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: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10 AM, 11:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Catharine Chapel, Saturday 3:30– 4:30PM
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.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in ordinary time
October 7, 2018

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

Last Monday, October 1, the US Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos announced that St. Catharine School had been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School based on our schools overall academic performance. In a video message, Secretary De Vos announced:

“I’m pleased to celebrate with you as your school is named a National Blue Ribbon School. We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives. Congratulations on your students’ accomplishments and for your extraordinary commitment to meeting their unique needs.”

On November 7-8, the Secretary and the Department of Education will celebrate with 300 public and 49 private schools from across the country at an awards ceremony in Washington D.C. This year 349 schools out of the 132,646 elementary and high schools in the USA were designated as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

Every year the Department of Education seeks out and celebrates great American schools; schools that demonstrate that all students can achieve to high levels.

The Blue Ribbon Award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe, welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue ribbon flag gracing the entry or flying overhead is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

The announcement of the Secretary of Education is the culmination of hopes and dreams for our school over the past several years, and we congratulate Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Ciak and the staff and administration of the school for making dreams come true.

This announcement comes close on the heels of another National Award bestowed on our school. Earlier this year, St. Catharine School was recognized by a national organization as a “Distinguished District (School)” by Project Lead the Way, a leading national organization that promotes Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in elementary and high schools. St. Catharine was recognized for offering STEM education in all grades from K through 8th Grade. Ten schools in the State of NJ were recognized for this award. Six of them were high schools.

On behalf of the parish, we congratulate the accomplishments of our students, administration, faculty and parents.

Monsignor Cullen

A Message From Your Pastoral Council Regarding the Church Abuse Scandal

We, the lay members of the Pastoral Council at St. Catharine-St. Margaret Parish, wish to address the subject of the Church’s abuse scandal. With the approval and active support of Monsignor Cullen, we have examined this subject in relation to our parish and have the following comments:

Our school and parish have extremely thorough and rigorous vetting processes and protective protocols and policies in effect regarding potential child and youth abuse. They are reported to be even more rigorous than those of our local public school systems.

We affirm our confidence in our parish priests (as well as sisters, teachers and parish employees) and all those priests in the United States whose reputations have been sullied by the few. There are no current investigations or questions about any personnel involved in our parish.

We, and the other parish ministries, are renewing our efforts to create greater participation in church ministries, activities and daily/Sunday Mass going forward. Be on the lookout for future announcements.

We can only control our local situation. We must stay focused on the Gospel as well as on the Eucharist which is the source and summit of our faith. The names and contact information of current parish pastoral council members are listed on the parish website, if we can be of assistance to anyone. Thank you for your attention!

The Pastoral Council Members of St. Catharine-St. Margaret Parish

Mission of Mercy

This weekend October 6th and 7th, there will be a second collection to support the projects for our mission in Uganda. Green envelopes will be provided in the pews and in the rear of the church for these contributions. Checks should be made payable to St. Catharine-St. Margaret Parish with Uganda in the memo line. Envelopes can be placed in the second collection basket or mailed to the convent, 215 Essex Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762.

Thank you for your continued support. May God continue to bless you for your generosity.

Sister Carole MacKenthun, RSM, Director Mission of Mercy.
Mass Intentions

ST. CATHARINE CHURCH
MONDAY, October 8
8:00 AM  Eileen Flarity Loftus
12:00 PM (Chapel)  Dec'd Mbrs. of McKenna, Healy & McIlroy Fams

TUESDAY, October 9
8:00 AM  William Hamilton
12:00 PM (Chapel)  Dora Carlone

WEDNESDAY, October 10
8:00 AM (Chapel)  Joseph Cassadonte, Healing
Dorothy Solimini
Jack Geiger
Michael Matthews
Ann Tinh Nguyen
Caroline Basket
12:00 PM (Chapel)  Luisa, Efren & Francisco Patigas

THURSDAY, October 11
8:00 AM  Louis Caserio & Anita Plattner
12:00 PM (Chapel)  Patricia Thomas, 2nd Annv.

FRIDAY, October 12
8:00 AM  Alfred C. & Marjorie B. Casagrande
Joseph Burke
Liam Robinson
Edward Bachstett
Vincent P. Butler, MD
Eleanor Sutker
12:00 PM (Chapel)  Joseph & Mary LoBouno

SATURDAY, October 13
8:00 AM  Margaret Mary Checton
5:00 PM  Peter J. Cummings

SUNDAY, October 14
7:00 AM  James J. Spring
9:00 AM  John Nicholas Kunak, Jr.
10:30 AM  Mary Brady
12:00 PM (Chapel)  Ron Matullo

ST. MARGARET CHURCH
SATURDAY, October 13
4:00 PM  Louis S. Hughes, Jr., 3rd Annv.

