

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Trenton

DECEMBER 19, 2021

FRUIT



“Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb.”

LUKE 1:42

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday 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

One 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

One West Main Street 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**

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It is always encouraging to see that after all those challenges due to the pandemic Covid19, our faithful people in the parish are coming back to Church as we see them at our Sunday liturgies. Indeed, it is quite noticeable that our young people, particularly the Religious Education students, are in Church to attend our weekend Masses. We credit their parents as well as our catechists of the program who are doing their best to form, shape and educate our young people with our faith. We are mindful of the fact that these young men and women are the future of the Church in the next generation. Let us be the role model for them as we continue to serve as their inspiration and guide leading them to Christian and good moral values.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas is fast approaching. When it comes, if the true peace and joy of Christmas are to find a home in us, we must be prepared to trust in God's promises, as Mary did. Mary teaches us how to welcome Jesus when He comes. Today's Gospel presents Mary as a person who firmly believed that God's promises would come true. She constantly pondered over God's marvelous deeds in her own life and the life of her people, singing the joyful praises of God prayerfully.

In the encounter of Mary and Elizabeth, we see both sharing their faith experience. They did not consider themselves as the most important persons. Their focus was on God and His wonderful deeds, and both praised God. Mary, by her 'yes' to God, even when it was difficult for her to understand His ways, and by her genuine concern for her cousin Elizabeth's need, wonderfully co-operated with God's plan, she enrobed herself with the garment of faith. She submitted herself fully to the plan of God. Yes, the reward of an unconditional faith is unimaginable.

As soon as Mary's greeting reaches the ears of Elizabeth, her baby dances in her womb, and she is filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, from the fullness of

her mind and heart, rendered maternal by divine grace, burst forth songs of praise, canticles of blessing, from her entire being, spring spontaneous strains of joyful appreciation and appreciation. Praise inspires praise. After the barren Elizabeth praises God, the Virgin mother follows suit.

The two mothers, as well as their babies, are spiritually charged and fully energized. It is a moment of high praise, joyful worship: man/woman fully alive glorifying God for the gift of life. A living and lovely liturgy. A meaningful celebration of life for life. And the message running through the varied vicissitudes of these two great women of our faith is: Nothing is impossible for God.

Lord, give me a believing heart, believing that nothing is impossible for You. Amen

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

At Christmas, we celebrate the God of small things. The immense and infinite God, the God whom the universe cannot contain, made himself small, a tiny babe, confined in the womb of a teenage girl, cradled in her arms, sleeping in her warm lap, sheltered in a stranger's stable. He, as well as everything about Him, is small, tiny. Nothing remarkable or extraordinary, so that without a guide, one can easily miss Him. Littleness is a kingdom value. Unless we become like little children, we cannot enter the kingdom of God, says Jesus. The powerful and the rich can hardly make it.

Later, Jesus will welcome little children and bless them, making them models for those who enter the kingdom of God. His criterion for greatness is smallness. The one who wants to be the greatest or the first should be the smallest, least the servant of all.

Lord, teach me to become small, a child willing to be born daily. Amen.

May God bless you.

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we
shall be saved. (Ps 80)

SECOND READING:

