The Parish of St. Catharine and St. Margaret

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27th, 2023

**Mass Schedule**

**St. Catharine Church**
215 Essex Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
  - 12 Noon
  - Saturday 5PM
  - Sunday 9AM

**St. Catharine Chapel**
215 Essex Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762
- Wednesday 9AM followed by Benediction at 11:45AM
- Sunday 12PM

**St. Margaret Church**
300 Ludlow Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762
- Saturday: 4PM
- Sunday 8AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

St. Margaret Church
Saturday: 3:00 – 3:45PM

**St. Catharine School Playground**
301 Second Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762
- Sunday 10AM
- (Moved inside to St. Margaret Church if inclement weather)

**Parish Directory**
- Very Rev. Damian McElroy, Pastor
- Rev. Gregg Abadilla, Parochial Vicar
- Edward Jennings, Deacon
- Dr. John Little, Deacon
- Mark McNulty, Deacon
- Paul Vitale, Deacon
- Billy Lawlor, Music Director
- Tammy Sablom, Religious Education
- Sr. Margaret Tierney, S.C., Pastoral Care

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peter’s declaration of faith makes him the first to acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus. Yet this declaration of faith is given to Peter as a gift from the Father. What kind of rock is Peter? Perhaps the tendency is to picture a large solid foundation stone, but this does not seem to be borne out by later events. Perhaps it would be better to see him as a small pebble with which God does amazing things. The Church will be built on Peter not because of his innate skills, strengths, qualifications, or power, but because he will need to depend upon God’s power to act through him. It is Jesus himself who will build the Church upon this inadequate human being.

In this passage in Matthew’s Gospel, we have both a challenge and a warning to the future Church. The challenge is for the Church to take the gospel to all situations and all people – there is nowhere that can resist this message. Even “the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it”. The warning is that this cannot be done by the Church’s own power, strength, or will, but through its dependence upon the Lord Jesus.

The encounter that Peter has with Jesus should cause us to reflect. Do I see myself as a large solid foundation stone, firm in myself and dependent upon no one? Or do I see myself as a little pebble that God wants to use for God’s own purposes rather than my own?

The Second Vatican Council proposed that we should look at the Church in a different way from some of the images used in the past. Among the many images the Council uses, there emerges a key one – the Church as the Pilgrim People of God. This does not exude power, strength, or dominance. Indeed, it seems to run counter to these notions. This Pilgrim People is led by God to the heavenly kingdom and can make this journey only if it depends upon the strength of God.

This is the Church of which we are members. A pilgrim people seeking their way through the hopes and joys, sorrows, and pains of our modern world to the kingdom of God. May we allow ourselves to be used as pebbles to build this kingdom of love, mercy, and peace.

With Love and Blessings,

Fr Damian

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**Gospel**

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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**Readings**

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Funeral Preparers Needed
There will be training provided for anyone who feels called to assist with this important ministry soon. Please call with questions to Sister Margaret Tierney if interested.
(732) 449-5765 *124.

Mary’s Child Ministry will be selling car raffle chances for NJ Right to Life on September 9th and 10th after all Masses. The chances are for a 2024 Volvo XC40 and will be $10 each. Last year, all chances were sold out, so get yours early!

Funeral Preparers Needed

To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother.
— Saint Pope John Paul II

WHAT IS SOULCORE?

SOULCORE is a movement that combines core strengthening, stretching & functional exercises with the prayers of the rosary, a sensory experience combining candlelight, music, Scripture, reflections & movement to nourish body, mind & soul and encourage deeper meditation on the mysteries & virtues of the rosary.

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Visit www.soulcore.com for more information.

Please note: We strongly recommend that you consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. By participating in the SOULCORE experience you agree to do so at your own risk and assume all risk of injury to yourself.

WHAT TO BRING

Wear comfortable clothing and bring an exercise mat

St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton
Born: August 28, 1774
Died: January 4, 1821
Beatified: March 17, 1963
Canonized: September 14, 1975

Celebrate Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Please join us to honor St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on her birthday on Monday, August 28 at St. Michael’s Church, Long Branch. A concelebrated Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m. with light refreshments to follow in the lower level of the church. St. Elizabeth’s story resonates strongly during these challenging times and inspires us to practice the tenets of our faith more fervently.

St. Michael’s Church is located at 800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740 (across the street from the San Alfonso Retreat House). The church is wheelchair-accessible; the church hall is not wheelchair-accessible. For further information please call Deacon Mark McNulty at 732-610-0360.

