

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



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“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it.”

MATTHEW 13:23

July 12, 2020



15th 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

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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,

As we announced at all Masses last weekend, Parish Office is now open to the public, in person, with restrictions and following the Diocese's directives, such as wearing a face covering, temperature check, and filling out a form provided by the Office. Keep in mind that we are doing this not just to follow the guidelines but also to be safe, away from sickness and harm, and to reduce the spread of the Virus. It is not easy to implement all of these directives, but we want to cover our bases. We want to save lives and protect each other. If you need something essential from the Parish Office, kindly make a phone call or email us, we are glad to serve you. We thank you for your kind understanding, and hopefully, this pandemic will come to an end soon.

Since we have the proper types of equipment for the cleaning and disinfecting the Church and the Parish Hall, we gladly announce the addition of the 11:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday in the Church. The weekend Mass schedule is as follows: 4:30 P.M. Saturday Vigil Mass; Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Mass in the Church and also using the Parish Hall for an overflow of attendance, plus 11:30 A.M. Mass in the Church. It is good to see our loyal and devoted people of the community are coming back to Church for the Sunday Liturgies, even if they know that the dispensation given by the Bishop of not fulfilling Sunday obligation is still in effect until September 7, 2020. By any chance, whenever I see some of our Churchgoers in the store or any business establishment, they usually have the common question, "Father, when are going to re-open?" Now, you have the answer. For it is quite apparent we miss not only the worship building, but most importantly, we miss each other as we worship and offer our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord God.

Indeed, we are blessed to have the opportunity to re-open and continue our faith, given this unprecedented time. We cannot deny the fact that we have challenges and tests as we prepare and work on the re-opening, but through the concerted efforts and performance of our team, we are fortunate enough to make it happen.

Please continue to support us with your monetary gifts through your offertory collections, either by envelopes submitted to the collection boxes we have provided in the Church or through online giving. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and outpouring support. We, as a family of God in our parish community, count and depend on your goodness and benevolence. My heart is moved because of your positive attitude and continues to inspire me with your loving-kindness.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The parable of the Sower in the Gospel today is quite easy to predict. If we throw seed on the ground, some will grow if the climate agrees and if there are enough sun and moisture. In reading Matthew's Gospel from the beginning until the end, we would see that today's Gospel describes the various ways people had been responding to Jesus up to this point in his public ministry, accused of being possessed, of one who breaks the divine law, and a blasphemer. Some people thought that he was a great healer and made them well; they went away happy, pursued their business and did not seek to know any more about him. Some enjoyed his stories, staying entertained as long as he was willing to treat them. Others thought he had something worthwhile to say, and they continued to listen to him and learn from him. Jesus was like the farmer sowing the seed. Although he could not touch all their hearts, those whose hearts he did touch grew and produced good fruit; that is, their lives were virtuous and pleasing to God.

In today's parable, Jesus' strong message is to know first that the kingdom of heaven is not an entitlement. Just because the seed of grace has been planted in our hearts, it will die if we do nothing with it. If it lives in us, it will grow. We know that some of the growth we experience in life happens automatically, such as growing physically. However, other kinds of growth require intentional effort, such as increasing in enough knowledge to get a degree or growing in particular skills; that is, athletic or artistic; or knowing how to get along socially with others or manage our finances so we can support ourselves.

Growing in God's grace and holiness is similar to this second kind of growth. It is intentional on our part. It is not accidental. It involves making a choice that Jesus is more important to us than anything or anyone else. It means choosing to believe that he has come to teach us the way to God and faithfully follow him. It also involves patience as we wait for the fullness of the kingdom. Just as God has given us the sun and the rain to make the seed grow, hence if we put forth the effort spiritually, then God will supply the means to produce an extraordinarily harvest in our lives. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY • JULY 11

4:30 PM

† Zinna Maximenko *r/b Palmie Cummings*

SUNDAY • JULY 12

10:00 AM

† Marion Millington *r/b The Ortega Family*

11:30 AM

† Consuelo Remigio *r/b The Martinez Family*

MONDAY • JULY 13

9:00 AM

† People of the Parish

TUESDAY • JULY 14

9:00 AM

† Evelyn Unas *r/b Fe Corpuz*

THURSDAY • JULY 16

9:00 AM

† Barry Barychko *r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello*

FRIDAY • JULY 17

9:00 AM

† For the People of the Parish

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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

So shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:11)

PSALM:

The seed that falls on the good ground will yield a
fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

SECOND READING:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as
nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.
(Rom 8:18)

GOSPEL:

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.
Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Mt 13:8-9)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020

Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Henry
Tuesday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday:	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

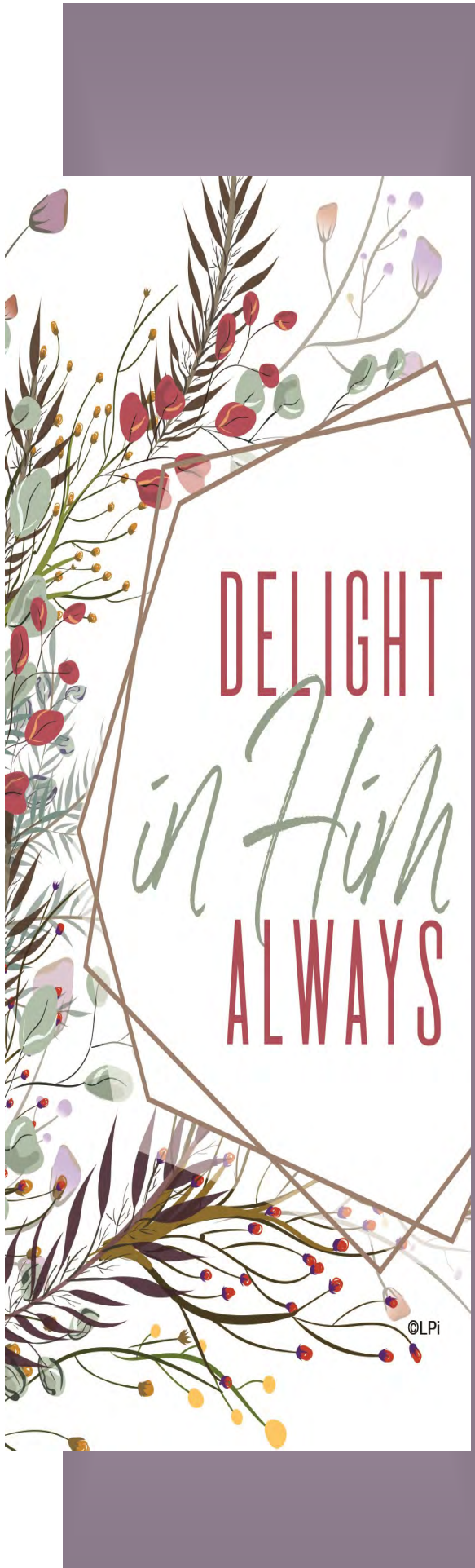
The prophet Isaiah assured the captive Israelites exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. Does this bring you comfort or distress?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of a spiritual connection and yearning for freedom (redemption) shared between us and creation itself. What do you think a redeemed creation looks like?

GOSPEL READING

Why do you think Jesus explains the parable of the sower to his disciples but not to the crowds?



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 Monday, September 7, 2020 (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

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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 July 6, 2020

GOAL	\$38,000
Raised	\$39,159.30
Collected	\$33,611.50
Pledge Balance	\$5,547.80

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.*

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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

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU—Numbers 6:24

Thank You!

Blessings
TO OUR
NEWLY MARRIED!



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Congratulations & Best Wishes to ...

Thomas Patrick Prioli
&
Kelly Marie Schuld

who were married at
St. Catherine of Siena Church on
Saturday, July 11, 2020

We pray that God Bless this
Couple Abundantly.
May Love Live in your
Hearts Forever.



2021 Mass Intention Book Opening

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.



The Altar Flowers are donated to
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“Do everything in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:14

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Gospel Today | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:1-23

Jesus uses parables or comparison stories to preach to the people the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Read the sentence then use the bold letters to fill in the blanks below.



When the Word of God is **planted** in our hearts, we are nourished and strengthened **by** His love, similar to **seeds** planted in rich soil.



A _____ is a story that is told using comparisons.

Look around at all the beautiful summer flowers. We see them in gardens, hanging planters, in pots on front steps, growing wild along highways and fields. All these flowers need good rich soil to grow in. Our faith in God can grow in our hearts, as beautiful as the flowers around us! We just need to ask Jesus to come and take root, and allow His love to blossom within us and spread that love to others.

Color these flowers and add your own...



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