"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

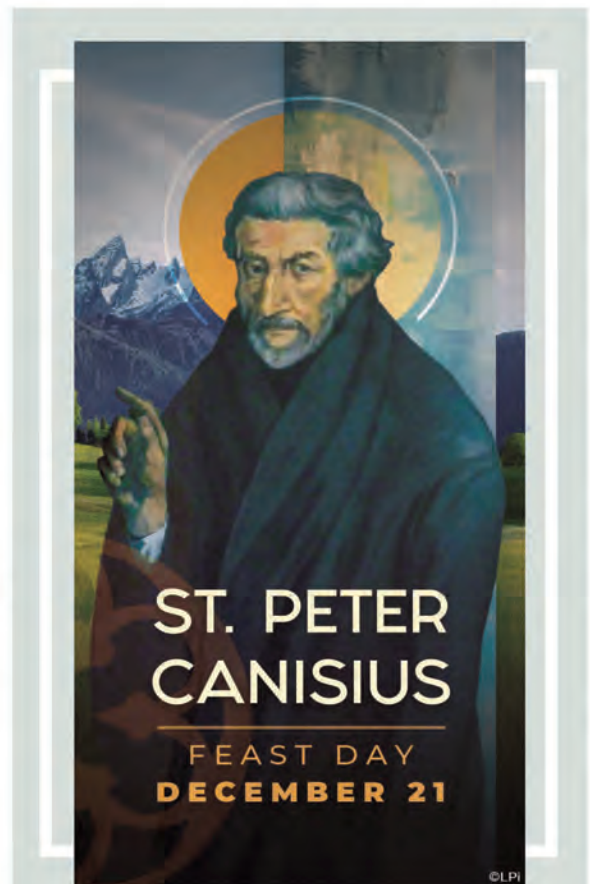
GOSPEL:

"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:42-43)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Friday: Christmas Eve
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord
Next Sunday: The Holy Family



Saint of the Week

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

*"For today in the city of David a savior has been born
for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11*

Saturday · December 18

4:30 PM

† **Maryann Cullen**

r/b John & Anna Williams

Sunday · December 19

8:00 AM

† **Larry Stall**

r/b Mary & Michael Burke

10:00 AM

† **Julia Pondaco**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

11:30 AM

† **Joan McCann**

r/b John & Nancy Doran

Monday · December 20

9:00 AM

† **Frank Sardone**

r/b The Sardone Family

Tuesday · December 21

9:00 AM

† **Theresa MacMurdo**

r/b Joanne Monroe

Thursday · December 23

9:00 AM

† **Wayne Sos**

r/b loving wife, JoAnn

Friday · December 24

4:00 PM

† **Giuseppe & Benedetta Cosentino**

r/b Phillip & Kristin Natilli

6:00 PM

† **William O'Doherty**

r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel & Family

10:00 PM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b Dorothy Gratton

Saturday · December 25

8:00 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b John & Stephanie Harakal

10:00 AM

† **Angelo & Antoinette Pennetti & Family**

r/b Libby Miller

11:30 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b Margaret Tamburri

† **Joseph Cocuzza**

r/b loving wife, Maryann



The Nativity of the Lord



SPONSORS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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).

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letters of Eligibility

In St. Catherine's Parish and in all Catholic Parishes in the U.S.

- 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

First-time 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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join the parish or if you
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did you know?

REASONS WHY TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong.

Registration is a commitment to community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish. Registration shows you belong.

It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a Sponsor/Godparent Certificate and Letter of Eligibility, and donation statements for your income tax returns.

Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission .

Registering a parish is simple. It just requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself by contacting the Parish Office. Young adults 18 and over who are still living at home with their parents, or attend college, are recommended to register in their own name.

Peace

*I leave with you;
my peace I give you.
I do not give to you
as the world gives.*

*Do not let your
hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.*

- John 14:27

*Merry
Christmas*

Many Blessings,

Fr. Angelito, Deacon Dan,

Laura Randazzo, &

Kay Hetherington

Save the Date



The first step for first-time parents toward the Sacrament of Baptism is the Baptismal Preparation Class.

The next class offered is

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Please visit www.sienachurch.org to sign-up.
Please call the parish office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The parish business office will be **closed** from **Dec. 24 through and including Sunday, Jan. 2.**

The office will **reopen** at 9:00 AM on **Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.**

While the office is closed during these days of Christmas:

- If there is an urgent need for assistance from a priest or from the parish staff, please call the parish office main number (732) 938-5375 and leave a voicemail message. Your call will be returned by Laura Randazzo, Parish Manager.
- Masses will take place at the usual times while the parish office is closed.

