

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



LOVE

“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”

MATTHEW 22:37

OCTOBER 25, 2020

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30th 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,

One of the most relevant subjects today is whether a priest/clergy can endorse or suggest candidates to be elected. Pope Francis has said, "teach your people discernment by you stepping back from the sheer politics of it. Try to step back and say "here are the major moral issues that we face," "that is what is most important." As the Bishop has said, that advice is consistent with the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law and the Church practice in the United States. Bishops and ordained clergy clearly have the right to their own personal opinions in political matters and a right to express them. Nevertheless, they should not preach their opinion from the pulpit or any other official forum. They should refrain from taking an active part in political parties, including the public endorsement of candidates for political office.

Once again, the question, what is the role of the ordained clergy during this election period? Bishops and ordained clergy as their collaborators participate in the three-fold mission of the Catholic Church "to teach, govern and sanctify" the People of God. Insofar as political matters or issues concerning aspects of faith, morals, and the common good, bishops and clergy have a proper responsibility to exercise their teaching office regarding both in the Church and the public square. Consequently, American Catholic Citizens such as bishops, ordained clergy, and lay faithful are called to vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Since bishops and ordained clergy participate in the Church's teaching office, it is their proper role to help Catholics develop their consciences and understand what the Church teaches in faith, morals, and the common good that they can make decisions in line with their Catholic faith.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel is a profound reminder for all of us as Jesus says the greatest commandment is twofold: love of God and love of neighbor. We are all reminded that our forefathers, ancestors, and everybody else were once strangers in a foreign land and must show justice and compassion to vulnerable people. They are the poor, strangers, disadvantaged. The generous love of neighbor is an indispensable means of loving God. As we hear it in the Gospels, Jesus expands the meaning of neighbor: the commandment of love includes those in our family and our community, along with the older people, orphans, outsiders, impoverished people around the world, and even our enemies. In other words, our Lord Jesus means everyone. The authenticity of our faith, our love of God, and our relationship with Christ are measured by the way we treat others. The readings challenge us to seek repentance and forgiveness for our negative attitudes towards others. The second reading suggests that we should abandon idols, perhaps the love of money, consumerism, celebrities, etc. and make a conscious choice to love our neighbors. An excellent example to emulate would be the saints. They expressed their love for God by seeking out the most wretched, the poorest, weakest society members, loving them, and raising them, revealing their dignity as persons worthy of love.

The question now and concretely, how do we apply the law of love in our lives? What does it mean to love our neighbor in the world today? Can we enlarge and broaden our understanding and concept of neighbor to include the wider world, particularly where basic needs are so great? The love that Jesus is talking about is more than warm feelings towards others. Charity is incredibly vital in our world, but it goes alongside speaking and acting on others' behalf. It means living simply, sharing our wealth, protecting our environment, caring for others by following the directives and protocols of the government and the Church during this unprecedented time, and investing our money ethically so as not to exploit and take advantage of others.

As it is proven and our experience would tell us that Churches more than ever are a valuable resource to vulnerable people such as those who are homeless, migrants, or refugees. Some churches provide facilities for an overnight stay in the winter months. Some have arrangements with local authorities or businesses to provide food and coffee or tea vouchers at local vendors. Some churches are in ecumenical networks running soup kitchens, health support, and asylum seeker support services. Participants often say how they have learned from the engagement, and their understanding of "neighbor" has expanded. We are stewards of one another, and we are called to seek to love and pray for friends and enemies alike. A mission for waging peace over waging war at the international level is also vital. Keep in mind that in God's kingdom, even enemies are treated as friends. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY • OCTOBER 24

4:30 PM

† Elinor Ann Alba *r/b Davita LaForza Social Workers*

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 25

8:00 AM

† Anna Mae Suozzo *r/b Joseph Jr. and John Caltagirone*

10:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Marie Walker*

11:30 AM

† Donald Douglas *r/b Terri Murray*

MONDAY • OCTOBER 26

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b John and Helen Cyrus*

TUESDAY • OCTOBER 27

9:00 AM

* LIVING INTENTION

† Nelly Pangilinan *r/b Rowell & Gloria Reyes*

THURSDAY • OCTOBER 29

9:00 AM

† Peter Casares *r/b the Coppotelli and Casares Family*

FRIDAY • OCTOBER 30

9:00 AM—FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



The Altar Flowers are donated in Loving Memory of

Roy Murray

At the request of Terri Murray.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2020

- 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
- MON 10/26** Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
- TUE 10/27** Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
- WED 10/28** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- THR 10/29** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35
- FRI 10/30** Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
- SAT 10/31** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- SUN 11/1** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/
Mt 5:1-12a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2020

- Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
- Wednesday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
- Saturday:** All Hallow's Eve
- Next Sunday:** All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends;
National Vocation Awareness Week

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Do we really understand how important our relationships with our brothers and sisters throughout the world truly are? Many give God's commandment to love your neighbor and yourself a congenial glance of approval and agreement without really thinking about the implications. Sometimes it is easier to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle in a church than to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle of another person's soul. Witnessing and being consumed by the Divine Power alive in the heart of every living being transforms not only how we see our brothers and sisters but how we see God Himself. The cries of the poor and those who are hurting must echo in our hearts. We can no longer be deaf to the world's pain. It is no longer acceptable to judge others, unduly criticize, or marginalize, neglect, abuse, manipulate, or participate in the exploitation of anyone! We are asked to become hypersensitive to not only what we are doing, but why we are doing it. This holds true not only with regard to the daily conduct of our lives but our economic and corporate relationships and policies as well.



