# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton





"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

MATTHEW 22:21



OCTOBER 18, 2020

# 29th 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.

#### **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,

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. We remember our missionaries in a special way worldwide as we continue to support them through our monetary contributions and praying for their well-being and good health as they respond to God's call, which is extremely vital to propagate the missions. Through our effort and care for them, the Pope's missionary society will be able to send them out to the ends of the earth. Our gifts will sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe.

Allow me to share with you a true story from Pope Francis: It happened in Rome that a homeless man had abdominal pain, and so he went to a priest, the priest saw him and was moved. He said: 'I'll take you to the hospital, but I want you to do me a favor. When I start explaining what you have, act like you are fainting". He did well because it was peritonitis. This man had been discarded. If he had gone alone, he would have been discarded, and he would have died. World Mission Sunday is forgetting about differences, and instead, uniting together. Jesus' challengers in the Gospel today could not look beyond "them and us." The Pharisees discarded the Romans and Jesus because they were "them and not us". Jesus tells us to look inside our hearts. World Mission Sunday tells us that there is no such thing as "them and us" as Christians. We discard nobody.

We ask you to please give generously as you manifest your joyful participation in this worldwide endeavor in bringing Christ to the less privileged and in dire need of assistance. We appreciate your wholehearted response to our pleas. Thank you so much.

Due to this challenging and unprecedented time, we were shut down, and the Church's vital events must be adjusted. The Bishop has mandated that sacraments are to be conferred before the beginning of the Church's Advent season. That being said, we will confer the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion to the parish RCIA candidates as well as two of our Religious Education students this Saturday, October 17, 2020, at the 4:30 Vigil Mass. We are immensely grateful to our RCIA team for their untiring dedication. They are the effective agents and instruments of our Lord Jesus's teaching office as they have prepared our candidates to receive the sacraments. Equally deserving our utmost appreciation to the parish's religious education program led by our coordinator and faithful catechists and aides. Thank you so very much. Congratulations to our candidates!

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus tells us in the Gospel today give back to God what belongs to God. It is because God does not come to us by knocking on our doors when we do not give him what we owe him. Hence, it is easy for us to say I'll pay later or go to Church next week or I will be good later. Later may not come for any of us. Nothing is more important than our relationship with God. In due time we will leave everything behind all the other things that we think are important, and the only thing we will have left is the love of God and others that we have loved. That love will grow and develop only through prayer and good works.

In our present society, which demands immediate results, many vital and important things in life do not give immediate results. For instance, when we plant a seed in the ground, it does not produce fruit the next day. If we buy stock in a good company today, it probably will not go up fifty points tomorrow. A good education takes many years before it pays dividends. Keep in mind that the things we do to serve and obey our God are an investment. This investment will bless us in this present life, but the full rewards of our investment are in the future. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into our hearts what things God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Cor. 2:9) What God asks of us is quite simple: Prayer, obedience, love for God, and one another. "Do this in memory of me," Jesus said as we celebrate the Eucharist, the most important prayer. And that is the reason why we are here today, to pay attention to God and give our listening ears, our hearts to be united with him, our gratitude, our expression of faith as we praise and receive him. Amen.

Father Angelito

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**



#### SATURDAY · OCTOBER 17

4:30 PM

+ Anna Mae Suozzo r/b Beverly Caltagirone

#### SUNDAY · OCTOBER 18

8:00 AM

+ Patricia Hermann r/b Mary Anne Frasier

10:00 AM

+ Jeanne Byrne r/b Jim & Marian Ferris

11:30 AM

+ Frank D'Alessandro *r/b wife* Charles Galatro *r/b friends and family* 

#### MONDAY · OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM

• For the People of the Parish

#### TUESDAY · OCTOBER 20

9:00 AM

Richard Godwin r/b Thomas Sullivan

#### THURSDAY · OCTOBER 22

9:00 AM

+ Roy Murray r/b Phyllis Hurley

#### FRIDAY · OCTOBER 23

9:00 AM

+ Jospeh Cocuzza r/b loving wife, Marianne

#### **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 OCTOBER 18, 2020**

SUN 10/18 Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt

22:15-21

MON 10/19 Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21

TUE 10/20 Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38

WED 10/21 Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

THR 10/22 Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53

FRI 10/23 Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59

SAT 10/24 Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9

**SUN 10/25** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020**

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and

Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Thursday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

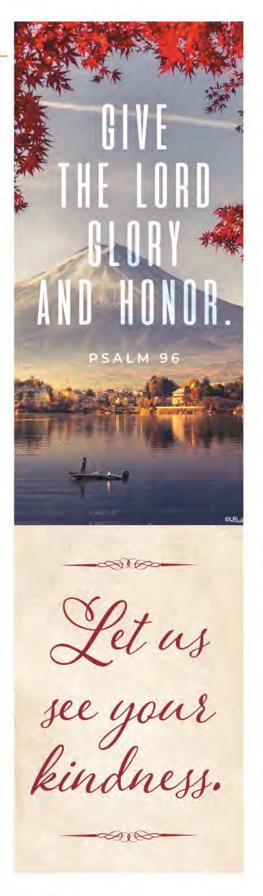
Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

