

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.—

Mk 9:2-3

2nd SUNDAY
OF LENT

February 28, 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
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,

Given this unprecedented time, authority has to be put into place during this pandemic, and it must be done with dignity, courage, perseverance, patience, and most importantly, with integrity. Sometimes it seems as if society thinks of "AUTHORITY" as something to be avoided, overturned, ignored, or resisted. The truth is, though, this world needs authority in its different forms, for instance, scientific, moral, governing, and spiritual authority, to function well. Let this not be confused with authoritarianism or a kind of dictatorship. Instead, servant leadership is wisdom and knowledge embodied in a person who cares for and leads their people. When servant leadership is done well, those subject to authority are empowered to grow in freedom and reach their potential.

People think that we are already out of harms way, but NO, Covid-19 is a virulent strain easily communicated between people. Everyone should remain conscious and alert that risks to either contract or spread the disease remain possible at any gathering of people, indoors or outdoors. The risk is especially significant indoors at prolonged, sedentary gatherings where coughing, sneezing, and even talking/singing could easily communicate the virus. Hence the reason we have made changes to our parish's guidelines and protocols. When it comes to receiving Holy Communion, it is now prudent to receive after the final blessing. It is necessary to shorten the Mass and have proper dismissal procedures with no gathering or lingering on the parish property as we follow the Bishop's directives. Remember, we are still in a limited return to the public Celebration of the Mass and Sacraments, and the dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day Mass obligation remains in effect until further notice.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we continue to provide services to our people during this public crisis. The Governor has raised occupancy limits for houses of worship to 50 percent capacity with other pandemic precautions kept in place. First and foremost, we care for your health and safety. Don't forget that we all must do our part as we reach our common goal.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

With Jesus's experience in the desert, Jesus was tempted. Jesus was transfigured. And in the transfiguration, what is mortal assumes immortality, the material is shot through and penetrated with the spiritual, and the ephemeral becomes everlasting. The temptation and transfiguration, two widely different realities, bring out the duality in Jesus, the mystery the person of Jesus encloses: the mystery of God-man. With the temptation and transfiguration of Jesus, the man contain and confirm the duality in every human being, composed of body and soul.

Temptation and transfiguration are the two constants ingrained so deeply into the very core of man that one who cannot be tempted cannot be transfigured. Essentially, temptation overcome is transformation, and temptation succumbed is deformation. To be tempted is to be human. Jesus was thoroughly human. And He was tempted. But, being tempted is neither the only, nor the primary mark of being human. Primarily and ultimately, man is designed to be transfigured and transformed, sharing in and shining with the glory of God. St Paul is so clear on this: "What we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18).

Even if we have the best of intentions to do everything in the name of God, it is still wise to spend time daily in prayer. Our dependence upon God is necessary, but we should not use God as a crutch to escape the world and our responsibilities. Our life of prayer is not to look at God as a source of some special favor. Through our union with God, it helps us live as a good father, mother, student, pastor, missionary, etc. Hence let us make use of every opportunity to communicate with God. "Be still and know that I am God." We pray not to evade but to fulfill our responsibilities.

It is not surprising to hear from the apostles after experiencing the transfiguration of Jesus. They wanted to build a memorial in that place. But our Lord would not have it. As they came down from the mountain, He warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. Notice that Jesus has strictly spoken and is unwilling to remain with us in sculptured rocks or wood, in temples or churches. He does not want us to travel long distances to visit a memorial and then fight for a tomb as often as it happens today. Jesus deliberately came down with the disciples to the fields. He is where the tiller tills the ground.

Jesus became our food. He became our bread, our wine. Now Jesus asks us to build temples and memorials for Him in our hearts and not outside us. He asks us to bring Him during this Lent to our neighborhood by sharing, helping others, and loving them as much as we can. In other words, He asks us to forget ourselves and live for Him. If we are always preoccupied with ourselves, then we are in prison. Once again, St. Paul said: "Do you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and God's spirit dwells in you?" (1 Cor. 6:19). Amen. May God bless you.

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

God put Abraham to the test.
(Gn 22:1)

PSALM:

I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

SECOND READING:

If God is for us, who can be against us?
(Rom 8:31)

GOSPEL:

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
(Mk 9:7)

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

SECOND READING

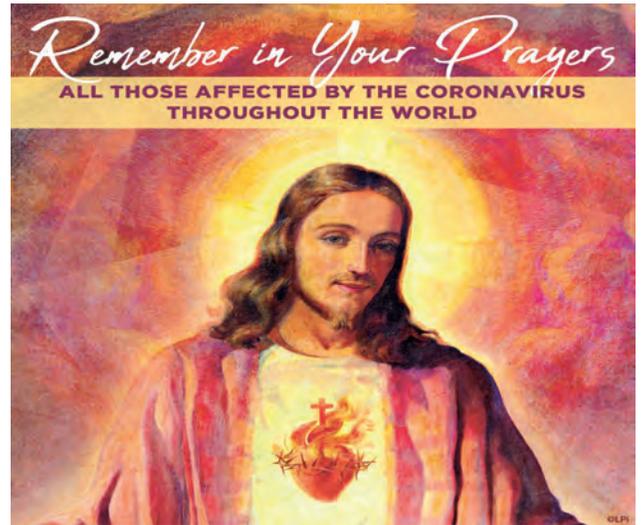
Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

GOSPEL READING

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?

