~ 7PM IN THE GYM ~

### CYO Next Sunday:

Service Letters / Christmas Crafts

Contact Youth Ministry Leader Dana McStowe with any questions at [dmcstowecyo@gmail.com](mailto:dmcstowecyo@gmail.com).



### St. Catharine's Reach-Out Ministry : St. Mary's Food Collection

*"Whatsoever you do for the least of my people, that you do for me..."*

**December's collection for St. Mary's in Jersey City will take place next Sunday, Dec.13<sup>th</sup>!**

Donations can be left in the Narthex or dropped off in the parking lot next Sunday between 8AM and 12NOON . All donations will be driven to St. Mary's Emergency Food Pantry in Jersey City.

As you can imagine, the families who needed food prior to this pandemic are in even greater need, and now there are even more families and individuals experiencing food insecurity. Please remember the hungry as you shop and help if you can!

#### Items always Needed:

Canned Meat, Fish, Chicken  
Cereal (Cheerios, Chex)  
Canned fruits & vegetables  
Pasta

Rice  
Cooking oils  
Peanut Butter  
Soups, Stews, Chili

Canned or bags of beans  
Nutrigrain, granola bars  
Instant mashed potatoes  
Non-perishable/powdered milk

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual - Work of Human Hands Sale WOHH Goes Virtual!

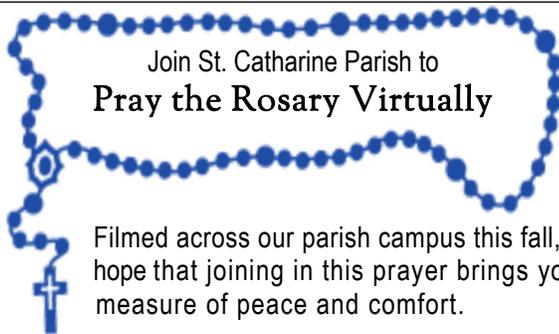
In normal times, we'd be a few weeks away from staging our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "Work of Human Hands" sale of goods produced by artisans and farmers from the developing world. This program has been a wonderful success, raising over \$56,000, thanks to the many volunteers and patrons who have supported it over the years.

Of course, these are not normal times, and the virus has forced us to make a change this time around. We have established a St. Catharine link with SERRV International, Inc., for many years a partner with Catholic Relief Services, whereby we can place our orders from its catalogue, the same one we've always used. Using the St Catharine link will ensure that we make known our continuing relationship with this important effort.

**Use the link below to shop  
This is St. Catharine's custom SERRV & Earn web link:  
[serrv.org?a=STCWOHH](http://serrv.org?a=STCWOHH)**

As always, we will be entitled to keep a share of the proceeds, but we will, as we've always done, turn all of our share back to SERRV as a gift from our parish. Questions? Please email Bob Stickles at [rjstickles@aol.com](mailto:rjstickles@aol.com)

**One caveat: we're advised that delivery can take up to 3 weeks, so please order soon if you are making Christmas purchases.**



### Join St. Catharine Parish to Pray the Rosary Virtually

Filmed across our parish campus this fall, we hope that joining in this prayer brings you a measure of peace and comfort.

This Rosary includes the Luminous Mysteries, which were added by Saint Pope John Paul II in 2002 and includes a Gospel reading and short meditation with each announcement of the mystery.

**Click below to begin:**  
<https://www.stcatharinechurch.org/news/a-virtual-rosary>

### Support for Unemployed / Underemployed St. Cajetan Ministry Network

**Attention Unemployed Parishioners** The St. Cajetan Ministry Network (parishes of St. Catharine's and St. Anne's) invites all unemployed/underemployed men & women to join their ministry which provides support through prayer & helpful guidance in the job search process. If you know of someone who is out of work tell them about the St. Cajetan Ministry Network. For more information contact Ed Grzesiak at 201-321-5144, John Lederer at 201-286-9354 or Joe Bonis at 201-390-7169.

### Christmas Gift Card Collection for St. Mary's

Our parish gift-giving looks different this year. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we will not have gift tags on a giving tree. The organizations we normally support have opted to not ask for gifts this year.

However, St. Mary's in Jersey City has asked if we could help their families with the much needed donation of **\$25 Gift Cards to Shoprite or Acme**. It would be greatly appreciated by these families!

**\$25 Gift Cards and monetary donations for St. Mary's will take place at all masses beginning this weekend, through Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Monetary donations will be used to purchase gift cards. Checks are welcome, made out to St. Catharine Church, but please indicate that it is for the St. Mary's Gift Card collection.

