The Parish Family of St. Catharine and St. Margaret
Spring Lake, New Jersey
Rev. Msgr. Harold F. Cullen, Pastor

Mass Schedule

**St. Catharine Church**
215 Essex Ave, Spring Lake, NJ 07762
- **Saturday:** 5 PM
- **Sunday:** 7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM
- **Monday-Saturday (except Wednesday):** 8 AM

**St. Catharine Chapel**
- **Sunday:** 12 Noon
- **Wednesday:** 8 AM & 12 Noon
- **Monday-Friday:** 12 Noon

**St. Margaret Church**
300 Ludlow Ave, Spring Lake, NJ 07762
- **Saturday:** 4:00 PM
- **Sunday:** 8:30 AM, 10 AM, 11:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
- **St. Catharine Chapel:** Saturday 3:30–4:30 PM
- **St. Margaret Church:** Saturday 3:00–3:45 PM

Parish Directory
Rev. Msgr. Harold F. Cullen PhD, Pastor
Rev. William Dunlap, Associate Pastor
Rev. Charles Weiser, Senior Priest
Rev. Martin Padovani, Weekend Assistant
Rev. William Dowd, Weekend Assistant
Edward Jennings, Deacon
Dr. John Little, Deacon
Rich Baier, Buildings
Richard Cambron, Special Projects
Tammy Sablom, Religious Education
Ed Stevens, Director of Cemeteries
Sister Margaret Tierney, SC Pastoral Care
Dr. Jarred Tafaro, Director of Music
Lisa Defilippo Cole, Business Manager

NEW PARISHIONERS:
Welcome! We encourage all new families who move into St. Catharine - St. Margaret Parish to call the rectory to register in the parish.

THE EPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 6, 2019

www.stcatharine-stmargaret.org  ContactUs@stcatharine-stmargaret.org  732-449-5765
Dear Parishioners:

With the celebration of the Epiphany the Christmas season comes to a close. I still feel the glow of pride and wonder that emanated from our varied and joyous celebrations at Christmas. Of course, I realize increasingly that our little cocoon of Christmas joy and celebration has become a small island in a coarse, and very secular world. I have to applaud the Knights of Columbus for their concerted effort to remind people to “Keep Christ in Christmas.”

The Knights, and ourselves, are engaged in a war that would like to remove Christ from Christmas. You see little signs of it in the news constantly, in the form of insane political correctness.

A concomitant trend is the drive to turn Christmas from being a religious festival to a purely cultural celebration. This is the trend that elevates the commercial side of Christmas, with advertisements that now start popping up in September.

From my reading and understanding of the Fathers of our Nation, it is clear to me that while they believed in separation of Church and State, they never intended that religion be excluded from public life. I can only imagine how they would react to directions in recent years when employees of some government and public bodies were instructed to wish people “Happy Holidays” rather than “Happy Christmas”.

It is important that we who believe in the mystery and meaning of Christmas, realize that there is a concerted intellectual effort to discredit Christianity itself as a world view. The focus and intent is not to destroy Christmas (our economy would never survive that). The intention is to keep it, but strip it from the spiritual base from which it came, and reduce the experience of the Divine entering human history to just another holiday.

The greatest challenge to Christmas does not come from the people who are determined to keep it out of the public sphere. It comes from the concerted intellectual challenge to strip it of its meaning. Take away the Christmas Nativity scene, take away the infant from the crib, and you are left with a holiday without a message and without a meaning. And take away the meaning - and the set of morals, and the culture that derived from it, is also in danger. It seems to me that this is what Pope Benedict repeatedly said to the countries of Western Europe before he resigned from being Pope, reminding them, and reminding us, that the future for all of us could be a joyless and meaningless remnant of the great western civilization that was born 2019 years ago in a stable in Bethlehem.

Monsignor Cullen

PLEASE REGISTER FOR FLOCKNOTE

Whether you are a parishioner or not, if you wish to be kept informed about what is happening in the parish, register for Flocknote. Thanks to all our parishioners who have already registered for Flocknote, which will greatly enhance our efforts to communicate with our parishioners on a real-time basis as well as to improve the overall accuracy of our parishoner database.

We want to encourage all our parishioners to register their email and mobile phone number if you haven’t yet had the opportunity. To register, simply follow these steps:

1. TEXT THE NUMBER 07762 IN THE TEXT MESSAGE BOX ON YOUR PHONE AND SEND THE TEXT MESSAGE TO THE NUMBER 84576.

2. WAIT FOR A REPLY AND A LINK THAT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE ST. CATHARINE – ST. MARGARET PARISH FLOCKNOTE PAGE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER YOUR NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND MOBILE PHONE NUMBER.

3. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL FROM FLOCKNOTE ASKING YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

Please note that neither St. Catharine - St. Margaret Parish, nor Flocknote itself, will share any information you provide us with any 3rd party providers. Thanks to all of you for helping us address this key objective of the St. Catharine – St. Margaret Parish Strategic Plan.

Your Parish Technology Team
Please remember our sick: Margaret McKelvey, Patrick Scanlon, Liz Finnerty, Deane Winant, Pat Hanbury, Mary Lou Oliva, Jeffrey Shapiro, Jack McLaughlin, Bob Patrignelli, Gail Patrignelli, Nick Costantini, Ronald Thomas, Fr. Dennis Gallagher, Helen Reh, Charles Williams, Msgr. James J. Finnerty, Susan Ferraro, Brendan McWeeney, Marlene Reisner, Patricia Fedorko, Kurt Alberts, Jill Heck**


Names remain on the sick and deceased at the request of parishioners for 4 weeks. If extended prayers are needed, please send a note or call. Thank you.

**Pastoral Care 732-449-5765**

If you are going into the hospital, our priests will be happy to anoint you by appointment before admittance. If you are IN the hospital, please call us to let us know so we can visit you, since hospitals no longer list patients’ parishes.

If you wish someone to visit you or your loved one in your home or assisted living, please notify me directly, Sr. Margaret Tierney, 732-449-5765, ext. 124.

Blood Pressure Screenings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, in the Convent.

Bereavement Ministry The next session is Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 1:30 PM in the convent. If you have lost a loved one do not feel alone in your journey, we are here to support you. To register or for more information, call Sr. Margaret Tierney 732 449-5765, Ext. 124.

Members of our Parish who have family or friends in the service have given us their names which can be found in our Remembrance books in both churches in front of one of the side altars. We encourage you to stop there, say a prayer for those listed and for all our service people. To add a name to our prayer list, please call Barbara 732-449-5392 or Karen 732-685-7065.

**Our Parish Family of St. Catharine - St. Margaret would like to congratulate Anthony DeBlasio & Heather Melone who were married on December 21, 2018.**
The following have been enrolled in the St. Catharine - St. Margaret Parish Memorial Mass Society and will share in special Masses to be celebrated at the 9:00am for 12 first Sundays beginning January 6, 2019.

Michael Mastrangelo
John Hall
Charles J. Soranno
James Ahern
Peter Good
Harold J. Gattsek
Richard Koch
Deborah Shutowich
Michael Behin
Joseph Zurita
Dolores Thorngren
Jack McLaughlin
Christine Kelly
Scott Carr
Charles Sweeney
Jean Barrett
Shirley Kelly
Judi Dunlay
Edward DeSevo, Jr.
Gary Daley
Josephine Gallo
James Marruca
John Hall
Claire Clark
Patricia Flaherty
Geraldine Amoscato
Rose Marie Donahue
William Rottino
Bill Kayal
Francis P. Meehan, Jr.
Yolanda Egan

Great news! We've partnered with the team at Coastal Habitat for Humanity!

We are planning a service project for two groups in the first quarter of 2019, from late January to March. Coastal Habitat for Humanity has several local projects ongoing. One includes building a new home for a local family in Asbury Park. Other projects include revitalizing local neighborhoods and community.

The C.O.M. will be arranging a group for ages 18+ to work on the new build, plus another group for families and those 14-18 to work on the neighborhood revitalization.

Please contact John Natale Jr by text 732-546-6177 or email natalesells@gmail.com to sign up. Please notify John of your interest prior to December 30th.

Interest in learning more about this new ministry, please visit: https://www.stcatharine-stmargaret.org/

FORMED.Org

By this time all registered members of the parish will have received notification that a subscription has been renewed for you to a terrific Catholic website called FORMED.org. This website has been irreverently called the Catholic Netflix, and has a magnificent array of material including movies, articles, e-books, spiritual and educational programs, that will enliven your Catholic faith.

Last year 147 members of the parish registered with the web site. We hope to double that number this year.

Visit FORMED.org on your web browser. Click on “ENTER CODE” Enter the parish access code 62K48K and then enter your email address and create a password (you will need it to log in later).

Youth to Young Families

For the 2-minute online survey, please visit:

http://ParishYouthSurvey.com

Have you stopped attending mass?

Have your children or grandchildren stopped attending mass?

Are you looking to see more young faces in the crowd or involved in parish life?

Here at St. Catharine - St. Margaret Parish, we are working as a Parish Pastoral Council to help address the needs of our younger parishioners. We want to address the issues and work towards to improving as a parish family to gain further involvement from all parishioners, but especially those that are younger.

Note: We do ask that the survey be shared by all parishioners, but only those in the age groups from teenage years to young families complete the survey. This is very important to our results and the actions we take from the survey.

Thank you very much for your help!