Faith
lifts the soul.
Hope
supports it.

PRAY



Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy,
we approach you in gratitude for your holy
ordained priesthood.

You have called these men to be set apart
and to shepherd your people,
as you shepherd your entire church.

We pray for them in their daily work.
Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts
and grace,
so they may be prepared for the tasks at
hand.

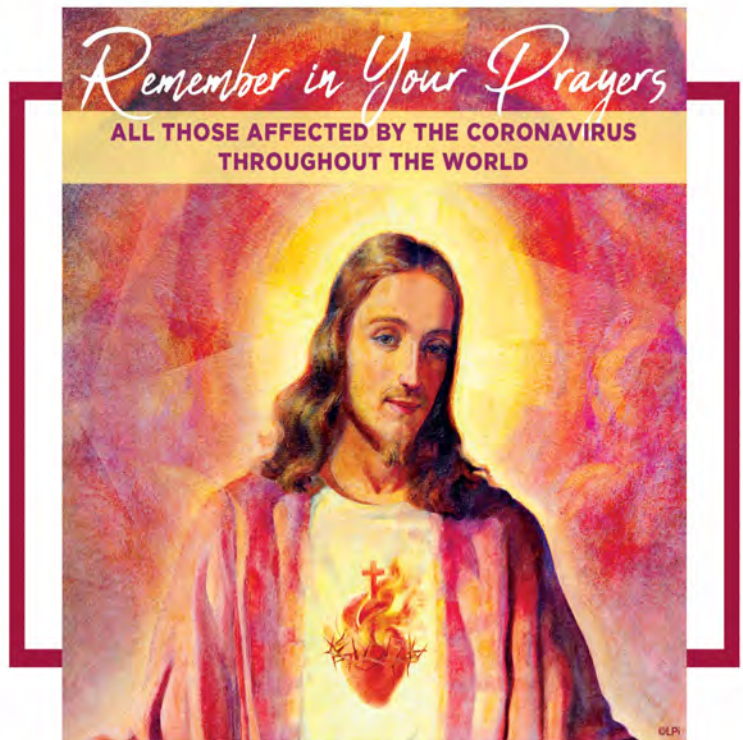
Lead them not into temptation
and protect them from the grasp of the evil
one.

It is through the sacraments they confer
that we encounter the divine in a real and
profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these,
your special sons, and may we, the body of

Christ,
never fail to cherish the gift of their lives,
which they have freely given to you and
your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your
Son.
Amen.



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, www.sienachurch.org. Should you have any questions, please call the parish office at 732-938-5375, Opt. 1.

Thank you for your understanding.



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.

BAPTISM

With Joyful Hearts,
We Welcome Our Newly Baptized.

Cody Robert Crawford

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



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

The Lotano Family

**Justin & Christina
Giovanni, Gabriella**

The Weiss Family

**Keith & Jade
Ellie, Lucy**

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 October 19, 2020

GOAL	\$38,000
Raised	\$42,584.30
Collected	\$42,542.72
Pledge Balance	\$2,041.58

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!



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 your 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.

Here mention intention: For, etc.)

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



What Happens To People As They Age?

As people age, the way their senses (vision, taste, smell, hearing and touch) give them information about the world changes.



Sensory changes can affect the lifestyle of the aging and they may have problems communicating, enjoying activities and staying involved with people. Sometimes sensory changes can lead to isolation.



At Caregiver Volunteers we are determined to fight the epidemic of senior isolation in our communities.

Join Us!

October 29th, 2020 at 11am

AGING SENSITIVITY WEBINAR

Register in advance for this meeting:

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Questions?

Contact Kelly at
kellys@caregivervolunteers.org
or 732-505-2273



Our very own Fran Pannella, Director of the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program will be discussing the importance of Aging Sensitivity and demonstrating what people can encounter as their loved ones age. Fran will also talk about what seniors physically encounter as they age and how having compassion and patience as a community can help us truly understand the signs of aging.

"Age is a matter of feelings not years" - Washington Irving

caregivervolunteers.org



Catholic Charities News

Community Services is Catholic Charities link to parishes in the Trenton diocese. Serving families in crises, we provide food, mortgage, rent and utilities assistance, temporary housing, counseling, and immigration services.

To learn more about Catholic Charities Community Services visit our YouTube presentation. Click on: <https://youtu.be/r8YRvPCIY4>

If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact **Catholic Charities at 800-360-7711.**

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