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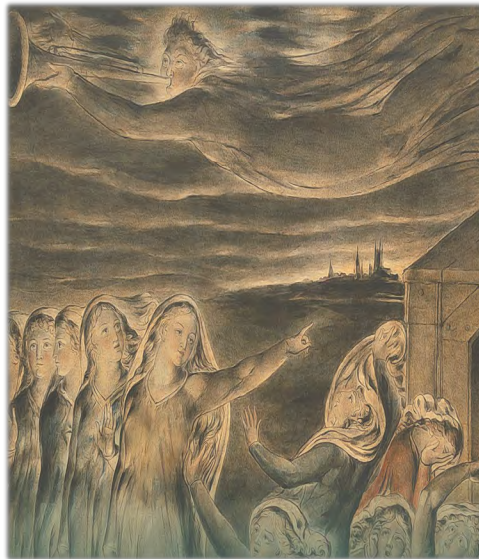


OPEN

“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

MATTHEW 25:11-12

NOVEMBER 8, 2020



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday/Sunday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday

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

***8:00 a.m. Mass effective September 13, 2020**

CONFESSION TIMES

By Appointment

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road

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

Unless otherwise announced

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Church
31 Asbury Road

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 CHURCH

31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

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

***Temporarily Suspended due to COVID-19
until further notice.***

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,

We are congratulating the Knights of Columbus! The founder of the Knights of Columbus has beatified last Saturday, October 31, in the Archdiocese of Hartford in Connecticut. He is now closer to sainthood. Here in our diocese, Bishop David O' Connell will be hosting a Mass for the Knights of Columbus in honor of the beatification on Saturday, November 14, at 10:30, AM in the Co-Cathedral. Due to the pandemic restrictions, attendance will be limited to 200. Father McGivney is a son of Irish immigrants. His young childhood was difficult due to poverty, rejection, and all the complexities faced by so many immigrants. His father died when he was young, and due to his death, the grip of poverty struck the whole family. This unhappy life experience of his family led the way for Father McGivney to start a small group of men in his parish to support and help immigrant assist their families. Amazingly, the small group grew to become the world-wide, largest, Catholic Men's Organization, known as the Knights of Columbus. We would like to continuously encourage and call on our parish community's men to consider joining our own parish council of Knights of Columbus. We need more members. Our Council has been and continue to be , accommodating and supportive of our parish ministries and events.

The celebration of All Saints Day in the parish yesterday is quite remarkable. We have a significant visitor, the Diocesan Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Blessed Virgin Mary, and we have the Torch until Friday, November 6. Sadly, many parishes have been affected in this year of a pandemic by losing loved ones in their communities. As Christians, we turn to our faith in times of difficulties, distress, and uncertainty as we do in times of joy and success, and we celebrate. Since Mary is the Mother of Christians on earth, in heaven and purgatory, this year, the procession of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Torches will be in remembrance of those who, due to the COVID-19 virus or any other kind of infirmity or circumstance, have lost their lives. During November, Catholics are called to increase our devotion to praying for the holy souls of our dearly departed; the Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch should lead us on a pilgrimage of remembrance.

The Guadalupe Torch will shine in the parishes as a symbol of the impassioned prayer of those who participate in the diocesan- wide mission. The light of the torch also reminds us that our Lady of Guadalupe is present in these moments of prayer and advocating our requests to her Son, Jesus, who we know will never deny her anything. We keep in mind also that in this time of recollection, that if the souls of the ones we loved so much here on earth have already passed on into heaven, we have the honor of joining them with Our lady of Guadalupe and all the saints in heaven, in the highest act of supernatural charity, which is, praying for the souls who have no one to pray for them and need God's mercy.



The season, the weather, and atmosphere has changed tremendously. We are still amid the public health crisis and with that we must be adaptable. Please know the parish will amend our annual Giving Tree Collection of Gifts in the usual fashion of taking of gift tags this year as we want all to be safe, away from harm, and healthy this Christmas season. As much as we abide by the COVID-19 restrictions, it is necessary this year that we modify our ways. We announce that our parish Good Samaritan Ministry will aid our community with this Christmas initiative, Project Joy. Nevertheless, the purpose stays the same: to provide help and respond to the less fortunate and needy this Christmas season. The majority of the families in need, along with the community schools and local organizations that we support are not accepting physical gifts such as toys and clothing, etc. Rather they are asking for gift cards this year to uphold the COVID-19 restrictions. We kindly ask you to consider giving donations for this wonderful cause. Thank you so much in advance, and we appreciate your generosity.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The parable's focal point of the foolish and wise bridesmaids is not just about being alert to the coming of Christ on judgment day, or even on the day of our own death. It is about having the sense of our soul finely tuned to detect God's presence in all aspects of our human living. This also means that God's presence around us requires a response on our part. The Gospel tells us that when Christ demands an account of our lives on judgment day, we will not be asked about our liturgical correctness or our enthusiasm for religious observance. We will be asked if we fed those who are hungry, clothed those who were naked, were compassionate with those sick and imprisoned, and welcomed the stranger. Our capacity to "touch the suffering flesh of Christ in others," as Pope Francis has said, is the proof of our wisdom and devotion. Amen.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 7

