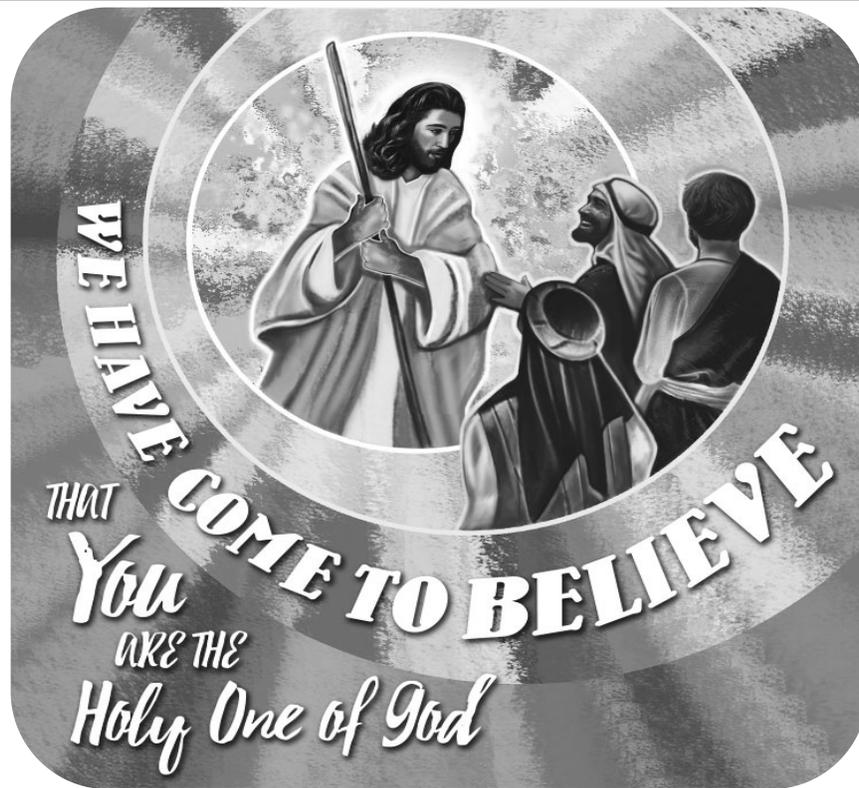


August 26, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

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Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director
Mrs. Christine Wedekind, Rel. Ed. Coord.
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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
(Please enter the Church by Washington Blvd. 2nd door to the West)
NO Thursday Communion Service until the Fall of 2018

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 9:00 am
Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Baptisms

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date. *(cont'd in pg.2)*

Thoughts From our Pastor Rev. George O. Omwando



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Bible, the meaning of someone's name was very significant to their story. "Joshua" means "God saves." We can read about Joshua in Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and then in the Book of Joshua. These stories are about 2000 years old, but they still relate to us today because they have spiritual lessons we need to learn. This lesson is that we can have a great relationship with God and our neighbor by understanding and living in the new covenant through Jesus Christ.

In brief: Joshua was Moses' assistant, and then he succeeded Moses and led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Can you remember the childhood game, "Follow the Leader"? The idea was to mimic the antics of the person in front of you in the line of boys and girls winding through the neighborhood. Being a follower was all right, but being leader was the most fun, creating imaginative routes and tasks for everyone to copy. In real life, great leaders are rare. Often, men and women are elected or appointed to leadership positions, but then falter or fail to act. Others abuse their power to satisfy their egos, crushing their subjects and squandering resources. But without faithful, ethical, and effective leaders, people wander. For 40 years, Israel had journeyed a circuitous route through the wilderness, but not because they were following their leader. Quite the opposite was true: with failing faith, they had refused to obey God and to conquer Canaan. So they wandered. Finally, the new generation was ready to cross the Jordan River and possess the land. Joshua was chosen to be Moses' successor. The Book of Joshua records Joshua's leadership of the people of God as they finished their march and conquered the Promised Land. Joshua demonstrated his faith in God as he took up the challenge to lead the nation. In the reading today, Joshua gathers all the tribes, all the leaders and judges, and makes it clear that they are at a crossroads in life's journey. He tells them to put away the gods which their fathers had served on the other side of the river and in Egypt. He says: "Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Hearing this, the Israelites professed that they would serve the LORD. Joshua learned a lot from Moses, but he wasn't following a man – he was following God, and he wanted more of God. He remained in the tent of meeting because he wanted to meet with God for himself; he wanted to know God, not via somebody else, but personally.

