

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Roman Catholic Church  
Diocese of Trenton

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2021

# GLORY



“Then they will see the Son  
of Man coming in a cloud  
with power and great glory.”

LUKE 21:27

*Sunday*  
OF ADVENT



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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**



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time



to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged

on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

*"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*

*- Lk 21:27-28*

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# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land. (Jer 33:15)

## PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

## SECOND READING:

Strengthen your hearts,  
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.  
(1 Thes 3:13)

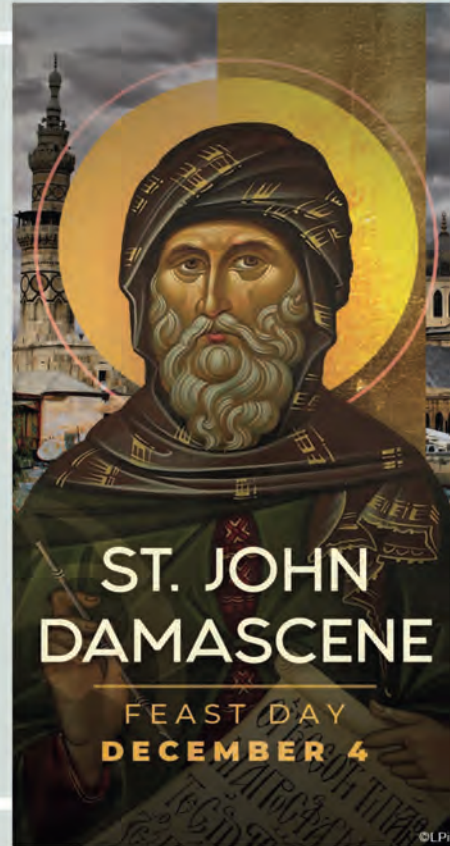
## GOSPEL:

Stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand. (Lk 21:28)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

- Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent  
Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle  
Friday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
Saturday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



## Saint of the Week

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.





### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization.

We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire men of our parish here at St. Catherine's to seriously consider vocations to the priesthood. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you have blessed with a priestly vocation and are calling to serve and lead the Church in the future.

Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocation to the priesthood. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.



In the Catholic tradition, during the entire month of November we especially remember all who have gone before us.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · November 27

4:30 PM

† **Maura Thornton**

*r/b Robert & Lois Hradil*

Sunday · November 28

8:00 AM

† **Jane Fox**

*r/b The DeVaux Family*

10:00 AM

† **Michael Monica**

*r/b Nettie Guiliana*

11:30 AM

† **Florence & Eugene Croddick**

*r/b Edward & Maggie Lempka*

Monday · November 29

9:00 AM

† **Claire McDowell**

*r/b Bill & Anne Moffitt*

Tuesday · November 30

9:00 AM

† **David Quail**

*r/b Terri Murray*

Thursday · December 2

9:00 AM

† **Joseph Piccolo Jr.**

*r/b Jim & Virginia Piccolo*

Friday · December 3

9:00 AM

† **Millie D'Amico**

*r/b Carol Jamieson*

November 28, 2021





## **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.
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- 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**

Please call 732-938-5375.

### **Baptism**

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.

## Save the Date ...

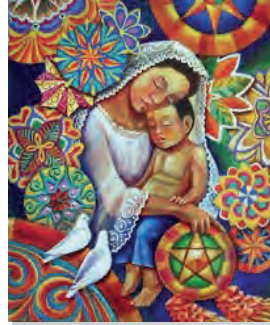
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### St Catherine of Siena Church ADVENT BENEDICTION SERVICE 6 PM

November 28 December 5

December 12 December 19



### SIMBANG GABI IN MONMOUTH COUNTY BEGINS MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

*Simbang Gabi* is the Filipino custom of offering a nightly

Mass each day for nine nights preceding Christmas Day to help the faithful prepare themselves for the joyous, yet solemn, celebration of the birth of our Lord. The novena of Masses, which signifies the nine months our Lord was in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has become a beloved tradition and devotion to the Blessed Mother since the 1600s in the Philippines. Here in Monmouth County, and in every county that is covered by the Diocese of Trenton, an organizing committee is formed to ensure that all the faithful throughout the Diocese are given an opportunity to pray this novena. **All are welcome to attend and participate in our county's Simbang Gabi.** The Rosary will be prayed and confessions will be heard before every Mass.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish will host Simbang Gabi on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.**

6:30 PM Rosary & Confession. Mass at 7:00 PM.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary



**DECEMBER 8, 2021**

**9 AM MASS AND 7 PM  
MASS**

**St. Catherine of Siena  
Church**

You are invited to honor your loved ones this Christmas by offering a

### **Christmas Floral Memorial.**

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

To submit names, please use your Christmas Flower Envelope OR call Parish Office. Information is due no later than

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**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH**

# Parish Life

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**Christy Headden**

With Warmth and Prayers,  
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experience the warmth of our parish family.

If you would like to  
join the parish or if you  
are not Catholic and would like to learn about  
the Catholic faith, please call the  
Parish Office.

*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.

WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,  
WE WELCOME OUR  
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

**Dean Frank DiMatteo**

*We ask God's blessings on this  
child and the family  
every day of their lives!*

November 28, 2021



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# News and Announcements

## #GIVING TUESDAY

On November 30, 2021, Catholic schools from across the Diocese of Trenton are participating in Giving Tuesday, the global day of charitable giving that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday, & Cyber Monday.

Giving Tuesday is a day of charity that fosters connection & generosity which helps you bring real change to your community. 100% of the monies raised through this campaign will go directly to the Catholic school that you specify in your donation.

Help support our Catholic schools this Giving Tuesday by sharing your resources; a donation to the Catholic School of your choice, pledging to volunteer at a school, or sharing a prayer in support of Catholic education.

VISIT [www.LeadinFaith.org](http://www.LeadinFaith.org) to learn more and show your support.

### Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center &  
Retreat House

84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501  
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All programs will be offered online and

### Upper Room Spiritual Center

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3455 West Bangs Avenue, Building 2  
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email: [office@theupper-room.org](mailto:office@theupper-room.org)

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR

## HEARTFELT RESPONSE TO THE



## 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Parish has reached **100%** of goal thanks to your generosity & support!

## ACA PARISH UPDATE

As of November 8, 2021

**GOAL \$40,000**

**Raised: \$42,315.24**

**Collected: \$41,184.66**

**Pledge Balance: \$980.58**

Remember, your continued support of this year's ACA also helps St. Catherine's Church at home. When a parish collects funds equal to their ACA goal, they will receive a 15% rebate. Funds collected in excess of the parish goal earns a 50% rebate.

We use this rebate for building maintenance, upkeep of the parish grounds, landscaping, snow removal, & security improvements to name a few. **THANK YOU!**

November 28, 2021





### Offertory

Whether given weekly or monthly, the offertory supports the parish's mission and ministries.



### Second Collection

Provides income for the running expenses of the parish – maintenance, repairs, energy, diocesan assessment. It also supports the work of the Church worldwide in addition Diocesan-wide support such as Catholic Education



### Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a combined effort of all the parishes that make up the Diocese of Trenton to support a vibrant Catholic Community through the ministries and services.

## WAYS TO GIVE



Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners and visitors the opportunity to make donations using your debit, credit cards, or savings account. It is safe, convenient and easy to use.

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*My Weekly Offertory*  
for the Support of My Parish

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Please call the Parish Office to learn more about our online giving and envelope program.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Collections & Attendance**  
DUE TO AN EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE REPORTING WILL RETURN FOR NEXT WEEKENDS BULLETIN.

### Upcoming Second Collection

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**Dec 12**



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