The Parish Family of St. Catharine and St. Margaret
Spring Lake, New Jersey
Rev. 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
Friday & Saturday: 6:45 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 PM
Sunday: 8 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. Harold F. Cullen PhD, Pastor
Rev. William Dunlap, Associate Pastor
Rev. Martin O’Reilly, Associate Pastor
Rev. Charles Weiser, Senior Priest
Rev. Dennis Gallagher, Weekend Assistant
Rev. John Morley, Weekend Assistant
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
Sister Margaret Tierney, SC Pastoral Care
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.

First Sunday of Lent
MARCH 5, 2017

www.stcatharine-stmargaret.org
ContactUs@stcatharine-stmargaret.org
732-449-5765
~MASS INTENTIONS~

ST. CATHARINE CHURCH
MONDAY, March 6
8:00 AM    Marcy Hall
12:00 PM (Chapel)    Patrick Boyle

TUESDAY, March 7
8:00 AM    Lauryn Ossola
12:00 PM (Chapel)    Billy Zimmermann

WEDNESDAY, March 8
8:00 AM (Chapel)    Anna Hong Lang
Katherine Flint Shadek
Elaine Puorro Duncan
Rita Marie Hunnicutt
Sam Meehan Draper
Antonio Bongiovanni

12:00 PM (Chapel)    Mary Coco

THURSDAY, March 9
8:00 AM    Margie Pollina
12:00 PM (Chapel)    Anne Crines

FRIDAY, March 10
6:45 AM    Robert Sherry
8:00 AM    Rita Marie Hunnicutt
Karen Harrington
Frank Zimmermann
Vincent Didomenico
Ralph Pellecchia
Theodore Koslowski

12:00 PM (Chapel)    Philip McElynn

SATURDAY, March 11
6:45 AM    Clement David Izzi
8:00 AM    Ralph Pellecchia
5:00 PM    People of the Parish

SUNDAY, March 12
7:00 AM    Anne Crines
9:00 AM    Barbara McLoughlin
10:30 AM    James Scannell
12:00 PM (Chapel)    Gerald Egan

ST. MARGARET CHURCH
SATURDAY, March 11
4:00 PM    Ledden Families

SUNDAY, March 12
8:30 AM    Peter & Mary Hoang
10:00 AM    John Berenguer
11:30 AM    Rose O’Hern

~Congratulations!~

To Russel Parentela and Brian Mason
Winners of the 2017 Laura Lovering Herbermann
Memorial Scholarship for Christian Brothers Academy.

Please remember our sick:  Nancy Sanders, Carol Taurosa, Kitty Reilly, Eileen Cassidy, Anne Farrell, Ted Ferraro, Bob Patignelli, Nick Costantini, Fr. Dennis Gallagher, Scott Nokes, Helen Reb, Charles Williams, Jill Heck, Msgr. James J. Finnerty, Susan Ferraro, Brendan McWeeney, Henry Schroeder**

Please pray for the deceased:  John Lewis, Virginia Dodd, Daniel A. Crifo, Joanne Dolan, Kevin J. Roche, William Edgar, Olive McGuinness, Mary Galvin, Susan A. Nilsen, Robert Sherry**

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

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.

Bereavement Support Group

The next session is Thursday, March 9, 2017 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.  Call Sr. Margaret Tierney 732-449-5765, Ext. 124.

Attention Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans, Altar Servers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and dedication to St. Catharine-St. Margaret parish.
Beginning this weekend, the First Weekend of Lent, March 4-5, for the welfare of all of us, there will be a new SIGN-IN folder in each sacristy.  I would ask all assigned Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Altar Servers and Celebrants to please sign the new sign-in sheets that can be found in the Red Binder.  I thank you for your cooperation and support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered every Friday following the 8 AM Mass and every Friday evening at 7:00 PM in St. Catharine Church.
In case you haven’t noticed, Lent is upon us. Wednesday, March 1, was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This is an intense time of the year for us Catholics. It is a time of special grace and opportunity to grow spiritually.

The specific discipline of the Church in the United States regarding penitential days is as follows:

The days of **fast and abstinence** are **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY**

The other **Fridays of Lent** are **DAYS OF ABSTINENCE**.

The **Fridays of the year, outside of Lent**, are designated as **DAYS OF Penance**, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self denial as penance. This may be physical mortification or acts of religion, charity or Christian witness.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obligated to fast. By this obligation, the individual is permitted only one full meal a day.

