

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." - Mk 1:44

February 14, 2021

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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



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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
31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

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

Temporarily Suspended due to COVID-19
until further notice.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My friends in Christ, please allow me to share with you a beautiful story. Once a poor villager came to a town to earn money for the Passover. On his return journey to the village after nightfall, laden with purchases, his horse and wagon fell into a pit made swampy by the spring rains. A rich man, passing by, heard his cries and, with his driver's help, extricated the villager. He roped the latter's wagon to his carriage and accompanied the poor villager to his hut. On beholding the abject poverty in which the villager and his family lived, the magnate gave him a large amount of money.

The wealthy man died and was brought to the heavenly court. It seemed his demerits because of specific business dealings would result in a sentence of eternal punishment. Suddenly an angel of mercy appeared and asked that the heavenly scales be used to determine whether the worth of his good deeds outweigh his sins. When consent was given, the angel placed in the scale the good deeds of the poor villager and his family whom the rich man had saved from misery. But this did not suffice. The horse and wagon were added, but these did not help much. Then the angel placed on the scale the mud and mire out of which the rich man had helped rescue the villager, and lo, the scale of good deeds dipped with the weight, and the magnate was saved from eternal punishment.

Salvation takes place when the mercy of God meets the misery of man. Salvation comes from God. Since God became man in Jesus, salvation is God in Jesus. In Jesus, God is compassionate. He is sympathizing, suffering with man. How could God truly suffer with man, if God is not Emmanuel, God with us? And how could man unmistakably know that God not only is with man but suffers with him without God becoming man in Jesus and without Jesus suffering and dying for man?

The healing of the man with leprosy in the Gospel is just one instance of the mystery of salvation taking place through Jesus Christ, only one more illustration of God proving that He is mercy and love. In flesh and blood. Jesus in flesh and blood is tangible and palpable, is more than what the senses can register and master. He is more than what He is visibly: the son of man. Primarily and principally, he is the Son of God. And that is invisible. In the case of the man with leprosy also, our senses fail to grasp the situation's full extent. In the healing of the leper, we see the divine compassion of the Lord for suffering humanity. Out of compassion and love for the race, He became man, fought the evil of suffering and sickness, and finally conquered it by His suffering and death. In His infinite love for humankind, He placed heaven and a share in the life of God within our reach. We are always in need of His mercy because we are inclined to sin, and often we do sin. Beloved Jesus, source of compassionate healing, we ask you to make us whole in body and spirit, so that we might offer ourselves as a worthy gift to God. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17 marks the liturgical season of penance in preparation for Easter. Kindly take a moment to look at our Masses and services schedule in the Bulletin and on the website. During the 40 days that begin with Ash Wednesday and conclude on Holy Thursday, we are all encouraged to engage in penitential acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. To heighten our spiritual life and draw us closer to God. Though most often associated with the avoidance of food and drink, fasting can be voluntary avoidance of anything valued and enjoyed. And it is a very personal matter. The two obligatory food fast during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On those days, persons between the ages of 18 and 59 should have only one full meal, though smaller amounts of food may be taken in the morning and at noon. Everyone 14 years of age and older is to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent.

Our usual practice of having the Stations of the Cross during the Fridays of Lent starts this Friday, February 19 at 6 PM in the Church. Since we are still in the midst of the public health crisis, COVID 19, we won't have the hospitality as we have before. Please follow all the protocols and directives mandated to us by the Diocese and the government. We encourage you to be fully aware that the virus is still with us and, therefore, not let our guards down, so please cooperate and be with us to keep everyone safe and healthy.

This weekend is ACA SUNDAY kick-off. Instead of having the sermons delivered in the Masses, let us allow the Bishop to speak and address to us all about the appeal through the video. As your Pastor, I will say a few words as we support and pray for the appeal's success. The goal that was assigned to us is 40 thousand dollars. We count on your generosity and kindness.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp. (Lv 13:46)

PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

SECOND READING:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31)

GOSPEL:

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:42)

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In observance of President's Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021. Rel. Ed. Monday Classes are not in session.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Remember in Your Prayers
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

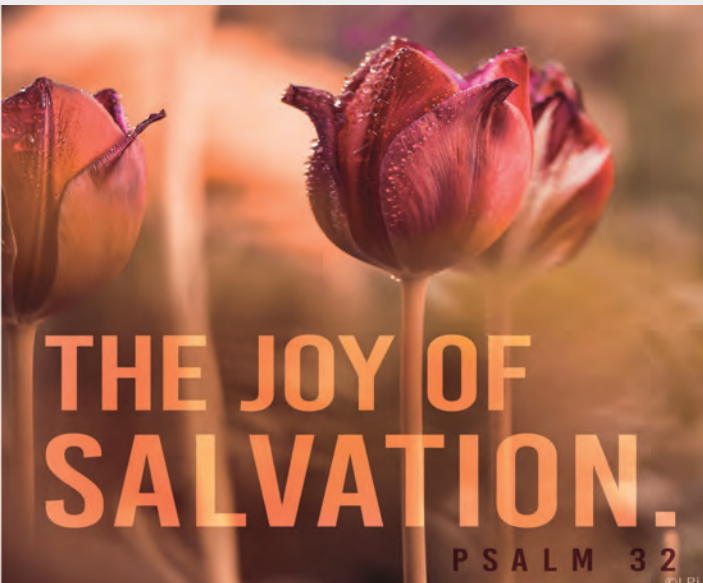


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Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to purchase a 2021 Pew Missal.

