

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



RIGHTEOUSNESS



“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did.”

MATTHEW 21:32

September 27, 2020



26th 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,

We are glad to share with you that even if we are at this most challenging time, St. Catherine's parish community is healthy and vibrant as we continue serving and ministering to the faithful people. To mention a few of them, we are back to our original schedule of all the Masses, including the Sunday liturgies. For the past two Sundays, our participation and attendance are quite encouraging. We have seen the familiar faces of our devoted people in those schedules convenient for them. When we have conversations with them, it's apparent that they miss the Church, the fellowship, and the friendship. They show their due respect to the protocols and directives mandated by the government and by the diocese. They understand that we are in the midst of a public health crisis, and therefore we have to be smart as we stay safe and healthy. We believe that we can beat this pandemic by our cooperation and adherence to the guidelines.

Another sacrament that we are regularly doing nowadays would be administering the first sacrament, the Sacrament of Baptism. Since the Bishop has given us permission to administer the sacraments, of course, observing the proper restrictions and guidelines, there has been a good number of children that we were able to baptize. And due to its great need, we administer the sacrament during the weekend, Saturdays and Sundays. Considering the number of months that we were closed, we had some backlogged, and moving forward, we will accommodate all the requests for this beautiful sacrament.

As we have announced, Bishop O'Connell has given the delegation to his pastors to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during these challenging times. We are happy to share with everybody that we are close to completing the Sacrament of Confirmation for the eighth graders within our Religious Education Program. Though we have completed several ceremonies to comply with social distancing, we did it solemnly with the support and assistance of our team. They are such a blessing to the parish. We cannot thank them enough for their help. Thank you very much.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Paul, on his way to Damascus, the Pharisee who is so zealous, met the risen and crucified Christ. He had to make a choice, either the Jewish law or the risen Lord. Paul was overwhelmed by God's grace and turned to Christ. He had to rethink all his views. He understood now that the God who had freed Moses from slavery to Egypt and brought the Jews out of their prison of exile had gone even further and been willing in Jesus, God's Son, to suffer the degrading death of the cross. That is why it changed Paul's mind that God could reveal his unfathomable love.

Instead of being ashamed of the cross, he puts it in the center of his Gospel. When Paul writes to his faithful community at Philippi's city in today's 2nd reading, he wants to touch their hearts to make them more loving to each other. The question is, how can he change them? Paul recites a beautiful hymn, which tells the story of Jesus' divine love, how Jesus did not cling to his status as divine Son, but in the incarnation humbly took on our human condition and was willing to face death. And not just any other death but the excruciating, terrible punishment meted out to slaves that is crucifixion. Jesus experiences excessively the depths of human suffering. His father answered his prayer by raising him to eternal life so that the whole of creation recognized him as Lord. Paul admonished his congregation to steep themselves in this story so that this divine love touches their hearts, and they imitate Jesus.

We have to realize that our society was based on Christian values, although many people do not recognize it. That prized beliefs as the equal intrinsic worth of all human beings and the person's inherent dignity depend on a crucified and risen Christ. St. Paul drew out the implications of such divine love for his congregation. God showed compassion for outcasts; poor people were closer to God than those who were rich: "the last will be first, and the first, last." It is not surprising that in today's Gospel, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are drawn by Christ's strange love before the religious leaders. We have to rediscover the scandal and power of the cross and try to have the mind of Christ. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · SEPTEMBER 26

4:30 PM

† Elizabeth "Betsty" Giorgianni & Anthony "Rocky" Giorgianni *r/b The Cicio Family*

SUNDAY · SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM

† Tessie Haligowski *r/b the Conway Family*

10:00 AM

† Angela Mangano *r/b Kathy & Joe Soto*

11:30 AM

† Michael DelPriore *r/b Ella LaRocca*

MONDAY · SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 AM

† Yolanda Spinelli *r/b loving daughter, Doreen*

TUESDAY · SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Anne Hilker*

THURSDAY · OCTOBER 1

9:00 AM

† Rachel Pennetti & Family *r/b Libby Miller*

FRIDAY · OCTOBER 2

9:00 AM

† Frank & Alma Quagliariello *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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

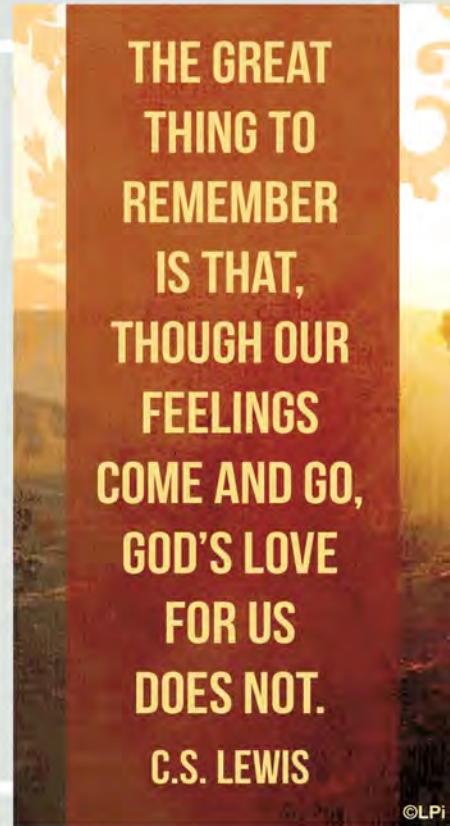
GOSPEL:

