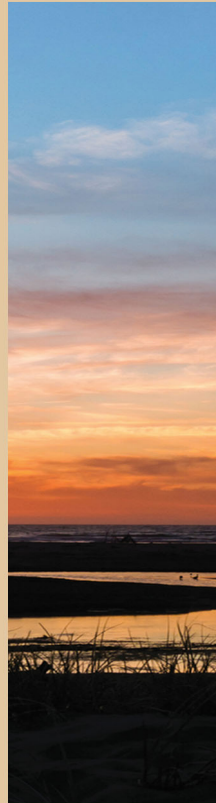


St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Martinez, California

October 27, 2019

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Jesus said to them,
“I tell you, the tax collector went home justified,
not the Pharisee; for whoever exalt themselves
will be humbled, and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.”

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Luke 18:14

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM
1:00 PM (Spanish)

ADORATION: Thursdays from 12:00 - 8:00 PM
HOLYDAYS: VIGIL MASS 7:00 PM ; 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

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scpreschool@comcast.net

Before serving or continuing in your ministry, please complete the Diocesan required Safe Environment for Children Project Training @ www.virtusonline.org

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: www.virtusonline.org

RCIA: "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults"

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you need Adult Baptism?

Holy Eucharist (Communion)? Confirmation?

St. Catherine offers a friendly and supportive program. Please call the office or Karen at ext. 4 for more information.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISMS:

Registration is mandatory two months prior to the Baptism month. Please call the office to make an appointment once you have your documents ready. Parents & Godparents are required to attend a mandatory Baptism preparation class one month before reception of the Sacrament.

All information regarding requirements and schedules, can be found on the website at www.stcmtz.org or contact Sylvia at Ext 2

FIRST EUCHARIST:

The Religious Education ministry begins in September and ends in May. The First Holy Communion program is a two year program. In the 2nd year, nine First Communion "Parent Only Classes" are conducted on Monday's (Oct — May) See faith formation calendar posted on the website for dates. drestcath@yahoo.com or contact Andrea at Ext 5

CONFIRMATION:

Youth Confirmation ministry begins on September 29th. It is a one year program for all incoming Freshmen or above. Please contact: Paul or Jenny Holland at Ext 8 or email them at stcathym@gmail.com for more Information.

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to be arranged at **least eight months** prior to a wedding date. No dates can be set prior to an initial meeting with a priest. No exceptions.

www.stcmtz.org or Sylvia at Ext 2

RECONCILIATION:

Confession times are weekly on Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM and/or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is the continuation of the Lord's compassion for the sick. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of two sacraments which heals and saves the baptized person from sin. The other sacrament of healing is Penance. For an anointing during working hours, please call the Parish office.

FUNERALS:

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact the parish office to coordinate your arrangements.

stcathmtz@yahoo.com or Sylvia at Ext 2

St. Catherine of Siena Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts, and giving glory to God.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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Holy Day of Obligation

10/31 Vigil Mass 7:00 PM or
11/1 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

**All Souls Mass will be held at
St. Catherine Parish Cemetery
November 2, 2019
at 10:30 AM**



FACILITIES

To assure that our Church and facilities testify to the greater honor and glory of God.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, 10/27 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	PH	Hospitality—Thank you Choir!
9:30 AM	PH/SC	Faith Formation Class
12:00 PM	PH	Confirmation Class
2:30 PM	CH	Baptisms (Bi-lingual)

Monday, 10/28

7:30 AM	CH	Pray the Rosary
6:00 PM	CH/SC	1st Communion Classes
6:45 PM	PCL	San Lorenzo Ruiz Mtg

Tuesday, 10/29

7:30 AM	CH	Pray the Rosary
9:00 AM	CH	School Practice
6:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	PC	Scripture Reflection with Clergy
7:30 PM	CH	Spanish Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, 10/30

7:30 AM	CH	Pray the Rosary
3:15 PM	CH	Children's Choir
6:15 PM	CH	Ignite Bible Study
6:30 PM	PCL	Legion of Mary
6:30 PM	CH	State of the Parish

Thursday, 10/31

7:30 AM	CH	Pray the Rosary
12:00 PM	CH	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM	CH	All Saints Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass

Friday, 11/1

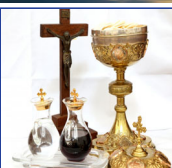
7:30 AM	CH	Pray the Rosary
8:00 AM	PCL	St. Catherine School
10:30 AM	PC	SC School Practice
6:30 PM	PH	ICF Dinner Set-up
7:00 PM	CH	All Saints Holy Day of Obligation Mass

