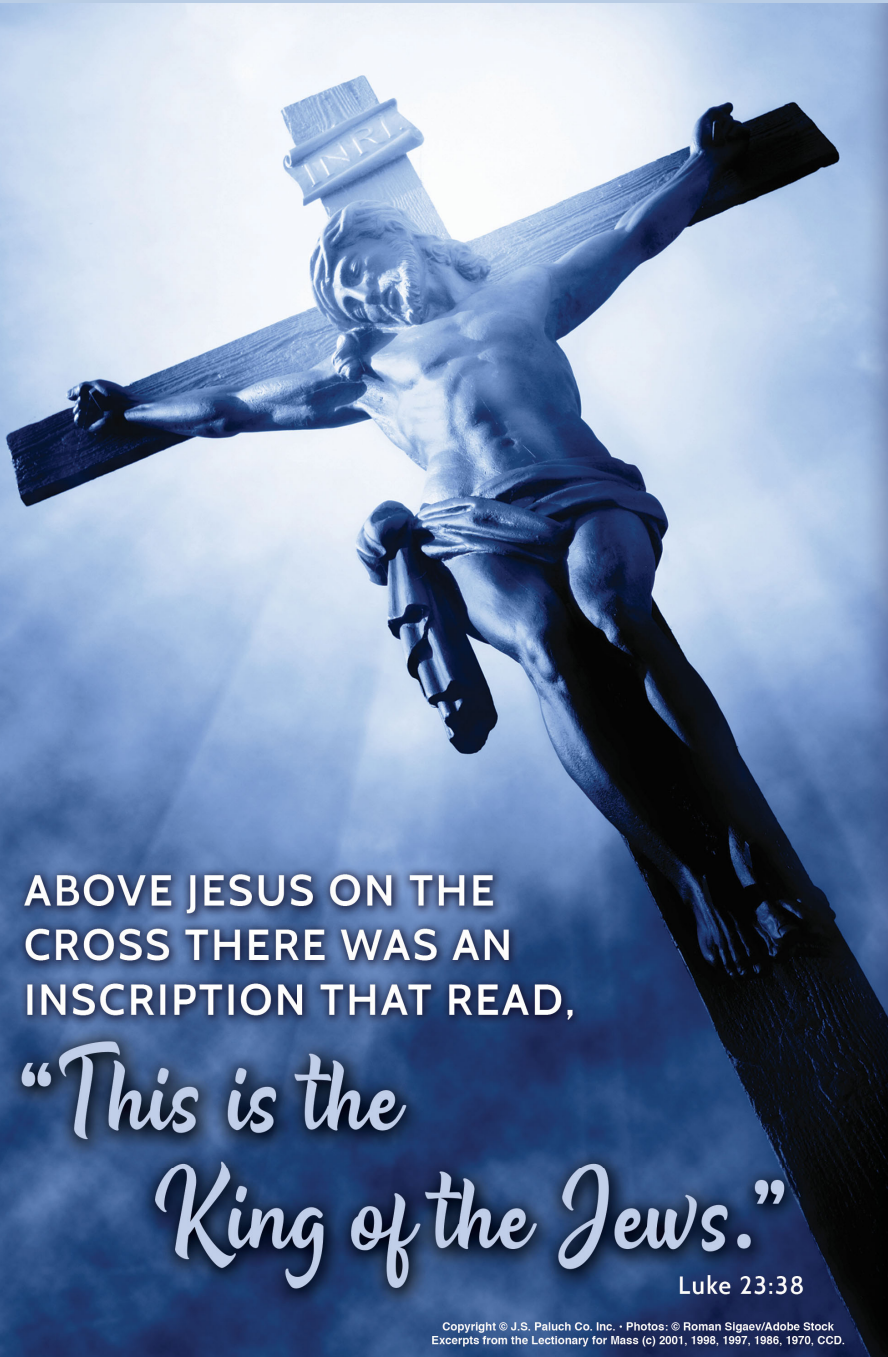
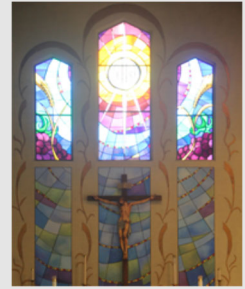