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." (Mt 21:32)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

SECOND READING

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

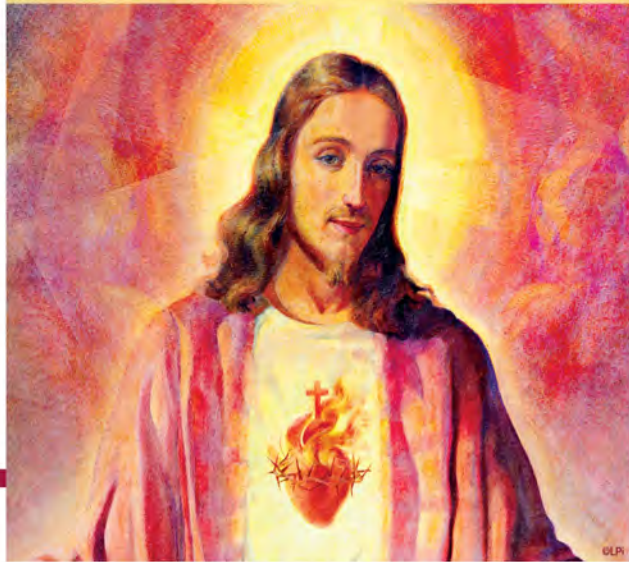
GOSPEL READING

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

PRAY

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

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.

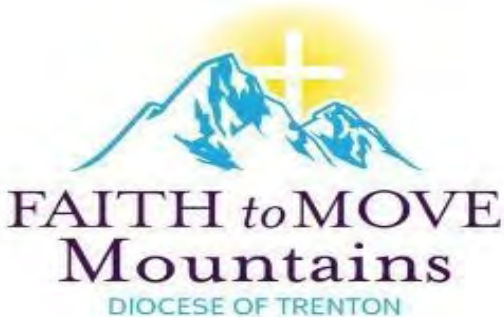
BAPTISM

With Joyful Hearts,
We Welcome Our Newly Baptized.

Emery Drew
Ava Masterson



We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!



From the bottom of our heart.

We express our deepest thanks and gratitude as our parish received a Faith to Move Mountains Rebate Check for Period Ending June 30, 2020 in the amount of
\$4,017.00
Thank You!



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

The Casey Family
Peter & Mikaela
Emerson

The Modzelewska Family
Jacek & Ewa,
Natalia, Sofia, Christopher

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 September 21, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

Raised \$42,034.30

Collected \$39,222.54

Pledge Balance \$2,811.76

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

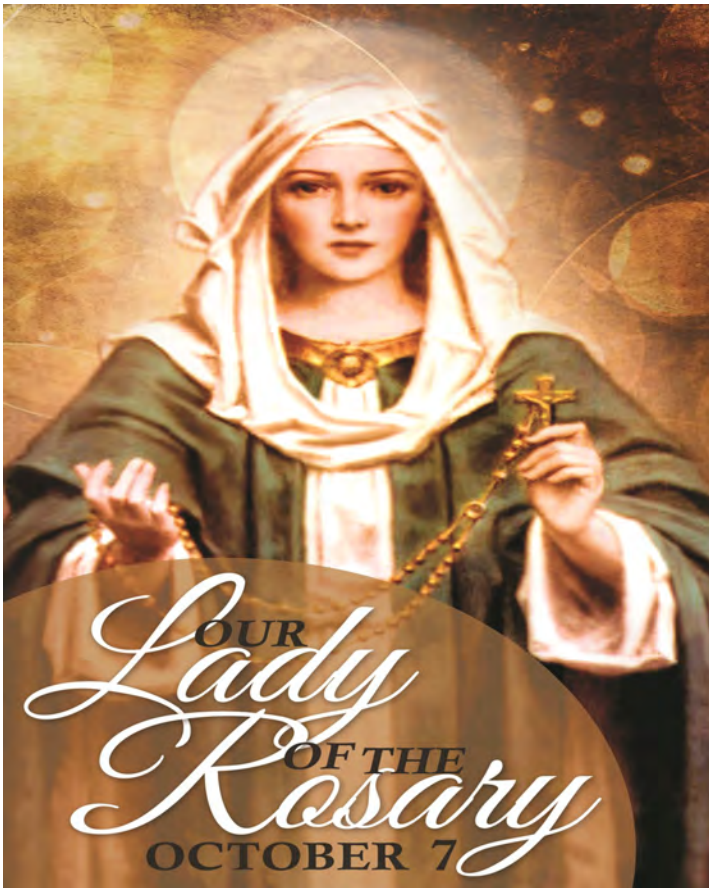
a moment and reflect on all God's blessings and graces. I extend to you a heartfelt thank you to those who have continued their financial support of the parish by mailing in your envelopes, and those who have reached out to us to sign up for online giving. Our parish is truly blessed with generous, caring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

