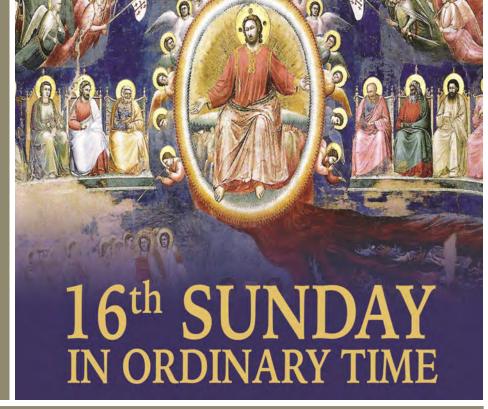
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"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." -Mt 13:41-43a

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MASS SCHEDULE TEMPORALY 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,

It has been five weeks since we have re-opened the Church for the weekend liturgies. We are so blessed and fortunate to have the opportunity to re-open and celebrate Masses on a limited basis. While we are still experiencing the COVID 19 pandemic, we aim to open slowly, taking baby steps and revaluate as time moves on. At the start, we had small attendance, most noticeably at the Vigil Saturday. Still, as the weeks unfolded, we witnessed the growing number of parishioners attending each Mass, particularly this past Saturday at the Vigil Mass, as it was the highest visited since our opening on June 13, 2020.

Additionally, we now returned to celebrating the 11:30 AM Mass last Sunday, and we were able to have a few faithful parishioners who attended the Mass. It is so encouraging that amid this unprecedented time full of uncertainty, our faithful people are confident as they come back to Church. It is our responsibility to invite and welcome our good people to come and celebrate with us. We are filled with joy and gladness to gather together at the table of the Lord as we hear God's voice through the readings proclaimed, and in receiving Jesus through His Most Precious Body at Communion.

Keep in mind that our God works through his people, responding to our request to guide and support us in continuing what we have started. We see the strength and resolve in some of our parishioners as they never tire of doing the best to make things happen in the parish, ever so mindful of the cleanliness, safety, and neatness of the buildings. All this so that we can come to the Church without fear and anxiety due to the virus. Also, let us not forget that without your invaluable support shown through your generous donations and offertory gifts, it is impossible to re-open and serve our faithful people. Once again, we would like to give a BIG word of THANKS to all. May God continue to shower His blessings and reward you with His love and goodness.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Allow me to begin this reflection with a humorous story, but it applies to the lesson we have for this Sunday's readings. A man was suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis. He never liked going to the doctor, but his wife nagged him, for she never allowed him to suffer from so much pain. Finally, she got him to the doctor who arranged for a procedure. The man said to the doctor, "When God gave people an appendix, there must have been a reason for putting it in our bodies." "Oh, there was," replied the doctor. "God gave you that appendix so that I can send my children through college."

There is an impressive interpretation of the parable of the wheat and darnel. Darnel is a weed that closely resembles wheat, and the distinction is quite evident only when the plants mature, and the ears appear. When the owner's servants discover weeds in the wheat field, this posed a dilemma. What should be done about them? To their surprise, the owner tells them not to weed the area but to let the wheat and the darnel grow together. When both are mature at harvest time, then the sorting will be done. The wheat will be gathered up and stored; the darnel will then be burned. So what is the point parable?

Jesus explains that the parable is about good and evil, thriving alongside each other in the world. It is not always easy to tell the weeds from the wheat, as their roots are intertwined below ground. "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you." (Matthew 7:1-2) Judgment is left to God's angels. We see the inclusive nature of God's vision. He explains that the power of God's kingdom is like the growth potential of a tiny mustard seed, or the transforming qualities of yeast. The small seeds and yeast spores have a dynamic potential for change that is out of proportion to their size. With the metaphors of the mustard seed and the yeast, Jesus asks us to trust our inner energies and the power of the Holy Spirit. We can all be agents of change in our world. Let us get on with our mission Jesus has given us, proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom to help us guard against becoming weeds ourselves.