If you want to know more of God today then take time out to sit still in His presence on your own. Choose a time and place and get alone with God. Get up out of your bed in the morning, freshen up, and hear what God wants to say to you. Get your instruction from Him before you start the rest of your day. Brothers and sisters in Christ, more than ever before, parents, teachers, political leaders and everybody today: we need a few Joshuas to help us build God's kingdom here on earth.

Finally, I want to thank you for your support during this year's Mission appeals. I also wish to thank the arm of the fundraising committee who worked so hard during this year's "Night at the Races." And also let us welcome our teachers and students this week as they begin their new school academic year. God bless you.

— Fr. George

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Parish Finance Council

Juan Perez

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

Liturgy Committee:

Cantors: Gail Rohmann
Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen

Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

Servers: Kathy Paoli

Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

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School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

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Collection Counters: Carol Kallok

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Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings - Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

RCIA

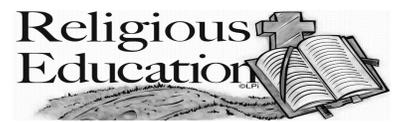
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.



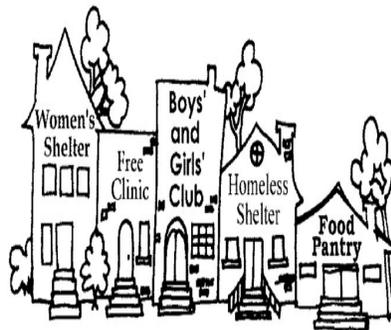
Households in God's Service

In the ancient world, "household" was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn't think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how farranging the "households" of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many "strangers" every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are "next door" to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a "household" that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

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RCIA News!!!

We are beginning classes for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on **September 9, 2018** and if you are above seven years old and you are not baptized, or you have never been confirmed etc., it is that time of the year to join RCIA so that you can be fully immersed into the Catholic faith during Easter Vigil next year 2019. Classes will be held on Sunday's at 9:00am. Please call the Rectory during office hours to register.



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As has been published in the August 5th & 12th bulletins Rel. Ed classes will no longer be on Wednesday evenings, **classes will be held on Sundays from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. with Mass to follow.** Also Rel. Ed classes will no longer be held in LMC, they will be held in the school. Religious Education classes will **start on Sunday, September 9th.** Confirmation preparation classes will start on Sunday, September 16th. A letter and e-mail will be sent to all the families who are registered with the dates and times of classes.

Starting Sunday, September 16th, we will begin preparation for Confirmation and those classes will be held from 11:30 (after 10:30 Mass), until 1:00 p.m. in the Rectory's Basement meeting room This year we are including the seventh graders for Confirmation next year. A letter - e-mail will be sent out to all families with all the dates and an explanation about Confirmation next year.

If you have any questions about either of these you may contact Christine Wedekind at 708-485-0838 or Christine.wedekind@aol.com. Please do not send texts, thank you.

Women Summer Series at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

Monday, August 27:
Week 6—Beyond the Door (Last Session)

Session at 1:00 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. We meet in the gathering area of St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church at 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park. The church is handicapped accessible. Only the doors on Austin Blvd. will be open. Questions? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

Attention Catechists!

We will meet **TODAY**,
Sun. 8/26 in the Rectory's
Dining Room at 9:30 AM

See you there!