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

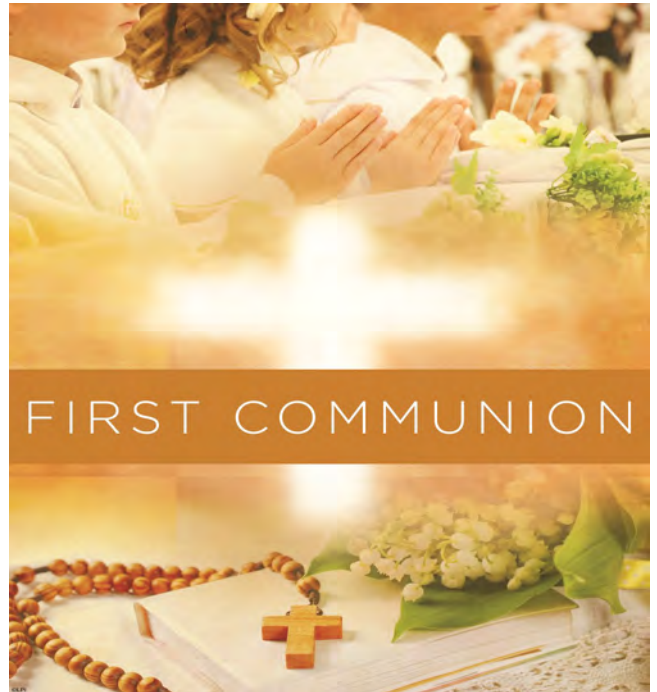
Father Angelito

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:

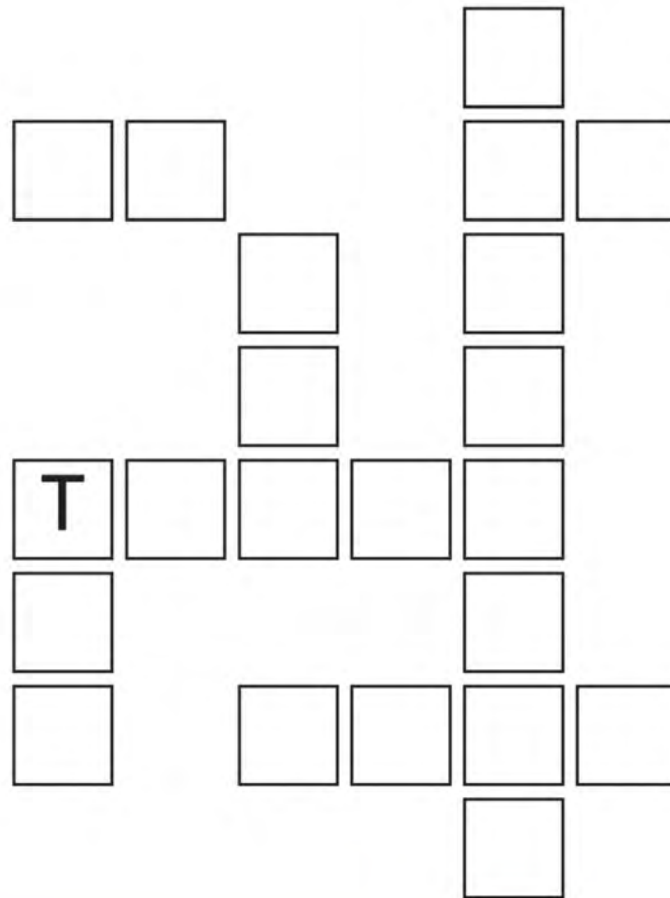
- ✦ For a true respect for life in all its stages from conception to natural death;
 - ✦ For the strengthening of family life;
 - ✦ For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and for all those impacted by it;
 - ✦ For a lasting resolution to the racial tensions and injustices that have too long afflicted our 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.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
Go and work today in the vineyard.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

God wants you to change your way of behaving after you hear his words. He wants you to say you are sorry and believe in him. He wants you to be a better person. He wants you to choose good over evil. Write your favorite Bible verse. Stick it on your mirror or your lunch box. When you know it by heart and do what it says, then get a new verse. That will make God smile.

PRAYER

God, I want to listen to your words.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will ask my parents to read the Bible to me every day.



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