4:30 PM

† William Smith *r/b The Sardone Family*

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 8

8:00 AM

† Grethe Devaux *r/b The Devaux Family*

10:00 AM

† Stella Biernacki *r/b Diane & Ray Cullmann*

11:30 AM

† Consuelo Remigio *r/b The Martinez Family*

MONDAY • NOVEMBER 9

9:00 AM

† For all our Faithful Departed

TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 10

9:00 AM

† For all our Faithful Departed

THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 12

9:00 AM

† John Dale Sr. *r/b Palmie Cummings*

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 13

9:00 AM

† Mary & John Kruse and daughter, Maryann *r/b Patty & Stephanie*



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

Pauline Smith

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

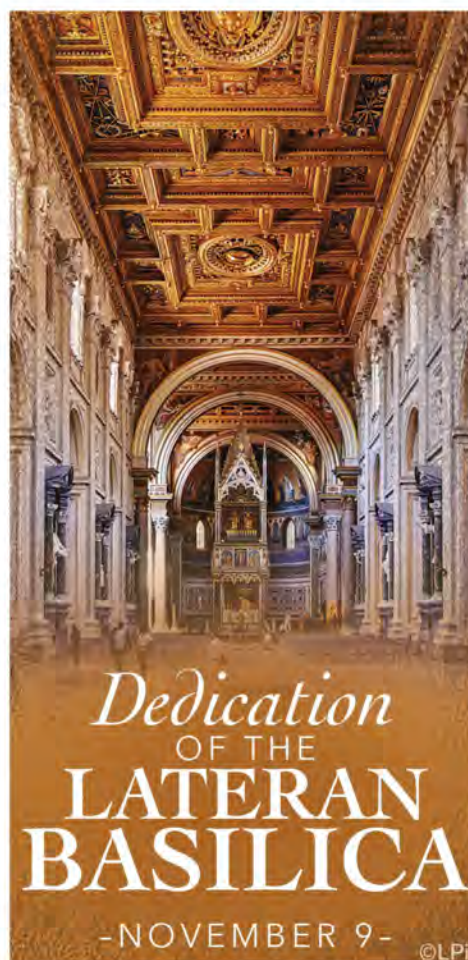
- SUN 11/8** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
- MON 11/9** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- TUE 11/10** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
- WED 11/11** Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19
- THR 11/12** Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25
- FRI 11/13** 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37
- SAT 11/14** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
- SUN 11/15** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

- Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Tuesday:** St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Thursday:** St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Do you consider yourself spiritually mature and awake? We can become a little presumptuous in the Christian life and even put a little too much stock in God's mercy. We foolishly believe that in the end, God is going to give everyone a passing grade and all will be well. Therefore, until that time comes, I can remain mediocre in my faith disciplines and put aside the effort needed to go from okay to excellent. We can be accomplished procrastinators! The meeting of God face-to-face either when we die or when Christ comes again, whichever comes first, is not going to be as casual as we may think. There is no earthly meeting in our experience that can even compare to what it will be like to meet God. To say that we are going to be caught up in awe is an understatement. But, there is something even more significant than that to consider: If we haven't learned how to be attentive, recognize, and long for the holy of holies in this life, what make us think we are going to recognize and desire it in the next? Pray for the wisdom to act prudently.



