

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

September 13, 2020



24TH 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,

As we have announced, this Sunday, our Masses are 8, 10, and 11:30, all of them in the Church. This is a benefit of what we have started with patience and due diligence as we re-open and welcome our good people to the weekend liturgies during these challenging times. Since we are back in our usual time of Masses, we have to keep in mind that we need to be smart and aware that we still have this public health crisis and should not let our guard down. Let us follow the protocols and the directives given to us by the government and by the Bishop. Everybody must be patient and resilient as we would like to win over this invisible virus that has caused hundreds of thousands of lives and devastation to the economy, emotional, and mental and medical and physical ailments. We pray and work and act as ONE family of God to be safe, away from any disease, and be at peace in our lives.

The parish is happy to announce that we will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our Religious Education Program students starting this weekend. All sacraments are actions of the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Confirmation is known as the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. This is because it is about a baptized person being sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and his/her commitment to a life flourishing in the fruits of the Holy Spirit. In the early Church, Confirmation was the third anointing within baptism administered by the Bishop, which completed a person's initiation into Church. When Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire under Emperor Constantine in the 4th century, there was an influx of people wanting to become Christian. That meant the Bishop could not be present at all baptisms; hence priests and deacons could do baptism, and the Bishop retained the third anointing, later known as Confirmation. The French council of Riez (439 AD) and the council of Orange (441 AD) made Confirmation as a separate sacrament. Confirmation is best understood as a conclusion of baptism.

The word Confirmation comes from the Latin word confirmare, meaning to strengthen, to make a baptized person with the gifts of the Spirit. In Confirmation, the celebrant anoints the candidate with Chrism oil and says, 'be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the past, important letters and documents were sealed with red wax. In Confirmation we become the container of gifts of the Spirit, approved or sealed by the Spirit. In Confirmation, the Spirit re-activates or wakes us up to grace already received in baptism to respond to Jesus' call to join him as a disciple and apostle. In Confirmation, the anointed personally decides to follow the example and teachings of Jesus. An apostle means to be sent out to build the community of faith, be a witness to Christ in the world. And so, we say like Jesus: 'the Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring the good news to all.

And finally, in Confirmation, we are called to tune our inner motivations and intentions to Christ's attitudes. That means not to absorb all the negatives in the world. Instead, search and find the fundamental goodness that God has put in us and his creation. Confirm the goodness, the gifts of Spirit, and stir that into flame. A beautiful saying by a certain Theologian said: the best criticism of the bad is the practice of the better. In Confirmation, we invite the Spirit to send us out into the world to practice the better and challenge the negatives. Confirmation invites us to grow into our true selves as we are anointed by the Spirit and be watchful of a false self; we might develop by walking away from God.

Our CONGRATULATIONS to our CONFIRMANDS!

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When Peter suggests that we should forgive people if they sin against us "seven times," he does not mean just a small number. In the Bible, seven is the number of totalities, so Peter is saying something profound about always forgiving. We forgive while we live. Christ replies by saying, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." This multiplication is because mercy is not just for this life, or the time we have here on earth, or the time of the seven days, but also for eternity. Eternity is unimaginable, but we can think of it as time multiplied by time. Therefore, the servant's Gospel story being led to judgment is our story, because if we do not forgive, how can we enter the world of forgiveness, which is heaven?

God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · SEPTEMBER 12

4:30 PM

† Anthony Grosso *r/b loving wife, Jennie*

SUNDAY · SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 AM

† Angelina and Patsy Percaccio *r/b Mary Ann Percaccio*

10:00 AM

† Frank Misiak *r/b Rosalyn Misiak*

11:30 AM

† Ann Legarski *r/b Michael, Cindy and Monica*

MONDAY · SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 AM

† Wayne Sos *r/b loving wife, JoAnn*

TUESDAY · SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 AM

† Stephen Whitesell *r/b loving wife, Donna*

THURSDAY · SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM

† Anthony DeLibero *the Pondaco Family*

FRIDAY · SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 AM

† Ray and Frances Wujcik *r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello*

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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- SUN 9/13** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35
- MON 9/14** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
- TUE 9/15** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20
[17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- WED 9/16** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
- THR 9/17** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
- FRI 9/18** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
- SAT 9/19** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
- SUN 9/20** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Wednesday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Deciding to travel the challenging road of forgiveness is choosing a journey toward greater freedom. Resentment, anger, and clinging to past hurts not only keep open wounds that long for healing but bring us down paths that are eventually self-destructive. Harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness not only shut down relationships with others, but with God and myself as well. To choose to forgive another person, regardless of how grave the wrong, is a choice to be released from bondage to past wounds and scars and to pursue the gift of life and love again. Who among us has not wronged or sinned against another? We certainly would want God to understand, forgive, and show mercy upon us. It is hypocritical of us to not extend that same grace to our neighbor.