At the age of 14, people are obliged to abstain. This obligation prohibited the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind even though made from animal fat.

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence “substantially” or as a whole is a serious obligation.

Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered serious. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

The obligation of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5**, to **Trinity Sunday, June 11**. However, the code of Canon Law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

**One Body In Christ**

Last weekend we listened to Bishop O’Connell as he launched the annual Catholic Appeal in the Diocese of Trenton. Each year the bishop seeks the support of all the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital role to play in all we do in Christ’s name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

This year St Catharine-St Margaret share of the goal is $175,000

As the people of the Diocese, you have the opportunity to help others see Christ working in our midst. This year the Diocese is striving again to reach our goal of $7 million.

I am always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. I thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family.

**Our Patients need you**

Jersey Shore University Medical Center is growing, and the patients need ministry now more than ever. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to serve for about an hour on one morning of the week, visiting patients, bringing the Eucharist, and sharing the love of Christ, please call the Pastoral Care Office during the regular business hours at 732 776 4165 or 732 776 4991 to enquire about ministry opportunities or to set up an appointment to come and talk with us.

Thanks so much, and God bless!

*Fr Evarist Kabagambe, Catholic chaplain  
Rev David Cotton, Pastoral Care Department Manager.*
St. Catharine Concert Series Presents

Caritas Chamber Chorale in a Lenten concert of *a cappella* sacred song entitled:

**Unrelenting Love**

Today, March 5, 2017
3:00 PM at St. Catharine Church

A freewill offering will benefit the Adorno Fathers’ St. Francis Caracciolo Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa.

For more info visit www.caritaschamberchorale.org or call 732-718-0775.

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**Daughters of St. Catharine and St. Margaret**

Our next meeting is
Thursday, March 30, 2017 @ 7:00PM in St. Margaret Hall

Our guest speaker will be Marge Chapman, founder and owner of Vitality, Health and Nutrition Service LLC

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

Watch bulletin for more details!

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**Ocean County Emerald Society Pipes & Drums**

*Welcome to St Margaret’s!*

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The James F. Ackerman Federation at Jersey Shore University Medical Center is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theater on March 22, 2017 matinee. The trip will include transportation, a full luncheon & the hilarious comedy “Born Yesterday”. $90pp. Reserve your tickets by calling Marie Agliozzo at 732-449-3437.

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**Soup and Scripture**

The Ministerium of Christian Churches are having soup with scripture discussions at the Presbyterian Church, Virginia Ave, Manasquan every Wednesday of Lent beginning Wednesday, March 8 @ 12noon. Each week different churches provide the soup and lead the scripture discussion. On March 15 the Catholic parishes of St. Mark, Sea Girt and St. Catharine & St. Margaret, Spring Lake are asked to supply the soup and the scripture reflection will be delivered by Msgr. Sean Flynn and Fr. Martin O’Reilly. Each of the two parishes need 10 people each to help prepare the soup and to serve it on the day. I would really appreciate it if I could get 10 volunteers to help with preparing the soup and serving it on the day. Please give your name and contact details at the Parish Office this coming week, and I will contact you with further details of what will be needed.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Fr Martin, 732-449-5765, ext. 155
Please join our parish as we celebrate Girl Scout Sunday March 19, 2017 8:30 AM Mass St. Margaret Church

For more information, or to register your troop or your daughter to attend, contact Cynthia Dwyer at cynthiadwyer1@hotmail.com

Station Churches of Our Deanery
St. Catharine Church will join with a number of churches in our Monmouth coastal Deanery in a project this Lent. You are invited to make a pilgrimage to the churches of the Deanery to celebrate a Lenten Mass at 7.00PM. Each Mass will begin with a brief welcome and history of the church followed by an optional tour of the church which should run for about 20 minutes. Each church you will visit has a special history and its own particular treasures. Each has been the place of baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. This Lenten pilgrimage takes us to Holy Ground throughout our deanery. Join in as many visits as you can, asking God’s blessing on all who journey with you throughout this Lenten Pilgrimage. The schedule is as follows:

- March 6th Mother of Mercy, Asbury Park
- March 14th St. Catharine Spring Lake
- March 29th St. Denis, Manasquan
- March 24th St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Avon
- March 29th Holy Innocents, Neptune
- March 30th Ascension, Bradley Beach
- April 3rd St. Rose of Lima, Belmar