*My soul
is thirsting
for you.*

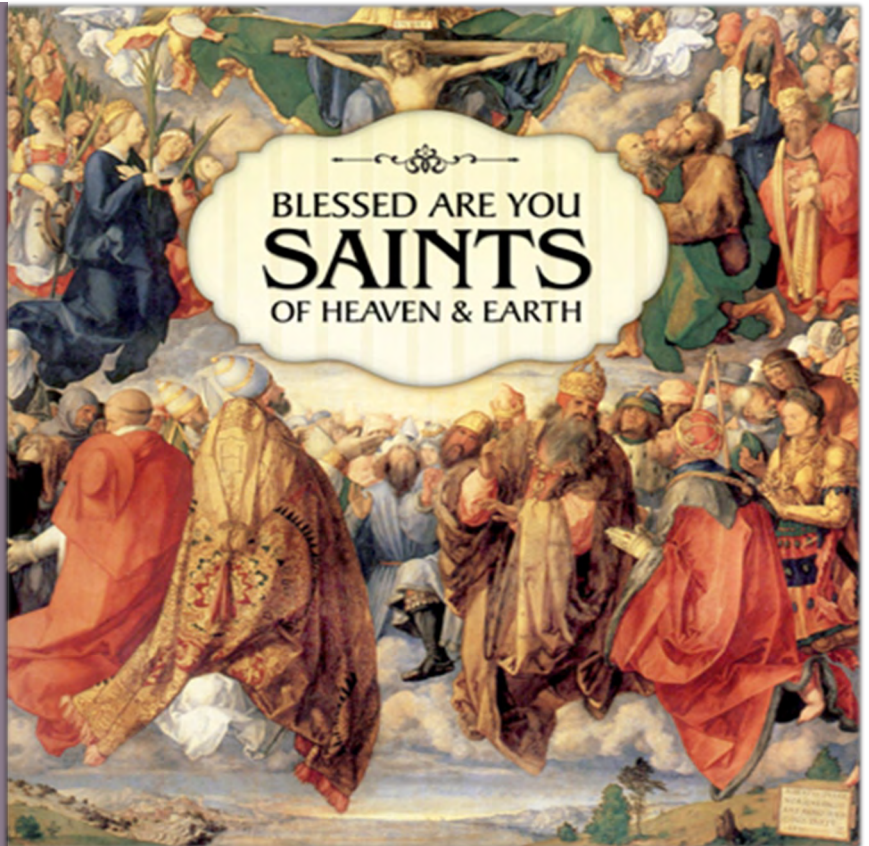
**Prayer
for the
Faithful Departed**

**Good and faithful God,
you have given us so many
people in our lives
that have given us
joy and solace.**

**On this day we ask you to
remember
our dearly departed.**

**Keep them close to you as
we all wait
for that day when we all
will come and worship in
your presence.**

**We ask this through
your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
NOVEMBER 2020**

Daniel Allan Landino
November 17, 2019

John O'Leary
December 9, 2019

Norma Quinto
January 1, 2020

Herbert Massa
January 20, 2020

Concetta Marie Fiore
January 20, 2020

John Paczkowski
January 26, 2020

Nancy Theresa Manto
February 1, 2020

Marion Frances Millington
February 2, 2020

Marian D'Adamo
February 14, 2020

John Patrick Flanders
February 25, 2020

Joseph M. Sultana
April 13, 2020

Cyril James Elias
April 21, 2020

Carol Celentano
May 8, 2020

Lieselotte Tonon
June 5, 2020

Roy Robert Murray
July 8, 2020

Laurie A. Krasowski
August 31, 2020

CHRISTMAS AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH



DOORS WILL OPEN
1/2 HOUR BEFORE
THE START OF EACH
SCHEDULED MASS

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

2 PM

4 PM

6 PM

8 PM

Additional Overflow Mass at
2 PM & 4 PM in the
Parish Hall

Christmas Day

8 AM

10 AM

11:30 AM

Additional Overflow Mass at
10 AM & 11:30 AM in the
Parish Hall

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. **VISIT OUR PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT www.sienachurch.org for our recorded Mass on Christmas Eve.**

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,
Thank you for your understanding.



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Delaney Marie Trenton

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children and the family
every day of their lives!*



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:



Christopher Dietsch

The Holden Family
Megan, James, Emily, Ava

**The Cisneros-Dluzniewski
Family**

**Juan Miguel & Michele
Maggie**

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
ACA Status

As of November 2, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

Raised \$43,029.30

Collected \$41,373.90

Pledge Balance \$1,655.40

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!

Knights of Columbus "New Member" Drive

Our St. Catherine of Siena Parish Council is seeking new members to join our growing Council. In this challenging time our efforts to support Father and our wonderful Parishioners has never been greater. Your time commitment is entirely up to you. We value whatever time you can spare to help our team.

Sound interesting?

Please apply by typing in your browser www.kofc.org/joinus, fill in some basic information then click on "Proceed to Join," we are Council #15703. The whole process takes only 2-3 minutes. Best of all if you apply in the Months of November and December your first year's dues are free!

If you prefer please call Bill Ingram, Grand Knight at 908-907-7341.



Join us for Mass on
Thanksgiving Day on
Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 9 AM.



All are invited to our Church and begin your day with the Eucharist as we give thanks to God from whom comes all our blessings.



IMPORTANT UPDATES



St. Catherine of Siena Parish CHRISTMAS PROJECT JOY

SEND CHRISTMAS CHEER TO HELP
OUR LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED

November 14–December 5

Due to the pandemic, we will not host our annual Giving Tree Collection of Gifts in the traditional way of gift tags this year as we want everyone to be safe and healthy this Christmas season!

Even though COVID-19 restrictions will modify our methods, the goal remains the same:

TO PROVIDE HELP TO THE LESS FORTUNATE THIS CHRISTMAS.

Many of our **community schools and local organizations** we support are asking for Gift Card donations as they have been hit hard financially due to the pandemic.

Although it is not as fun as shopping for new toys, clothes, and other items, we are asking you to donate with Gift Cards in small denominations or donate generously by check or online, to our parish **Good Samaritan Ministry**. The ministry will then use the funds to purchase the Gift Cards as some might not feel comfortable purchasing directly from the store.

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Memo *Project Joy*

We appreciate
your support and
prayers!

RETURN GIFT
CARDS
NO LATER THAN
DEC. 5



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** call Parish Office. Information is due no later than

December 6, 2020

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