

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



KINGDOM



"I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose
on earth shall be loosed
in heaven."

MATTHEW 16:19

August 23, 2020



21st 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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL

One West Main Street Farmingdale

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As a parish community of St. Catherine, we are pleased to inform you of the blessed First Communion ceremony held during our weekend liturgies. We credit the parents, the catechists, and the First Communicants for having completed their course-work, as they are well-prepared to receive Jesus with due respect and reverence. In the middle of these challenging times, we shared directives from the Diocese, and we are happy to see that the parents and the communion candidates adhere to our guidelines. Congratulations, and thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

As we all know, communications are so valuable, most especially if we receive them in a timely fashion. After careful study and discernment, we, the leadership of Religious Education, decided that during these challenging times and with so much uncertainty, our classes for all levels on religious education are going VIRTUAL. We saw the strong need to protect the safety, well-being, and health of our young children and catechists and everyone else. And so we are appealing to all, most notably the parents, who are the first teachers of these children's faith, to volunteer as teachers, also our former catechists and aides, please, we need your help. Training will be provided as we respond to this plea. Thank you in advance as you consider being one of the volunteers in the program. Kindly check with our religious program coordinator for more detailed information.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

A story comes to mind about a preacher who approached the pulpit and started delivering his homily on the subject "distraction at prayer." He shared about a lady he knew well. She got up during his reflection one Sunday and, with embarrassment, and quickly left the Church. The priest went on to say that this happened because she was distracted by something. Incidentally, he met the lady later on than week. She began to apologize, saying, "Oh, Father, I am so sorry that I had to leave the Church during your homily. I had the terrible thought that I had left the oven on, so I had to return home immediately." The priest concluded by saying, "And that, my friends in Christ, is a distraction at prayer." Sitting in the Church was little Angelica, age nine years old. She put her hand up, and when the priest saw this, he asked, "Do you have a question?" Angelica responded, with no embarrassment or hesitation, "Instead of being a distraction, could it had been God telling the woman to go home because the oven would catch fire, her house would burn down, and she and her children would have no place to stay?" Isn't it refreshing to hear from the mouth of babes and children? We always need to be open to new ways of looking at things and listening to voices then.

Often when we find ourselves being asked personal questions, sometimes we feel like we are being pushed into a corner with so little space for moving. Faith and religion are those areas where many of us can feel uncomfortable when directly asked about those matters. We think we have a right to our private stance, and hence no one should ever ask about our religious beliefs. And so we can thank God today for Peter's insight and for his fortitude to speak up.

The Gospel we heard today can empower and motivate us never to lose our courage and a sense of purpose in speaking about our faith. We are genuinely the present-day disciples of Jesus, as we have the same mandate as the first disciples, and if we do not act or speak up as faithful to Jesus, then who will?

I am happy to conclude this reflection in quoting G.K. Chesterton, who said, "If there were no God, there would be no atheists." It is quite unfortunate to say that we live in a world in which it's all too easy to feel embarrassed or hesitant to speak about our faith. As faithful followers of Jesus, we are called never to feel intimidated or nervous to announce the message of Jesus, because God knows how much it is needed today. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · AUGUST 22

4:30 PM

† Frank Pondaco *r/b the Pondaco Family*

SUNDAY · AUGUST 23

10:00 AM

† Robert Sessa *r/b Jim and Marian Ferris*

11:30 AM

† Monica Ann Talcott *r/b loving parents and family*

MONDAY · AUGUST 24

9:00 AM

† Gilda Rufolo *r/b the Ciccone Family*

TUESDAY · AUGUST 25

9:00 AM

† For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY · AUGUST 27

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b June Hankel*

FRIDAY · AUGUST 28

9:00 AM

† John Patrick Flanders *r/b loving family & friends*

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 23, 2020

- SUN 8/23** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20
- MON 8/24** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- TUE 8/25** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
- WED 8/26** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- THR 8/27** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
- FRI 8/28** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
- SAT 8/29** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/
Mk 6:17-29
- SUN 8/30** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