Due to COVID protocols, we will not have missals available in the pews, but you are invited to order one or more copies for your personal use.

Please call or email the Parish Office to place an order.



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Ancient Israel isolated those with leprosy fearing the disease would spread to others. In what way can this be seen as a form of compassion?

SECOND READING

Paul places a high value on avoiding unnecessary conflict. Why do you think this is an important virtue for a Christian?

GOSPEL READING

The man healed of leprosy disobeyed Jesus' command not to share with others what had happened. Why do you think the man did so?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • February 13

4:30 PM

† **Wayne Sos**

r/b Loving Wife, JoAnn

Sunday • February 14

8:00 AM

† **James Otten**

r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi

10:00 AM

† **Dorothy Cherellia**

r/b Terri Murray

11:30 AM

† **Jose Martinez Sr.**

r/b The Martinez Family

Monday • February 15

9:00 AM

† **For all Our Faithful Departed**

Tuesday • February 16

9:00 AM

† **For all Our Faithful Departed**

Wednesday • February 17

9:00 AM

† **Donna Rossi**

r/b Loving Sister, JoAnn

NOON

† **Stella Biernacki**

r/b June Hankel

Thursday • February 18

9:00 AM

† **Lucy Melillo–Living Intention**

r/b June Hankel

FRIDAY • February 19

9:00 AM

† **Frank Delibero**

r/b Dominick Pondaco



Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have asked to remember them in prayer.

Continually keep in prayer all those who serve in our Armed Forces and all health care workers as well as all the priest of the Diocese of Trenton.

The Altar Flowers are donated in loving memory of

Wayne Sos

at the request of JoAnn Sos.



• **Mass Intention Request**

A beautiful Catholic tradition is to remember our deceased family and friends with Masses offered for their eternal rest in God's presence.

If you would like a loved one remembered at the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office.

The person's name will be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass. There is a \$10 stipend.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

- SUN 2/14** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
- MON 2/15** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
- TUE 2/16** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
- WED 2/17** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- THR 2/18** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
- FRI 2/19** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
- SAT 2/20** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
- SUN 2/21** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

- Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day
- Monday: Presidents' Day
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
- Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters.



“God is waiting for you.”

—POPE FRANCIS

PRAY FAST GIVE ALMS



At St. Catherine of Siena Church

February 17, 2021

6:00 A.M. SERVICE

9:00 A.M. MASS

4:30 P.M. SERVICE

NOON MASS

7:00 PM MASS

Ashes will be imposed at the conclusion of the Mass or Service prior to the departure of the faithful.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Please join us all Fridays in Lent | 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19 | FEBRUARY 26

MARCH 5 | MARCH 12

MARCH 19 | MARCH 26 | APRIL 2

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Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.





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The theme for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Trenton is following the example of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who was known to have said: *"I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot; but TOGETHER we can do great things."*

Bishop O'Connell seeks the support of all the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA.

This year **St. Catherine of Siena's share of the goal is \$40,000.00**. As members of our diocesan family, we are called upon to love and serve all our brothers and sisters - both within our Catholic community and beyond. Together, we can help others see Christ working in our midst. As your pastor, ask you to take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. **We truly need everyone to participate.**

We are striving to do our parish fair share towards helping the Diocese reach the goal of \$6.5 million. When a parish collects funds equal to their ACA goal, they receive a 15% rebate. Funds collected in excess of the parish goal earn a 50% rebate. Because of your generosity to the **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, St. Catherine's Parish** received a **rebate check in the amount of \$10,377.00.**

I am always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. I thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family. Remember, your gift ensures the vital ministries, programs, and services of 99 parishes that make up the Diocese of Trenton will continue. Please make your pledge and help us meet our goal for this year. "Together we can do great things." – Father Angelito

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You can designate your donation to the following ministries

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- Finding & Forming Priests
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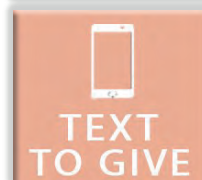
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For further information please contact
Laura Randazzo at 732-938-5375.



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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An extremely low-gluten host (37 micrograms) is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest prior to the beginning of Mass.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

Baptism

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

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the Month.

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

In a time of COVID-19, please contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375 for an appointment.



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

The Fitzpatrick Family

**Thomas & Sharon
Dennis, Diane & Judith**

The Stout Family

Robert , Nicole & Penelope

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

The Parish is where the mission of Christ continues!

St. Catherine's parish is a vibrant, community of faith. A parishioner is one who is committed through participation in the life of the Parish Community with participation in our ministries and with presence and support with attendance at Mass and also through the regular use of offertory envelopes or support through online giving.

If you are new to the area and have questions regarding Parish Registration , please call the Parish Office.



Congratulations & Best Wishes to ...

Peter James Olobardi

&

Megan Elizabeth O'Neill

who were married at

**St. Catherine of Siena Church on
February 13, 2021**

*May God bless the two of you abundantly in
love joy and happiness!*



**WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.**

Maggie Cisneros -Dzluniewski

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every day of their lives!*



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Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.

thank you

2021 Tax Statements



Envelope Users:

If you would like a year-end tax statement for 2020, please email your request to taxstatements@sienachurch.org. In your email request, please include your name, envelope number and the mailing address. Requests are completed once a week and answered in the order received.

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