

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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LIFE



“I am the
bread of life.”

JOHN 6:48

August 8, 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.

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

ST. CATHERINE's CHAPEL

31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

First Friday of the Month immediately
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL

One West Main Street Farmingdale

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As a parish community of St. Catherine, we participated in a Missionary Appeal last weekend. We listened attentively to their sharing and talks in all of the Masses with warm welcome and hospitality. The HANDS TOGETHER Missionaries presented the purpose of their appeal, and we recognize the great need to support the people of Haiti as they are considered the "poorest of the poor." Our hearts go to the missionaries as they work so hard to help them. As a manifestation of our strong support, our parish was able to collect more than \$1,500.00. We cannot thank enough all of those who contributed. For sure, God will reward them with more graces and blessings. Thanks very much.

Hunger is an experience that we face in different ways. On a basic level, we know what it is like to be hungry for food. During these challenging times, when we hear that there will be some restrictions on our daily life, there can be a ripple effect on our essential needs, most especially limitations of food supplies and basic goods necessary for our existence. It is only natural that we would have anxieties, and some of us would panic by hoarding the reserve and taking advantage.

But a common experience we share as humans is our non-physical hunger. Our hunger for love. Our hunger for community and belonging. Our hunger for fulfilling experiences. Our hunger for God. Interestingly, people in general and, most notably our parishioners, are a concrete example of a yearning and longing for God. They cannot wait to come to Church and be with each other and share their stories, and most importantly, their faith experience, worshipping and thanking God together for all the blessings and graces they have received despite the public health crisis and the challenges they are experiencing. We can easily understand that some of us are still discerning and trying to feel if it is now safe and appropriate to come out. Unfortunately, some of us have medical conditions that prevent them from getting the vaccine and are not too sure of the side effects on their physical and mental well-being. Overall, we are blessed and fortunate to be in Church now and manifest our faith together even if we still have to be very careful and mindful that we are not out of the woods yet. The Governor recently announced it, and the Bishop strongly recommends that we wear our face masks indoors, especially in the celebration of the Mass, even if we are fully vaccinated. We have to think not only of our safety but also of others. In God's time, this pandemic will be over. Let us continue to beg the Lord and ask for His love and mercy to keep us safe and protected at all times.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME

Malnutrition is one of the leading killers of our time. Grim, frightening statistics prove it. But there is another form of malnutrition, more pervasive and even more destructive than the physical one, that is, the malnutrition of the spirit. Various factors are responsible for this. Denial of freedom of expression and lack of freedom of religion is prevalent ones at present. No welfare state, socialist manifesto, however well-intentioned and comprehensive, can satisfy this hunger, the hunger of the spirit.

Jesus insists that God is our provident Father in heaven, so he provides bread from heaven. "The Bread of God is that which comes down from heaven." Here we must stop a while, for we have reached the end of a long preparation. We stand now on a threshold of a climactic revelation. Jesus was preparing for the Jews for this patiently and pedagogically. He multiplied the bread and fed the hungry. He told them to seek food that does not perish. He enlightened them that their Father in heaven, not Moses, who provided the manna their forefathers had eaten. Also, the manna and the loaves He multiplied were only shadowy figures of something greater and better to come. The true bread, Jesus told them, that satisfies mankind, the bread that brings him immortality is the one provided by the heavenly Father.

Here in St. Catherine's, we are invited to focus on the nature of the Eucharistic community. The Eucharistic community, before providing a meal, is a meal. It satisfies, or better, can and should satisfy one of the human spirit's basic hunger: the hunger for fellowship. The Eucharistic community's capacity to provide nourishment and assuage hunger is directly dependent on the quality and solidarity of its being a fraternal fellowship community. This fellowship is brought about and nourished by the Word of God and the Body of Christ. The Eucharist is the Body of Christ. And the Body of Christ is the fellowship of all believers in Christ.