500 CLUB WINNER
\$ 25.00

August 26 2018

Theresa Pittmon,

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Parish Calendar

Monday, August 27

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RTR
1&7:30 PM - Women's Summer Series - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
4:00-9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Tuesday, August 28

10:00AM - 3:00PM - Voice Lessons - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M

Wednesday, August 29

11:00AM-1:00 PM - Organ Lesson - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M

Thursday, August 30

10:00AM-2:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
4:00 - 8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
6:00-8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD
7-9PM Christmas Bazaar Planning Mtg-RDR

Friday, August 31

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from October 29th, 2017 through October 21st, 2018. The prize each week is \$25 except for three weeks when the prize is \$500. **If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500.** Purchase forms are available in the back of church and at the rectory. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. August 27

8:30 † **Rev. John J. Carolan**
By: Dennis and Halina Giba

Tue. August 28

† **Sue Vanek**
By: Anton Vanek

Wed. August 29

8:30 † **Leonard Rubik**
By: A Friend

Fri. August 31

8:30 † **Linda Brown**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Sat. September 1

9:00 † **Dorothy Zimmerman**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **Thomas Lally**
By: Christine Wedekind

Sun. September 2

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Rev. John J. Carolan**
By: Thom and Sue Schouten
10:30 † **Merrill M. Becker**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Monica
Tuesday: St. Augustine
Wednesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



August 19, 2018	\$ 3,719.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 867.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -2,722.00

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Altar Servers

Michael Giometti Miles Jackson Michelle Agbefe

Ministers of the Word

Paul Knight Tom Frank Joyce Wade
Dan Brown Renee Smith-Quinn Yuna Kim

Ministers of the Eucharist

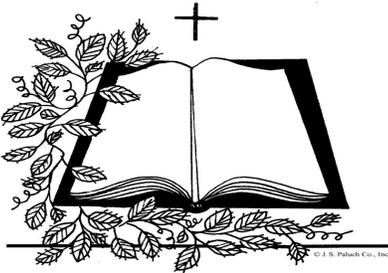
Jack Kernan	Kevin Kell	Jeanne Visteen
Pat Koko	Bill Cragg	Jan Kieckhefer
Era Yee	Ginny Jones	Doris Brown
Susan Kumler	Annie Rowan	John McGuire
	Kathy Mortell	Patricia Long
	Walter Washington	Terry Sullivan

1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy farewell speech of Moses as the people prepared to enter the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.



Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22,27

Today and for the next four Sundays, we will read passages from the letter of James. Two points will be helpful background to today's passage. First: In the Jewish law, the first fruits of the harvest are given to God. This expresses the truth that the *whole* harvest ultimately belongs to God. Second: In the Old Testament, widows and orphans were classic examples of poor and defenseless people.

Remember a Loved One 2019 Mass Book is here!

We have **weekday** Masses available in our **2019** Mass Book. Please come to the Rectory for Masses. We also have plenty of *weekday* masses available for the rest of 2018 Mass book. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

Please contact Amanda at the Rectory 708-386-8077 or by e-mail: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net



Bible Study - Mondays 9:30 AM

Our Bible Study group meets on Mondays ~ 9:30—11:00 AM in the Rectory.

We use the New Collegeville Bible Commentary from Collegeville, Minnesota. We read the scriptures, weekly psalms, and the commentary. Then we discuss it. It is an enlightening experience and totally free.

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Theresa Adcock, Coletta Ali, Jeanette Cannon, Lillian Czaplicki, Normantha and Larry Evans, Anita Evenson, Phillip Jones, Terrie Kalina, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, Carlton Shanks, Nsanda S. Stumps, Kate Shoevlin, and Molly Dula-Weber

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

Update Personal Info

We are urging you to please update us with your cell phone number, e-mail address, or any other change of status. This is very important in order to have a current parish roster. Please call Amanda 708-386-8077 apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

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School News

- ..# We made it! Our first week of school is under our belts, and everything is great. We're happy to have all the smiling faces – new and old – back at St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.
- ..# We have some changes this year. Ms. Ainsworth has moved to 2nd grade. Taking over for 5th grade is Mr. Brady. Ms. Stafford is our new junior high math and science teacher. Mrs. Rieger has moved to be principal at St. Viator, on the northwest side.
- ..# Volunteers are always welcome at our school. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mrs. Leamy at sleamy@catherinelucy.org.
- ..# The school is closed next Monday, September 3, in honor of the Labor Day holiday.

