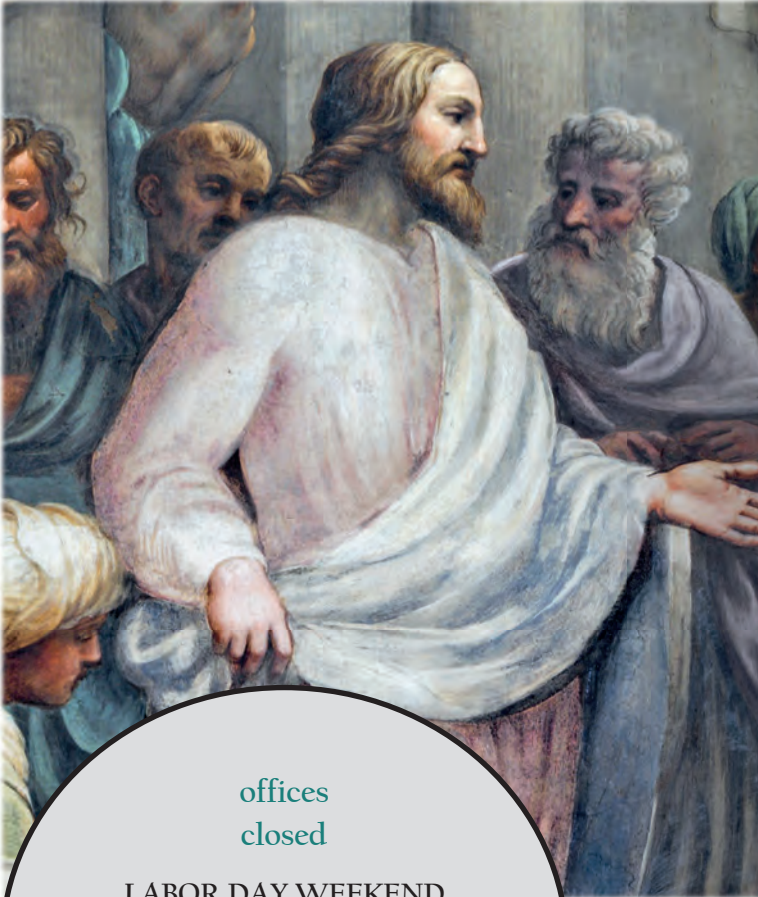


ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Trenton



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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FRIDAY, SEPT 3—
MONDAY, SEPT 6

Normal hours resume

Tuesday, Sept 7

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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.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION TIMES

**3:30 p.m. Saturday's and
other day's by appointment.**
**St. Catherine of Siena Church
Parish Hall Narthex**

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

Unless otherwise announced

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE's CHAPEL

1 West Main Street 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

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31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

**First Friday of the Month immediately
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One West Main Street Farmingdale

**Monday immediately following the
9:00 a.m. Mass**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Hearing about all the current global events can be overwhelming as we see the ongoing issues and tragedies happening worldwide. There's Afghanistan, natural calamities that damage and kill lives like the earthquake in Haiti. Many things are happening locally, like the most recent storm that has brought instant flooding and damaging winds. All of this on top of a pandemic. Some people were asking me what and why are these things happening? I don't have the answers, and perhaps no one can give the correct answer. However, let us be more positive, hopeful and avoid being cynical and pessimistic. Let us keep up the faith as we continue to pray earnestly, manifest our compassion, and do what we can to alleviate this world's challenges.

Please allow me to reiterate what I mentioned on last Sunday Masses about our financial support to the parish. Most of our parishioners are blessed with consistent and dependable paychecks. Yet, have you ever thought about how you would manage your bills if you were never sure how much money you would have in your bank account. We recognize that this is a constant problem our parish community faces every month as we continue to experience and deal with the current health crisis due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Weekly giving can fluctuate from average, high, and low.

While we are most grateful for any gift that any parishioner can give to help us maintain a more consistent cash flow, we have an online giving program. Those parishioners who are using the program tell us it is a great help to them too. It allows them to budget the amount they want to give back to God and helps them feel assured that their parish is receiving their gift even when they are out-of-town, too busy to remember an envelope, or attending Mass at another parish. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please get in touch with our Parish Office. Remember, every single dollar you contribute counts. Once again, thank you so much, most especially to the staunch supporters of the parish. God loves you dearly as I do.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is accused of flouting sacred tradition. Religious officials from Jerusalem and local Pharisees want to know why Jesus permits his disciples to disregard the unwritten tradition of the elders. The problem is that the disciples do not wash their hands before they eat. The complaint is not that the disciples ignore good hygiene but that they ignore the tradition of ceremonial washing. In doing so, they are numbered among the unclean.

