



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, August 15: VIGIL OF TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. MASS – † James Callahan Sr. by Jim and Lisa Callahan

SUNDAY, August 16: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. MASS – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Monday, August 17: Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Kim Cowher by Family

Tuesday, August 18: Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Edith and Allen Welch by Grant and Maggie Stiffler

Wednesday, August 19: Saint John Eudes, Priest

8:00 a.m. – † For Vocations

Thursday, August 20: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – † Jack and Mercy Miller by Family

Friday, August 21: Saint Plus X, Pope

8:00 a.m. – † Margaret Puchalla by Joe and Maria Danish

SATURDAY, August 22: VIGIL OF TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. MASS – † Lisa Bowser by Family

SUNDAY, August 23: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. MASS – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of Marriage in 2026**(and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 13** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 20** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.

There will be a **Parish picnic** for **Saint Catherine's and Saint Mary's** on **September 13, 2026** at **11:30 a.m.** Location will be in Saint Catherine's parking lot. We will have a tent and seating. The hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Space for covered dish items. We hope all can come to make this a great event.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for August 22/23, 2026

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Ed McGarvey	Volunteer	Volunteer	Maria Danish Volunteer
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Beth Lear	Nolan Starr Dane Varner	Volunteer	Will Crouse Marcia Slates

Confession from 3:15-3:45 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday and Wednesday after morning mass.

August 16, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today remind us that God is ever-faithful, even when we are not. They challenge us as Christian stewards to show our love for this faithful God through actions, and to lean into our trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." But she was undeterred and continued to call out to Him. Jesus did not give her what she asked for right away. Instead, He continued to challenge the woman's faith. And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly, there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us. So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge, but those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let's embrace the hard days. The deep joy that eventually comes will be so worth it.



SANCTUARY CANDLE:

The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging
The Real Presence of Christ in the
tabernacle is burning this week for

Poor Souls



COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, August 16, 2026: Will Crouse

Sunday, August 23, 2026: Dennis Drake

Pro Life AUGUST 16- "The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign." St. Teresa of Calcutta

20th Sunday August 16th Matthew 15:21-28

The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

Clay Glenny & family would like to thank everyone who donated items, baked goods, dollars, and time to Fund this year. A new record of **\$10,000.00** was raised to help cancer patients in **Huntingdon County** pay their bills while going through treatments. If you still wish to donate, donations can either be given to **Clay or mailed to Bob Perks Fund at PO Box 313, State College, PA 16804**. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will begin collecting items for next year's sale at the beginning of May 2027.



Nancy Kumpf, Ron Hayduk,
David Gaisior, Alivia Hanes

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 16, 2026

August 2026 Schedule for Liturgical Ministries at Saint Catherine			
Date/Mass	Readers	Altar Servers	Ministers
4:00 p.m. Saturday August 1, 2026	Cathy Wilson	Volunteer	Andrea Christoff Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday August 2, 2026	Dennis Drake	Dane Varner Nolan Starr	Beth Lear Volunteer
4:00 p.m. Saturday August 8, 2026	Beth Lear	Guy Kumpf	Mary Lyons Kevin Muha
9:00 a.m. Sunday August 9, 2026	Suzanne Brown	Marissa Mellott Maria Mellott Bella Starr	Will Crouse Marcia Slates
4:00 p.m. Saturday August 15, 2026	Louise Ketner	Volunteer	Louise Ketner Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday August 16, 2026	Cheryl Marino	Quinton Stoltzfus Quinn Weirich	Brent Stoltzfus Volunteer
4:00 p.m. Saturday August 22, 2026	Ed McGarvey	Volunteer	Maria Danish Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday August 23, 2026	Beth Lear	Nolan Starr Dane Varner	Will Crouse Marcia Slates
4:00 p.m. Saturday August 29, 2026	Cathy Wilson	Guy Kumpf	Andrea Christoff Mary Lyons
9:00 a.m. Sunday August 30, 2026	Dennis Drake	Bella Starr Marissa Mellott Maria Mellott	Beth Lear Volunteer