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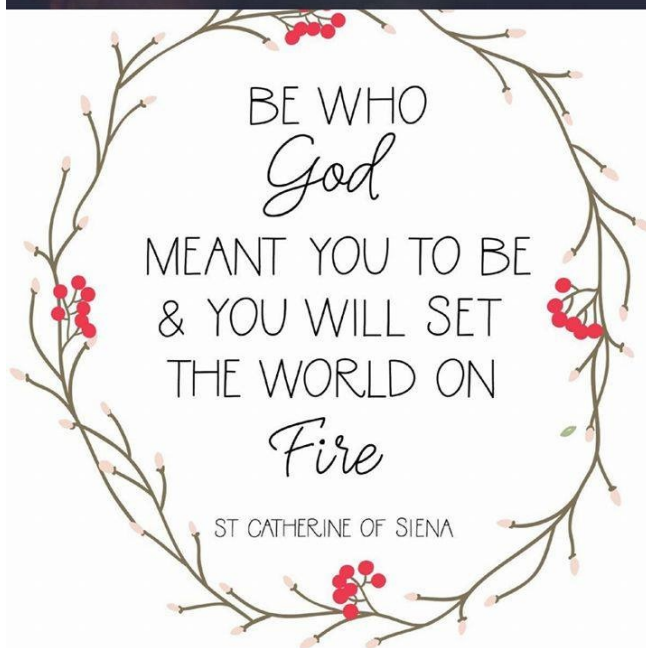
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M,T,W. Th, F 8:00am-4:00pm



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: TH, F - 8:30 AM

Wednesday 5:30PM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:45 AM

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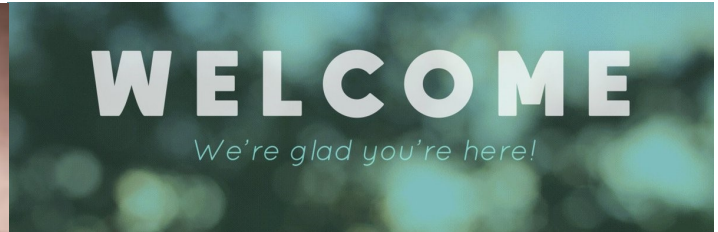
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Morris

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Grandparents, Jay & Karen

WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 53 :Acts 9:26-31

Psalms: 22:26-27,28,30,31-32

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel Reading: Jn 15:1-8

SACRAMENTS:

Contact the Office

Baptism:

For registered & active parishioners: **Baptism instruction is required for Parents.**

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM

In the main Church Or by Appointment

Weddings: Must be arranged with the pastor at least **6 months before the date** desired.

Last Rites & Anointing of the Sick

Due to the Distance from Parrish Manatee Hospital:

St. Joseph: 941-756-3732

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St. Patrick's: 941-378-1703

DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE

Funerals: Please contact the Office for a meeting for Dates, Readings, and Music. There are certain policies in place at St. Frances Cabrini for the respectful burial of your loved ones.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

813-629-3963

For Priest in case of Death

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

285: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4,15-16 Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY ST. PIUS V

286: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab,21 Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

287: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY ST. ATHANASIUS

288: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY STS. PHILIP AND JAMES

561: 1Cor15:1-8 Ps 19: 2-5 Jn 14:6-14

Supporting our Diocese

Our Goal to support the Diocesan Offices, Missions, and Charities.

Goal: \$250,000.00
Raised So Far: \$75,192.41



Parish Focused Giving

Helping to relieve our Parish of St. Frances Cabrini Debt!
Debt Free by 2024

Goal: \$174,559.61
Debt Balance: \$149,265.23



APRIL 2024

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, April 28th

First Communion Y2 11:00-12:30 PM

[Meet in Church for practice and confessions.]

Tuesday, April 30th

Wednesday, May 1st

HSYG will NOT be meeting

Saturday, May 4th

First Communion Y2 10:00-11:00 AM

[Final practice for Mass.]

Upcoming Information

Sunday, May 5th

First Communion Mass @ 9:45 AM

Tuesday, May 7th

Young Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, May 8th

Saturday, May 11th

Daily Mass Time Change Starting May 1st.

No Daily mass Mon. & Tues.
Wednesday: 5:30 PM
Thur. & Fri. 8:30 AM



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July 12-14, 2024
Ave Maria University

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

FEATURING



Early Bird: **\$150** Valid until April 1, 2024
Registration: **\$190**

Includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, Fellowship, Lodging, Meals, T-shirt, Pizza Night, and More!

For more information, visit our website or contact us
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June 9-14, 2024

Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center, Lake Placid, FL

A weeklong sleep-away camp for Catholic teens ages 12-18. Campers receive full immersion in their Catholic Faith through Mass, Adoration, Confession, engaging talks, praise & worship and team building activities and so much more!

