

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



3rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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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

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

Temporarily Suspended due to COVID-19 until further notice.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL

One West Main Street Farmingdale

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis has declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as an annual event but rather a year-long event instead, for we are urgently needed to grow in our knowledge and love of the Sacred Scriptures and the risen Lord who continues to speak to us through his Word and break bread with us, his faithful people. Mindful of our need to have Christian Unity globally, let us take this opportunity to have our thoughts and prayers for the Jewish people and other faith communities as we strengthen our bonds with them.

We are pleased to inform you of a few parish developments. The Bishop has updated his directives in a time of pandemic and has announced that parishes may now distribute printed materials such as bulletins upon exiting the Church. Unfortunately, missalettes cannot be placed in the pews to be shared or used by others, so we will not have 2021 Pew Missals in the Church. However, a bit of good news that is in keeping with the Bishop's directives, we will offer and encourage our parishioners to order and purchase a 2021 Pew Missal for their personal use. Just a simple phone call or email to the Parish Office to place your order. Thank you for your understanding.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I have a story about an older man in a certain village who goes around begging for his living. As a young man, he was hardworking and well off. Romeo was his only son, the apple of his parent's eyes. They gave him an education above their means. After all, Romeo was their only treasure. He grew into a healthy and handsome young man. But while in college, he got addicted to gambling and to drink. One day he had a brawl with one of his gambling cronies, which ended in murder. Romeo was arrested. The sad news shook the old couple. As a result, there was a long-drawn-out lawsuit that devoured much of their savings. In the end, Romeo was set free., and the parents heaved a sigh of relief. They fervently prayed that at least now Romeo would mend his ways and turn over a new chapter in his life. For a few months, he remained quietly at home. But soon, finding his home restrictive and unexciting, he ran away. Another shock for the old couple. Grief-stricken, they left no stone unturned to trace him, and in the process, they lost all their savings. But all in vain. Now the older man goes around begging, and when he meets someone he trusts, he pleads with tears in his eyes. "Please look for my Romeo. Tell him to come home. Tell him we love him."

The pleas, the prayers reveal a wounded, longing, aching heart, for it expresses a loving father's pain and sorrow. It manifests the deep hurt and disappointment hidden in an older man's heart. He is eager to have his son back and never tired of sending his message of love. God, our Father, has many children. He constantly carries a heavy, wounded heart. Romeo's parents are but one instance of parents whose children are wayward and ungrateful. Their pain and suffering are only a shadow of the pain and sufferings of God the Father. But their sufferings are a small price they pay for sharing in the fatherhood of God. And as no human father can be at peace as long as his son is estranged and away from home. But those pleas, the prayers for him, so too, our heavenly Father keeps on searching for and sending messengers to his estranged and lost sons and daughters.

It is quite clear in salvation history, from creation to consummation . Through the prophets, God, our Father, calls, invites, and pleads with His wayward children to come home. In today's first reading, we see God urging the prophet Jonah to go to His children in Nineveh and, through him, inviting them to come home to be sorry for their sins and be reconciled with their Father. When a child misbehaves, even repeatedly, and feels sorry, what he yearns for and needs most is pardon. His parents or teachers should rise above their sorrowful and aching heart to forgive and pardon him. At this moment, his heart is broken, and only the one whose love for him greater than his offenses can soothe and heal his broken heart. Through what tragedies and even trauma will a child pass if, instead of being understood and loved, he is rebuked and punished? To whom will he then turn for understanding and love? The failings and faults of children test and try their parent's virtues, their heart. What will happen to the children when their parents are found wanting?

Even if a father or mother fails, God assures us He will not fail. He will not be found wanting. The Lord is full of mercy and compassion. St. Paul says: "Who can separate us from the love of God since God has so marvelously proved that He is with us and loves us even to the point of sacrificing His only Son? (Rom.8:31-36) We have to learn to have a large heart from God, whose heart is greater than all our sins, no matter how numerous and grievous they are. All prophets till the last one, John the Baptist, were bearers of God's Good News to the people of God. When John is silenced, Jesus, the Good News in person and action, comes on the scene. When He is silenced, His disciples, even the persecutor Paul, are commissioned to carry His mission to announce the Good News to the broken-hearted, that God is greater than our heart. (1Jn. 3:30) Amen. May God bless you. Father Angelito.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

GOSPEL:

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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2021 PEW MISSAL NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

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.