It is not by accident that the Mass has been called the meal of a Christian community. For the hungry Christian is nourished in this meal of the altar. In the first part of the Mass, the liturgy of the Word, the Christian is offered the teaching bread of Jesus present in the Sacred Scriptures readings, especially the Gospel. And this bread of the Gospel must be eaten, assimilated into the very fiber of the Christian. Then, in the Eucharist's liturgy, the Christian is offered the Body and Blood of the Lord, the food that leads into life eternal, the bread of life.

The Eucharistic community, therefore, satisfies man's hunger for truth, justice, for peace. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is our righteousness and our peace. The Eucharistic assembly satisfies man's need for love, communion, and fellowship. Gathered by and in the love of Christ, in memory of Christ who loved us and asked us to love one another as He loved us, the Eucharistic assembly knits us into one community. It is the agape---love communion, meal for the hungry. Lord, may You be the answer to all my hunger. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain
of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.
(Eph 5:1-2)

GOSPEL:

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me
draw him,
and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:44)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin
Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Elijah was exhausted and literally prayed for death. The Lord answered his prayer by sending Elijah food and drink for strength. How do you encourage others in your life who are spiritually drained?

SECOND READING

Paul held Christian communities to very high standards of conduct. How well do you think your faith community holds to these standards today?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today John's account of Jesus' rejection by his own people. The Jews struggled to think of Jesus as "the living bread that came down from heaven." What are some of Jesus' words that challenge you or cause you to struggle?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · August 7

4:30 PM

† **George Hankel**

r/b June Hankel

Sunday · August 8

8:00 AM

† **Frank Percaccio**

r/b Loving Wife, Mary Ann

10:00 AM

† **Patrick Lico**

r/b George and Joann Hankel

11:30 AM

† **Dinh Nguyen**

r/b Ted and Ninfa Gonzales

Monday · August 9

9:00 AM

† **Teresa DelPortal**

r/b Loving Daughter

Tuesday · August 10

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Thursday · August 12

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Friday · August 13

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**



Good and faithful God,
you have given us so many people in our lives
that have given us joy and solace.

We ask you to remember
our dearly departed,
Keep them close to you as we all wait
for that day when we all will come
and worship in your presence.

We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**At the request of his loving
wife, June .**

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.



ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FAMILIES
IS NOW UNDER WAY.

Visit www.sienachurch.org to register.

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.

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To learn more about Ministry Opportunities and volunteer, please contact Laura Randazzo, at passociate@sienachurch.org or 732-938-5375.

Thank You!



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.

Diocese of Trenton



140 Years

AUGUST
1881 ~ 2021

With gratitude for all we've been given, we ask for God's continued blessings on the parishes and people of our Church family.

Did you know that this August marks the 140th anniversary of the Diocese of Trenton?

In 1881, Pope Leo XIII established the Diocese of Trenton to serve the Catholics of the southern part of New Jersey and named Father Michael J. O'Farrell of New York as its first bishop. At the time, the Diocese had 68 churches, 23 parochial schools and 51 priests spread out across Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, as well as all of the territory that is now part of the Dioceses of Camden and Metuchen.

For more on the history of the Diocese, go to dioceseoftrenton.org/our-history, and watch for a special feature in the August issue of The Monitor Magazine and on TrentonMonitor.com.



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

The Colucci Family

Joseph, Nancie

Emma and Grace

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



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Lorenzo James Lotano

*We ask God's blessings on this
child and the family
every day of their lives!*



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Appeal 2021

"I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot; but TOGETHER we can do great things."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEARTFELT RESPONSE

TO THE

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

- **Our Parish has reached 100 percent of goal thanks to your generosity and support!**

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a combined effort of all the parish that make up Diocese of Trenton to support a vibrant Catholic Community.

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.

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Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.

thank you

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"I can do things you cannot;
you can do things I cannot;
but **TOGETHER**
we can do great things."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESE of TRENTON

Your help is needed.
Please give what you can.



ACA PARISH UPDATE

GOAL \$40,000

As of July 13, 2021

Raised: \$42,175.24

Collected: \$39,868.66

100% of Goal!

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