Jesus teaches us to be patient with the ambiguities of life, its situations, and people, particularly those who are different. We can easily apply this parable to our own Christian lives. We are called to follow Jesus' patience and tolerance towards our neighbors, most notably the vulnerable. And nurturing wonder and humility towards the whole community of our planet for God's creation is appropriate today as Jesus reminds us of the power of seeds and yeast. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · JULY 18

4:30 PM

+ Donald Douglas r/b Alice Kovach

SUNDAY · JULY 19

10:00 AM

+ Al Haligowski r/b The Conway Family

11:30 AM

+ William H. Williams r/b The Murray Family

MONDAY · JULY 20

9:00 AM

• People of the Parish

TUESDAY · JULY 21

9:00 AM

+ Sharon Thompson r/b Al & Barbara Mueller

THURSDAY · JULY 23

9:00 AM

+ Nicholas Fanciullo r/b Andrea Rosen

FRIDAY · JULY 24

9:00 AM

+ Timothy Hickey r/b Neal & Lorraine Pronek

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:

For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. (Wis 12:16)

PSALM:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

SECOND READING:

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

GOSPEL:

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning:

but gather the wheat into my barn."" (Mt 13:30b)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday: Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest Friday:

Saturday: St. James, Apostle

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



NEVER GET TIRED OF DOING LITTLE THINGS FOR OTHERS. SOMETIMES THOSE LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY THE BIGGEST PART OF THEIR HEARTS.

-ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

REFLECT

FIRST READING

The Jewish sage speaks of God as master of all who judges us with clemency and governs us with leniency. What are some areas of your life that make you grateful for a merciful God?

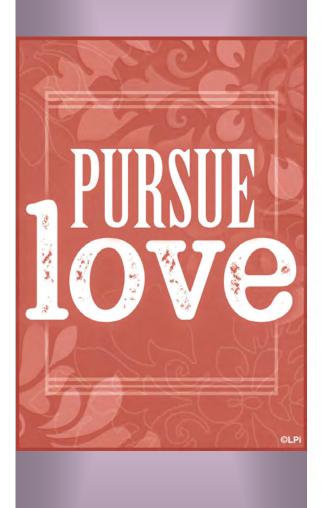
SECOND READING

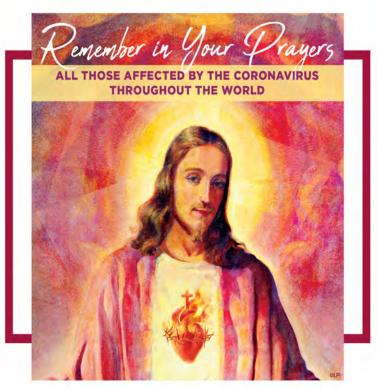
Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that the Spirit helps us "to pray as we ought." When do you find yourself most at prayer?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today a series of parables describing aspects of the kingdom of heaven: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. What do you think makes Jesus' parables such an effective method for teaching about the mystery of the kingdom of heaven?







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.

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish ACA Status

As of July 13, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

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Pledge Balance \$5,491.80

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,

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU-Numbers 6:24

As your pastor, let us take

a moment and reflect on all God's blessings and graces. I extend to you a heartful 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



PARISH NEWS



With Joyful Hearts, We Welcome Our Newly Baptized.

Christopher Alfred Lowe

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





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.



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following

New Parishioners:



Kyle & Jessica Bush

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

<u>Healing After Abortion:</u> Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.



Gospel Today | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:24-43

Jesus tells us the Good Word grows within us, as the yeast grows within the dough – quietly and unseen, with great results!



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WATCH THE DOUGH GROW

Mix up some dough, or buy fresh or frozen pizza dough. Remember – we can't see the yeast working, but we know it's working as the dough rises.

Pizza time...

Dough *(follow directions for purchased or mixed),* Tomato sauce, about 8 oz. shredded cheese, optional – vegetables or pre-cooked meat



Make the dough

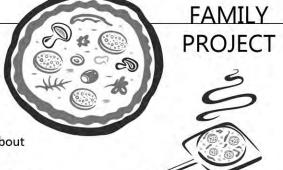
1 cup warm (not hot) water

21/4 tsp. or 1 packet active dry yeast

2 tbsp. olive or vegetable oil

3 cups all purpose flour

½ tsp. salt

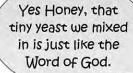


Mix water and yeast together in a large mixing bowl and let sit until the yeast becomes activated and begins to bubble/foam. Add the oil, flour and salt and mix well (add more flour if needed). Knead on clean floured surface a few minutes until it forms a ball. Oil a clean bowl and the dough surface. Cover dough and bowl with a towel and let rise in a warm place (about 1 hour).

Roll dough on a floured surface – place on baking tray covered with flour or bread crumbs. Spread on sauce, cheese and any other toppings you like. Bake at 400° for 10-15 minutes, or until done.

SWEET as HONEY

J.D., look at this dough grow!





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