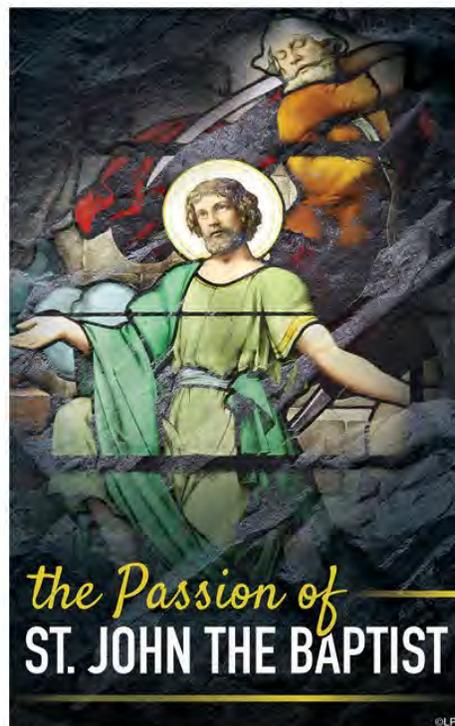
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Tuesday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Monica
- Friday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.



—
Say to Jesus
as the apostles
did: "Lord,
teach us to
pray."

— ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

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	_____

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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 17, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

Raised \$41,334.30

Collected \$37,544.01

Pledge Balance \$3,790.29

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

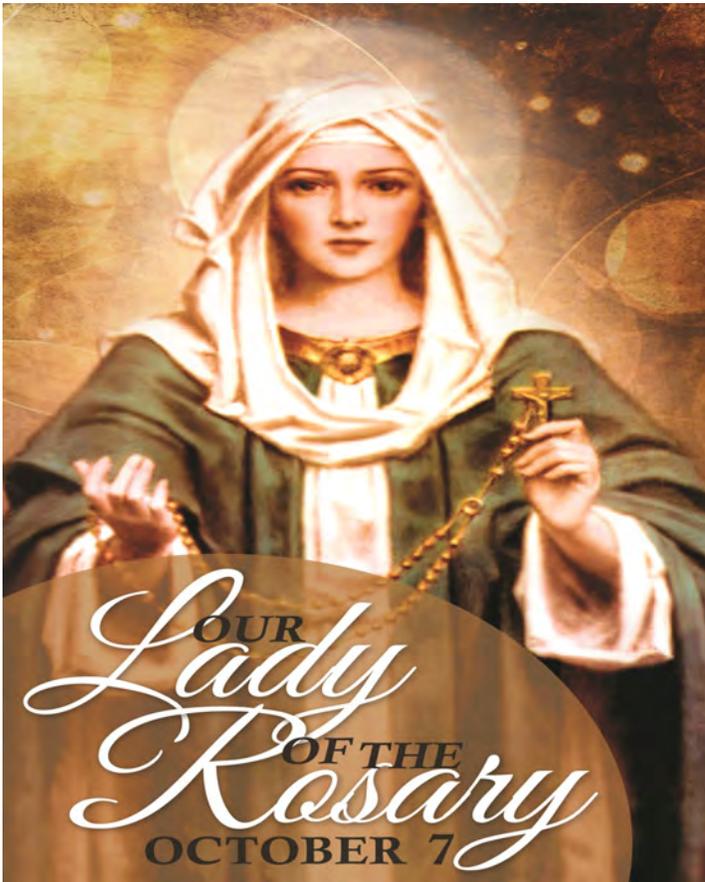
a moment and reflect on all God's blessings and graces. I extend to you a heartfelt thank you to those who have continued their financial support of the parish by mailing in your envelopes, and those who have reached out to us to sign up for online giving. Our parish is truly blessed with generous, caring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



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



FIRST COMMUNION

Bishop invites faithful to pray daily rosary for the needs of the nation.

For centuries, Catholics have turned to the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking for her intercession in times of need by praying the Rosary. This great prayer, whose origins date before the 12th century, uses a meditative repetition of prayers that invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she leads us to consider the mysteries in the life of her Divine Son, Jesus. History has shown this to be a powerful, effective, and calming prayer that has truly changed hearts and lives over the centuries of its use.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said of the Rosary that it is "the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next.

The power of the Rosary is beyond description."

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton to consider making this powerful devotion part of your daily life of prayer.

Please join with me in praying Our Lady's Rosary every day between now and October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, for the many intentions and needs of our nation today, especially:

- ✦ For a true respect for life in all its stages from conception to natural death;
 - ✦ For the strengthening of family life;
 - ✦ For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and for all those impacted by it;
 - ✦ For a lasting resolution to the racial tensions and injustices that have too long afflicted our country;
 - ✦ For an end to the violence and death in our cities, especially among the young;
 - ✦ For the victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking;
 - ✦ For the poor, the unemployed and those who face economic hardship, and
- For so many of the other intentions and needs that we face in our country and world.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.



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