St. THOMAS AQUINAS

PRIEST — AND — DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH ©LPI

REFLECT

FIRST READING

Although initially reluctant to be one of God's prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When do you find yourself resisting God's will?

SECOND READING

In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ's return was imminent and that, "time is running out." How can a sense of urgency aid one's spiritual life?

GOSPEL READING

In Mark's account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus' call to follow him. How would you describe your response to Jesus' call in your life?

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • January 23

4:30 PM

† **James Cook**

r/b June Hankel

Sunday • January 24

8:00 AM

† **Virginia DiBella**

r/b Beloved Son, Frank

10:00 AM

† **Kathy Brosoliti**

r/b John & Cathy Keegan

11:30 AM

† **Roy Murray**

r/b Bill Ditto

Monday • January 25

9:00 AM

† **Danilio Belicena**

r/b The Novera Family

Tuesday • January 26

9:00 AM

† For all our Faithful Departed

Thursday • January 28

9:00 AM

† **Edward Martin**

r/b Mary Anne Frasier

FRIDAY • January 29

9:00 AM

† **August Herrmann**

r/b Mary Anne Frasier



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.

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 JANUARY 24, 2021

- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- MON 1/25** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- TUE 1/26** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- WED 1/27** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- THR 1/28** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- FRI 1/29** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- SAT 1/30** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
- SUN 1/31** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Tuesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Wednesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** BVM
- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

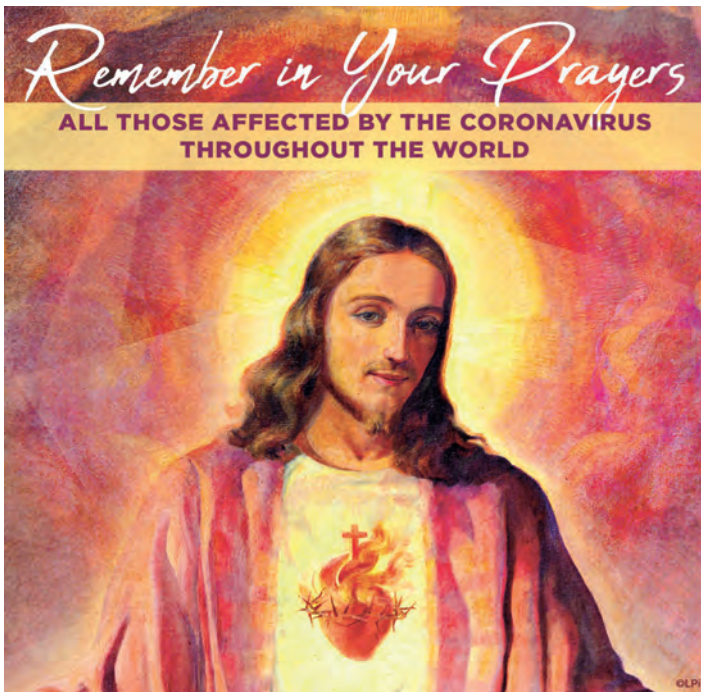


THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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*Teach me
your
ways.*

— PSALM 25 —



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

IMPORTANT Announcements

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish Office Hours:

Monday 9-2 / Tuesday 9-2 / Wednesday 9-2
Thursday 9-2/ Friday CLOSED
Sunday 9-12:45.

Parishioners will be seen by appointment only.

Call 732-938-5375 to
make your appointment.

All visitors are required to wear a mask and
must maintain social distancing for **your**
protection, as well as the protection of the
clergy and parish staff.

Please give a **call** to the parish office to
register in the parish and **to request**
Mass Cards, Sponsor Certificates, and
Sacramental Certificates.

We ask that you **call ahead** for the
ease of pick up.

For Private Prayer, the Church will be open
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9AM to 2 PM.

Weekday Mass is celebrated
(**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**) at
9:00 AM in the Church.

The Chapel is closed in this time of pandemic.

