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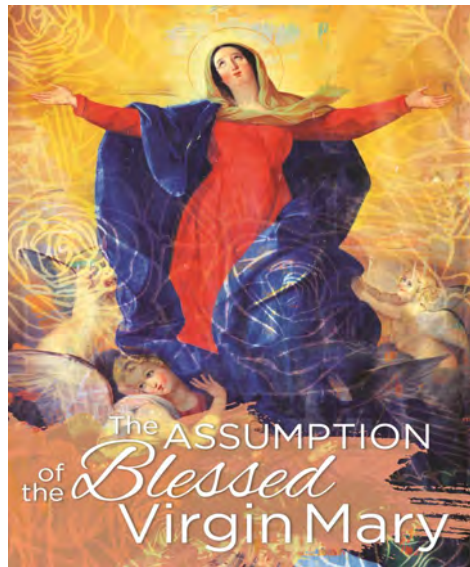
GREAT



Then Jesus said
to her in reply, "O
woman, great is your
faith! Let it be done
for you as you wish."

MATTHEW 15:28

August 16, 2020



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

WEEKEND

Saturday/Sunday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road

9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL

One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday—9:00 a.m.

Tuesday—9:00 a.m.

Thursday—9:00 a.m.

Friday—9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL

One West Main Street Farmingdale

First Friday of the Month immediately
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

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One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday immediately following the
9:00 a.m. Mass

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, many changes that have happened, and the regular schedule of our Religious Education Program is no exception. This weekend, August 15-16, we joyfully begin the First Communion of our 2nd grade children at the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass, the 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Liturgy. During this present crisis, we are blessed and fortunate to celebrate the First Communion of our young students as they receive Jesus, His Most Precious Body offered at the Mass. Let us keep in mind that we are to follow the directives and proper protocols given to us to be safe and avoid the spread of the virus. It is our responsibility as a Church, the parents, the teachers, and all of us who, in one way or another, contributed in preparing these young children for the reception of the sacrament to teach continuously, form, and guide them. As a parish family, we ask for your fervent prayers for these young children as they continue their faith journey. Our congratulations to the first communicants and their beloved parents-guardians. A warm thanks to our most gracious volunteer catechists and aides, as this event would not be possible without their helping hand. Thank you so much.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

In the Assumption, Mary is fully united with her Son in glory. She remains his Mother. He remains her Son. As Jesus said in the Gospel, Mary is our Mother, for, on Calvary, Jesus gave her to us to be our Mother. "Woman, behold your son," he said to her and St. John, a representative of all the disciples. Jesus said, "Behold your mother." We know and believe that Mary is so much concerned about our salvation. We understand and expect that Mary will help us, and we pray for her intercession. Jesus is our savior, and we all believe that. If we can ask others to pray for us and we pray for them, why can't those in heaven pray for us, and we likewise pray for them? Are we now separated from those who have died so that they can no longer help us? If we seek the prayers of the sinners on earth, for we are all sinners, why not ask the saints' intercession in heaven? Why not turn to the Queen of saints, God's Mother? The Assumption of Mary tells us that God is not only concerned about our souls but also our bodies. They are temples of the Holy Spirit. They are part of who we are, and so the Feast of the Assumption is a feast that celebrates who we are going to be in the near future.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After reading this Gospel carefully, it could reasonably be asked, "Why to put such a story into the Gospel in the first place?" When Matthew was writing his account, the followers of Jesus were still arguing with what might call the terms and conditions for entry into the community of believers. Who could be in, and who to exclude? In answering this question, Matthew shows that in withdrawing to the region of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus deliberately puts himself in foreign territory to demonstrate what inclusion means. He deftly sets the scene for his encounter with the excluded woman. It is there Matthew answers the question about inclusion and exclusion, reminding the Church what Jesus did for people who were excluded and regarded as outsiders, and so teaching that his followers, both then and now, should do the same.

In our lives, we expect certain people to be our guides and to teach and inspire us, and so we can sometimes miss the unexpected grace and inspiration from encounters with those we might otherwise choose to ignore. Even the screaming child in the grocery store or supermarket might provide an opportunity to treasure the frantic parent with a sympathetic few words, "Don't worry; we've all been there." The distraught parent might welcome this as the only meaningful encounter with an adult she or he has had all day.

When we gather as people of faith, how do we acknowledge strangers in the community? Do we prefer to ignore them when they nervously join us for conversation in the parish hall afterward? We understand that during this pandemic, we have to follow the protocols of social distancing, etc. But what about before and after we have gone through with this crisis? Is it too much trouble for us to take the time to talk to them because we would instead share our company with those we number as close friends? Do we give them the scraps from our table of hospitality when we could perhaps provide a little more of ourselves? We may never know that even a brief encounter can have on the lives of others. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY • AUGUST 15

4:30 PM

† Arthur Butchie Bitz *r/b June Hankel*

SUNDAY • AUGUST 16

10:00 AM

† James L. Brennan *r/b the Shea Family*

11:30 AM

† Catherine Odell *r/b Adelaide San Georgi*

MONDAY • AUGUST 17

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Donald and Margaret Coppotelli*

TUESDAY • AUGUST 18

9:00 AM

† Connie Gersbeck *r/b loving husband, Joseph*

THURSDAY • AUGUST 20

9:00 AM

† Dorothy Cherellia *r/b the Sardone Family*
† Anthony Farinella *r/b loving wife, Josephine, and children*

FRIDAY • AUGUST 21

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Joan Pekar*

UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST

The Prayer list is a special and sacred tradition of this parish, providing extra prayers for those of our faith community, their families and friends.