The Classics of St. Catherine Church invite you to a presentation on Keeping Your Brain Sharp

When: Monday, September 25th, 2023, at 12:30pm
Where: Duffy Hall at St. Margaret’s
Speaker: Dr. Priya Angi of Monmouth Medical Center

Light lunch will be served.
Prospective members and current members are welcome.
Come and learn!

Please RSVP to Nancy Zavoluk
732-566-4831
nanzavoluk@aol.com

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Going to the Racetrack on September 9th?
Here Are a Few Tips to Make the Day at the Track More Enjoyable

* First of all, the address is: Monmouth Park Racetrack
  175 Oceanport Avenue
  Oceanport, NJ 07757

  (This is the destination address if you’re using GPS)

* If you are driving and plan to self park, suggest you first drop off your passengers as close as possible to the Main Entrance of the Clubhouse, and then go park. It’ll save them the walk! There’s also valet parking, $15.00.

* We are meeting at the Dining Club at 12 noon (9/9/23).

* The Dining Club is on the 3rd floor of the Clubhouse (fine view of the Track). To reach the Dining Club, take escalator in entrance lobby up one level to 1st floor, walk way across hall to elevators, take elevator to 3rd floor (that’s the Dining Club). If you need help along the way, look for one of the Classic welcomers.

* The first race of the day is at 12:40pm.

* Betting locations are in our Dining Club area. The day’s printed race program will be available in our Dining Club area.

* Luncheon starts at 12:15pm. Menus are on the tables. There’s a help-yourself ‘buffet’ part (soups, salads, dips, etc.); followed by waitress taking & serving your entree order. Reminder: the gratuity is already covered.

* Tables are on a first come, first choice basis. The tables vary in size, seating 4, 6 or 8 people. The earlier one arrives, the better the selection.

  * There will be opportunity to visit the Paddock (optional) for those who’d like to see the horses close up, just prior to their racing.

  * Restrooms are conveniently close and on same level, no up or down steps.

There’s still time to sign up, the cost is $50.00 per person. Simply write a check payable to St. Catharine Church, with ‘Track’ on the memo line, and **mail it by September 1** to Mary Jo Capko, 7 Ashford Court, Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762. Please supply names of your guests if check covers more than one (1) person. If you have questions, please call 732 533 7224 (Mary Jo). Thank you! See you there.
Come and be refreshed and renewed in the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit...for it is the Holy Spirit who helps us to fall deeper in love with Christ! We are Church on Mission and the time for Eucharistic Revival is now! As “point-of-contact” for your Parish you serve the vital mission of bringing new enthusiasm for this Most Precious Gift of the Eucharist to your Parish Community and keeping them connected to the Diocesan and National Revival movement.

This Day of Retreat is for Point of Contacts, Eucharistic Revival Teams, and everyone who loves Jesus. Come and See!

Please click here to Register by September 1, 2023
See the attached flyer for more details.

Americas Gleaned Seafood is a 501c3 that works with commercial fishers to donate excess seafood and deliver it to local food pantries to help feed low-income families.

Join us in the fight against hunger! Donate at agsusa.org or send a check to Americas Gleaned Seafood at P.O. Box 94, Lavallette, NJ 08735.

There will be a workshop on proclaiming the Word of God on October 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent. Please register or call for questions at (732) 449-5765, *124 to Sister Margaret Tierney by September 18. Thank you.
Sisters and Brothers,

You are cordially welcome to join us in a Day of Prayer with “Francis of Assisi, Man of the Gospel!” This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the Franciscan Way of Life – “from Gospel to Life and Life to the Gospel!”

Franciscan Friar, Fr. Noel Danielewicz, will serve as your guide in a Day of Prayer, dialogue, and fraternity. Mark your calendar and feel free to extend this invitation to family and friends. May the Lord give you peace!

Saturday, September 16, 2023
St. Peter Roman Catholic Church
406 Forman Avenue
Point Pleasant, NJ
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Kolbe Hall)

Pre-Registration prior to September 11th
Registration Fee of $15.00 per person includes materials and lunch.
Kindly make out checks to: Franciscan Friars
Mail your Registration and Payment To:
Fr. Noel Danielwicz, OFM Conv., 50 E Street, Seaside Park, NJ 08752

Name: ___________________________   Cell: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________   City: ___________________________

Zip Code: _______________   Parish: ___________________________

Total Number of Guests Attending: _______________

Any Food Restrictions: ___________________________
Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 28
12:00PM Maureen Rohrmann
Sharyn Murtha

