

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



3rd Sunday
OF LENT

March 7, 2021



“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.”
- Jn 2:14-15a

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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

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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,

A few weekends ago, we were able to launch the ACA 2021 despite the heavy snowstorm, and it is not surprising that many of us missed the video. I would encourage and recommend that you kindly watch it online through our website when you have a chance. I supposed that those who have contributed in the past must have received their pledge cards in the mail. For those who are prayerfully considering donating to the project, please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you may have. We are just a phone call or email away. Last year our parish was able to reach the goal of \$38,000. We are so fortunate to receive a 15% rebate check. This year the Diocese assigned us to achieve \$40,000. Keep in mind that aside from helping out the Diocese's services and ministries, our parish benefits from this great endeavor if we reach or exceed the goal. Please prayerfully consider donating if you haven't already done so. Thank you in advance for all your generous support.

The parish continues to have our Lenten Observance and Practice as we have the Stations of Cross in the Church every Friday at 6 PM. It is a beautiful time and opportunity to be in Church as we join together in prayer following the restrictions and protocols during this Holy Season. Individual copies of the Stations of the Cross are provided; however, we have to own it and take it home to avoid the spread of the virus. Please come and pray with us.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Coming from another country on their way to the USA, Fred and Willie analyzed their respective dreams. Intrigued, Willie asked Fred to speak and share about human relationships. Fearing to be exposed, Fred refused. Human life is a matter of relationships. To know a person's relationships is to know him. "Tell me who your friends are, and I'll tell you who you are." To understand Jesus, we must inquire into His intimate relationships. Of all, His relationship with His Father is the most personal and decisive. This relationship has shaped Him, His life, and His death.

In today's Gospel, we have a unique event in the life of Jesus, an event at once baffling and revealing. The meek Jesus suddenly turns furious. What provoked His violent reaction? At the heart of Jesus' reaction stands His relationship with His Father. "Take these things away; You shall not make My Father's house a house of trade. Only if my Father is dear to me, my Father's house will be dear to me, and I will protect it with jealous care." When asked on what authority He is acting so unconventionally, Jesus makes a quantum leap in argument and affirms: "The house my Father made is not of brick and mortar, it is My own body, Myself, it is the handiwork of my Father. The temple built and indwelt by My Father is My body. My whole person is framed, filled, and funded by My Father. Your desecration of the material temple is symbolic of desecrating Me. You may destroy the temple of My body, but in three days, My Father will raise it anew more glorious."

Jesus has an all-consuming passion: His Father's honor, which we find in the first reading. The glory of His Father is His principal priority. This passion for His Father's glory plays so vital a role in His life that His person and actions cannot be adequately understood apart from His fiercely filial relationship with His Father.

Religion is a matter of personal relationships. Devoid of right relationships with God, others, and the rest of creation, religion is the most pernicious thing in the world. It is not merely opium that dulls human consciousness. It is a deadly poison that can corrupt and destroy people and society. Therefore, as we proclaim in the first reading, the ten commandments' importance directs and regulates man's relationships with God, others, and oneself. Hence the praise of the precepts of the Lord in today's psalm. While man's happiness depends on the right relationships, God's laws should regulate these relationships.

Man is the masterpiece of creation, a treasure precious and very brittle. No wonder then that God has taken pains to protect man from all destructive forces. Only the Maker of man knows the intricate inner mechanisms of man. Consequently, only He can tell us what measures are needed for safety, for our happiness. The Ten Commandments are necessary measures for the well-being of man. We neglect them to our ruin. When we keep them, they keep us safe. They lead us to eternal happiness, a full and life-long guarantee for real joy. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)

PSALM:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human
strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

GOSPEL:

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
(Jn 2:19)

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

March 27 – Mass 4:30 p.m.

March 28 – Masses at 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY & TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

March 29 & March 30 – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 1 – Mass at 7:30 p.m.

No 9 a.m. Mass. Church is open for prayer from 11 a.m.–Noon

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2 – Service at 3:00 p.m.

No 9 a.m. Mass. Church is open for prayer from 11 a.m.–Noon

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

April 3 – Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m.