SUNDAY, October 14
8:30 AM  James McNally, Jr.
10:00 AM  Debbie Pope
11:30 AM  Anderson & Curcio Fam

Please remember our sick:  Gail Patrignelli, Florence Maclearie, Erin Tyler, Patricia Skrapits, Bob Patrignelli, Nick Costantino, Ronald Thomas, Fr. Dennis Gallagher, Helen Reh, Charles Williams, Msgr. James J. Finnerty, Susan Ferraro, Brendan McWeeney, Marlene Reisner, John Colucci, Patricia Fedorko, Kurt Alberts*

Please pray for our deceased:  Betty Geiger, Patricia Flaherty, Laura Jordan, Anne Nitto, Dorothy Lord, Rev. Jeremiah McGinley, Robert Redling**

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...Three of our parishes, Church of the Ascension, Bradley Beach, St. Catharine Church, Spring Lake and St. Mark’s, Sea Girt, have Bereavement Support Groups. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and are interested in healing through the support of a group, please contact one of these groups:

Please call Deacon John or Karen Kopcak at the rectory, 732-774-0456 for more information.

St. Catharine Church meet on Thursdays 1:30 p.m. in the Convent.

St. Mark’s Church meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mark’s Rectory. Please call Sue Nolan 718-637-1162 or Peg Kraus 732-280-8752 for more information.

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 or parishcouncil@stcatharine-stmargaret.org.
Baptism

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

Oliver Robert Nelson,
Rosalia Capris DiMedici,
Mason Paul Avery

October Is Fátima Month

It's the 101th anniversary of The Blessed Mother’s final apparition to the children at Fátima. After 8:00AM Mass on Saturday October 13, 2018 at St. Catharine Church, we are going across to the Fátima shrine to ask Our Lady to help us strengthen her Son’s Church. This Mystical Body of His needs major help these days.

Please join us. All are welcome. There will be music from Fátima, some prayers (rosary) and closing thoughts. Everyone will be handed a flower to place at her statue as a ‘thank you’ for her help. That’ll be it!

Saturday, October 13, 2018 following 8:00AM Mass at St. Catharine Church

This is being coordinated by Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry.
Saint Catharine School has been designated a National Blue Ribbon School for 2018 by U. S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

We would like to thank our parishioners for all of your support and dedication to our wonderful school!
BLOOD DRIVE

Hosted by
St Catharine ~ St Margaret Church
Please join us on
Monday, October 8, 2018

3:00 PM—7:30 PM

St. Margaret Church
300 Ludlow Avenue, Spring Lake

For questions and to schedule your donation appointment please call Lisa Cole 732-449-5765, ext 169

Thank you for making a Life-Saving Difference!!

Don’t Forget:
• Please eat and drink plenty of fluids before donating.
• Donors must be healthy, at least 17 years of age, and weigh at least 120 pounds.
• Donors MUST PRESENT signature or photo ID.

29th ANNUAL
“CHAMPION FOR LIFE” AWARD DINNER

Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry
would like to invite you to join us in honoring our

CHAMPION FOR LIFE – Rachel Hendricks

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD- Fr. Martin Padovani

Sunday, October 28th,
Doolan’s Shore Club, 700 Highway 71, Spring Lake Heights

REGISTER ONLINE at www.mcplm.org
Today, Sunday, October 7 @ 4:00 PM
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a nationwide movement called Rosary Coast to Coast is inviting Catholics across the country to pray the Rosary together to call upon God to heal our country and our church and to return to holiness at 4PM at Spring Lake North End Pavilion Boardwalk, Ocean & Ludlow Avenues.

Americans across the country are invited to pray the rosary on that day wherever they can gather: in parish churches, in front of state capitals, along US coasts and borders, as families or while viewing the live stream of the National Rosary Rally.

For more information, visit the rosarycoasttocoast.com website or contact Deacon Kevin and Marcia Reina, Rosary Coast to Coast NJ coordinators, marciareuna@hotmail.com or call 917 886-6785.

70th Anniversary

Congratulations Sr. Mary Ann O’Connor!

On Saturday, October 20, Sr. Mary Ann O’Connor, O.P., who served St. Catharine-St. Margaret Parish for twenty-five years (1988-2013), will be celebrating her 70th Jubilee as a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell, New Jersey. Sister has touched countless lives at St. Catherine's and St. Margaret's; whether assisting couples preparing to marry, comforting those saying farewell to their beloved departed, encouraging cantors and choir members to sing whole-heartedly, or simply by being a smiling presence to all, Sr. Mary Ann is fondly remembered. To quote the parish bulletin from 2008 that acknowledged Sister’s 60th Jubilee, "Congratulations, Sister Mary Ann! We love you!"
WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, October 8
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 AM Dancercize, Hall.
3-7:30 PM BLOOD DRIVE, St. Margaret Church

Tuesday, October 9
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.
4:30 PM CCD, K-5, SCS.
7:00 PM CCD, 6th, 7th & 8th, SCS.
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus, Hall.
7:30 PM Prayer Shawl Makers, Convent.