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ABOVE JESUS ON THE
CROSS THERE WAS AN
INSCRIPTION THAT READ,

*“This is the
King of the Jews.”*

Luke 23:38

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NOVEMBER 24, 2019 • OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

PARISH INFORMATION PASTOR

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

WEEKEND ASSISTANT

Rev. Alfred Burke

DEACON

Daniel Sakowski

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8 a.m. /10 a.m. /11:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

MAIN CHURCH

9 a.m. /7 p.m.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL

One West Main Street

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—9 a.m.

Tuesday—9 a.m.

Thursday—9 a.m.

Friday—9 a.m.

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OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, our parish community is so happy and full of excitement as we host the Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Torch. It is a beautiful experience as we provide our parish community an opportunity to encounter Jesus and His mother like never before. As you know, it is an intentional strategy to withdraw from the ordinary and routine of life and return to what is most important in life; and that is our intimate and close relationship with God and His beloved Mother.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, who appeared to Juan Diego in 1531 in Mexico, worked a miracle through him that helped unite all people and converted millions to Catholicism ever since. The torch run is a traditional Mexican pilgrimage that dates back more than half a century to honor our Lady of Guadalupe and commemorate this apparition. It is a great event that promotes peace and hope that is found in her Son Jesus. We, as a Christian Catholic Community, are honored to receive the Diocesan Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch today before the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of CHRIST the KING.

In spite of the fact that our beloved nation operates as a democracy and not a monarchy with our ancestors fighting hard to get free from being under the rule of a king, we must keep in mind that there is ONE who remains supreme over all of us. The one who will always rule over us, our God. He does not rule with the latest technology, guns, nuclear power or bombs. He rules with love. His authority comes from the fact that he is the creator of all things. If he had not given life, then there would be no life whatsoever. Our God, who is supreme, is not any other ruler, power, or king even though we call him a King. The concrete proof that he is entirely different is revealed to us in today's Gospel. There we heard about Jesus who, having been tortured, stripped and nailed to a cross, had a sign above his head identifying him, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. It doesn't say he had been King of the Jews; he doesn't mean he called himself the King of the Jews. It just says he is the King of the Jews. This had been publicly and officially proclaimed by no lesser person than the chief officer and representative of the mighty Roman Empire. No one would have the courage to contradict Pontius Pilate, the Governor of that province.

We celebrate a king whose throne is the cross, an instrument of capital punishment. Jesus died as a criminal, although he had done nothing wrong. He seemed powerless and yet promised, "today, you will be with me in paradise." Christ, our King, reconciled, "all things. . .making peace by the blood of his cross." Christ the King models how contradictions co-exist, if not, reconcile. He was both fully human and fully divine. He was a leader who came to serve, not be served. Humbling himself, he was exalted. He found deep faith in sinners. He took on human limitation, with the exception of sin, and was freed to the point of being raised up. He embraced death to give us life.

Our loving father, we thank you for becoming one with us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ the King. You reconciled humanity and divinity in him. Help us follow Christ the King by reconciling contradictions of our lives and deepening our union with you. Amen.

November 28, Thanksgiving Day-Happy Thanksgiving!

As we look at our spiritual life, we all know that gratitude is central to the Gospel message. Thanksgiving Day presents us with the perfect opportunity to look at this particular aspect of our faith. We are called to be eternally and deeply grateful. How grateful to God are you?

May we all struggle in various ways with gratitude. Realistically, we will never be grateful enough until we are perfected in Heaven. However, it is necessary to look at gratitude and let it grow in our souls. I know we will never be grateful unless we see and experience clearly all that God has done for us. Interestingly, in life, it is quite easy to focus on all the challenges, struggles, and trials we face and in effect, to get down, be depressed, frustrated, and even mad at certain times. What is far more challenging is to look beyond the crosses and burdens we encounter each day to see the abundance of grace and mercy given to us by our Lord God.