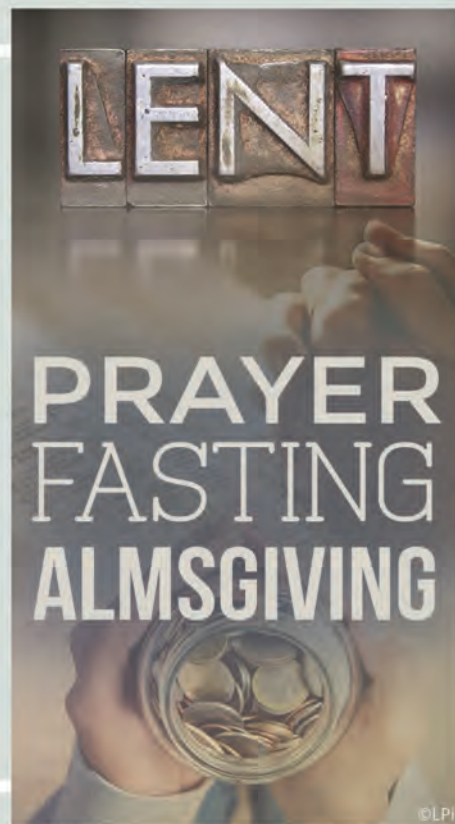
Church is open for prayer from 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 – Masses at 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

Overflow Mass at 10:00 a.m.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is by appointment,
please call the Parish Office.*



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

GOSPEL READING

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · March 6

4:30 PM

† **Marie Sardone**

r/b The Sardone Family

Sunday · March 7

8:00 AM

† **Cecelia White**

r/b The Ortega Family

10:00 AM

† **Norma Jean Hall**

r/b Anne Hilker

11:30 AM

† **Deceased Members of
The Lempka Family**

r/b Edward & Maggie Lempka

Monday · March 8

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Tuesday · March 9

9:00 AM

† **Philip & Stella Olenitsky**

r/b Daughter, June

Thursday · March 11

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

FRIDAY · March 12

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 MARCH 7, 2021

- 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
- MON 3/08** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- TUE 3/09** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- WED 3/10** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
- THR 3/11** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- FRI 3/12** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- SAT 3/13** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
- SUN 3/14** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.



*Your words are
everlasting
life.*

— PSALM 19 —

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.

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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 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL—IN ACTION

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Evangelization—Teaching the Faith

Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 40,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 600 adults in various stages of formation were brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese last year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS



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Community Outreach

- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Catholic Social Services (The Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison, Respect Life, Grief)
- Special Events and Programs

Teaching the Faith

- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
- Religious Education, Rite of Election of Adults and Children
- Catholic School Programs • Tuition Assistance
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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.

Low Gluten Host

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 Bocchino Family

Paul , Kyle & Luca

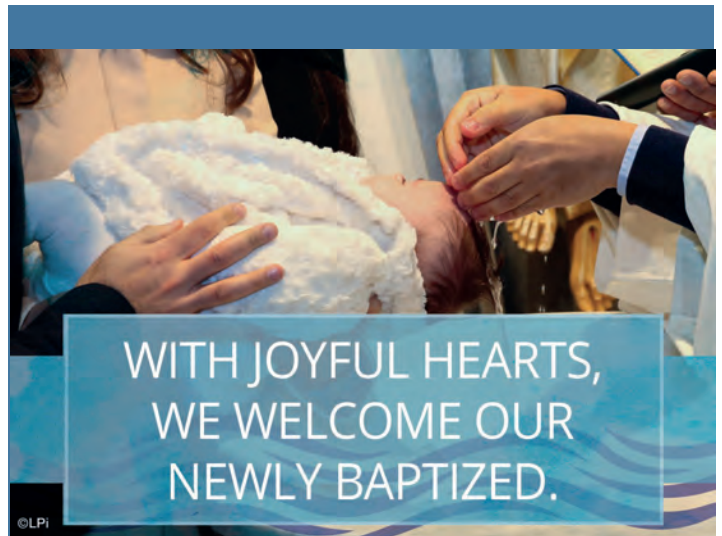
Maria Salvatore

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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.



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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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"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

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ACA PARISH UPDATE

GOAL \$40,000

As of March 1, 2021

Raised: \$20,309.99

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