Simbang Gabi sa Monmouth County

December 13-21, 2021

Monday, December 13 | 6pm Mass | St. Veronica Church, Howell

Celebrant: Rev. PJ Alindogan

Our Lady of Guadalupe Apostolate Music Ministry

Tuesday, December 14 | 7pm Mass | St. Catherine Church, Farmingdale

Celebrant: Rev. Gel Anarcon

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Wednesday, December 15 | 7pm Mass | Holy Innocents Church, Neptune

Celebrant: Rev. Gregg Abadilla

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Thursday, December 16 | 7pm Mass | St. Benedict Church, Holmdel

Celebrant: Rev. AL Gamalo

BLD-Trenton Choir

Friday, December 17 | 7pm Mass | St. Jerome Church, West Long Branch

Celebrant: Rev. Sheldon Amasa

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Saturday, December 18 | 7pm Mass | St. Ann Church, Keansburg

Celebrant: Rev. Richard Vila

Our Lady of Guadalupe Apostolate Music Ministry

Sunday, December 19 | 7pm Mass | St. Joseph Church (Our Lady of Fatima Parish), Keyport

Celebrant: Rev. Vic Magdaraog

Young Servants of the Lord Choir

Monday, December 20 | 7pm Mass | St. Dorothea Church, Eatontown

Celebrant: Rev. Daison Areeparampil

Young Servants of the Lord Choir

Tuesday, December 21 | 7pm Mass | St. Clement Church, Matawan

Celebrant: Rev. Mark Nillo

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Rosary & Confessions will start 30 minutes before Mass

Christmas 2021 MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE — Friday, December 24

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM

4:00 PM Overflow Mass — Parish Hall

CHRISTMAS DAY — Saturday, December 25

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM

10:00 AM Overflow Mass — Parish Hall

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday, December 26

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS — St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, December 27 — 9:00 AM

Tuesday, December 28 — 9:00 AM

Thursday, December 30 — 9:00 AM

Friday, December 31 — 9:00 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, January 1

4:30 PM

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 2

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12

**The Nativity
of the Lord**



Parish Announcements

CHRISTMAS 2021–Calendar Advisory HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This year, the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on a Saturday and is immediately followed on Sunday by the Feast of the Holy Family. In cases of consecutive feast days, there are often questions regarding which Mass is to be celebrated on Saturday evening.

In the case of Christmas & Holy Family, both are days of precept (the latter because it falls on a Sunday), but Christmas occupies a higher place on the Table of Liturgical Days. Therefore, on the evening of Saturday, December 25, the Nativity Mass during the Day is celebrated with its accompanying readings from the Lectionary.

In short, the prevailing view of many canon lawyers is that each obligation (in this case, one for Christmas and another for Holy Family) must be fulfilled with a separate Mass. The fulfillment of the Mass obligation does not depend upon the Mass prayers and readings but rather on the time of day at which one attends Mass. According to canon 1248 §1, "A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass." Evening is commonly understood to begin at 4:00 PM, the earliest time permitted for anticipated Masses by Venerable Pope Pius XII in his 1953 Apostolic Constitution *Christus Dominus*. The following chart may be helpful:

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Saturday, December 25.

For example, one may attend:

- Vigil Mass of the Nativity
- Mass during the Night (celebrated at any time)
- Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 25

Holy Family

Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Sunday, December 26.

For example, one may attend:

- Afternoon/evening Masses on December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity)
- Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 26

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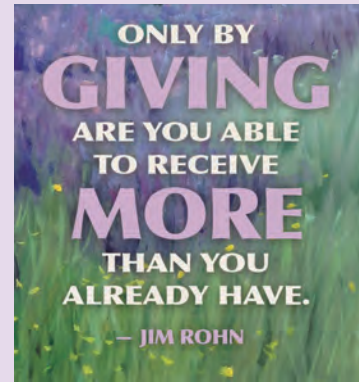
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CHRISTMAS

Dec 25

Dec 26

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