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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • February 27

4:30 PM

† **Anthony Grosso**

r/b Loving Wife & Children

Sunday • February 28

8:00 AM

† **Jimmy Christenson**

r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi

10:00 AM

† **Norma Jean Hall**

r/b June Hankel

11:30 AM

† **Carmella DeLibero**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

Monday • March 1

9:00 AM

† **Francis Shiller**

r/b The Fitzpatrick Family

Tuesday • March 2

9:00 AM

† **Carmen J. Citron**

r/b The DeVaux Family

Thursday • March 4

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

FRIDAY • March 5

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**



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 priests of the Diocese of Trenton.

For prayer requests, living intentions and Mass intentions, please call the Parish Office.



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 28, 2021

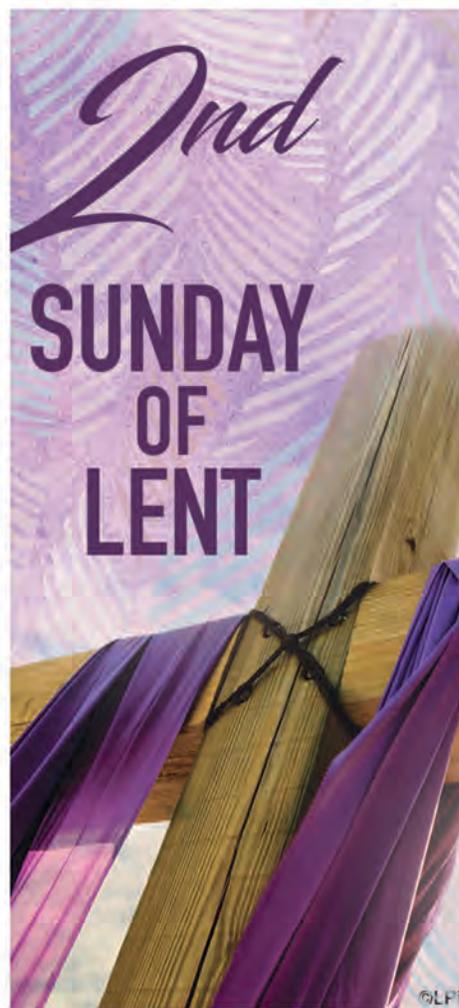
- SUN 2/28** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
- MON 3/01** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
- TUE 3/02** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
- WED 3/03** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
- THR 3/04** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
- FRI 3/05** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- SAT 3/06** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- SUN 3/07** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
- Wednesday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Casimir
- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?



“God
is
waiting
for you.”

— POPE FRANCIS

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS 2021

You are invited to honor your loved ones this Easter by offering an Easter Floral Memorial.

Your name, along with the names of those you honor, will be published in our Easter bulletin.

To submit names, please use your Easter Flower Envelope
OR call the Parish Office.



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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.





DIOCESE of
TRENTON

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal 2021

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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- Special Events and Programs

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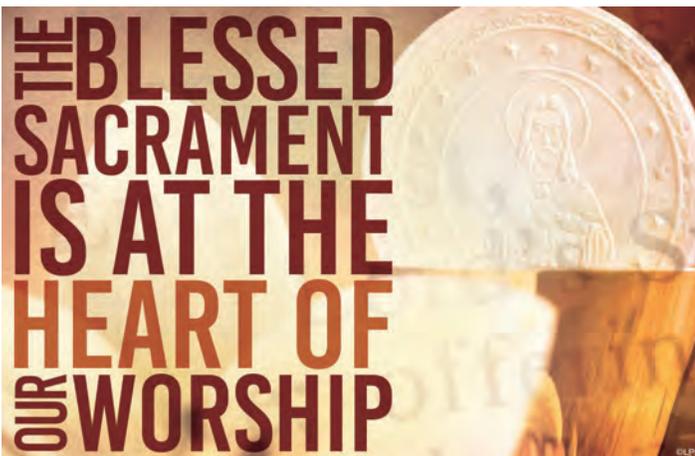


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Laura Randazzo at 732-938-5375.



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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WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

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



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Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.

thank you

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TOGETHER
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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 February 22, 2021

Raised: \$7,485.00

Collected: \$6,757.00

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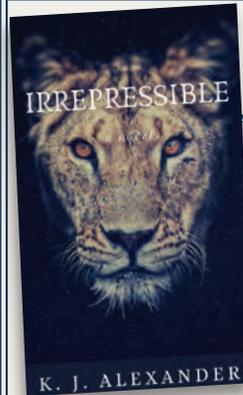
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