St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

1020 SPRINGVALE ROAD . GREAT FALLS, VIRGINIA 22066

PASTOR

Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky Direct line to Pastor 703-759-3520

703-759-3520 (No text messages please)

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon* *Novus Ordo Latin Mass

Saturday 8:30 am & Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Weekdays & Federal Holidays 8:30 am (except Wed. 12:15 pm)

Holy Days See "Mass Intentions" & website for Holy Day Mass schedule.

Sacraments

PENANCE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:45 - 8:15 am (except holy days and holidays)

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

BAPTISM

Baptismal Catechesis is required for parents one month (30 days) before the baptism; Godparents are encouraged to attend. To make Baptismal arrangements for both class and ceremony, call the Parish Office.

MATRIMONY

In accord with the regulations of the Bishop of Arlington, couples must contact a priest and begin preparation at least six months prior to the wedding. Parish registration is required. Living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the preparation time. MAY 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome



Every Wednesday beginning at 1:00 pm and First Friday beginning at 9:00 am and ending before Mass the following morning.

For questions please contact Diane Cieslak at 703-678-3919 or polskagirl65@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Required for all children first grade through high school attending non-Catholic school.

Please contact the Religious Education office for information at stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com or 703-759-3530.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY

If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please call the Parish Office to register; if you are moving out of the parish; or if you have a change of address and/or phone number.

SICK CALLS

Contact Parish Office for visits and/or Communion calls to shut-ins, sick and hospitalized, also in cases of serious illness or death.

PRAYER FOR SICK OR DECEASED

Contact Parish Office for mention in



PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office	703-759-4350
Fax	703-759-3753
Religious Education	703-759-3530
Siena Academy	703-759-4129

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday ---9:30 am - 1:30 pm *Closed on Federal Holidays*

PARISH WEB SITE

www.saintcatherineschurch.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The bulletin deadline is 11:00 am two Fridays preceding the weekend of distribution. Please contact Parish Office for earlier deadlines during holidays.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5, 2024

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

(John 15: 9 - 17)

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 4

8:00 am Joseph White Todd, Jr.+(change due to 5K Race) 5:30 pm Angela Derr+ SUNDAY, May 5 8 am Pro Populo 10 am Janryk Bukowski 12 pm Joseph DiFerdinando, Jr.+ MONDAY, May 6 8:30 am Richard Kane+ TUESDAY, May 7 8:30 am Donna Lee Cann WEDNESDAY, May 8 12:15 pm Suzanne Strakhov+ THURSDAY, May 9 8:30 am Elias Nassar+ FRIDAY, May 10 8:30 am Terrance Hanlon+ SATURDAY, May 11 8:30 am Carolin 5:30 pm Special Intentions** SUNDAY, May 12 8 am Pro Populo 10 am Mother's Day 12 pm Mother's Day PLEASE PRAY FOR Marjorie A. Moore+, Georgia R.

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John 15:12

<u>What's New?</u> (See Inside for details)

- First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Noon Mass next Sunday, May 12th
- AWC Baby Bottle Drive bottle collection this weekend
- St. Lucy Food Drive Thank you
- Parish Liaison Meeting (PLN) May 8th
- Prime Time Single Catholics
- Siena Academy (First Holy Communion Information)

(Announcements in <u>CAPITAL</u> letters are recurring, <u>non-capitalized</u> announcements are new with expiration dates.)

THE PARISH WEBSITE is the preferred method of communicating late-breaking news including Weather related adjustments and access to the Parish Registration Link:

http://saintcatherineschurch.org

<u>APPLICATION TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM</u> - on Web Site, click Sacraments, then Baptism Guidelines and follow the link.

WEDDING REGISTRATION APPLICATION - on Web Site, click Sacraments, then Wedding Guidelines and follow the instructions.



First Holy Communion – Next Sunday, May 12th, First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Noon Mass which will be in English. Mass attendance is expected to be more than usual.

QUICK CONTACT REFERENCE

Adoration – Diane Cieslak – 703-678-3919 KOC - Don Hopper - 703-994-3987 <u>GK10754@VAKofC.org</u> Opus Dei – Daryl Glick – 703-689-3433 x201 Pro-Life – Mark Poirier – <u>mark.g.poirier@gmail.com</u> SCYA - Greg Meehan - <u>stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com</u> Third Order Dominicans – Patrick Smith - 703-444-4571

AROUND THE PARISH

PRO LIFE – For Information, please contact Mark Poirier at mark.g.poirier@gmail.com.

