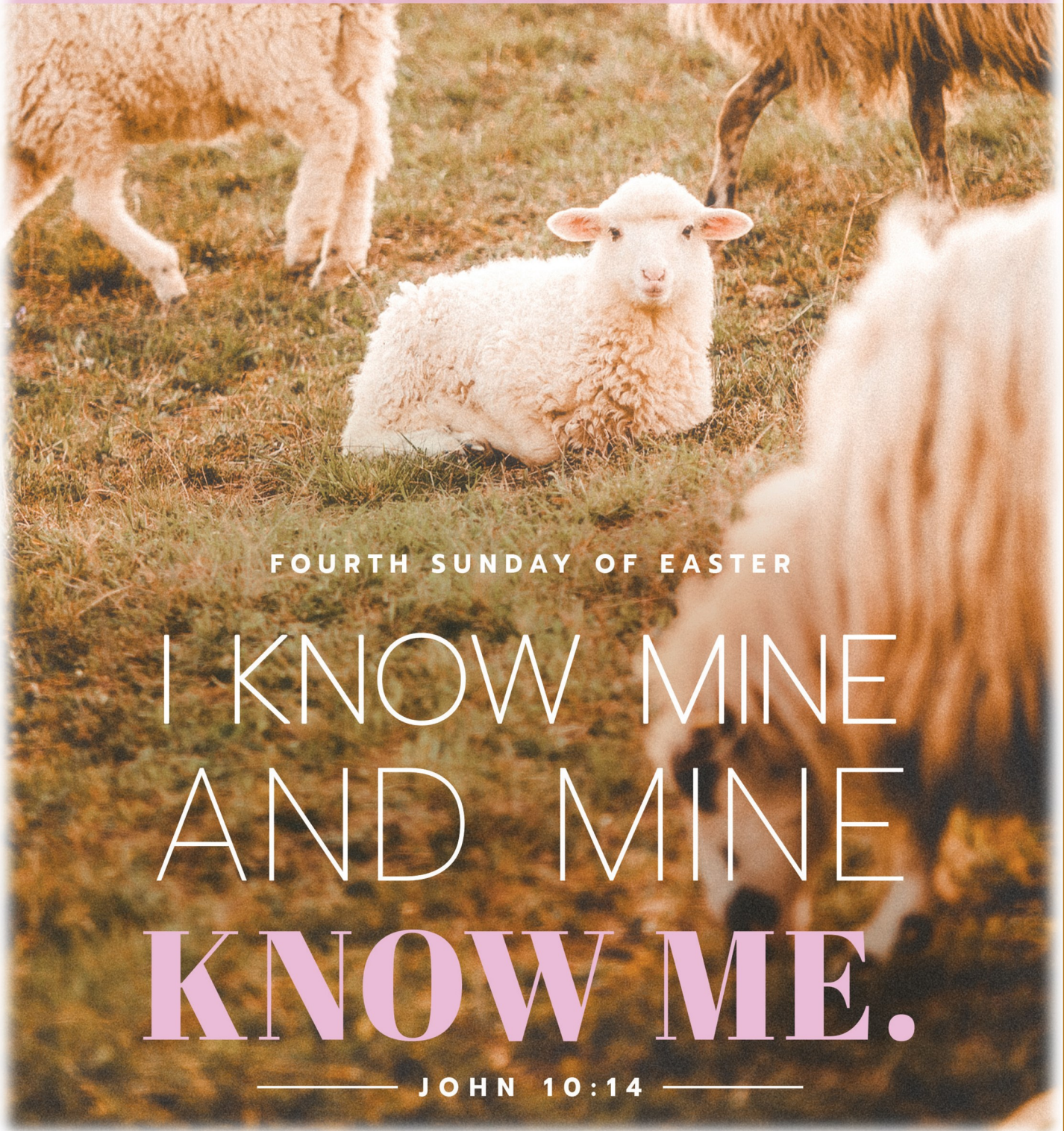


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I KNOW MINE
AND MINE
KNOW ME.

— JOHN 10:14 —

Welcome



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OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM — 12:45 PM

*The Church is open during
Parish Office hours
for prayer.*

WORSHIP WITH US

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ



WEEKDAY MASS

St. Catherine's Chapel

1 West Main Street Farmingdale

MONDAY 9:00 AM

TUESDAY 9:00 AM

THURSDAY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY 9:00 AM

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday's immediately following
Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month
immediately following Weekday
9 AM Mass at Chapel

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30—4:00 PM

Church

Other days by Appointment



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

As you already know we have started the FIRST COMMUNION last weekend and it will continue until May 5. The whole parish community welcomes our young boys and girls who have received Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament, the Eucharist. It is a very significant event in the life of the Church and in the spiritual journey of each child. From now on, these children will be receiving Holy Communion whenever they pray in the Mass together with their parents or respective guardian and the entire family as well. We are so happy to have them as they join the sacred celebration of the Holy Mass.