Speak,
for your
servant is
listening.

— 1 SM 3:10 —



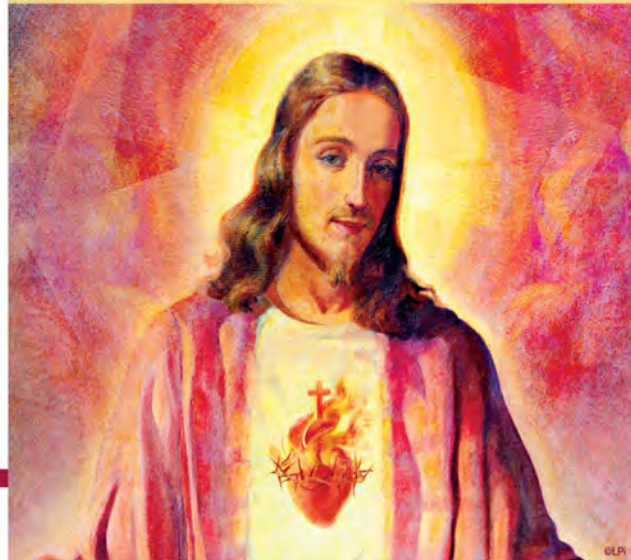
*Congratulations to
our parish
Confirmands!*

**BE SEALED
WITH THE GIFT
OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

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 further notice (unless otherwise announced).



MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. ** Effective September 13, 2020

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.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE



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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

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

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:



The Fross Family
Donald, Jeanette,
Matthew

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



2021 Mass Intention Book

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.

**Bishop's Annual
Anniversary Blessing
has been
CANCELLED for 2020
due to COVID-19.**



SAVE THE DATE...

It is rescheduled for
Sunday, October 10, 2021

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
ACA Status

As of September 7, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

Raised \$42,034.30

Collected \$38,984.54

Pledge Balance \$3,049.76

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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As your pastor, let us take

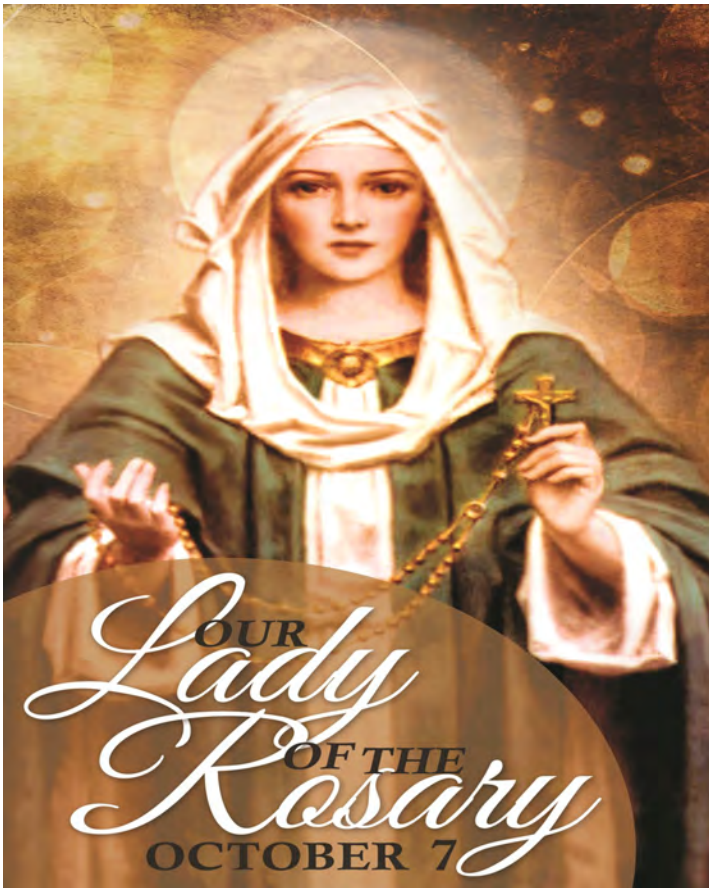
a moment and reflect on all God's blessings and graces. I extend to you a heartfelt thank you to those who have continued their financial support of the parish by mailing in your envelopes, and those who have reached out to us to sign up for online giving. Our parish is truly blessed with generous, caring and faithful members.