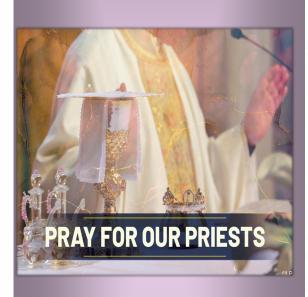
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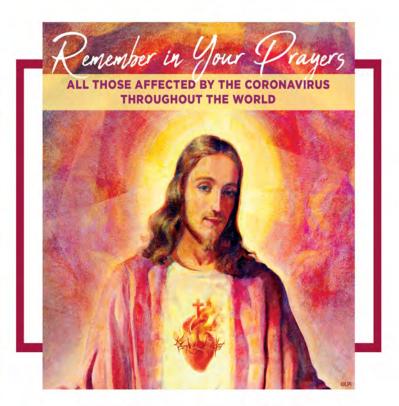
#### Inspiration for the week

In the time of Jesus, a Roman coin bore the image of Caesar and it was precisely this coin that was returned to the emperor in the form of tax. What bears God's image? Scripture tells us that human beings are made in the likeness and image of God. In truth, however, all of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image of God! Everything radiates Divine Presence and the spark and essence of God's very life exists in all things. God breathes the life of Himself into all things. If we have to give back to civil authorities what speaks to them, then what do we give back to God? While the answer is simple, the implications are profound. We are asked to give back to God our very selves! Ultimately, all creation is in the process of returning to God and is on a journey of finding its final truth and essence in Him. As we continue that journey, all we have, all we are, all we see, and all we are responsible for must be offered back to Him. God is the beginning and the end of all things. Do our lives reflect this Divine allegiance?









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 through Christmas and until further notice (unless otherwise announced).



MASS TIMES
Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M 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, <a href="https://www.sienachurch.org">www.sienachurch.org</a>. Should you have any questions, please call the parish office at 732-938-5375, Opt. 1.

Thank you for your understanding.

#### **PARISH NEWS**



The first step for Infant
Baptisms at St. Catherine of Siena Parish is our
Baptism Preparation Class.

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 Wednesday, December 9, 2020

For more detailed information and to register, visit our Parish Website, www.sienachurch.org.



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#### One Sunday For the Whole World!

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, Here I Am, Send Me, to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today, we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...

\$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

#### STEWARDS CORNER



Thank You

100% of Goal



St. Catherine of Siena Parish ACA Status

As of October 12, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

Raised \$42,034.30

Collected \$39,734.72

Pledge Balance \$2,299.58

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



#### Bishop David M. O'Connell invites faithful to pray daily rosary for the needs of the nation.

#### Novena Prayer for the United States of America \*recite each day

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders and citizens. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany respecting and protecting human life and religious liberty. Help us to bring an end to racial injustice, violence and all the evils that divide us. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Make us instruments of vour peace!

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death" and lead us always to respect life in all its stages and circumstance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### THEN, RECITE AN OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY AND GLORY BE EACH DAY **FOR OUR NATION**

Monday, October 26:

For an end to abortion in our country and for respect for life in all its stages, from conception to natural death

Tuesday, October 27:

For an end to the COVID pandemic in our country and

for all those affected by it

Wednesday, October 28:

For an end to racism and social injustice in our country

Thursday, October 29:

For the protection of religious liberty in our country and

around the world

Friday, October 30:

For those who protect and serve us in law enforcement in our country and for an end to violence and destruction,

especially in our cities

Saturday, October 31:

For those who protect our country in the armed forces at home and around the world and for peace in the world

Sunday, November 1: For the poor, for immigrants and refugees, for the

forgotten and most abandoned in our country

Monday, November 2:

For the protection of marriage as the faithful union of one

man and one woman and for the strengthening of family life

in our country

Tuesday, November 3:

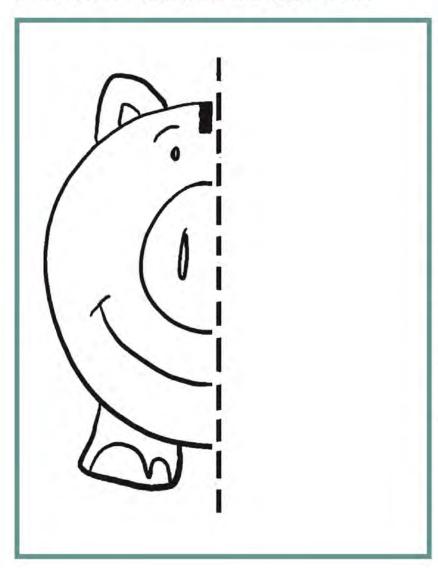
For those who govern our country and for those who are running for elected office that they might serve with a

commitment to life, respect, compassion, liberty and justice

for all

# Kids Corner Gospel & Color

Complete the picture of the piggy bank.



When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.

#### PRAYER

God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around in your neighborhood.

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