

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



FIRST



“Thus, the last will
be first, and the first
will be last.”

MATTHEW 20:16

September 20, 2020

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25TH 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,

It's unbelievable, but it's true, we are amid the pandemic. Yet by God's special grace, we can continue with our parish life and have started to celebrate the sacraments following all the protocols and directives mandated by the government and by the Bishop. We are happy to share with you we are back on our regular schedule of Masses, and the outcome and results are so encouraging and positive, not mention the impressive attendance of our faithful people. Our parishioners are glad to be in Church for the Sunday liturgies as they consider worship, prayers, and thanksgiving are so essential and valuable. They are fed with the Word of God and the Bread of Life, the front and center of our Sunday liturgy in the Mass's Eucharistic celebration. Let us spread the word to others, as we invite and give them our warmest welcome. As one community of believers and friends of Jesus, let us continue to bring back our trust and confidence in coming back to Church.

This past weekend our liturgy commenced with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our eighth-grade students, and we are going to continue with the confirmation sessions this Friday and Saturday, respectively. We ask for your fervent prayers for all the candidates of confirmation so that they may be able to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit as they go on with their lives, moving in the right direction and continuing on the right path with God guiding them.

This Sunday is CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, and it is a special day for catechists and everyone who helps at the Religious Education Program. Equally essential to mention is the RCIA team, who leads, educates, guides, and forms our adults who have the strong desire to be Catholic and have full communion with our Catholic Christian faith. As your Pastor, I am going to do the Blessing at the 11:30 Mass. Keep in mind that YOU are the pillars of the Church.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflecting and reading the Gospel today, don't think that Jesus was advocating some strange new social teaching when he told the story of an employer who did this. The key to his parable is in words, "Why be envious because I am generous?" It is a parable about the extraordinary generosity and love of God. It is not about human rights; it is, as Jesus said, it is about God's kingdom.

In reading the parable, people are waiting around the marketplace, idle, lost, and unemployed, perhaps misbehaving. Although they are not aware of it, they are waiting for the Good News. Along comes the landowner who, of course, is Jesus, and a group of them take up his invitation to work in his vineyard. Meaning comes to their life at once, as they are gainfully employed in the kingdom. They are working for God in the sense of fulfilling their purpose in life, living life in a way that is pleasing to God.

And the wages they receive will be eternal life. Some hear the call later in life, and their reward is the same. Even at the eleventh hour, some people respond to his call, and among them, they may think about the penitent thief on the cross: "Today you will be with me in paradise." Here is a beautiful picture of Jesus walking into his Father's presence, leading this man by the hand: "Here, Father, is the man I have saved." How completely appropriate that the savior brings with him the sheep that was lost; that the first to enter God's kingdom with him was a thief.

Keep in mind for God; everything is of infinite value. When we love as Christ loves, without a hint of judgment, we want to see everyone saved and in God's kingdom, even those who are addicted and tied into a sinful kind of life. Some have not yet come to believe, those who are hostile to the Church or consumed with selfishness or pride, those whose lives have fallen apart. The Church extends this mercy and kindness of God by preaching what Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost. Let us remember the Lord continues to open his arms to all of us. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · SEPTEMBER 19

4:30 PM

† Arthur Butchie Bitz *r/b Patty & Stephanie*

SUNDAY · SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM

† Charles Pekar *r/b wife, Joan*

10:00 AM

† Father Justin Biase *r/b Sardone Family*

11:30 AM

† Lenore Sears *r/b loving daughter, Mary*

MONDAY · SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM

† Dorothy Cherellia *r/b Joe & Anna Geronimo*

TUESDAY · SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 AM

† Dolores McInerney *r/b Pondaco Family*

THURSDAY · SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello*

FRIDAY · SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Debi Sardone*

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 20, 2020

- 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
- MON 9/21** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- TUE 9/22** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
- WED 9/23** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
- THR 9/24** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
- FRI 9/25** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
- SAT 9/26** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
- SUN 9/27** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

