

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

EASTER SUNDAY

the *Resurrection* of the *Lord*

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

—Jn 20:6-7

HE HAS RISEN!

MARK 16:6

Rejoice

April 4, 2021

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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.

CONFESSION TIMES

By Appointment

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road Farmingdale
9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise announced

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Church
31 Asbury Road Farmingdale
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
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First Friday of the Month immediately
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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
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Monday immediately following the
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until further notice.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Given the advancement of science, knowledge, and technology in our culture, it comes as no surprise that we feel disappointment, and frustration as we still experience this global pandemic. The result and effect are incredibly devastating, given the significant number of fatalities, the numerous cases, the global economic collapse, etc. Everybody was affected by this virulent virus, for it doesn't discriminate, whoever you are, wherever you may be. It is a horrible disease that wreaks havoc on the entire planet. It is so deadly that everyone has to be mindful, aware, and careful to take this public crisis very seriously.

Last year during this time of the Easter season, we were on a limited, restricted capacity. We were only permitted to provide the liturgical services to use the technology to make it possible for the faithful to observe the holy season. We are glad that little by little, we are now more in person as far as our way of worshipping and receiving the sacraments are concerned.

There are numerous lessons learned from these challenging and difficult times. Most of us are not happy when changes occur, and it comes to us inevitably due to pandemics. We are creatures of habit, and we are used to doing what we want to do, and we don't appreciate it if somebody would tell us what to do. It is a different situation and condition; hence, we would have to be adaptable and flexible and adhere to the authorities' directives and guidelines. It is noteworthy and remarkable to see and experience how we as individuals and communities were able to follow directions and instructions for the common goal: to be safe and avoid that harm due to the virus. As days go by, we hear and see a lot of optimism and positive news. Let us continue to be careful and not to be complacent, for we are still not entirely out of the woods. Let us remember four critical things : (1) wear our face coverings and masks properly,(2) wash our hands and disinfect (3) always keep and follow social distancing and finally (4) get complete vaccination. Full of trust and confidence in God's time, we will win over this pandemic COVID 19. Let us do our part.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Most probably, you have heard some stories related to our big feast today. I decided to share this story about a child who began to read the Gospels. As her reading proceeded, she became more interested in the life of Jesus. Suddenly, she ran out of her room, crying hysterically. She ran into the arms of her alarmed mother. She burst out, "They killed him. They killed him." Her mother comforted her and then whispered to her, "Now go back and read what happened afterward." Unlike the child, we are familiar with the rest. The death of Jesus is not the end of the story; there is more chapter about victory and new life. Jesus rises from the dead in all glory and majesty. This is the Easter GOOD NEWS, the central core of our faith.

Our faith and our everyday living depend on our response to this truth. If we do not believe in the resurrection, we cannot believe in all the other teachings of Jesus Christ. Unlike Thomas's insistence on seeing and believing, a loving trust coupled with courage enough to see with the heart is required. Proof and evidence are not needed by those who have faith.

Jesus' resurrection quickly draws the picture of the empty tomb in our minds. It goes along with the simple declaration, "He is not here" (Mk 16:6). It simply means that Jesus lives. He is present and active in and around us. "He is not here" opens up the quest for the living Lord. He is close to us, even when we think He is dead or far away. All we need to do is to look for Him with the eyes of faith, with believing hearts.

Easter is a celebration of present reality. The reality is that Jesus lives among us and within us right here and now. Therefore, there is no need to hear or worry. With Jesus, we know that we are journeying, not to sunset, but sunrise. In reality, our life's journey is a journey to the eternal Easter in heaven.

Easter is a celebration of a future hope as we are full of hope to overcome the evil and danger brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. This future hope, by the way, is that we will share in the fulness of the NEW LIFE. Think of the glorious future that awaits each of us, "For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Savior we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and He will transfigure those wretched bodies of ours into copies of His glorious body." (Phil 3:20). Do you live like one who believes in such a glorious future? If you do, indeed, everything in this world takes a new perspective.