St. Frances Cabrini Camp June 2-7, 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS ON JAN. 1, 2024

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Cost: \$550 per camper (Early Bird Rate: \$500 before 4/1/24)

Day Camp

1st - 5th Grade

9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$60.00 (M-F)



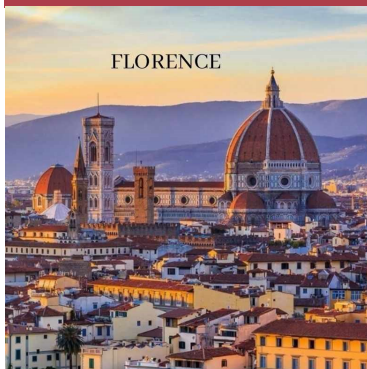
Evening Camp

6th - 12th Grade

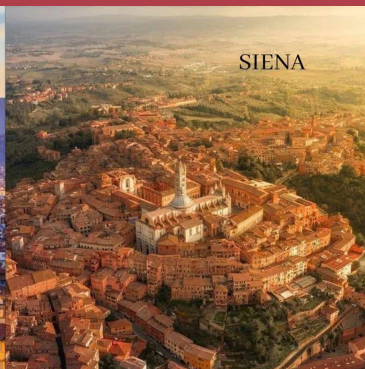
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$30.00 (S-Th)

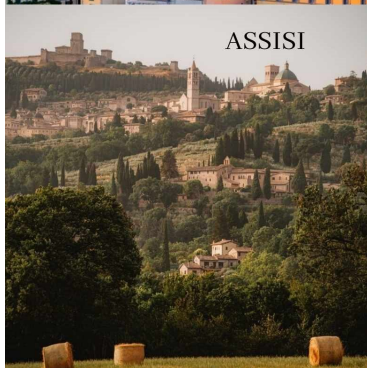
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Learn about prayer and the call to holiness
while growing in your relationship with the Lord.



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The trip is 3/4 full. Sign up soon for this amazing walk with Fr. Joseph through steps of the saints and the Holy City of Rome.



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1st Communion Parishioner Announcement



As Holy Communion is a public sacrament, St. Frances Cabrini will celebrate the sacrament at the 9:45 Sunday Mass on MAY 5TH.

☞ Overflow seating will be in the Hall ☞

Remember, though this is a special day for the Children, it is also a reminder to them and their parents that they should be here at every Sunday Mass. Receiving Holy Communion is not a one time sacrament, but a weekly sacrifice of love for Jesus.

During the Summer Months we will be limiting group and meeting spaces in the Hall.

This Hall receives a lot of wear and tear over the year, and the Summer months allow us to do much needed repairs and refurbishing.

Please know this a normal course of events for most meeting spaces and we appreciate your understanding in this regard.

The winds of gossip blow from the chests of people ventilating their opinions; so the soul is carried about and turned, twisted and twisted back again.

Saint Augustine

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



It's no wonder that our culture today has not found the way of the cross — or the Catholic moral teaching — compelling when a culture within some of the Church's highest ranks wasn't buying into it.

Those making war against the tyrants in this way are not as liable to make the news, no doubt. But it is becoming increasingly and brutally clear that an evil rot needs to be rooted out of the life of the Church today. Writing in 1380 to Pope Urban VI, Catherine says:

“You cannot with a single stroke wipe out all of the sins people in general are committing within the Christian religion, especially within the clerical order, over whom you should be even more watchful. But you certainly can and are obligated to do it, and if you don't, you would have it on your conscience. At least do what you can. You must cleanse the Church's womb — that is, see to it that those

who surround you closely are wiped clean of filth, and put people there who are attentive to God's honor and your welfare and the good of holy Church. ...”

And she warns: “Do you know what will happen to you if you don't set things right by doing what you can? God wants you to reform his bride completely; he doesn't want her to be leprous any longer. If your holiness does not do all you can about this — because God has appointed you and given you such dignity for no other purposes — God will do it himself by using all sorts of troubles.

The Life of St. Catherine of Siena by Mycatholic.life

Caterina di Jacopo di Benincasa (Catherine) was the twenty-third or twenty-fourth child born to loving parents in the thriving city of Siena, Italy. Her twin, as well as half of her twenty-four siblings, did not survive infancy. As a child, Catherine stood out. She was given the nickname “Euphrosyne,” which means “joy,” because of her joyful disposition and deep devotion to God from an early age. At the age of five, she would climb the stairs in her home on her knees as she prayed the Hail Mary on each step. At the age of six, while she was out walking with her brother, she had the first of many visions. She saw Jesus, sitting on a throne, crowned as King, surrounded by Saints Peter, Paul, and John. This supernatural experience drew Catherine even more deeply into a life of childhood prayer, penance, and devotion. Within a year, she had made a personal vow to give her whole life to God. Her prayer life was so evident that her parents gave her a bedroom in the basement so that she could use it as her own personal place of prayer. This “cell” in which she lived and prayed was also in her soul. She would later relate to her spiritual director that when she was troubled or tempted, she would build a cell inside her mind, from which she could never flee. Her prayer life also increased her virtues, and she treated her father as Jesus, her mother as Mary, and her siblings as the Apostles.