TUESDAY, August 29
12:00PM Gert Finn
Joseph K. Dunn

WEDNESDAY, August 30
9:00AM William T. Watson
Nancy & Nicholas Conforti
12:00PM Caroline Flanigan
Nancy Fons Conforti

THURSDAY, August 31
12:00PM Mary & Robert J. Johansen
Philip Della Pietro

FRIDAY, September 1
12:00PM Joan & William Murphy
Eileen S. Fell

SATURDAY, September 2
4:00PM Kenneth R. Zelinski
Rosemary Cadorette
5:00PM Danielle Moran
Joseph Regan

SUNDAY, September 3
8:00AM Charles Capone
Mary Ellen Kennedy
9:00AM Florence & Richard Danyko
Anthony Murtha
10:00AM People of the Parish
Mary Jane & Daniel Dugan
12:00PM Thomas J. Degnan
Margaret & John Callery
Joseph J. Kelly

Please remember our sick: Paul Feldman, Kathleen Mc Donough, John Briscoe, Lucille Caserio, Gail Augusta, Kathy Owens, Maria Bauer, Roy Jackson, David Laible, Baby Brym, John Briscoe, William Coyne, Cindy Lombardi, Patricia Devlin, Mary Harley, Baby Brennan, Robert Brennan, Edward Schneider, Teresa Gaidis, Genevieve O’Brien, Jeff Hawarden

Please pray for our deceased: Joan Inzerillo, Kevin G. Dolan, Jean Pieroni, Carl Imbriano, Patricia Ann Nordling, Thomas Martin, Joan Baker, James Shuler, John P. Shibles, James J. Gorman, Francis Bock, Lee Nicoletti, Jean Morse, Frances E. Coan, Erin Rubas, Veronica Szenzenstein, Edna Raffetto, Arthur P. Lynch, Kathleen Hayes, Joan Samperi, Christiane Selleslagers, Jeanne Perry, Mary Janice Mc Goughran

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.

We have prayer shawls made by our prayer shawl ministry for all who are sick or are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you would like to present them with a shawl, please call Sister Margaret at (732) 449-5765, *124.

Our prayer shawl ministry will meet again in September. We are always welcoming new people to knit or crochet to join us on Wednesdays when we meet once a month at 2:00pm.
"You Are Peter."

Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was. When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.

When Simon had said this, Jesus said that His name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that pretty amazing?

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The Kids' Bulletin
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27th, 2023

Who do you say that I am?

The Birth of John was announced to his father Zachary by an angel. At first he didn't believe it because he and his wife were so old.

When John grew up, he lived in the desert where he ate locusts and honey.

When Jesus came, John baptized Him. He told people to follow Jesus.

Who do you say that I am?

Crossword

The kids' bulletin is like a sign-post that points to Jesus. Even though people thought He was weird, He preached the truth. He even gave up His freedom and His life for the truth. Like St. John, our lives should be like signs that direct people to God and to the truth.

Blessed are you, Simon. For you are a son of the living God. What were Peter and Jesus saying in today's Gospel reading? Look in the mirror to find out.

You are the Christ!
Rectory Office Hours
MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. FRIDAY 9:00 AM-12:00PM
If you wish an appointment with a priest, please call beforehand.
On Holy Days & Holidays, the rectory office is closed

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BAPTISMS AND BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES: Baptisms are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Baptist Preparation Classes are available monthly. Please call 732-449-5765, ext. 100 to arrange for Baptisms and the Preparation Class.

EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held EVERY Wednesday following the 9am mass in St. Catharine Church, Benediction at 11:45am.

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. 109 or email weddings@scsmsl.org

MARY’S CHILD PRO-LIFE MINISTRY: Please contact Mary Reilly 732-685-6011.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: after 12pm mass on Monday at St. Catharine Church.

ADULT ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Thursday evenings 7-7:45pm in the Convent Chapel. Prayers include the Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy, and prayer to St. Joseph. Call Sr. Carole 732-449-5765 ext. 128 for more information.

CHILDREN’S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Thursday afternoon 2:30-3:00 during the school year in the school chapel near the carport area of St. Catharine School. Parents, grandparents and children are welcome. Call Sr. Carole 732-449-5765, ext. 128 for more information.

RCIA (Adult Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation): Please contact Isabella Maguire 732-341-2496

St. Catharine School is collecting gently used backpacks with afterschool children's snacks for the People's Pantry out of Mount Carmel in Asbury Park. Bins will be at the back of St. Catharine and St. Margaret Church and by the altar on the St. Catharine School Playground.
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