Please email your prayer recipients to frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

- SUN 8/16** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28
- MON 8/17** Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
- TUE 8/18** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt
19:23-30
- WED 8/19** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
- THR 8/20** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
- FRI 8/21** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
- SAT 8/22** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
- SUN 8/23** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20

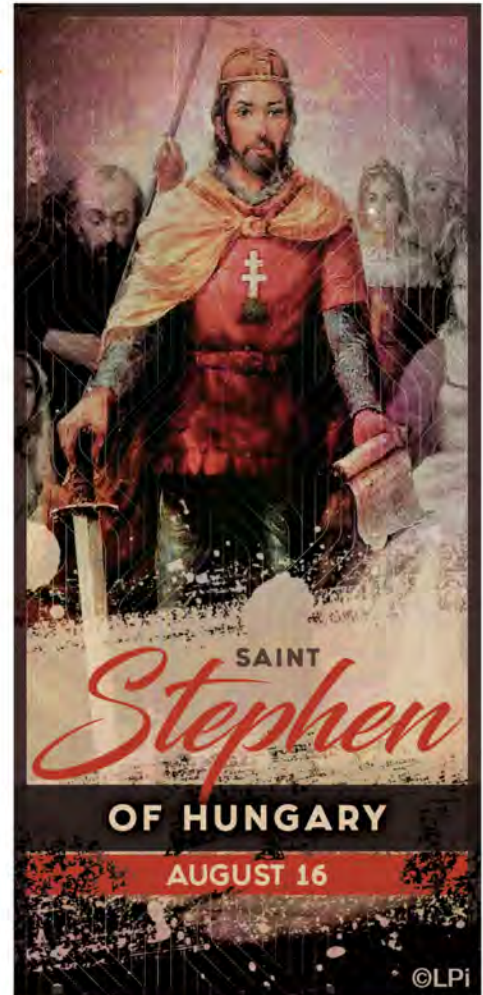
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** St. John Eudes, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Pius X, Pope
- Saturday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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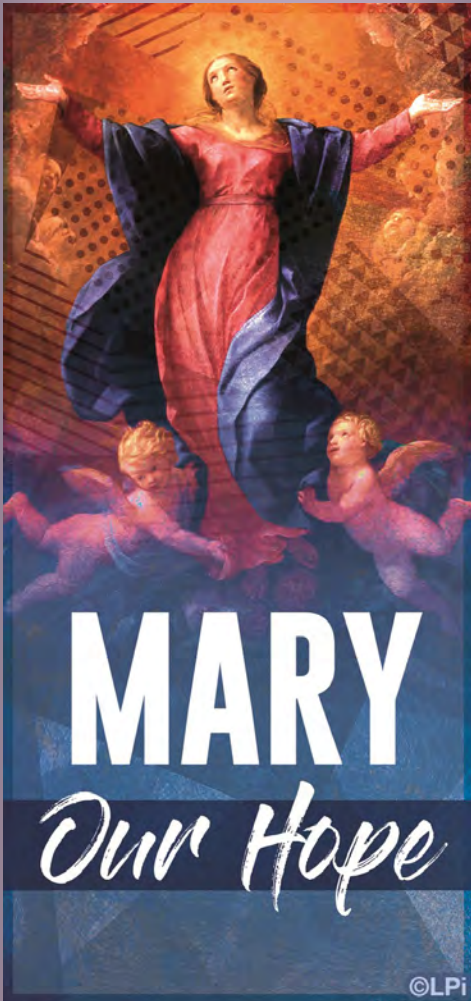
Inspiration for the week

As much as some folks may not want to admit it, we all want to be healed. Human beings suffer physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. There are many wounds. Of all of the maladies that can afflict us, the ones that require the greatest attention are of a spiritual nature. What can happen if we are healed inwardly, brought back to center, and restored in our relationships, especially in our relationship with God? We will find the courage, strength, conviction, and hope needed to deal with the more tangible struggles that may not find an easy remedy. Inner strength, gained by persistent faith, is what allows strong, determined, and courageous people to overcome incredible challenges and hurdles. Be persistent in your faith, and seek the inner spiritual healing that you so desperately desire and need.



Live in the
Love
of God

PRAY



Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen

IMPORTANT PARISH UPDATES

Welcome Back



Limited Public Celebration of the Mass and Sacraments at St. Catherine of Siena Church

The dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day Mass obligation remains in effect until until further notice (unless otherwise announced).



MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 10:00 A.M.—

An overflow Mass will be held in the Parish Hall if the Church exceeds the 1/3 capacity limit.

Sunday 11:30 A.M.

Daily Mass held in the Church 9:00 A.M. Monday – Friday.

Closed Wednesday.

Chapel will remain closed until further notice.

For those who are not feeling well, those with underlying health conditions or in a high-risk category, one should stay home and avoid any public gathering. We strongly encourage you to watch or participate in Mass remotely.

For those who choose to attend Mass in person, for everyone's protection, please be aware of the following:

- Please wear a face mask at all times in the Church
- Please enter through the front door and use the hand sanitizer
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times
- Bring your own hand sanitizer that can be used before receiving Holy Communion.
- No public gatherings, or greetings (handshakes, hugs, etc.) at Church entrance and Church property.

A full listing of the directives issued by Bishop O'Connell and St. Catherine of Siena Parish Re-Opening Protocols can be viewed at our website, www.sienachurch.org. Should you have any questions, please call the parish office at 732-938-5375, Opt. 1.

Thank you for your understanding.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

UPDATE TO PARISH RECORDS

For our current parishioners, please help us update our parish records by filling out the following form and returning it to us either by email, frontoffice@sienachurch.org or mail it to St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727

To register in the parish, please call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

DATE: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

LAST NAME	_____	FIRST NAME	_____
SPOUSE LAST NAME	_____	SPOUSE FIRST NAME	_____
MAILING NAME	_____		
CHILD FULL NAME	_____	CHILD FULL NAME	_____
CHILD FULL NAME	_____	CHILD FULL NAME	_____

ADDRESS INFORMATION

ADDRESS	_____		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	

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CITY	STATE	ZIP	

CONTACT INFORMATION

HOME TELEPHONE	()	_____	
HIS CELLPHONE:	()	HER CELLPHONE	()
_____		_____	
HIS EMAIL:	_____	HER EMAIL	_____

Yes, I would like to receive parish communications sent by email:

Email: _____

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal 2020

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
ACA Status

As of August 10, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

Raised \$41,334.30

Collected \$36,334.30

Pledge Balance \$4,614.29

Thank You

100% of Goal

We are blessed that St. Catherine of Siena Parish reached and exceeded our 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$38,000! Thank you to our parishioners who generously contributed.

We ask you to please continue to donate and send in your pledges. Keep in mind, funds collected in excess of the parish goal we earn a 50% rebate check which directly benefits our parish.

*Thank you for
your generosity.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As your pastor, let us take

a moment and reflect on all God's blessings and graces. I extend to you a heartfelt thank you to those who have continued their financial support of the parish by mailing in your envelopes, and those who have reached out to us to sign up for online giving. Our parish is truly blessed with generous, caring and faithful members.

May God's peace and grace be with you always,

Father Angelito

Thank You!

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU—Numbers 6:24

BAPTISM

With Joyful Hearts,
We Welcome Our Newly Baptized.

Isabella Ann Salter

*We ask God's blessings on this
child and her family!*



2021 Mass Intention Book

The 2021 Mass Intention Book is open.
Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375
to request your Mass Intentions.

Intentions are a \$10 offering, and dates and
times are scheduled on a first-come,
first-served basis.

Thank you.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:



The Garcia Family
Edward, Amparo
Rebecca, Edward, & Sebastian

With Warmth and
Prayers,
We Welcome You into
Our Family of Faith.



FIRST COMMUNION



**Let us keep all our students prepared
to receive Jesus for the first time in
our thoughts and prayers.**

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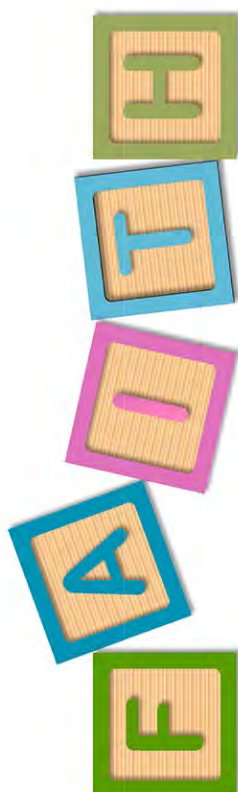
Gospel Today | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 15:21-28

A very persistent foreign woman begged Jesus to heal her daughter. She had great faith in Jesus. Jesus said "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



- Jesus
- Welcome
- Canaanite
- Foreign
- Suffering
- Daughter
- Great
- Faith
- Woman
- Mercy
- Help
- Disciples
- Request
- Granted
- Healed

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Jesus accepted the foreign woman and her faith. Today, Jesus expects us to welcome foreigners and their faith to our communities. Our churches are called **Faith Filled Communities**. On a separate sheet of paper draw a picture of what your church, or "faith filled community" looks like.

Don't forget to add some people!

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