Given all current public health and safety
reports the **Dispensation from the**
Obligation to attend Mass has been
extended UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The faithful are encouraged but not required
to attend Sunday Mass in their Parishes when-
ever possible or to participate in outdoor or
live-streamed Masses offered online until the
dispensation ceases in order
"to keep holy, the Lord's Day."



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 scheduling 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
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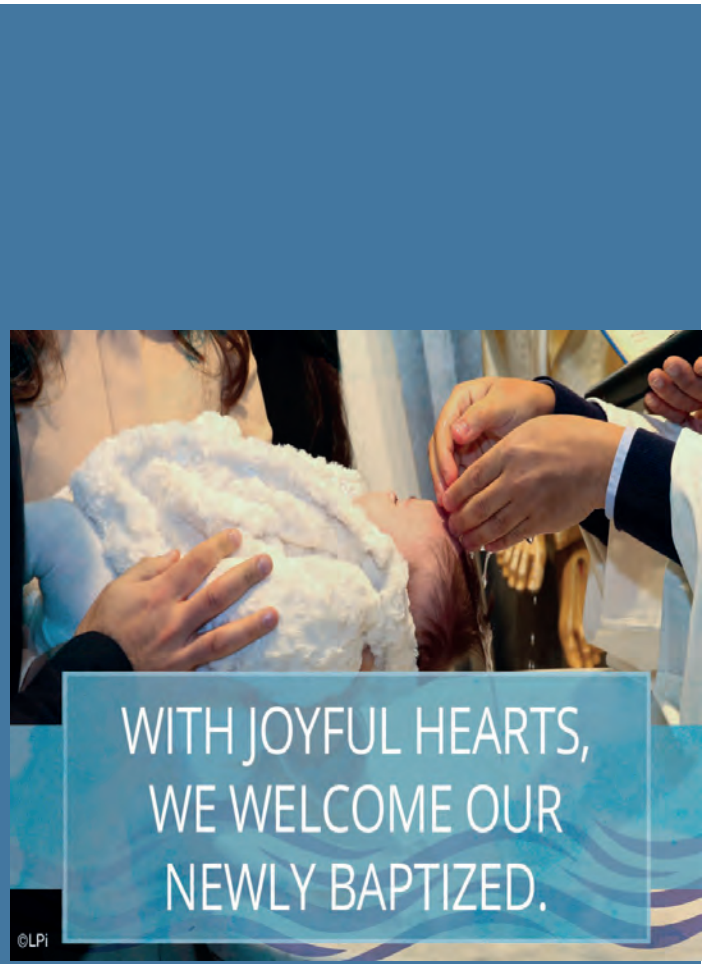
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A parishioner is one who is committed through participation in the life of the Parish Community with presence and support with attendance at Mass and also through the regular use of offertory envelopes or support through online giving.

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



Mina Rose Woods
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Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners and visitors the opportunity to make donations, payments and pledges electronically from any location at any time.

Parishioners or visitors who wish to provide financial support of the parish, can leave their offertory envelopes at the collection bin in the Narthex of the church or they can be mailed in directly to the parish office.

Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.

thank you

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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.

Online Giving:

If you contribute through online giving by WeShare, the year-end tax statement is provided by WeShare and statements will be sent directly to the email address provided in your WeShare account. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

A month of prayer to end abortion

“As a Diocese, as parishes, let us pray for an end to abortion, for the legal protection of the unborn and in thanksgiving to God for the gift of human life.” Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M.



ROSARY FOR LIFE . . . ALL OF JANUARY

The Diocese’s faithful are asked to pray a Rosary for Life each day throughout the month.



NOVENA . . . JAN. 14-22

Join Bishop O’Connell and the diocesan community in praying a Novena to St. Joseph to End Abortion by logging on to: dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry



DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING TO END ABORTION . . . JAN. 22

The Diocese will participate in this day proclaimed by the Catholic bishops of NJ to mark the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Parishes will celebrate Masses for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE . . . JAN. 29

In lieu of attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Bishop O’Connell invites the faithful to participate in a videotaped Mass available on youtube.com/trentondiocese beginning at 11 a.m.

For updates and multimedia content, visit:
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