Saturday, 11/2

7:30 AM	CH	Pray the Rosary
10:00 AM	PH	ICF Dinner Set-up
10:30 AM	OS	Mass at St. Catherine's Cemetery
12:00 PM	PCL	Ignite Bible Study
3:00 PM	CH	Reconciliation
6:30 PM	PH	ICF Polenta Dinner

Sunday, 11/3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

8:00 AM	PH	Hospitality—YLI
9:30 AM	PH/SC	Faith Formation Class



Experience the joy of bringing the gifts of bread & wine to the altar at Mass during the offertory. As music is played & lyrics are sung, walk up the aisle to present the work of our hands to Fr. Anthony Le waiting at the base of the steps. The presentation is a prayer itself & the blessing received as you process closer to the altar confirms that these gifts will soon become the body & blood of Our Lord. If you would like to present the gifts at Mass, please let one of the ushers know prior to the start of Mass.



The Creed and Chubby Checker

The faithful are coming home at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in downtown Martinez. My wife and I went to Saturday evening Mass at the Church and then afterwards had a really great time outside in the courtyard celebrating our Parish school's seventieth year anniversary. The school was established in 1949. The party was a lot of fun. There was dancing too. I did the twist to the chubby checker classic. Then came the food. Excellent job by the Knights of Columbus. They cooked ball tips with chicken, salad greens and baked beans. Martinez standards! The whole thing was so well done by the school community. The kids had a ball too! The scene outside in the courtyard was amazing because when the sun went down, Father Anthony Le intentionally left the lights on inside the Church. So out came into the courtyard this glorious and magnificent stained glass window scene for all to see. I thought we were in Siena, Italy surrounded by art. It was so beautiful and airy. My wife who is from New York always tells me, "Martinez has the best weather in America." She was definitely correct as far as last Saturday night was concerned. Mass was so inspirational, especially for the soul. We went to the vigil Mass before the celebration started. The Church is now done on the inside and people love it. Many are returning to the fold. The Liturgy itself is also getting renewed. By this I mean the sacred and holy. This is because the Liturgy is a mystery itself. A mystery because it is fashioned by the Holy Spirit for the faithful. The Priest, who is the principal celebrant of the Mass, is empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ present in the Liturgy. Now we have two kinds of Liturgy at the Mass. Both of them have Christ present. First, is the Liturgy of the Word which is the reading of the Word of God from both the Old and the New Testaments with a Homily to follow. Then we do the Creed which is before we do the Liturgy of the Most Holy Eucharist. The Creed we recite together as one body is usually either the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed which is more developed theologically. The Nicene Creed explains Christ's relationship with his Father as well as the role of the Holy Spirit with regard to the Church. I prefer the Nicene Creed which is what we usually recite. The Apostles Creed goes back to time of the Apostles about the year 50 AD. The Nicene Creed goes back to the year 325 AD when the Emperor Constantine called an Ecumenical Council to settle differences between many Bishops over Christ's divine and human nature. That Council settled the problem almost and came up with a Creed that bears its name. Think "light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, one in being with the father, through whom all things were made." Do that in your heart and you will be praying to the Father in thanksgiving for giving us His only Son. Then go out and do the twist enjoying a very special evening with your friends.



Thank you Fernando for all your time and amazing talents. All the woodwork treasures you have created and provided are a wonderful addition to the Divine Renovation of our parish.

The book stand, ambry stand, communion trays, the custom cross and frames are wonderfully crafted and appreciated by all. We are truly blessed and grateful for your wonderful gifts.

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. "The Lord will not delay," he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today's Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's.



The Mass and the reception of the Eucharist is the centerpiece of the Christian life. So we better take it seriously! Unfortunately, whether it's out of ignorance or laziness, it seems most Catholics aren't receiving the Eucharist correctly.

Here are 3 things it seems many Catholics get wrong:

1) Not bowing before receiving

Many Catholics go through the communion line and receive the Eucharist *without any act of reverence at all*. But we're talking about receiving Jesus here, so maybe some reverence is in order!

Most people might not even know that they are supposed to do something, but it's right there in the USCCB's [General Instruction of the Roman Missal](#): "When receiving Holy Communion, **the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence...** [T]he sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood." ([GIRM 160](#))

Though the norm in the United States is to receive while standing (after bowing your head), individuals are also allowed to receive while kneeling if they so choose. ([GIRM 160](#))

But don't do *nothing*!

2) Not saying "Amen"

This might get dropped as people feel pressure to receive quickly due to long lines, but it's right there in the [Order of Mass](#): after the priest presents the Eucharist saying "The Body of Christ," the person receiving is supposed to say "Amen."