**Our regular monthly Food Collection for St. Mary's takes place next weekend, Dec. 12/13. Food, gift cards or money can also be left in the Narthex during masses or dropped off in the parking lot collection site, next Sunday 8am-12noon.**



### Homebound Visits

Physical injury, old age, or debilitating disease can prevent our parishioners from participating regularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. During such times, contact with your community of faith is needed more than ever. We can arrange for you to receive the Eucharist in your home on a permanent or temporary basis. Visits can be weekly or monthly and may be done any day of the week. Sacramental Confession as well as Anointing can also be made available on a regular basis.

For more information, please contact Fr. Chan at 201-445-3703 or [father.chanlee@gmail.com](mailto:father.chanlee@gmail.com)

### Candlelight Carol Sing

Because of current Covid-19 restrictions, the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be suspended until December 2021.

In the meantime, we will keep the energy alive by continuing to share and celebrate from our homes. Visit the Cathedral's YouTube channel beginning Dec.10<sup>th</sup> to watch "*The Illumination of the Carol Sing: Radiant Beams from Heaven Afar*", featuring videos tracing the history of the Cathedral's Carol Sing.

Enjoy the footage, music and stories of one of the Cathedral's strongest traditions. Exclusively on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralBasilica/featured](https://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralBasilica/featured).

Visit [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org) for more information.





**Virtual Daily Rosary at Noon**

**Join Us Live - Daily - As We Pray Together**

Rosary at Noon: Dial in at: 646-769-9900.

Conference ID: 07960#

Every day, including weekends! Please join us!

Please visit [www.loyola.org](http://www.loyola.org) or call 973-539-0740 for more info

**Virtual Day of Prayer - THIS Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**REGISTER NOW at**

**<https://www.loyola.org/retreat/days-evenings-of-prayer>**

We are pleased to be able to offer this Day of Prayer VIRTUALLY! You will receive details in an email once you register about how to participate via the video conferencing service, Zoom. A Minimum of 10 people required. Led by Fr. Tom Marciniak, S.J.

Tentative Day of Prayer schedule:

9:30am – Opening Prayer, followed by first talk

11:30am – Zoom Mass

12:00pm – Optional Rosary via conference call

12:30pm – Virtual Zoom Lunch

1:30pm – second talk

2:30pm – Gathering of Graces, fruit of our prayer

*Please join us and invite a friend!*

**Virtual Weekend Retreat - December 11 -13**

**Parables of Mercy**

We know that Jesus did not tell parables to entertain us. No, Jesus wanted to shake us into a deeper experience of God. You are invited to spend a weekend in reflective prayer on the parables of mercy that Jesus shared—parables that could help us during these turbulent times. How can mercy become an integral part of our lives? Come, listen, reflect, pray. Led by Judy Schiavo, Spiritual Director.

**REGISTER NOW at [www.loyola.org/retreat/weekend-retreats](http://www.loyola.org/retreat/weekend-retreats).**

The VIRTUAL RETREAT will be structured the same as a weekend retreat and will begin Friday evening at 7pm. It will be offered using ZOOM, but DO NOT BE AFRAID! You do not have to own ZOOM to participate or be tech savvy. Upon registering, you will be sent a link to the ZOOM retreat along with an alternate call-in number. So if you are NOT TECH SAVVY, you can simply call-in via phone and participate this way. It is very simple. You will also be sent the schedule by email and all materials needed for the retreat.

Tentative VIRTUAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

Friday, 7- 8pm: Welcome, First Presentation, Night Prayer

Saturday, 9:30-10:30am: Morning Prayer, Second Presentation

Saturday, 1:30- 2:30pm: Third Presentation

Saturday, 7:15- 8:15pm: Evening examen, faith sharing, night prayer

Sunday, 9:30am—10:30am: Morning Prayer, Fifth Presentation

Sunday, 11am – LIVESTREAM MASS

\*Optional: Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Spiritual Direction via Zoom

For both Men and Women. A Minimum of 20 people required for this retreat to take place. Visit [www.loyola.org/retreat/weekend-retreats](http://www.loyola.org/retreat/weekend-retreats) for more info and to register!

Adults in their 20s & 30s are welcomed to come together to meet people their age who share in the Catholic faith.