Congratulations to our new altar servers
Lily Rodgers, Lucy Callahan, Will Sherman, Ryan McBride, Mairead Merkler, Charlotte Canzoneri, Brooke Price, Packy Quinn, Tyge Fitzmaurice, Colin McNamara, Cameron Price, Katherine Gowen, Terence Marks, Emily Fudge, Breanna Cies, Thomas Rodgers, Joseph Murphy, Ryan Gloster, Hope Masonius (not pictured), Kristen Williamson (not pictured).
THE CLASSICS ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY

Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 6:00 PM

St. Catharine School Cafeteria

Enjoy dinner, dessert, beer, wine & soft drink and be entertained by Irish DJ, Kevin Westley plus In-House Dancers. Seating is limited, reserve early.

Complete the form below and return it by March 13th with your check for $25, (PLEASE NOTE: Committee error, the Price is $25) payable to St. Catharine Church, to Barbara & Jack Harrigan

301 Sussex Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762-1231

For questions, call 732-974-1423

Name:_______________________________________________________________________________
Address:_____________________________________________________________________________
Phone:____________________________________Amount enclosed:___________________________
I can bring a dessert:____________________________________________________________________

Breaking News from our Music Ministry!

As we begin our Lenten season we would like to make you aware of some of the exciting changes taking place in our Music Ministry!

First: Starting in Lent, three of our Mass acclamations which we sing during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, will change to the new setting “Mass of Sorrento”, which we hope will be simple to learn and to sing. The Mass of Sorrento, composed by Fr. Scott Shaffer of our Diocese, should enable us to actively and joyfully join in singing and praying.

Also you may notice the new piano in St. Margaret Church! The piano, donated by Choir Member Mary Lou Oliva, will help us in our shift towards a more “contemporary” and “upbeat” style of music at St. Margaret, including—but not limited to—the 10am Family Mass. Also, you may find the music at St. Margaret’s starting gradually to include some more contemporary hymns and songs, and we hope that you will enjoy singing and praying with these hymns. Also, our new Youth Contemporary Ensemble is gearing up to sing this Lent. Stay tuned for exact times and details.

On the other hand, if you gravitate towards more traditional or “contemplative” sounds, you may wish to participate in St. Catharine upstairs Masses, including the 10:30 “Choir Mass”, or the 9am Mass, where we are utilizing Gregorian Chant, polyphony, and organ and choral music.

Finally, families with young children should arrive at 9:40 downstairs in St. Margaret on alternate Sundays, to sing in the Children’s Choir Program. Children will warm up, sing joyfully during Mass and of course still have the opportunity to join in the “Children’s Liturgy of the Word” Program.

If you would like to be on the Children Choir Email List, or would like to participate in our growing Choirs or Youth Ensemble, or simply for more information, please contact Dr. Jarred Tafaro, Director of Sacred Music, at music@stcatharine-stmargaret.org, or call the rectory (732 449 5765)

And……

THANK YOU! To Parishioner and Choir Member Mary Lou Oliva for generously financing the restoration of the beautiful Baby Grand Piano which she so generously donated to the parish.
**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**, during 10am mass  
**Queen of Peace Rosary**,  St. Catharine Church 3pm  
**Miraculous Medal Novena**, after 8am mass, St. Catharine Church  
**Healthy Bones** 9:30am, St. Margaret Hall  
**Blood Pressure Screenings** on the 2nd Tues. of each month, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, Convent  
**Chair Yoga** 1:30pm, St. Margaret Hall  
**Catholic Charities Office**  
**Knights of Columbus** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. of each month, St. Rose Rectory  
**Women's Bible Study**, 9:30am, Convent  
**Eucharistic Devotion** after 8am mass, Chapel  
**Benediction** 4pm, Chapel  
**Mary's Child Pro Life Ministry**, 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm, Convent  
**Altar Sewing & Craft Guild Meetings**, 12 Noon, St. Margaret's Hall  
**We, 20 Apr 26, May 10, 24, June 7, 21 & Thurs., Mar 16, Apr 6,20, May 4,18, June 1,15 Men's Group, 7pm, 1st Wed. of each month in St. Marg. Hall  
**Healthy Bones** 9:30am, St. Margaret Hall  
**Adult Choir**, 7pm, Convent