We welcome into our Parish Family the following infants who were Baptized in December 2018:

Gracie Ann Petro
Catherine Grace O’Connor
Maren Sina Herner
Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry wants YOU to Get on the Bus!!

Bus trip to Washington D.C. for the 2019 March for Life!

Friday, January 18, 2019.

Leaving St. Catharine Church after 6:45am Mass, returning 9:30pm.
Suggested donation: $10 student/$20 adult.
Includes transportation & breakfast!
Reservations: Sheila Kenny 201-637-7618 or smohk@me.com.

Leaving St. Rose High School after 6:45am Mass (7:15am), returning 9:30pm.
Suggested donation: $10 student/$20 adult.
Includes transportation & breakfast!
Reservations: Aileen Crean 732-272-8108 or ajcrean9@gmail.com.

Join us for song, prayer, and fellowship as we celebrate LIFE! www.mcplm.org.

Mission of Mercy Uganda

Father Pontian recently sent us this picture of our completed Nursery School in Uganda. Thank you for your continued support. Our recent collection made this possible. I will be sending a review of the collection for Mission of Mercy and all the projects that have been completed soon.

Sr. Carole MacKenthun, RSM
Attention Men of the Parish!

Did you make a New Year’s Resolution to improve your prayer life in 2019?

We can help!

Did you know that the Parish has a Men’s Tuesday Morning Prayer and Sharing Group?

The group meets at 6:45 a.m. - 7:50 a.m. every Tuesday in the Convent. The meeting starts with Prayer followed by a discussion regarding shared books being read or scripture.

Please come and see what it is all about!
### Liturgical Ministry Schedule for St. Margaret Church Saturday, January 12 & Sunday, January 13

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<td>Jane Kulaga</td>
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<td>Rachelle Maget, Kelly Brogowski, Bill King, Tara Crowley</td>
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<td>Kathleen McCarthy, Jean Zales, Vincent Zales</td>
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### Thank you!

Once again the community of St. Catharine-St. Margaret parish have come together to create an incredible Christmas for so many. All 1250 tags that were placed on our Giving Tree were returned with gifts that brightened the lives of children and seniors in neighboring communities. I sincerely thank everyone for making this project a success. If you gave a gift, sorted or delivered, please know that we couldn’t have taken on such a monumental task without your help.

A special thank you to Sneakers Plus for helping us purchase 85 pairs of sneakers for children in Honduras, Uganda, Madonna House and Mercy Center. Also thank you to the Flannigan and McBride family elves for all you help.

God Bless you and your family.

Maureen O’Reilly

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### Our Promise To Protect

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop’s Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who has, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline 1-888-296-2965.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with allegations is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement agencies.
WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 7
8:30 AM Dancersize, Hall.
3:30 PM Girl’s V. Bball Game, Gym.

Tuesday, Day, January 8
6:45 AM Men’s Morning Prayer Group, Convent.
8:30 AM Pastoral Care, Allaire.
9:30 AM Healthy Bones, Hall.
10:00 AM Pastoral Care, Brandywine.
1:30 PM Chair Yoga, Hall.
4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Makers, Convent.
4:30 PM CCD, K-5, SCS.
7:00 PM CCD, 6th, 7th & 8th, SCS.
7:00 PM Lector Mtg, St. Marg.
7:00 Knight of Columbus, Hall.
7:30 PM Prayer Shawl Makers, Convent.

Wednesday, January 9
8:30 AM Dancersize, Hall.
10:30 AM Pastoral Care, Sunrise.
2:30 PM Daisy Troop, SCS.
2:30 PM Girl Scouts, SCS.
3:00 PM Irish Social Dancing, Hall.
3:30 PM Girl’s V Bball Game, Gym.
7:00 PM RCIA, Convent.
7:00 PM Usher Meeting, Hall.

Thursday, January 10
9:30 AM Healthy Bones, Hall.
10:00 AM Pastoral Care, Wexford.
12:30 PM Classics, Hall.
1:30 PM Bereavement Session, Convent.
2:30 PM Girl Scouts, SCS.
7:00 PM Adult Choir, St. Cath.

Friday, January 11
8:30 AM Dancersize, Hall.
3:30 PM Boy’s V bball Game, Gym.

Saturday, January 12
9:00 AM Forgiveness Day, SCS.

Sunday, January 13, The Baptism of the Lord
10:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

Chair Yoga every Tues. at 1:30pm, Hall. Eileen Ryan 732-449-3496.
Dancercize Mon, Wed & Fri, 8:30am, Hall. Call 732-996-2698.
Healthy Bones Tues & Thurs, 9:30am, Hall. Call 732-449-8406.