**INSPIRE  
A Catholic Young Adult Ministry**

For more information email Fr. Chan at [father.chanlee@gmail.com](mailto:father.chanlee@gmail.com) OR [olmcyoungadults123@gmail.com](mailto:olmcyoungadults123@gmail.com).

Join our Facebook Group

Follow on Instagram @ [inspire\\_youngadultministry](https://www.instagram.com/inspire_youngadultministry)

*Mission Statement: We are a group of Catholic young adults in our 20s and 30s seeking to inspire one another in strengthening our Catholic faith and improving our relationships with God, the Church, our family, friends, and others. We achieve this through our commitment to prayer, monthly gatherings, parish and community service, and fun social activities.*

**New members are always welcome.**

*Sponsored by St. Catharine, OLMC, St. Gabriel, St. Luke, St. Paul & Immaculate Heart  
Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark*

**Faith & Grief Support**

Faith and Grief Luncheons are unfortunately suspended until further notice - but in the meantime - we encourage you to visit [www.FaithandGrief.org](http://www.FaithandGrief.org) to find helpful resources that can guide you on your grief journey.

Faith and Grief is also offering Video Conference Support Gatherings until groups can meet in person again. To register, please go to [www.FaithandGrief.org/gatherings](http://www.FaithandGrief.org/gatherings). Watch our website for information about when our gatherings will resume, visit [www.ChristianHealthCare.org](http://www.ChristianHealthCare.org).

Faith & Grief is a ministry of compassion that provides an opportunity for people dealing with grief and loss. Our mission is to provide opportunities for comfort and hope to those who have experienced the death of a loved one.



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**Prayer for Our Troops** O God of mercy, we ask You to protect



in a special way those who are fighting for us and for the country we love. Bless them and take care of them. Give them strength. Give them comfort. Touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them. Hasten the day, dear Lord, when we may all enjoy the blessings of peace once more. Amen.

**TIME TALENT and TREASURE**

Sharing the Gift of Treasure  
**Stewardship Corner**

*"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3*

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

Sunday Collection November 2019 \$55,645 (4 Sundays)  
 Sunday Collection November 2020 \$60,558 (5 Sundays)

Maintenance & Repair November 2019 \$12,420  
 Maintenance & Repair November 2020 \$12,226

Turkey Drive 2019 \$2,185  
 Turkey Drive 2020 \$3,980

**Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Catharine's!**

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**Parishioners: please enroll online today!**  
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- ◆ Enter your name and email

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## St. Catharine Food Pantry

Did you know that St. Catharine's has a Food Pantry? Since November 2011, the pantry has been helping numerous people/families in our community by providing bags of groceries to those in need, while ensuring privacy and confidentiality.

If you or someone you know has an immediate or recurring need for groceries, please call / text Rosemary at 201-661-3651. We are grateful for the support of our many benefactors, who keep the pantry a reliable source of food for those in need.

## St. Catharine's Reach-Out Ministry - Eva's Village



For over 30 years, St. Catharine's Reach Out Ministry has been serving meals to the guests at Eva's Village in Paterson several times a year. We prepared meals on Saturday evenings and then serve their 250+ guests on Sunday. Unfortunately, due to Covid19, we are not currently able to provide our regular service. But...Eva's Village is continuing to provide care for our neighboring community during the pandemic. **If you would like to learn more and support Eva's Village, please visit [www.evasvillage.org](http://www.evasvillage.org). Thank you!**

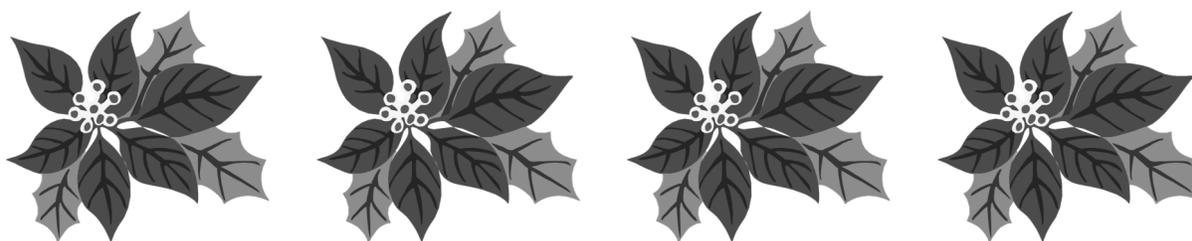
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## We are happy to be celebrating Mass!