Pray For Our Deceased



Andrea Edwards
May she rest in peace!

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her daughter, Dana and her mother Coletta Ali, and extended family in a prayerful embrace.

May the angels lead her into Paradise

Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

—Father George

Faith & Fellowship

Mark Your Calendars !!

Faith and Fellowship invites you to learn about its work – and to think about helping out! Our Information/Orientation Meeting is Monday, September 10th, 7:00 pm (repeated, Thursday, September 13th, 1:00 pm) in the Rectory Meeting Room.



Also, Tootsie-Rolls is scheduled for

September 21-22!

Info – Connie Rakitan,

faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708-383-9276.

Your Attention Please:

The parish is hosting a fundraiser at **Lou Malnati's** on Lake Street in Oak Park on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. The hours are from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm and applies to Dine-in, Carryout, and Delivery. Please indicate St. Catherine St. Lucy when ordering. Support the parish while dining out. Please see our flyer on page 7 of this bulletin.

Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to “make up” your regular offering another weekend.

Monthly Grief Support Groups for Veterans and their Families

The Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program is now offering monthly grief support groups for veterans who have lost a battle buddy, family member, or friend to suicide and for family members of veterans. Support groups **are held** every third Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at **Faith United Methodist Church in Orland Park**. LOSS is a unique grief support program for individuals and families suffering the loss of a loved one to suicide.

LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings and experiences. We help you to find community, direction and resources for healing.

For more information, visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss or contact 312-655-7283.

Save-the-Date

Sunday, September 30
Walkathon & Picnic - OS

Saturday, October 13
Sunday, October 14
Fair Trade Sale - CH

TRUST

I may trust Jesus too little, but I can never trust Him too much.

—Anonymous



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

St. Rose of Lima



Saint Rose born in Lima, Peru on April 20, 1586 is the patroness of the Americas, indigenous people of the Americas, the secondary patroness of the Philippines; of gardeners; of florists; the Netherlands; and of India.

This South American Saint's real name was *Isabel*, but she was such a beautiful baby that she was called *Rose*, and that name remained. Rose worked hard to support her poor parents and she humbly obeyed them, except when they tried to get her to marry. That she would not do. Her love of Jesus was so great that when she talked about Him, her face glowed and her eyes sparkled. Rose had many temptations from the devil, and there were also many times when she had to suffer a feeling of terrible loneliness and sadness, for God seemed far away. Yet she cheerfully offered all these troubles to Him. In her last long, painful sickness, this heroic young woman use to pray:

“Lord, increase my sufferings, and with them increase Your love in my heart.”

St. Rose died August 24, 1617. Many miracles followed her death. She was beatified by Clement IX, in 1667, and canonized in 1671 by Clement X.

—Catholics On Line

FUNDRAISING Giveback EVENT

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Time: 11:00 am- 11:00 pm

Location: **Lou Malnati's:** Oak Park
1038 Lake Street — 708-358-0800



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ST. LUCY

DINE-IN • CARRYOUT • DELIVERY (within zone)
**Excludes Online Ordering*

Please contact Jeanne Visteen—
jvisteen@yahoo.com
708-383-2068

FOR QUESTIONS:

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received. Dine in, Carryout or Delivery (within zone) with this FLYER on 9-19-18.

Fundraiser/Flyer Must Be Mentioned At Time of Order

Cannot be combined with any other promotional offers including but not limited to: Discounts, Deep Dish Dough rewards redemption or Malnati's Mail welcome coupon. **Offer valid only at the date and location listed above.**

Treasures of Our Tradition

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given "extraterritorial rights," meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There's still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don't have a personal castle in the hills!

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