According to the written Law, ceremonial washing was required only of priests before they entered the sanctuary. However, by the time Jesus, the ritual of hand-washing, before every meal and between each course, has been extended to include all pious Jews. In the unwritten tradition of legal interpretation, the Pharisees regarded the oral Law as binding as the written Law. And they expect Jesus to share their religious outlook.

Jesus accuses his accusers of being hypocrites, quoting the prophet Isaiah to underline the point: "*These people honor me only with lip service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless; the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.*"

In clinging to human tradition, they ignore the commandments of God. Jesus wants to free people from the weight of an oppressive practice that concentrates on approved performance. When religious performance is lacking in heart, it makes for worthless worship.

Jesus teaches the crowd spiritual revolutionary doctrine, which puts him at odds with his religious tradition: nothing that a man wants can defile him, only what comes from his own heart. In this, Jesus declares all foods clean and shifts moral attention to how people choose and what they do. For Jesus eating with unwashed hands is imaginary defilement. So is eating unapproved food. Uncleanliness is a matter of what proceeds from the human heart. It's not people's diet that interests Jesus; It's their heart condition.

Jesus is interested in the stirrings of the human heart, the personal issues that preoccupy us and influence our choices and behavior. The territory within, with all its complex emotions and desires, holds Jesus's attention. He knows that no external law can change people's hearts, even if it makes them socially conform. That is why when he began his preaching, he invited everyone: "Set your hearts first on the kingdom of God." Jesus believes that when people's hearts are centered on God, they are emancipated from the litany of human regulations that would script their every move.

For some of his hearers, what Jesus said was bad news because it contradicted the tradition they honored. For us, we call it Good News, Gospel, because it is a word that liberated us from the world of endless regulations. It also challenges, motivates, and invites us to live a religion of the heart. To have a heart for Jesus and his values should always be our real business as Christians. Amen.

May God bless you,
Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD,
your God,
which I enjoy upon you,
you shall not add to what I command you nor
subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

PSALM:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the
Lord. (Ps 15)

SECOND READING:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding
yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

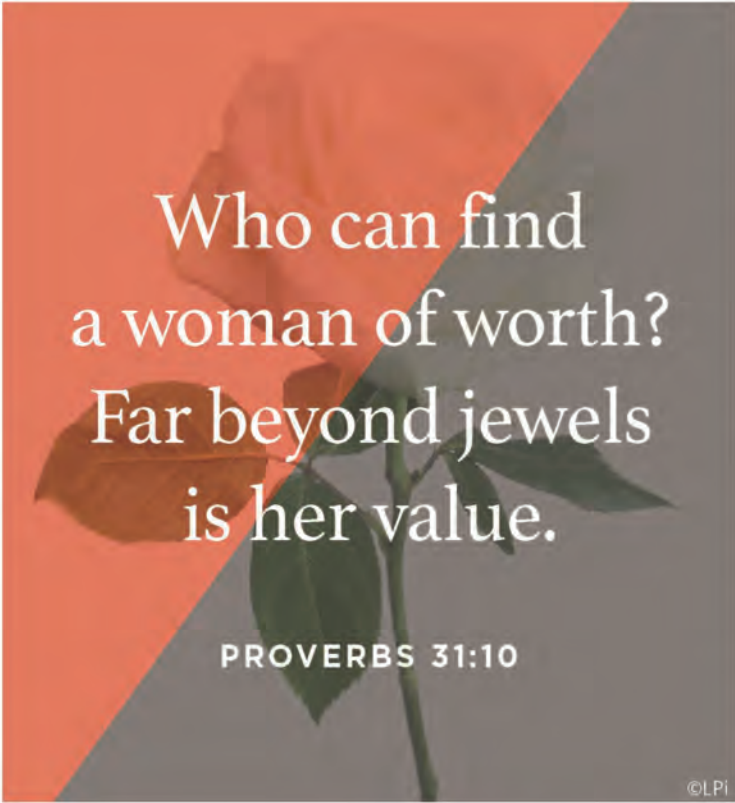
GOSPEL:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to
human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2021

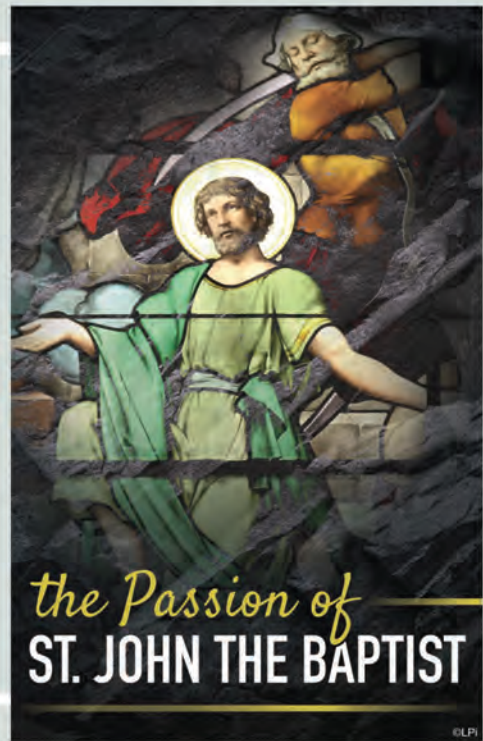
Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Who can find
a woman of worth?
Far beyond jewels
is her value.