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas U. Reilly Council 5611 meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7PM in Francis Duffy Hall. All Catholic gentlemen 18 years of age and older are welcome to join. Gabe Viscardi 1-781-424-8147.
Mary’s Child Pro Life Ministry meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm. Bonnie & Jim McGonegle @ bmcgoneg@aol.com.

The Laura Lovering Herbermann Memorial Scholarship: Founded by Church Herbermann in loving memory of Laura Lovering Herbermann, this $1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled at St. Catharine School, or who is a member of St. Catharine-St. Margaret Parish. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate Christian Service and who have served as an Altar Server. For more information, visit scholarships@cbalincroftnj.org.

Upcoming Trips 2019: Sept.4-10 So. Dakota, and In 2020, a Cruise around the Baltic’s, Scandinavian Countries, and Russia. For more info, call Sr. Margaret Tierney at 732-449-5765, 124.
PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 9 AM - 4 PM.
Evenings and Saturdays by appointment.
If you wish an appointment with a priest, please call beforehand.
On Holy Days & Holidays, the rectory office is closed.

Street and Telephone Numbers
Rectory, 215 Essex Avenue 732-449-5765
Convent, 211 Essex Avenue 732-449-5765, ext 126
Sr. Carole MacKenthun, RSM
Sr. Margaret Tierney, SC
Sr. Mary Bilderback, RSM
Sr. Barbara Williams, RSM
St. Catharine School, 301 Second Ave., Spring Lake 732-449-4424
Religious Education Office, SC School 732-449-4424, ext 305, 310
St. Catharine Cemetery, 1100 W Chicago Blvd. Sea Girt 732-681-6269
St. Anne Cemetery, 1610 Allenwood Road, Wall 732-681-6269

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stcatharine-stmargaret.org
SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.stcatharineschool.net
PARISH E-MAIL: ContactUs@stcatharine-stmargaret.org
PARISH BULLETIN E-MAIL: cindygraves@optonline.net
PASTORAL COUNCIL E-MAIL: parishcouncil@stcatharine-stmargaret.org
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION E-MAIL: religioused@stcatharine-stmargaret.org

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: after 8am mass on Monday at St. Catharine Church.

QUEEN OF PEACE: Sunday at 2pm, St. Catharine Chapel.

EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held EVERY Wednesday following the 8am mass in St. Catharine Chapel, Benediction at 4pm.

THIRD ORDER OF LAY CARMELITES: Prayer and reflection after the 8am Mass on the first Saturday of each month.

BAPTISMS: Beginning in September 2018, Baptisms will be held on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Baptism Preparation Classes are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month and must be taken before the Baptism. We urge parents to take the class before the baby’s birth. Please call 732-449-5765, ext 100 to arrange for Baptisms and the Preparation Class.

MARRIAGES: All couples planning marriage should notify the parish at least one year in advance. The Church sees marriage in one’s own parish as the most proper arrangement, therefore, people who reside in St. Catharine - St. Margaret Parish have a right to be married here. Others should receive the sacrament in their own parishes. The bride, the groom, or their parents must be registered and living in this Parish for at least one year. Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter Weekend is required as is participation in FOCUS; a self-diagnostic inventory designed to help couples learn more about themselves and their unique relationship. Please call 732-449-5765, ext. 134.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic community of St. Catharine - St. Margaret, gather in Christ’s name to nurture spiritual growth through the various stages and challenges of life.
We are committed through liturgy, sacraments and parish activities - to proclaim the message of the Gospel, to provide a quality Catholic education for children and adults, to continue to build community and to serve those in need.
Rich in the traditions established in this community during the last century, we challenge ourselves to live our faith in loving service to the community’s residents and its many summer visitors.
We affirm our concern for all members of the Mystical Body of Christ everywhere and particularly those who require assistance. And always, we seek to know and love God and to love our neighbor as Jesus taught us.

Remember St. Catharine Parish in Your Will
Have the following statement included in your will. “I leave to the St Catharine School/Parish, Spring Lake, NJ, the sum of $_____ or ____ percent of the residue of my estate, whichever is greater, for its religious, educational and charitable works.” Stock may also be donated to the parish.

Weekly Collection
December 22/23, 2018
First Collection Summary By Mass
St. Margaret’s
Saturday 4.00PM $ 3,966.00
Sunday 8.30AM $ 1,590.00
Sunday 10.00AM $ 2,581.00
Sunday 11.30AM $ 1,561.00
Total St Margaret’s $ 9,698.00
St. Catharine’s
Saturday 5.00PM $ 1,686.00
Sunday 7.00AM $ 2,388.00
Sunday 9.00AM $ 1,916.00
Sunday 10.30AM $ 1,802.00
Sunday 12.00PM (Chapel) $ 2,539.00
Total St Catharine’s Church $10,331.00
Miscellaneous
Contributions that come in the mail $ 4,372.00
Total Collection $ 24,401.00