When Catherine was a teenager, she firmly opposed her parents' desire that she marry. She wanted to be devoted to God alone, so she began fasting and praying. She even went so far as to cut her hair short so that she would be less attractive to young men. Eventually, her parents accepted her vocation.

In 1363, just three days after her sixteenth birthday, Catherine joined the Third Order of Saint Dominic. The Third Order was made up of lay people who wore a religious habit but lived at home and worked in the world rather than in a cloister. They served the poor and sick and performed charitable works. For the first several years as a Third Order Dominican, Catherine lived mostly a life of seclusion and prayer. Around the age of twenty-one, she entered into what would later be described as “mystical marriage” with our Lord. While praying, Jesus appeared to her, along with the Virgin Mary and King David as a harpist. Jesus placed a ring on her finger and departed. The ring remained for the rest of her life, although Catherine was the only one who could see it.

Two centuries later, the Spanish Mystic, Saint Teresa of Ávila, would describe mystical marriage this way in her spiritual classic, *Interior Castle*:

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When our Lord is pleased to take pity on the sufferings, both past and present, endured through her longing for Him by this soul which He has spiritually taken for His bride, He, before consummating the celestial marriage, brings her into this His mansion or presence chamber. This is the seventh Mansion, for as He has a dwelling-place in heaven, so has He in the soul, where none but He may abide and which may be termed a second heaven.

Saint Teresa went on to explain that this celestial marriage, this second heaven, is a permanent gift bestowed upon a soul. By His divine foreknowledge, when He is aware of the permanent sanctity of a soul, He bestows this gift of divine union upon the soul. Catherine was one of those who received this rare gift.

After receiving the gift of spiritual marriage, Catherine began a more active ministry to the poor, sick, and imprisoned of Siena. When the bubonic plague—"Black Death"—struck Siena, Catherine and her companions remained hard at work, caring for those affected. Catherine also began to get involved in controversies that were plaguing the Church and State. She wrote hundreds of letters to kings, queens, nobility, religious, priests, and even to the pope himself. At that time, the divisions in the Church were so profound that Catherine engaged in severe penance and prayer. For example, she no longer ate or drank, living only on the Holy Eucharist which she received every day. While in Pisa in 1375, Catherine learned of rebellions within the Church. She fell into ecstasy and received the gift of an invisible stigmata, which appeared physically on her body only after her death. She saw a vision of our crucified Lord and rays of light extended from Jesus' body to hers, piercing her through.

A dominant focus of her letters to the pope was to urge him to return to Rome. At that time, the papacy had moved to Avignon, France, which became the cause of much internal Church conflict. Anti-popes were elected and confusion was widespread. Catherine knew that the Holy Father, "daddy" as she called him, needed to return to the Eternal City to end the chaos. Her letters, and later her face-to-face conversations, were not only directed to the Holy Father with the affection and sincerity of a loving spiritual daughter, they were also firm, direct, and challenging. In one letter to Pope Gregory XI, she wrote urging him to return to Rome: "I tell you, father in Christ Jesus, come swiftly like a gentle lamb. Respond to the Holy Spirit Who calls you. I tell you, Come, come, come, and do not wait for time, since time does not wait for you." The pope listened and returned to Rome in 1377. The last few years of Catherine's life were spent writing letters, visiting towns that were warring against the papacy, and consulting two popes, first Pope Gregory XI and then his successor Pope Urban VI. She rallied the people, gained many followers, addressed political, cultural, and moral abuses, and gave an ongoing witness to Christ crucified through her penitential life.

Her last, and perhaps greatest, gift to the Church was her book entitled, *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*. It is believed that this book was dictated by Catherine while she remained in ecstasy. It is a conversation between a soul and the Father in Heaven. In addition to this great spiritual masterpiece, 382 of her letters and twenty-six of her prayers have survived.

Saint Catherine was one of the greatest and most influential saints in the history of the Church. In her lifetime she had a powerful impact upon those she encountered, including the pope. In her death, she continues to have a profound impact upon the Church as a Doctor of the Church. None of that would have been possible had she not engaged in fervent prayer and penance throughout her life. Ponder your own prayer life as we honor Saint Catherine, and strive to imitate her burning love for her Lord, her Divine Spouse. That love, fueled by a unquenchable desire for God, is beautifully seen in the following prayer that she herself wrote:



We need to remember that the Catholic Church is indeed founded by Christ and, despite all problems, has within it the fullness of the means of salvation. Where else can we go? Nowhere; this is indeed our Mother and Home, and she needs our love, our prayers, and our persevering in the way of holiness more than ever. We need to remember that there are many truly holy and dedicated bishops and priests, and we must pray for them and support them. They need and deserve our support.

We need to remember that this isn't the first time such grave problems have beset the Church. In the fourteenth century, St. Catherine of Siena bemoaned the "stench of sin" coming from the papal court and prophesied that even the demons were disgusted by the homosexual activity he had tempted priests into and the cover up by their superiors! (See chapters 124-125 of Catherine of Siena's *The Dialogue*.)



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