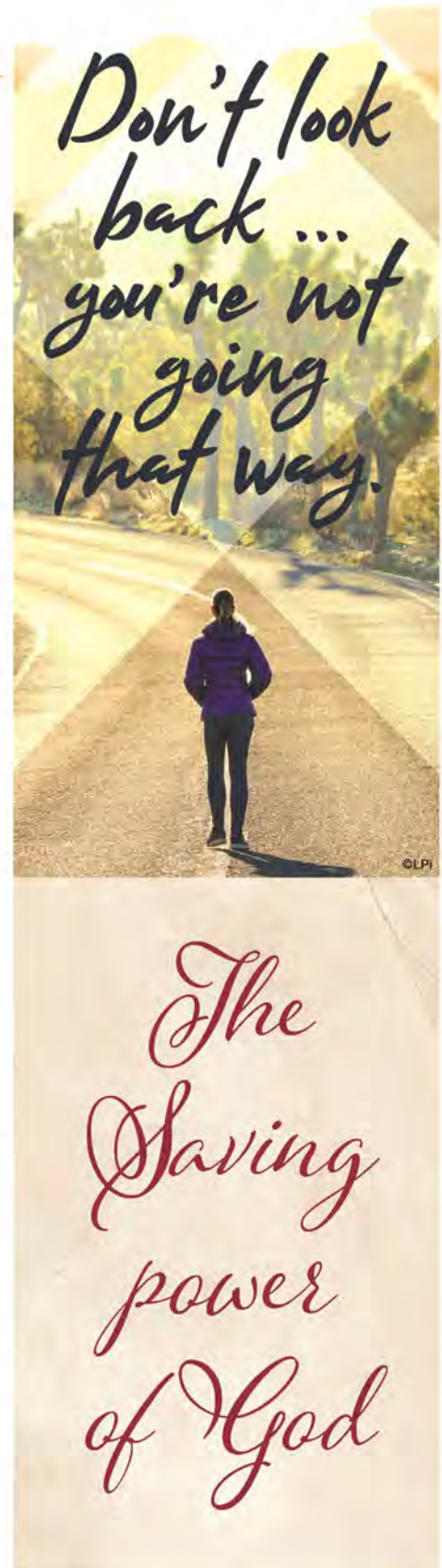
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Wednesday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Saturday:** Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.





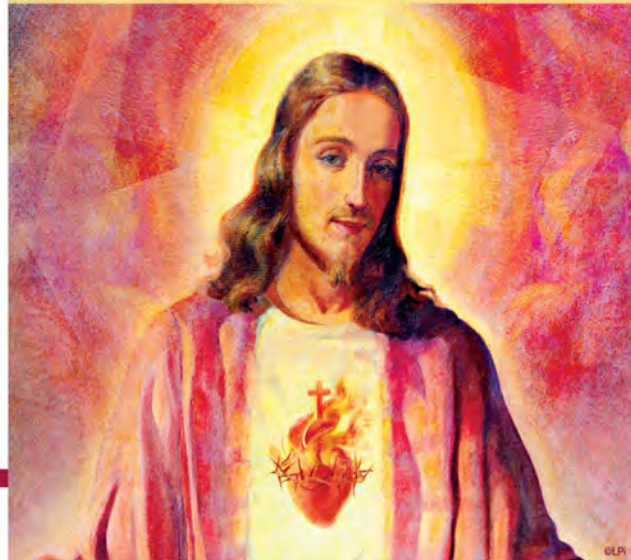
*Congratulations to
our parish
Confirmands!*

**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.

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:



Zachary Buehler

**The Cahill Family
Brendan & Alicia,**

Cristine Tedesco

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 14, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

Raised \$42,034.30

Collected \$39,192.54

Pledge Balance \$2,841.76

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.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As your pastor, let us take