Let us pray for the Easter transformation that we can bring into our lives. It changes the shame of sin into forgiveness, the paralysis of despair into hope. Today we celebrate the victory of good over evil, the victory of life over death. The risen Lord gives us the grace to share in His victory and to live His victory in our lives. It is pretty easy for us to get bogged down in the everyday events of the world. The challenge is to be part of the victory of Christ and celebrate our life as a personal Easter. Amen. Have a blessed and happy Easter to all.

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."
(Acts 10:43)

PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Think of what is above, not what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

GOSPEL:

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

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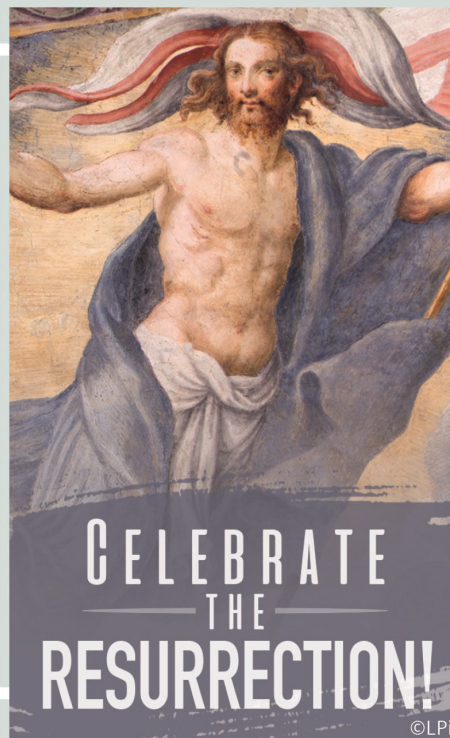
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

**We cannot give up
in the face of evil.
God is Love and he has
defeated evil through
Christ's death and
resurrection.**

Pope Francis

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

SECOND READING

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

GOSPEL READING

Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • April 3

8:00 PM

† **Lenore Sears**

r/b Loving Daughters

Sunday • April 4

8:00 AM

† **Wayne Sos**

r/b Loving Wife, JoAnn

10:00 AM

† **Edward Martin**

r/b June Hankel

11:30 AM

† **Roy Murray**

r/b The Ust Family

Monday • April 5

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Tuesday • April 6

9:00 AM

† **Joseph DiMeo**

r/b Libby Miller

Thursday • April 8

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

FRIDAY • April 9

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR PROTECTION

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God,

I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart.

Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departed souls - pray for me. Amen.

Congratulations!

Fr. Angelito I. Anarcon

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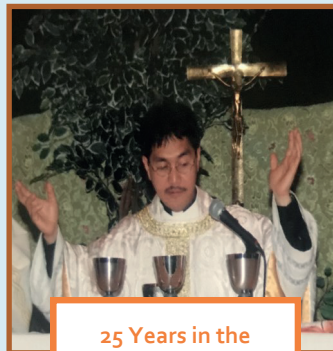


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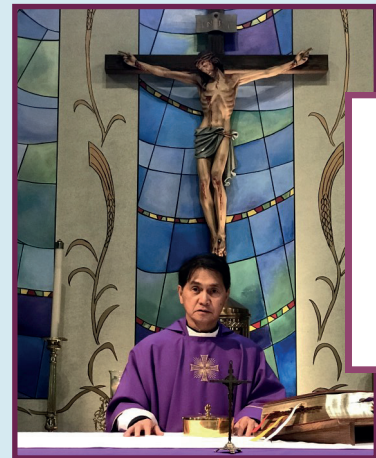
Father Angelito, May you continue to be sustained by His grace, and may God's guidance, love, protection and strength be with you in all the years to come!



Rite of Ordination 1981



25 Years in the Priesthood



40th Year

"I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judge me faithful, appointing me to his service." - 1 Timothy 1:12

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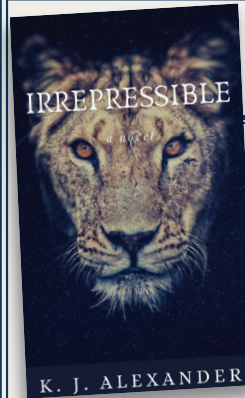
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