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| Feb. 27 | SCS Book Fair  
Through March 2nd  | Feb. 28 | **Ash Wednesday**  
St. Cath Men's  
Group Mtg, 7pm, Hall  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | **1st Sunday of Lent**  
Food Collection for  
Mother of Mercy  
in Ashbury Park  
Caritas Chamber  
Chorale, St. Catharine  
Church, 3pm  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | **2nd Sunday of Lent**  
Lenten Pilgrimage,  
7pm, St. Catharine, 
SL  
Blood Pressure  
Screenings, 12:30- 
1:30pm, Convent  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | **3rd Sunday of Lent**  
Girl Scout  
Sunday, 8:30am, Marg  
Pick up Frozen Food  
Containers after mass  
for The Center in  
Asbury  | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | **4th Sunday of Lent**  
Return filled Frozen  
Food Containers for  
The Center in Asbury  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |   |

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**Share the Joyful Gospel on Catholic Radio 89.3 FM (home or in the car) or online at www.domesticchurchmedia.org.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

April 8th—Spirituality Day for all Liturgical Ministers
St. Catharine’s Spirituality Committee presents:
Offered in two 9-week sessions, spring & fall 2017

Where: St. Mark’s Parish Center, 
215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt

When: 
10:00-11:30 a.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Cost: 
$40 1st 9 week sessions, $20 2nd 9 weeks

Study Guide, Streaming Video & Light Refreshment

Contact: 
Parish Office 732-449-5765 Ext. 167

Hurry, Seats are Limited!

Find in Luke the God who is rich in mercy
Join others in a life-changing study of God’s word
Discover how God is calling you to live out His Mercy

Join us as we discover unique insights into the Heart of God.
PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday 9 AM - 4 PM.

Evenings and Saturdays by appointment.
If you wish to speak to a priest, try first on weekdays before 12 noon. 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. Margo Kavanaugh, RSM 732-449-4424
Sr. Carole MacKenneth, RSM 732-449-4424, ext 305, 310
Sr. Margaret Tierney, SC 732-681-6269
Sr. Mary Bilderback, RSM 732-681-6269
Sr. Helen Neder, RSM 732-681-6269
Sr. Barbara Williams, RSM 732-681-6269
St. Catharine School, 301 Second Avenue 732-449-4424
Religious Education Office, School 732-449-4424, ext 305, 310
St. Catharine Cemetery, W Chicago Blvd. Sea Girt 732-681-6269
St. Anne Cemetery, 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

BAPTISMS: Baptism Preparation Classes are held on the first Tuesday of each month and must be taken before the Baptism. 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.

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 us directly. Sr. Margaret Tierney, Ext. 124.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, the Catholic community of St. Catherine - 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.”

PARISH CONTACTS

RECTORY (General Info) 732-449-5765
Administration Ext. 169
Adult Education Ext 102
Archives Ext 410
Baptisms Ext 102
Bookkeeping/Finance Ext. 107
Buildings & Grounds Ext 104
Bulletin Ext 110
Envelopes, Registration Ext 109
Family Ministry Ext. 168
Funerals Ext 102/101
Music Office Ext 103
Pastoral Care Ext 124
Publicity Ext 169
Scheduling Ext 173
Tax Letters Ext 178
Weddings Ext 134

Weekly Collection
February 25/26, 2017

Regular Collection $19,005.00
Second Collection $ 4,279.00
Total Collection $23,284.00

First Collection Summary By Mass

St. Margaret’s
Saturday 4.00PM $ 2,355.00
Sunday 8.30AM $ 2,467.00
Sunday 10.00AM $ 2,095.00
Sunday 11.30AM $ 1,532.00
Total St Margaret’s $ 8,449.00

St. Catharine’s
Saturday 5.00PM $ 1,268.00
Sunday 7.00AM $ 1,372.00
Sunday 9.00AM $ 1,222.00
Sunday 10.30AM $ 2,613.00
Sunday 12.00PM (Chapel) $ 1,687.00
Total St Catharine’s Church $ 8,162.00

Second Collection
Total Cash $1,484.00
Total Checks $2,795.00
Total Second Collection $4,279.00

Miscellaneous
Contributions that come in the mail $ 1,437.00
Loose Cash $ 957.00
Total Miscellaneous $ 2,394.00