THIRD ORDER DOMINICANS – All Parishioners are invited to share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order of Preachers by study, prayer and preaching. Meetings are usually held every 1st Saturday at 9:30 am in Bishop Justs Hall until further notice, following Mass and rosary. Contact Patrick Smith at 703-444-4571.

THE SAINT CATHERINE YOUTH APOSTOLATE (SCYA)

Contact information: Email: stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com Our coordinator: Greg Meehan Pastor's phone: 703.759.4350 #4 *Parents, check the Christ the Redeemer website for breaking news on the youth ministry program*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – is a vibrant Catholic gentlemen volunteer organization that serves our parish. It meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month

at Padre Pio Hall. To join or learn more, please contact Grand Knight Don Hopper via 703.994.3987 or

HowToBecomeAKnight@yahoo.com . Also, see the Parish Web Site under the" Organizations and Apostolates" tab or read the "Become a Knight" paragraph below.

FORMED.ORG Formed is an on-line web-based digital platform from the Augustine Institute available 24/7. This series is designed to help you grow in your faith at all levels – how you think, pray and live. Better yet, access is FREE to all Saint Catherine of Siena parishioners and families anywhere, anytime, on computers, tablets or phones. So even though you have a busy schedule, you can still learn and grow in your faith. Go to formed.org/signup and follow the directions. Each

registered family has access. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our faith from the best Catholic authors and presenters.

LEGATUS is an international organization of Catholic business leaders, executives and their spouses committed to study, live and spread the Catholic faith. Chartered in 2000, the Northern Virginia chapter is welcoming new members. We meet once a month in the Tyson's Corner area for prayer, dinner and a speaker. For information, please see Legatus.org or contact johnsekel@aol.com. [Exp. Date: TBD]

OPUS DEI – Evening of Recollection: A priest of the Opus Dei prelature presents an "Evening of Recollection" for women on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm in the Church. Confessions: A priest of the Opus Dei Prelature offers Confessions on Monday morning after the 8:30 am Mass until 11 am. For more information, contact Daryl Glick at 703.689.3433 x201.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Please be attentive to weather conditions and check our web site for updates. You can contact Diane Cieslak at 703-678-3919 or email her at polskagirl65@gmail.com.

MASS USHERS: We are in much need of ablebodied Catholic gentlemen to volunteer their time to serve as ushers at our weekend (vigil Saturday and all-day Sunday) and holiday Masses. The role is simple yet is critically important to the Mass operations. Even volunteering just once per month or every other month would be appreciated. Please consider adding your name to the usher duty list by contacting Head of Ushers, Tom Garcia, at thomasg149@cox.net (or via PadrePioKnightsActivities@yahoo.com). [Exp. Date: None]

Baby Bottle Drive for A Woman's Choice - A Woman's Choice Center helps mothers make the right decision. They care and know that this is, for some, a great personal crisis. They do not want woman and men to face a pregnancy alone. They offer free hospital-grade pregnancy tests, help with signing up for Medicaid, and material assistance. The baby bottles may be filled with a donation in cash, coins, or a check (checks should be made payable to A Woman's Choice.) Please return the bottles with your donation this weekend. The centers are located in Herndon and in Falls Church. information For more visit https://awomanschoicecenter.com . Thank you for your support. [Exp. Date: 5.6.24]

Huge thanks - St. Lucy Food Collection - St. Catherine of Siena – what a generous parish. Many, especially families with young children, are most grateful to the generous parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena during April's St. Lucy Food Drive. Our parish donated 2,774 lbs. of food, and \$1,465 in cash and checks. Wow! Thank you to Fr. Pokorsky for his continued support, our amazing Knights of Columbus, the most loyal cadre of parishioners who distribute the blue bags and our ever-thoughtful parishioners. **[Exp. Date: 5.6.24]**