So this Thanksgiving Day, let us reflect upon this question: Do I see all that God has done for me? Do I see his overflowing mercy alive in my life? The Gospel passage today reveals that Jesus healed the 10 lepers, but only one of them returned in gratitude. Are you one of the nine who failed in gratitude? Being grateful means, you see the truth clearly. Be open to the truth, and God will change your life. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



Let Every Heart Prepare

Advent Reconciliation

Mon., Dec. 2—4:30 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 10—4:30 p.m.

Saturday's —3:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection
Saturday/Sunday, Nov 16/17 2019

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,718.00	156 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,238.00	107 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,488.00	148 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,139.00	143 people
Totals	\$5,583.00	554 people
Online Giving Nov 11—Nov 17	\$1,607.00	76 donors

Second Collection
Diocesan Assessment **\$1,135.00**

Upcoming Second Collection

December 1 — Maintenance & Repairs

December 8 — Retirement Fund for Religious Retirement

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

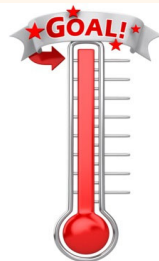
You are invited to honor your loved ones this Christmas by offering a Christmas Floral Memorial. Your name, along with the names of those you honor, will be published in our Christmas bulletin. To submit names, please use your Christmas Flower Envelope or pick up a form in the Narthex or Parish Office. Information is due no later than

Thursday, December 5

Donations begin at \$15. Please make check payable to St. Catherine of Siena Church. Note Flower Memorial in Memo.



Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00



2019
 As of November 18, 2019
 Pledged Amount: **\$33,444.60**
 Collected: **\$32,489.94**
Percent of Goal Raised 76%
 Donors: 146

 Pledge Balance As of November 18, 2019
\$954.83

2018
 As of November 19, 2018
 Pledged Amount: **37,872.00**
 Collected: **\$34,800.90**
Percent of Goal Raised 86%
 Donors: 169

 Pledge Balance As of November 19, 2018
\$2,450.80

The Annual Catholic Appeal is important.

As members of our diocesan family, we are called upon to love and serve all our brothers and sisters—both within our Catholic community & beyond. Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows our diocese to continue to serve as a resource to the parishes and other organizations in their efforts to provide service, evangelization and outreach to people throughout Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth & Ocean Counties. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church.

Above you will see the Annual Catholic Appeal comparisons from our parish 2018 vs. 2019 results to date. Unfortunately, we are behind from last year's pace, with 86% of goal at this point last year compared with 76% at present. Your contribution makes a difference!

Please help. Please contribute. Please make a pledge.

Here at St. Catherine of Siena Church, we are always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. Thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family. Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office.

Next Weekend is the Final Weekend for Giving Tree Gift Returns!



Ornaments Still Available! Help Needed!

There are still ornaments on The Giving Tree and we need your help. If you have not taken any yet, please take one today. If you have already taken an ornament, please consider taking one more if you are able so none of the children, seniors, & families represented will be disappointed this Christmas.

Thanks for your generosity & giving spirit!

Next weekend, Nov. 30/Dec. 1, is the final weekend for returning gift purchases for The Giving Tree recipients.

Please be sure to bring your unwrapped bagged item with the original paper ornament to the church vestibule **by 12:30 pm DECEMBER 1.**

If you will be away for Thanksgiving, please drop off your gift to the parish office

Monday, November 25 through Wednesday, November 27.



Through the Sacrament of *Baptism*, we welcome to the Church:

Evan Julio Machado

We ask God's blessings on this child and his family every day of their lives!