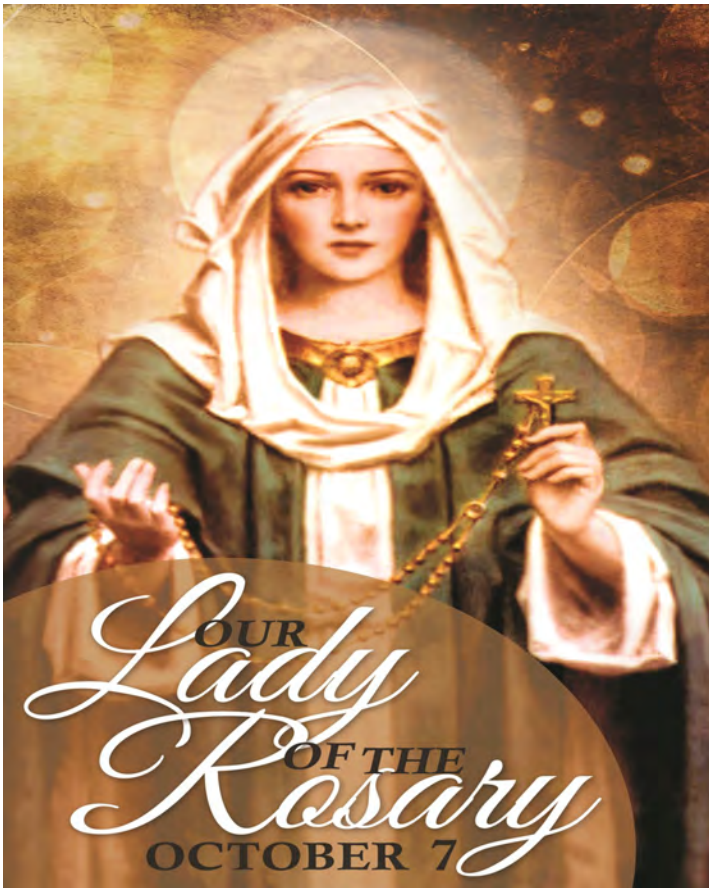
a moment and reflect on all God's blessings and graces. I extend to you a heartfelt thank you to those who have continued their financial support of the parish by mailing in your envelopes, and those who have reached out to us to sign up for online giving. Our parish is truly blessed with generous, caring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

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

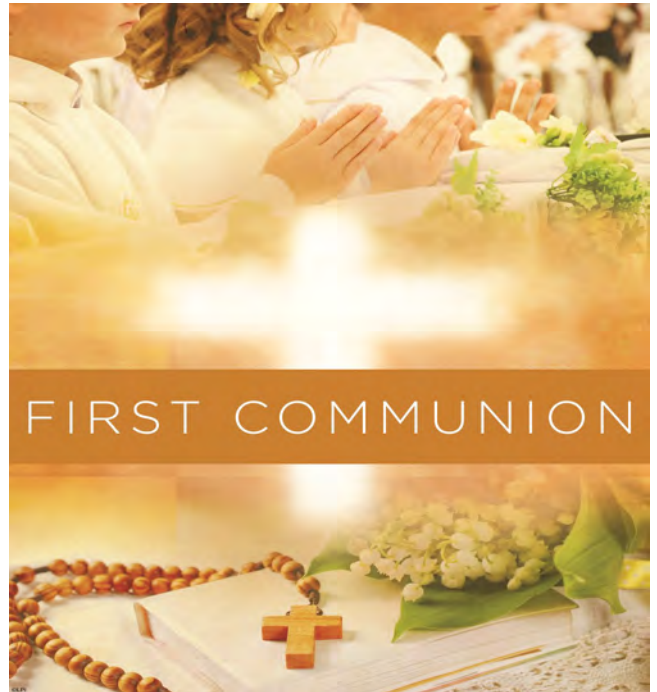
Father Angelito

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU—Numbers 6:24

Thank You!



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.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus makes it clear that the believers will all have an equal share in Heaven.
"The last will be first, and the first will be last."

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



- Parable
- Jesus
- Kingdom
- Heaven
- Vineyard
- Landowner
- Hired
- Workers
- Grumble
- Wages
- Foreman
- Believers
- Burden
- Equal
- Share
- Generous
- Envy
- Grapes
- First
- Last

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SWEET as HONEY



J.D., some people worked all day and some for only a short time, but the landowner rewarded everyone with the same pay.



Yes Honey, and the last hired were paid first so everyone would know the reward is equal.

Just like Heaven, where the reward of eternal life is the same for both long time believers and new believers.

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