### Directives for Attending Mass:

#### **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE**

Please stay home if you are ill, showing signs of illness or have been exposed to anyone with the virus. Cardinal Tobin has given a dispensation from the obligation to attend mass.

- Please arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of mass.
- Please do not gather in the parking lot or on the church steps.
- Please have your mask on when outside of your vehicle. You will not be permitted into the church without a mask.
- Please enter thru the main doors or the Bell Tower and proceed directly to the Narthex.

#### **DURING THE MASS**

- Please maintain social distancing at all times.
- Please remember that this is new for all of us. There will be adjustments that need to be made.
- Please place your weekly offering in the basket as you leave the church. There will not be a physical collection taken up. If you have not been using Faith Direct – this is the perfect opportunity to prayerfully consider doing so.
- Please do not have any physical contact during the “Sign of Peace”. A simple nod or wave will suffice.
- Please follow the Monitors instructions for exiting the church. We will dismiss by rows.
- Please do not gather on the church steps or in the parking lot after mass.
- Please join us again for worship.
- Please limit bathroom use to urgent need only.

#### **RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

- Monitors will exit each row into the center aisle
- If waiting online, please stand on the blue tape to ensure social distancing.
- Only the Precious Body will be distributed and it MUST be received on the hand.
- When you approach the Minister, please have hands extended, one over the other.
- Allow the Minister to place the Precious Body in your hand – do not reach for it or take it from the Minister
- Step to the side, place the Eucharist in your mouth, readjust your mask if necessary
- Return to your seat via the side aisle
- If you are NOT receiving, please come forward anyway, cross your hands over your chest and stay in line with others in your row.

#### **WHAT ARE WE DOING TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE**

- All printed material has been removed from the church.
- All Holy Water dips and the font have been drained and will remain empty.
- The church is cleaned and disinfected in between each mass and regularly during the week.
- Bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected in between each mass and regularly during the week.
- Door handles and other touch points are disinfected in between each mass and regularly during the week.
- Hand sanitizers are located throughout the building.
- Entrance has been limited to the Main Doors and the Bell Tower.
- Mask use is strictly enforced.
- Social Distancing measures are in place and will be enforced.

*Please*  
Wear a Face Mask

#### **WHEN YOU ARRIVE**

- You will be welcomed by a monitor who will escort you to a seat.
- You will be seated from front to back in the church to allow for maximum occupancy and appropriate social distancing.
- You will be seated in Community Hall after the main church is full.
- You must keep your mask on at all times.  
NO EXCEPTIONS.

December 2020

As the members of the St. Catharine's Finance Council, we collectively hope this summary, which provides a recap of the revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, finds you all healthy and hopeful as we continue to navigate a calendar year none of us could have predicted.

In some respects, the past thirteen months seem like a lifetime. Life was what we considered "normal": our pews were filled, Christmas was on the horizon, and Covid-19 was not in our vocabulary. In early November 2019, Father Tom made a heartfelt plea to all parishioners. The request was simple: 1. consider increasing our weekly offertory; and 2. consider enrolling in Faith Direct if we were not already participating in electronic giving. We cannot thank you enough for your positive response to these appeals because, had we not come together as a parish, this financial story would be much different.

Although our total revenue had a modest increase of 1.7%, the first half of the year saw a revenue decrease of 2.6%. However, in response to Fr. Tom's plea, the second half of the year saw a 7.6% increase in the Sunday offertory compared to the prior year. This increase is remarkable given that during the last 3½ months of the fiscal year our church did not have any in person Masses. We also had a participation increase of 40%, or 75 families, in Faith Direct. The combination of our parishioners' increases of their offertory AND the increase in Faith Direct participants helped sustain St. Catharine during the shutdown of late FY 2020 and it continues to sustain us as we still have limited capacity at our Masses.

Equally important, our monthly repairs and maintenance collection increased nearly 11%, while at the same time, our plant costs and utility costs decreased almost 3%. The increased collection positions us to not only handle the day-to-day costs of maintaining our parish buildings and grounds, but also provides a cushion in case major unplanned repairs are needed.

Religious education revenues increased 34% over the prior year due to timing of CCD registrations. First, we launched our first summer CCD program in June 2020 with a large portion of such fees collected in late FY 2020. Second, we had a much larger upfront collection of CCD fees for the upcoming CCD school year at the end of FY 2020 than in the prior year.