PROVERBS 31:10

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation." Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?

SECOND READING

In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Why do you think this is wise advice?

GOSPEL READING

In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?



Let Us Pray



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

Patricia Ann Cimmino

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION

Donating altar flowers is a simple way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and beautify the altar.

Flowers can be donated in memory of a deceased family member or friend, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or simply to give glory to God.

Please call the Parish Office to make a donation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · August 28

4:30 PM

† **Gary Tackas**

r/b Kathy & Dennis Barton

Sunday · August 29

8:00 AM

† **Michael Monica**

r/b Barry & Ligia McQueen

10:00 AM

† **Maria Elania Rinaldo**

r/b Theresa Fiore

11:30 AM

† **Anita Dorey**

r/b Sharran Zdenek & Family

Monday · August 30

9:00 AM

† **Millie D'Amico**

r/b James D'Amico

Tuesday · August 31

9:00 AM

† **Maria Yulan**

r/b John & Helen Cyrus

Thursday · September 2

9:00 AM

† **Elizabeth & Lawrence Brattlof**

r/b Jim & Virginia Piccolo

Friday · September 3

9:00 AM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Joseph Gersbeck



Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/ Letters of Eligibility

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874).

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.

A sponsor must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request.

Note, if he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish years ago but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of this parish. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

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Baptism

Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Course prior to the Baptism.

Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

Please call the Parish Office for detailed information.

Ministry to the Homebound

Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

Matrimony

Engaged Couples should contact our parish at least one year in advance of the proposed date of marriage and before making other arrangements.

Rite of Christian Burial or Memorial Mass

Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

Reconciliation

**3:30 p.m. Saturday -Parish Hall Narthex
Other days by appointment.**

Confessionals will not be used due to lack of ventilation. Masks and sanitizer available for priest and penitent.

Parish Life

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The first step for Infant Baptisms at
St. Catherine of Siena Parish is our
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Upcoming, in person, session for new parents:

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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www.sienachurch.org.

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**To learn more about
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IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Money Counters

**Teacher/Catechists for
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Thank You!

**to all who volunteer at
St. Catherine's.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR 2021-2022 CATECHETICAL YEAR!

The Religious Education of our youth is important to our parish community. We have dedicated staff, catechists and aides who are committed to sharing our faith to the youth enrolled in the Religious Education Program.

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Our Parish Religious Education Program provides catechesis for Grades 1 through 8., October through May.

PROGRAM SESSIONS:

Sunday–10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Monday– 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Tuesday–4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

All new students are required to submit a Baptismal Certificate, and any other Sacramental Certificates, and transfer records prior to being placed in a class.

We are looking to another great year!

** There is a discount on tuition for volunteering as a Catechist Please call the office for more information.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Opportunities to teach with **Grades 1, 3, and 6** are available.

You do not have to have a child in the program to volunteer!

Please call the office for more information.



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Announcements



Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2021; October 10, Ocean/Monmouth

All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary** during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing.

Anniversary couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on **Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3 pm**. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but both events will be livestreamed.

Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2021**.



Alumni, Neighbors & Friends!

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The parish received a rebate check for the period ending June 30, 2021 in the amount of **\$1, 438.50**.

This check is a result of our parish's successful execution of the Diocese of Trenton historic Faith to Move Mountains Campaign.

THANK YOU.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEARTFELT RESPONSE TO THE

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Parish has reached **100%** of goal thanks to your generosity & support!

Remember, your continued support of this year's ACA also helps St. Catherine's Church at home. When a parish collects funds equal to their ACA goal, they will receive a 15% rebate. Funds collected in excess of the parish goal earns a 50% rebate.

We use this rebate for building maintenance, upkeep of the parish grounds, landscaping, snow removal, & security improvements to name a few. **THANK YOU!**

ACA PARISH UPDATE

GOAL \$40,000

As of August 23, 2021

Raised: \$42,200.24

Collected: \$40,255.66

Pledge Balance: \$1,844.58



Offertory

Whether given weekly, or monthly, the offertory supports the parish's mission and ministries.



Second Collection

Provides income for the running expenses of the parish – maintenance, repairs, energy, diocesan assessment. It also supports the work of the Church worldwide in addition Diocesan-wide support such as Catholic Education



Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a combined effort of all the parishes that make up the Diocese of Trenton to support a vibrant Catholic Community through the ministries and services.

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Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners and visitors the opportunity to make donations using your debit, credit cards, or savings account. It is safe, convenient and easy to use.



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