This is important because it confirms that you really do believe that you are receiving Christ himself (it might even serve as a good reminder to yourself).

This is only one word, so slow down and say "Amen."



WORSHIP

To facilitate a transforming encounter with God as we come together in worship.

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT	10/26	8:00	Olga Maria Araujo†
		4:30	Reynaldo Lejano†
SUN	10/27	7:00	Int. People of the Parish
		8:30	Erlinda & Agapito Bonifacio†
		11:00	Cecilia Valenzuela†
		1:00	Roberto Sanchez†
MON	10/28	8:00	Vilma & Giovanni Costa†
TUE	10/29	8:00	Doris Broussard †
WED	10/30	8:00	Int. St. Catherine School Children and their Families
THU	10/31	8:00	Special Intention
FRI	11/1	8:00	Int. Sante Cerri - 100th Birthday Blessing
SAT	11/2	8:00	All the Faithful Departed†
		4:30	All the Faithful Departed†
SUN	11/03	7:00	Todd Sintie †
		8:30	Rose Battaglia Tavormina†
		11:00	Tullio DeSantis†
		1:00	Int. People of the Parish

3) Are you in a state of grace?

Of course, it's impossible to know the state of people's souls. But it's not clear most Catholics really understand this: you are only supposed to receive the Eucharist if you are a [practicing Catholic](#) in a state of grace.

Have you committed any [mortal sins](#) since you last went to confession? If the answer is yes, then you need to go to confession before receiving the Eucharist. You should still attend Mass, but if you aren't in a state of grace, you shouldn't receive.

This is important for at least two reasons: (1) Receiving the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin is a sacrilege. So don't do it! (2) Not receiving when you are not in the proper state shows your love and respect for Jesus. If you're in a state of mortal sin, going to Mass but not receiving actually shows you're heading back on the right track.



BAPTIZED AND SENT BAUTIZADOS Y ENVIADOS

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH | A PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY
LA SOCIEDAD PARA LA PROPAGACIÓN DE LA FE | UNA OBRA MISIONERA PONTIFICIA

ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

On this World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call to be Christ's Church on mission in the world. Today we respond to that call, through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the missions.

UN DOMINGO PARA EL MUNDO ENTERO

En este Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, el Papa Francisco nos recuerda de nuestro llamado bautismal a ser la Iglesia de Cristo en misión en el mundo. Hoy respondemos a ese llamado, a través de nuestras oraciones y sacrificios personales por nuestros hermanos y hermanas en las Misiones.

OCTOBER 27, 2019

PRAY AND GIVE GENEROUSLY | ORAR Y DAR GENEROSAMENTE

October is the month dedicated to
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary



St. Catherine of Siena Community Block Rosary

Prayers begin at 7:00 PM
unless otherwise indicated by the host.
The entire month of October is filled.
Please contact Ritzi Ramos at (925) 451-1357
or Deacon Albert Dizon (925) 324-3589
for more information of the daily location.





St. Catherine of Siena School Mission Statement

Saint Catherine of Siena School answers the call to nurture each child – spirit, mind and body – in a safe, caring environment by providing Christ-centered, challenging curriculum preparing each child for a future as people of faith, service, respect, and responsibility.

Way to go St. Catherine's Vikings!
You all did an amazing job running to support your school.



St. Catherine of Siena
Preschool
Full & Part-Time
Availability
2yrs & 9 months - Pre-K
Math - Science - Art -
Music - Zoophonics,
Safe, Clean,
Nurturing Environment!



We had a great Viking Run on Friday, October 18th. All the students and faculty showed up with Viking Pride and ran laps to support their school. Our link is still up if you would like to donate!

Parish page: <http://app.99pledges.com/fund/vikingrun2019/fr-anthony> or

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/vikingrun2019>

St. Catherine Preschoolers Ready to Run!



STEWARDSHIP

To create a culture
in the parish rooted
in gratitude and
generosity.

OCTOBER 20, 2019 WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$5,014.00
Bingo	\$ 386.50
Catholic Voice	\$ 60.00
Fulfilling the Promise	\$ 402.00
Hospitality	\$ 196.00
Organ	\$ 55.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.



2019 Bishop's Appeal

SCS Goal Summary:

Parish Goal:	\$23,000.00
Funds Raised:	\$21,868.00
% of Goal Raised:	95.08%
Remaining:	\$ 1,177.00

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the
"State of St. Catherine of Siena Parish 2019."