Our operating expenses decreased 5.1%. Much of this is a direct result of the church and school being closed for over 3½ months, resulting in a decrease across the board in day-to-day expenses as well as the costs of celebrating in person Mass (altar bread & wine, supplies, flowers, utilities, etc.). We also benefited financially from a mild winter last year. Salaries and benefits continue to represent our largest expense, representing 54% of total operating expenses. We were fortunate to obtain a PPP loan from the federal government to assist with the paying of salaries during our lock down for the employees who needed to continue to work to maintain the day-to-day operation of the church. Please note the PPP loan remains on the church's balance sheet until it is forgiven and is not reflected in Revenue. The only expense

increase of note were \$8K in office expenses for new computers needed for the rectory and the religious education offices.

While we are grateful for the results of the past fiscal year, we are concerned with the current fiscal year's challenges. We continue to operate at a deficit, and we are extremely concerned about our Christmas collection this year. Our Christmas collection represents nearly 10% of our total faith giving for the year. Each Mass on Christmas Eve has historically had packed pews and Community Hall filled to capacity with guests and extended family. However, this year we know it will be different. Our Easter collection experienced a decrease of 33% compared to the prior year's collection. We are concerned that the Christmas 2020 collection will be substantially diminished as well, given the significant Covid-19 related limitations on in person attendance for all Christmas Masses. We ask you to give prayerful consideration of the unique challenges we currently face when you decide on your Christmas gift this year. If you can increase your gift, please know that it will be appreciated and is truly needed. Our parish has worked hard to continue the many ministries, community outreach services, and religious educational programs that make St. Catharine's such a vibrant and welcoming parish throughout the challenges brought on by Covid-19, all while doing everything possible to maintain the safety of our parishioners. We have and will continue to manage our expenses to the best of our ability, but there is a minimum threshold of expense that is necessary to keep the physical plant running and maintain the staff required to run the parish that cannot be significantly decreased without drastic reductions of services and programs.

We thank you for your past generosity and support and look forward to continuing to serve the St. Catharine parish community. Let's pray 2021 will bring us together again, with pews full and all of us together in celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ. Until then, please remain safe and know you are always in our prayers.

Respectfully,

Michele Theuerkauf  
Ann Boyle  
Bill Hansen  
Bob Hemmer  
Dennis Looney

Bob Stickle  
Mary Ann Galati- Trustee  
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Fr. Tom

# ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Ending June 30, 2020	Ending June 30, 2019	\$ Change	% Change
<b>REVENUES</b>				
SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS, AND EASTER COLLECTIONS	\$ 814,378	\$ 811,648	\$ 2,730	0.3%
RESTRICTED GIFTS - MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 131,164	\$ 118,549	\$ 12,615	10.6%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	\$ 90,861	\$ 67,910	\$ 22,951	33.8%
DONATIONS & SPECIAL GIFTS	\$ 34,850	\$ 46,251	\$ (11,401)	-24.7%
ALL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$ 32,927	\$ 41,349	\$ (8,422)	-20.4%
WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, FUNERALS	\$ 15,860	\$ 14,940	\$ 920	6.2%
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 2,152	\$ 2,617	\$ (465)	-17.8%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,192</b>	<b>\$ 1,103,264</b>	<b>\$ 18,928</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

## EXPENSES

SALARIES, BENEFITS, PENSION COSTS, AND PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 621,728	\$ 619,879	\$ 1,849	0.3%
ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	\$ 163,824	\$ 173,976	\$ (10,152)	-5.8%
PLANT COSTS INCLUDING REPAIRS, INSURANCE, AND UTILITIES	\$ 157,295	\$ 161,710	\$ (4,415)	-2.7%
PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 78,940	\$ 104,887	\$ (25,947)	-24.7%
ALL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 52,242	\$ 77,066	\$ (24,824)	-32.2%
LITURGICAL, OFFICE, AND RESIDENCE SUPPLIES	\$ 37,710	\$ 31,987	\$ 5,723	17.9%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXCLUDING SALARIES	\$ 36,650	\$ 40,625	\$ (3,975)	-9.8%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 1,148,389</b>	<b>\$ 1,210,130</b>	<b>\$ (61,741)</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>

**(DEFICIT) FROM OPERATIONS** **\$ (26,197)** **\$ (106,866)** **\$ 80,669** **-75.5%**

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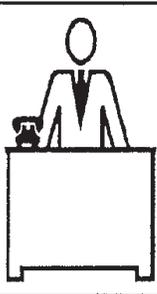


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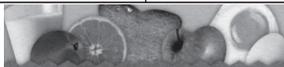
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