Parish Liaison Network (PLN) Meeting - All are welcome - Please join us * Parish Liaison Network (PLN) Meeting *Office of Volunteers, Catholic Charities *May 8 *10:00 AM - 12:00 PM *St. Catherine of Siena Church A St. Lucy Food Project member will discuss the daily challenges of those impacted by food insecurity. Additional topics include updates on Catholic Charities' Diocese of Arlington services and needs. Please RSVP by May 6 to volunteer@ccda.net PLN background: Catholic Charities created the Liaison Network Parish to encourage partnerships among those serving the poor in our communities. Through the PLN, parishioners can learn about many Catholic Charities' programs such as: v Referring mothers in crisis pregnancies and prospective parents to pregnancy and adoption programs - v Volunteer at the Mother of Mercy Free Health Clinic in Manassas - v Assist with the St. Lucy Food Program - v Help legal immigrants earn their American citizenship - v Mentor men and women leaving jail - v Teach "English for Speakers of Other Language" (ESOL). In sum, help bring Christ's transformative love to people who are experiencing homelessness, or health, financial, spiritual, or familial problems. Carla Lanzara St. Catherine Of Siena PLN representative Clanzara@gmail.com. [Exp. Date: 5.6.24]

BECOME A KNIGHT - The Padre Pio Knights always welcome practicing Catholic gentlemen (18 or older) to join its Council. If currently a Knight who wants to transfer into our council, email us at HowToBecomeAKnight@yahoo.com. If not yet a Knight, simply complete an online application and then attend a 30-minute Admissions Ceremonial. To apply online, scan the QR code below and then enter "St. Catherine of Siena" for our church, "10754" for our council, and "MABBATE" as a promo code to waive the \$30 enrollment fee. You will be contacted shortly by an officer about attending a ceremonial. The next Admissions Degree Ceremonial (open to you and your family) will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:30pm (7:00pm report time) in our church; a candidate need only register online and attend one of our ceremonies to become a Knight. A registration URL hyperlink and additional information is available on the Knights Apostolates page on church website.



[Exp. Date: None] 🛈 SCAN ME

KOC FOURTH DEGREE: If you are a current Third Degree Knight that may be interested in advancing to the Fourth Degree, which is dedicated to the principle of Patriotism, please contact Faithful Captain Ernest Piro or Faithful Admiral John Silvi of Elizabeth Bayley Seton Assembly 1781 via HowToBecomeAKnight@yahoo.com for details and to complete a simple half page admissions form. We are now accepting applications for the next semiannual degree ceremonial anticipated in October 2024 in the Northern Virginia area. **[Exp. Date: None]**

KOC CHRIST HOUSE FOOD SERVICE ("CHeFS"): On the fourth Thursday of each month, the Knights of Columbus serve hot meals to the homeless and poor at CCDA's Christ House in Alexandria. We always welcome volunteers starting at 1:30pm that day to prepare, and then drive down to Alexandria to serve, these meals. If interested, contact the Padre Pio Knights at PadrePioKnightsActivities@yahoo.com. Note: we also deliver all dry food donations left in the Catholics Charities food donations closet to Christ House with the hot meal delivery. [Exp. Date: None]

KOC INSURANCE AND MORE - Do you have life insurance, long-term care, or other retirement needs? Consider a free consultation with the Knights of Columbus. Contact Max Abbate, FIC, and his team (Jacqui and Shawn) at 866-868-1492 or via email at <u>max.abbate@kofc.org</u>. [Exp. Date: None]



MAKE A GIFT OF STOCK TO SAINT CATHERINE OF

SIENA_CHURCH - If you would like to make a gift of stock to Saint Catherine of Siena Church you can download the stock donation form from the Arlington Diocese, by going to the following link: https://tinyurl.com/y282avsn.Please contact your broker in writing in order to provide proper documentation for a gift of stock and follow the instructions on the stock donation form. For additional information or assistance please contact Christine Farmer by phone at 703-841-3896 in the Office of Development or by email which can also be found on the form. For details more see our website http://saintcatherineschurch.org.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2024 - "God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him." Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, <u>michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org</u> or (703) 841-2514. **[Exp. Date: 5.6.24]**

Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC): We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) See our Web site for more information and for further details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at <u>ptscnva@gmail.com</u>. [Exp. Date: 6.2.24]

THE IPS CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

- Are you or a loved one in need of compassionate, Catholic, and affordable therapy? The IPS Center

SIENA ACADEMY

Dear Parishioners:

This year's FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass will be celebrated on Mother's Day, May 12 at the noon Mass. Please pray for our First Holy Communicants and their families during this time of preparation: Siena Austin, Louis Park, Felicity Bissmeyer, Isaac Moss, Lucas Feliciano, Janie Dunn, Felicity Beverstock, Eric Merton, Maria Toste, Dominic Whetstone, Mary McCormick Van Lier, Daniel McKinnon, and Walter Jackson. God bless you and your loved ones. Sister Janet Siepker, FSE Head of School for Psychological Services provides mental health care from an integrated perspective. For inquiries about our services, please call 703-418-2111. (See Parish Web Site for contact information & details.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com 703.759.353 DRE – Father Jerry Pokorsky, Assisted by Greg Meehan