On Wednesday, October 30th, the Parish Leadership will present the current state of affairs in our Parish. It is an evening that will cover:

The Five Years of Grace Pastoral Plan,
the current ***Financial Report,***
the needs of our existing ***Facilities,*** and
the status of the ***Building Project***
(PACE 1, PACE 2, and Fulfilling the Promise).

All parishioners and friends of St. Catherine are invited to attend this important informational night. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with Adoration the church and conclude at 8:30 pm.



HOSPITALITY

To form a joyful
family community that
reaches out and receives
one another as Christ
reaches out and receives us.

Hospitality Calendar

OCTOBER

27 Choir

NOVEMBER

03 Young Ladies Institute
10 Parent Teacher Group
17 Pancake Breakfast-K of C
24 Needed—TBD

DECEMBER

01 No Hospitality
08 Latino Community—Our
Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
15 Pancake Breakfast-K of C
22 Webb Family & Friends
29 Guadalupe Society



HEARTFELT JUDGMENT

When you meet someone, you judge them by their clothes; when you leave them, you judge them by their heart.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone who is homebound and/or ill & would like to receive the Eucharist or just a visit from a friendly face?

If so, please email:

Deacon Dave Holland at:
daveh@cfcsoakland.org or
call (925-413-9240)

with your neighbor's name,
address and telephone number.
St. Catherine Pastoral Care to the Sick
& Homebound will arrange for a visitor
from the parish.



SAVE THE DATE

November 23rd, 2019, 10AM
A Pastoral Care Retreat is being

READINGS & REFLECTIONS

Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy Tuesdays (Parish Center) 7:00 –8:15 PM

Sunday, Oct 27, 2019 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Judgment is a boomerang

Judge not or you'll be judged, as scripture tells us. We're also put on notice that the measure we use against others is the one we're choosing for ourselves. This is why Saint John Climacus insists that to condemn another person is to ruin our own souls. Francis de Sales observes: "If your heart is gentle, your judgment will be gentle"—no surprise from the patron saint of compassionate counsel. Doctor of the church Catherine of Siena put it plainly: "The habit of judging keeps the soul far from Thee." The jury is in: Judgment is out! **TODAY'S READINGS:** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 (150). "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity." "

Monday, Oct 28, 2019 FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

It helps to have friends in low places

Everyone at one time or another has probably felt like a lost cause and a desperate case. Lucky for us, we have a patron saint: Saint Jude the Apostle. He became patron of the lost because he was neglected for a long time when it came to Catholic veneration: Little is known about him and his name is unsettlingly close to that of Judas Iscariot. Eventually it was thought that Jude would seize any opportunity to help and became the saint to turn to when situations become especially dire. When you're at your lowest, he's there to remind you that Christ is there with you too. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God."

Tuesday, Oct 29, 2019 FEAST OF MARCELLUS

Forging a difficult peace

Saint Marcellus, a Roman centurion who cast aside sword and armor to serve Christ and the cause of peace, was killed for his audacity. His last words to his judge, "May God be good to you," indicate he'd also made peace within. Are we at peace with ourselves, abandoning the self-criticism and "shoulds," and with those around us and closest to us, who—let's face it—at times can be so annoying!? Imagine a conversation between Marcellus and the leaders of Pax Christi International (paxchristi.net), a Catholic peace movement with 120 member organizations. What areas in the world might they identify where peace is most at risk? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480). "Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God."

Wednesday, Oct 30, 2019

Preparing for paradox

A fundamental principle of God's reign as announced by Jesus is a paradox: The lowly will rise, the high and mighty will fall. It carries over into other familiar gospel images: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the virgin conceives. Our Blessed Mother echoes the theme in her Magnificat: "He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty." Wisdom, therefore, dictates that we position

Ourselves advantageously for the coming of the Kingdom. It's like cleaning out your house before a move. What passing worldly value can you get rid of today to better prepare you for the eternal reign of God? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481). "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Thursday, Oct 31, 2019

God lights the darkness

It's Halloween, the day we spoof evil spirits by dressing up like them. We roam around in the dark to show we are not afraid. Today's gospel, though, reminds us of the fear created by a cruel despot like Herod who stands ready to kill Jesus. Regardless of our Halloween rituals, such fear still lives in the world. Our faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God is what prepares us to cope with it. Today as you don a costume or give a treat to a trickster, recall that core belief of God's abiding presence. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35 (482). "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities . . . will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Friday, Nov 01, 2019 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Family reunion—Christian style!