We express our words of thanks to the whole Religious Education staff, catechists, aides and parents for their dedication, hard work, perseverance and patience to form, catechize and guidance as these little ones are on their spiritual journey of faith. Thank you so much!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

How touching are Jesus' words! "I am the Good Shepherd. I have the interests of My sheep foremost in My heart. I am ready to lay down My life for My Sheep." How blessed we are to belong to the flock of Jesus! We did nothing to merit it. Jesus is our Heavenly Father's free gift to us. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us to the Kingdom of His Father. Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a large, shady tree with huge, outspread branches where birds from all over flock to nest, rest and relax.

This kingdom is a place of serene security and peaceful rest. Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd who leads His sheep into green pastures. There one can be free from all anxieties and worries and lead a carefree life. Beautiful, enchanting images! But what needless cares we carry because we don't care to be cared for by the caring, concerned friend---Jesus!

"The absolute and yet gentle power of the Lord corresponds to the whole depth of the human person, to the loftiest aspirations of intellect, will and heart. Open wide the doors for Christ, to His saving power, open the boundaries of states, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development, do not be afraid: Christ knows what is in man. He alone knows."
--Pope John Paul 11

Thank you, Jesus, for being my Good Shepherd and dying for me. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else,
nor is there any other name under heaven
given to the human race by which we are to be saved."
(Acts 4:12)

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the
cornerstone. (Ps 118)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be
like him,
for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

Jesus said:
"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

Observances for the week of April 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Monday:** Earth Day
- Tuesday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday:** St. Mark, Evangelist
- Friday:** Arbor Day
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Paschal Baylón was a devout Spanish monk. In his vocation as a lay brother, he worked as a chef, porter, gardener, and official beggar. He often gave so much to the poor that his brothers tried to limit his generosity. Because of his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies.



Mass Intentions

Saturday • April 20

4:30 PM

† **Neil Pronek**

r/b Kneucker Family

Sunday • April 21

8:00 AM

† **Proto & Teresa Scanga**

r/b Ciaravino Family

10:00 AM

† **Michael Burke, Sr.**

r/b Juanita Casey

11:30 AM

† **Jack & James Sullivan**

r/b Loving Brother, Dennis

Monday • April 22

9:00 AM

† **Rev. Daniel F. Gowen**

Tuesday • April 23

9:00 AM

† **Monsignor Ronald J. Bacovin**

Thursday • April 25

9:00 AM

† **Leon Kalasin**

Friday • April 26

9:00 AM

† **Marie Therese Liddy**

r/b Joanne Monroe



IMPORTANT *Announcements*

Weekday Mass at
St. Catherine's
Chapel is
moved to the
CHURCH
until
further notice.



We Celebrate the Sacraments

SPONSORSHIP FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874).

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letters of Eligibility

In St. Catherine's Parish and in all Catholic Parishes in the U.S.

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.

For sponsor requests from St. Catherine's, you must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request, showing participation in the life & support of the Church.

*Note, if he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish years ago **but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of this parish.***

*Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. **This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.***

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

Baptism

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to scheduling the Baptism.

Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

Please call the Parish Office for information.

Matrimony

Engaged Couples should contact our parish at least one year in advance of the proposed date of marriage and before making other arrangements.

Ministry to the Homebound

For Homebound requests, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Burial or Memorial Mass

Please call the Parish Office at
732-938-5375.

Reconciliation

3:30 p.m. Saturday
Other days by appointment.

Low Gluten Host

An extremely low-gluten host (37 micrograms) is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest prior to the beginning of Mass.

Altar Flowers for Church & Chapel

Please call the Parish Office to order.
Flower orders are not permitted during Lent.

Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Peter bore witness to the Sanhedrin that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who healed the crippled man and through whom we are saved. Have you ever told someone else about your faith in Jesus?

Second Reading:

John tells us that as believers we are destined one day to be like the resurrected and glorified Jesus. How do you think we can best prepare for such a future?

Gospel Reading:

As the “Good Shepherd,” Jesus speaks of the power given to him by the Father to lay down his life for his sheep. What could you do this week for the benefit of another?



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The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love

- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Our Parish Family

Baptism

*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome Our Newly Baptized.*

Leo Alexander Colonna

*May God bless this
child and the family always.*

Prayer for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,
You are my Shepherd,
a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways
beyond my understanding.
Guide me in the paths
You would have me go.
Amen.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

We are seeking volunteers with a green thumb to help St. Catherine's flower beds.

If interested, please call the office at 732-938-5375.



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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10: 11-18

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will give up His life for us, His flock.

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THE LOST SHEEP

These sheep are lost, but when they hear the voice of Jesus, they find their way.