Our goal is to have our children realize being Catholic is a way of life and not just another subject to learn. This spiritual journey involves a head to heart understanding of what it means to make a Christian difference in this world. Parents teach by their word and example as the primary educators in the Domestic Church. St. Catherine's supports our families by providing quality religious education in a faith-filled environment. Through the cooperative effort of parents, the catechetical program, our parish family, and the students themselves, our children will grow in their love for God and knowledge of their Catholic faith, develop their God-given gifts and talents, and be authentic and effective disciples of Christ in this world. Please check the parish website for the cluster schedules for when your child comes to meet in person with their class. Please check the parish website for all sacramental preparation requirements and deadlines as well as CCD scheduling of Cluster Meetings for those children who are enrolled in the CCD program. For questions please email stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com or call 703.759.3530.



The CCD program begins Monday evening, VSeptember 18, 2023 2023-2024 Classes:

Grades 1-7 will be using the Faith & Life On-line Program supplemented with in-person cluster meetings (see clusters and schedule below) on Monday nights from 6:00 pm-7:15 pm in the parish hall.

Grade 8 will meet in person Mondays from 6:00 pm-7:15 pm in Padre Pio Hall (basement of the rectory).

VSeptember 18 (No Class V9/11 - Confirmation Mass and No Class V9/25 FFX Holiday) VOctober V2, V16, V23 (No Class 10/9 Columbus Day)
VNovember 13, 20, (No Class V11/6 FFX Holiday and No Class V11/27 Thanksgiving) VDecember 4, 11, (No Class on V12/18 and V12/25 Christmas Break)
January V8, V22, V29 (VNo Class 1/1 New Year's Day and No Class 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day) February V5, V12, 26 (VNo Class 2/19 President's Day) March 4, 11, 18, (No Class 3/25 Easter Break)
April 8, 15, 22, 29 (No Class 4/1 Easter Break) May 6, 13, 20

High School Spring Apologetics Course will be meeting in person began Tuesday, vJanuary 16, 2024 and will be meeting in the Padre Pio Hall (basement of the rectory). See High School Options tab for more information.

Clusters and Schedules

Cluster 1: Grades 1, 2, and 3 Cluster 2: Grades 4 and 5 Cluster 3: Grades 6 and 7

Cluster Schedule:

Meet at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall: Decade of the Rosary – led by a catechist 6:10 pm to 6:30 pm: Priest (or catechist) gives a catechetical talk in church. 6:30 pm to 6:45 pm: Socialization in Parish Hall (Priest hears Confessions until 7 pm or longer if schedule allows.) 6:50 pm to 7:15 pm: Catechist gives a catechetical talk in Parish Hall.

Cluster Meeting Dates:

Clusters 1, 2, & 3 (All Grades) meet on Monday, September 18th, 2023 for a kick-off meeting from 6:00pm - 7:15pm.

Cluster 1: Grades 1, 2 & 3	Cluster 2: Grades 4 & 5	Cluster 3: Grades 6 & 7
vSeptember 18, 2023	VSeptember 18, 2023	vSeptember 18, 2023
√ October 2, 2023	√October 16, 2023	√ October 23, 2023
√ October 30, 2023	VNovember 13, 2023	√ November 20, 2023
√ December 4, 2023	√ December 11, 2023	√ January 8, 2024
√January 22, 2024	√ January 29, 2024	√February 5, 2024
√ February 12, 2024	√ February 26, 2024	√ March 4, 2024
vMarch 11, 2024	√ March 18, 2024	√ April 8, 2024
vApril 15, 2024	√April 22, 2024	vApril 29, 2024
May 6, 2024	May 13, 2024	May 20, 2024

Penance and First Holy Communion 2024

There will be two special meetings held for Parents of First Communicants

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 (Parents Only) 6:00pm - 7:00pm Wednesday, March 13, 2024 (1st Penance Parent/Child Meeting) 6:00pm -7:00pm

First Penance: Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9 am following the 8:30 am Mass First Holy Communion Practice: Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 12:00 Mass.

More information and the registration form can be found in the First Penance and First Holy Communion Tab on the parish website.



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