Everybody loves a big reunion with loved ones—the joy of seeing one another, telling stories, and of course the food and fun! The Solemnity of All Saints is exactly like this, Pope Francis said. "We are united with *all* the saints: not only the most well-known . . . but also those 'next door,' our family members and acquaintances who are now part of that great multitude. Therefore, today is a family celebration. The saints are close to us, indeed they are our truest brothers and sisters. They understand us, love us, know what is truly good for us, help us and await us." With whom do you celebrate today? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Saturday, Nov 02, 2019

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Leave the door open

A variety of cultures and traditions approach this time of year with a special reverence for those who have come before us and passed beyond us. In northern nations, perhaps the reflective mood is prompted by the shortening days and lengthening darkness, as brightly colored autumn leaves wither and brown and fall to the ground. Ancients saw it as a time when the veil between this world and the afterworld briefly lifted, the doorway between the worlds cracked opened. Take a moment today to reflect on your ancestors going back generations who passed on their faith, hope, and love to you. Pray for their peaceful repose in the loving embrace of the Timeless One.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts."

UPCOMING EVENTS



2019 YLI Holiday Lane Bazaar Nov. 30 and Dec. 1

The YLI's annual Holiday Lane Bazaar will be Saturday and Sunday Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in the Parish Hall after all Masses.

All Parish organizations are invited to participate. Please call Rori Polvorosa (510)734-4907, or Willy Brouette 228-9072 to reserve a table. The YLI proceeds will be donated to the Parish and multiple charitable purposes.

The holidays are a tough time for people mourning loss, working the 12 steps, or living with a traumatic past. Please share these helpful opportunities with your parishioners.

GRIEF RETREAT November 22-24, 2019 Presented by Sandy Heinisch

The loss of someone you love changes you forever. Whether that loss is through death or divorce, the journey of recovery is long, difficult and unique. This retreat will help you better understand the journey. It will give you hope, spiritual tools, peace and guidance on this grief path.



SAVE THE DATE!!!
FOR AN EVENT THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

REBOOT! January 15th, 2020 ST. BONAVENTURE, CONCORD

With internationally renowned speaker and author,
CHRIS STEFANICK.

REBOOT! Live! is fun, inspiring and practical. Chris will show you how the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel applies to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched!

WEDNESDAY, January 15th, 7:00PM – 9:30PM
St. Bonaventure Catholic Community
More details at

To register, go online to www.RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot – or – Contact Jacob or Anthony at 925-672-5800

DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN INSIGHT INTO LIVING LIFE MORE FULLY! THE LIFE GOD HAS CREATED FOR YOU!

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

San Martino Branch #13

ANNUAL FAMILY POLENTA DINNER

Saturday, November 2, 2019
6 PM No-Host Cocktails
7 PM Dinner
of Chicken, Sausage, Polenta



Saint Catherine of Siena
Parish Hall
604 Mellus Street, Martinez
Enter Hall on Henrietta Street

\$20 per person 13 yrs & older. \$8 children 6 to 12 yrs.
FREE ages 5 yrs & under when accompanied by adult

Proceeds benefit ICF scholarship program which includes the St. Catherine of Siena Eighth Grade Scholarship, the ICF National Charity: Thalassemia research at Children's Hospital, and others.

Tickets Available by Calling 925-229-2665

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE
ICF Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Family Dinner on Saturday, May 16, 2020

Laudette Youth Choir 1st—8th grades



This Choir provides the young parishioners of Saint Catherine of Siena a fun atmosphere where they can learn to sing and communicate their faith through music. The Laudate Choir will provide the music at the 8:30 Mass as part of the Sunday Family Faith Formation as well as other special "Feast Days" throughout the year. In some instances, they will sing alone as the Laudate Choir, and other times they will be joined by the Adult Choir. This is open to all children from 1st – 8th grade. The only requirement is a desire to sing and share our faith through music. Rehearsals are held Wednesday's in the Church from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have a child or children who are interested in joining the Laudate Choir please contact our music director Troy Killorn at 925-289-7792 or see him after mass to obtain an information packet.



November
Vigil of Light Mass – Vigil of Lights, November 1
First Saturday Mass,
All Souls Day,
Dia De Los Muertos, QOH Chapel, November 2
Feast Day Presentation of Mary, Walking Prayer/ Meditation, QOH,
November 21st
(925) 932-0900
Thanksgiving, Feast Day of St. Cecelia, November 22
December
First Saturday Mass, Christmas Tree Remembrance



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2:00 PM - 5 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 1 PM

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Please direct your submissions to: stcathmtz@yahoo.com

All submissions must be submitted via email and copy/camera/paste ready.

Please reference Bulletin Submission in the subject note. Thank you.

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