I HEAR THE GOOD NEWS



I believe

I HEAR THE GOSPEL



I believe

I HEAR THE WORD OF GOD



I believe

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God Bless You

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Julia Michener

Bianca Mirabello

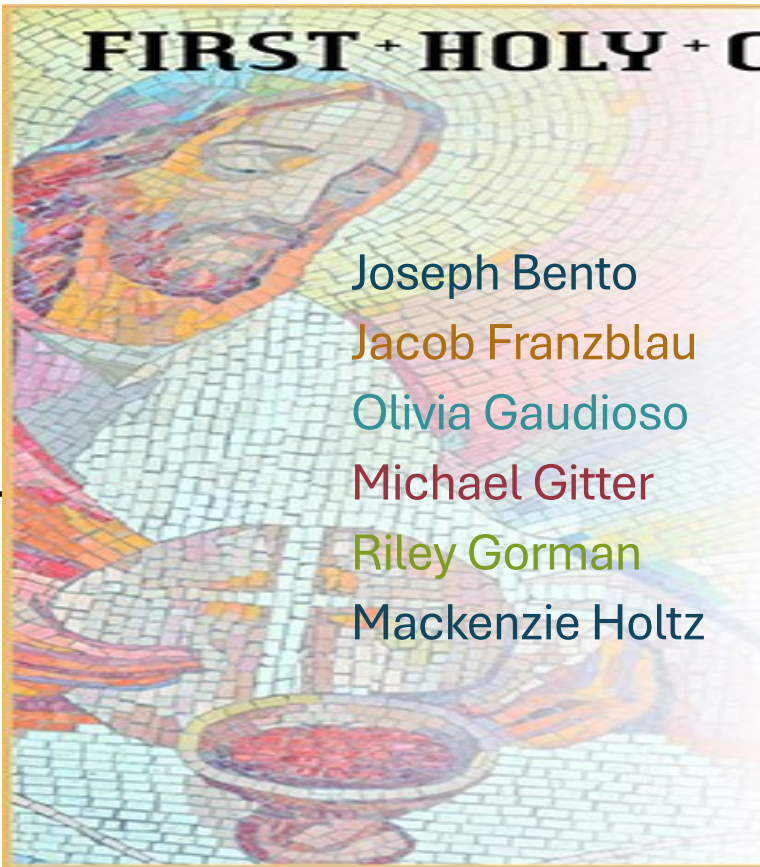
Jordan Rumbaugh

Kerrigan Ryan-Hannaway

Giuseppe Samarelli

John Taylor

Valentina Whyte



PLEASE JOIN AREA WIDE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETIES FOR A
Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™



Saturday, June 1 at 9:30am

Ever dream of visiting Lourdes, France in person but just couldn't get there? The next best thing is a pilgrimage journey without the travel and go there virtually!

Hosted by St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 685 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ, volunteers from the North American Lourdes will present a 2-hour Virtual Pilgrimage Experience to Lourdes, France. During this guided encounter, you will immerse yourself in the Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette and have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and the healing grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual experience to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing, pray a candle-light Rosary, and receive a bottle of Lourdes water. A Plenary Indulgence will be granted by Papal Decree.

Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France. Our Lady extends her invitation to all. Invite your family, children, and friends. There is no admission fee, however a free-will offering will be taken.

For more information or questions contact the Parish office at 732-349-0018 x2223.



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers - LourdesVolunteers.org

Upcoming Events

2024 DIOCESE of TRENTON

BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

All couples celebrating 1st, 25th, or 50+ anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2024 calendar year

Ocean & Monmouth Counties
Oct. 6, 2024
 3pm Mass

Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine
 Freehold, NJ

SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE



or visit the Parish Office to register by September 30, 2024

Burlington and Mercer Counties | St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral | Trenton, NJ | Oct. 27, 2024

Ready for THE BEST HOUR of Your Week?

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Religious Education Program



With our enrollment increasing, we need MORE volunteers for our Religious Education Program than ever before! Volunteer today for Sunday morning, Monday or Tuesday afternoon, Monday evenings—all grades.

- Catechists
- Class Substitutes
- Program Volunteers

Contact the Office to learn more: 732-938-5375.

Parish Support

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

Our Parish Goal: \$40,000.00

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, April 13-14, 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,322.00	138 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,398.00	121 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,624.00	158 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,518.00	249 People
Online Giving	\$1,904.00	
Total	\$7,766.00	
Second Collection		
Energy & Fuel		\$736.00

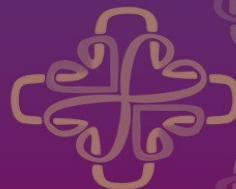


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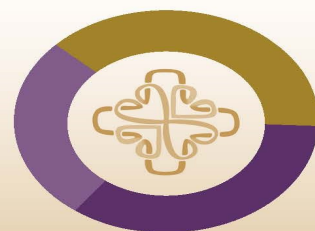
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April 28, 2024

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More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions

Thank You for Your Generosity.



ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.

VISIT: www.sienachurch.org

PARISH ACA UPDATE

Weekly Gift Summary—April 15, 2024

Pledged: \$38,395.00 — 96% of Goal

Paid: \$35,048.00 — 88% to Goal

We are off to a strong support—thank you to all!