May God's peace and grace be with you always,

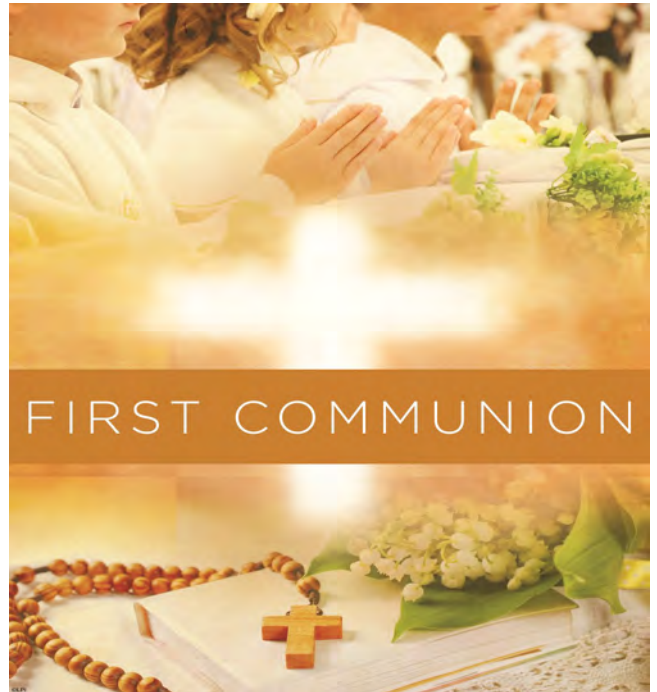
Father Angelito

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU—Numbers 6:24

Thank You!



Let us keep all our students prepared to receive Jesus for the first time in our thoughts and prayers



FIRST COMMUNION

Bishop invites faithful to pray daily rosary for the needs of the nation.

For centuries, Catholics have turned to the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking for her intercession in times of need by praying the Rosary. This great prayer, whose origins date before the 12th century, uses a meditative repetition of prayers that invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she leads us to consider the mysteries in the life of her Divine Son, Jesus. History has shown this to be a powerful, effective, and calming prayer that has truly changed hearts and lives over the centuries of its use.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said of the Rosary that it is "the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next.

The power of the Rosary is beyond description."

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton to consider making this powerful devotion part of your daily life of prayer.

Please join with me in praying Our Lady's Rosary every day between now and October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, for the many intentions and needs of our nation today, especially:

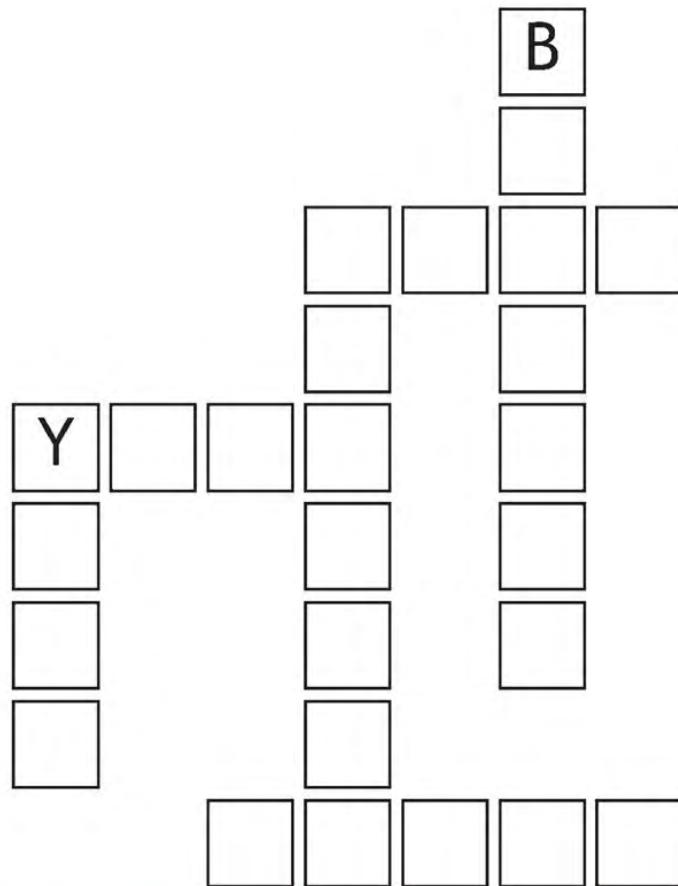
- ✦ For a true respect for life in all its stages from conception to natural death;
 - ✦ For the strengthening of family life;
 - ✦ For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and for all those impacted by it;
 - ✦ For a lasting resolution to the racial tensions and injustices that have too long afflicted our country;
 - ✦ For an end to the violence and death in our cities, especially among the young;
 - ✦ For the victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking;
 - ✦ For the poor, the unemployed and those who face economic hardship, and
- For so many of the other intentions and needs that we face in our country and world.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
Forgive your brother from your heart.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus says to forgive each other seventy times seven or 490 times. That's forgiving once each day for more than a year. Put 490 jelly beans in a gallon "Forgiveness Jug." Each time you forgive someone, eat a jelly bean. When you realize that God has forgiven you, it is easier to forgive others from your heart. God fills you with his love, which is even better than jelly beans. Then you can forgive without holding a grudge.

PRAYER

Lord, help me forgive other people completely and quickly.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will forgive those who hurt me because God has forgiven me.



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To them, she's the queen who will save them all.

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