Wednesday, October 10
8:30 AM Dancercize, Hall.
10:15 AM Fire and Faith/Kingdom of Happiness, Hall.
10:30 AM Pastoral Care, Sunrise.
2:30 PM Daisy Troop, SCS.
2:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop 795, SCS.
3:00 PM Irish Social Dancing, Hall.
5:00 PM Youth Ensemble.
6:00 PM Legatus, St. Catharine Church.
6:30 PM Fire and Faith/Kingdom of Happiness, Hall.
7:00 PM RCIA, Convent.

Thursday, October 11
9:30 AM Healthy Bones, Hall.
10:00 AM Pastoral Care, Wellington.
1:30 PM Bereavement Session, Convent.
7:00 PM Adult Choir, St. Catharine Church.

Friday, October 12
8:30 AM Dancercize, Hall.

Saturday, October 13
10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals, Shrine.

Sunday, October 14
10:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word.
3:30 PM Concert, St. Catharine Church.

Chair Yoga every Tuesday at 1:30pm in Francis Duffy Hall. Eileen Ryan 732-449-3496.
Dancercize every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30am in Francis Duffy Hall. Questions Call 732-996-2698.
Healthy Bones every Tuesday & Thursday at 9:30am in Francis Duffy Hall. Marion Mullarkey 732-449-8406.
The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas U. Reilly Council 5611 meets 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.
Men’s Morning Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 6:45-7:50am in the convent. David Foley 732-449-6429.
St. Catharine’s Altar Sewing & Craft Guild: Meets on Thursdays at 12PM in Francis Duffy Hall: Madelyn Curtis at 732-449-0059.

Congratulations to Hugh Meehan, our September winner of our St. Catharine-St. Margaret Parish 50/50.

In observance of Columbus Day, the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 8th.

New Jersey Right to Life Raffle tickets will be sold at all Masses this weekend. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket! The cost is $10 per ticket!

Oct. 7: The 28th Annual LIFE CHAIN will take place from 2:30 to 3:30 PM at St. Veronica Church in Howell. LIFE CHAIN is an annual nation-wide event of peaceful and prayerful public witness against abortion and for greater respect for all human life. Pro-life witnesses will be forming a “Life Chain” along Rt. 9 in front of the St. Veronica's rectory. Signs will be available. Please join us and stand up for life! Refreshments will be served following the witnessing. Contact Hu Mador at 732-367-2565 or hmador@optonline.net for more info.

Daughters & Sons of St. Catharine—St. Margaret Parish

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 25th 7PM Francis Duffy Hall, St. Margaret Church Our guest speaker will be Fr. Martin Padovani with a Surprise Topic plus a special offering...An 8”x10” Pictorial Display of “A Smiling, Merciful Christ” portrayed by world artist Greg Olsen, Idaho. He is sending our parish 25 of his personally selected prints for viewing and for purchase if so desired. He has discounted his work for us. The price will be $19.99 each (reg. $70). A special affect coating on these prints are available for an additional fee. You will be impressed with these unusual prints.

Bring your checks with your address and phone number on check. Greg is also offering stories on his website GregOlsen.com as to why he painted each and how his art work has affected the purchasers. Truly interesting and most unusual.

Anyone caring to bring refreshments please inform Gretchen a week before meeting.

For questions or more information, please call Gretchen Stevens at 732-213-7475 or email gretchenstevens22@gmail.com.

Nov. 2 - 4: Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist (OLME) invites you to a Special Retreat: A Time Apart with Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life. Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown, PA, The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and 1999 to 2018 EWTN Host of “Eucharistic Journey”. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more. For more info contact Helen Nugent, 201-618-4582. Email hnmnugent@aol.com OR contact OLME 610-582-3333, olme@olme.org; www.olme.org

SAVE THE DATE
Spirituality and the Arts
St. Catharine Church
December 3rd at 7:00 PM Christmas Concert
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 102 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 FOCCUS; a self-diagnostic inventory designed to help couples learn more about themselves and their unique relationship. Please call 732-449-5765, ext 134.

Remember St. Catharine’s 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.

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.

Weekly Collection

September 29/30, 2018
First Collection Summary By Mass
St. Margaret’s
Saturday 4.00PM $ 3,146.00
Sunday 8.30AM $ 2,204.00
Sunday 10.00AM $ 2,184.00
Sunday 11.30AM $ 1,850.00
Total St Margaret’s $ 9,384.00
St. Catharine’s
Saturday 5.00PM $ 2,111.00
Sunday 7.00AM $ 1,783.00
Sunday 9.00AM $ 2,736.00
Sunday 10.30AM $ 2,522.00
Sunday 12.00PM (Chapel) $ 2,024.00
Total St Catharine’s Church $11,176.00
Contributions that come in the mail $ 2,420.00
Total Collection $22,980.00