To The Good Samaritan Ministry,

I am writing you this letter with regards to the assistance I so generously received from the parish! Please let it be known your compassion does not go unnoticed. My children and I are extremely grateful. Hopefully, I will be able to pay it forward sometime in the future!
THANK YOU! A Grateful Family



Prepare for the Lord's coming



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St. Catherine of Siena Church
Advent 2019

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 7 pm • Church Advent Benediction and Fellowship

Hosted by the Ministries of Social Concerns, The Giving Tree, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion & Walking with Purpose

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 7 pm • Church Advent Benediction and Fellowship

Hosted by the Ministries of Rosary Altar Society, Legion of Mary, Money Counters & Music Ministry

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 7 pm • Church Advent Benediction and Fellowship

Hosted by the Ministries of Religious Education, Readers, Altar Servers & RCIA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 • 7 pm • Church Advent Benediction and Fellowship

Hosted by the Ministries of Hospitality, Knights of Columbus & Ushers

SACRAMENTAL AND FAITH FORMATION

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: To schedule an anointing, call the Pastor's Office at 732-938-5375 OPT. 7.

BAPTISM: We celebrate Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM or during the 11:30 AM Mass. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor certificates, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is required. Classes are held in Classroom 10 on the **4th Sunday of the month**. To sign up, please fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend. Godparents/ sponsors are also encouraged to attend. **Baptism Arrangements must be made in advance by contacting the Parish Office.**

HOMEBOUND: If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, please contact the Parish Office.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning a marriage must contact the Parish Office to begin marriage preparation at least one year before the anticipated wedding date.

RCIA: The process by which adults become Catholic and/or receive the Sacraments is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES: In order to obtain a sponsor certificate at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, the following is required: **Registration in the parish for at least 6 months prior to the request; received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation; if married, married in the Catholic Church; be at least 16 years of age; attending Mass faithfully participating in the life of the Church, receiving the Eucharist and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.** Please stop by the Parish Office to request a sponsor certificate. All certificates are approved by the Pastor.

OBTAIN A MASS CARD: We welcome all who would like to request their special intentions or deceased loved ones be prayed for at weekday or weekend Mass. Please call or stop by the Parish Office.

PRAYER LIST: Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added or removed to our prayer list.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: We welcome all on Mondays after the 9 am Mass in our Chapel.

LOW GLUTEN HOST: An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Welcomes the Diocese of Trenton
NOVEMBER 24 THROUGH DECEMBER 6

We are honored to receive the
Diocesan Our Lady of Guadalupe
Torch on

November 24, 2019

11:30 A.M. Mass

Celebrate with us!
Festivities begin at 11:00 A.M.

Special Blessing
Folk Dancers

Breakfast in Parish Hall
After the 10 & 11:30 A.M. Mass

The Torch and Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will remain with us through December 6th in our Church for personal devotion during which time special intentions may be placed in the prayer basket next to the torch. All prayer intentions are brought to the Bishop's Noon Mass at the Cathedral on December 7.

Parish Activities

MONDAY, DEC. 2, 2019 ·6:00 p.m. & TUESDAY, DEC. 3, 2019 4:30 p.m.

Miracle of Roses–Church–Religious Ed. Students & Families
All religious education students will have a lesson on Our Lady of Guadalupe. The students will learn about intercessory prayer and how our Blessed Mother brings our intentions to her Son, Jesus, on our behalf. Students will be invited into our church to view the Torch and Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at which time they will present a rose to our Blessed Mother and place their prayer intentions in the prayer basket.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3, 2019 ·All are Invited
Prayer Service –Church· 7 pm

Our RCIA team and Legion of Mary members will host a moving prayer service, and lead a discussion on Our Lady of Guadalupe, her significance and how we can draw from Our Lady of Guadalupe's message.

THURS., DEC. 5, 2019 ·All are Invited
Prayer Service –Church· 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe has been a source of strength, protection & encouragement to remain faithful through trials & hardship. Our Rosary Altar Society, Legion of Mary & Respect Life members will lead the recitation of the Rosary, a discussion and prayer service to the unborn.

FRI., DEC. 6, 2019 ·All are Invited
Farewell Dinner/ Family Movie Night–Parish Hall· 6 pm Hosted by our Knights of Columbus.



This is Christmas
A Christmas Carol Festival

December 16
6:30 pm

Parish Hall
31 Asbury Road
Farmingdale

For more info,
call 732-938-5375

All are Welcome

Christmas Carols
A visit from
St. Nicholas
Tree Lighting
Christmas Cookies

