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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

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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

1 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

31 Asbury Road 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**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Realistically speaking, we are back to the new normal of things in life. We are already halfway through September, and we, of course, must take care of things as they should. However, we are still amid these challenging times; although there are some improvements, strictly speaking, we still have to follow the authorities' mandates, most significantly, our health experts. Following the instructions given by the governor, the Bishop has asked us churchgoers to continue to be very careful through the pandemic as the variants are highly contagious. Therefore, as we go indoors, especially in Church as we celebrate the Mass, we are strongly encouraged to wear our FACE MASK, though it is not obligatory. It is always better to stay safe, be healthy, and well.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has shared a remarkable story about a boy called Andrea. During Italy's lockdown, Andrea, together with his family, had been watching the Pope's Mass from the Chapel in the Vatican online and heard that Francis had told the congregation to offer each other a sign of peace. The boy was so concerned about the lack of social distancing that he wrote the Pope to say to him that he should not have said those words because people were not allowed to shake hands in the time of the pandemic. Pope Francis explained that Andrea could not have known that the congregation members merely bowed to each other without coming to physical contact. It's a great deal about Francis's humility and simplicity that he could use this incident to praise the innocence and transparency of children. As we have experienced, children react spontaneously without thinking about possible embarrassment to adults who prefer diplomacy to the truth.

Friends, today's Gospel gives evidence of our desire for greatness. Almost all of us are ambitious to be great somehow, somewhere. The disciples of Jesus, drawn from the everyday folks, were no exception. They all wanted to know who would be the greatest among them. In itself, it is something silly, but the context in which their discussion took place makes it all the more ridiculous.

On the one hand, Jesus has already predicted the impending persecution, rejection, and crucifixion awaiting him. On the other hand, his disciples, illiterate fisherfolk, are discussing who is the greatest among them. What a callous insensitivity! But Jesus teaches them patiently. He calls them to him and asks: "What were you discussing on the way?" Realizing their foolishness, they remain tongue-tied and quiet. So, Jesus arranges a superb demonstration, a compelling, convincing study in contrast. Jesus brings a child in their midst, takes it in his arms, and says: "Whoever receives a child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent me."

No more arguments, no more discussion about greatness. A child resting in the arms of a parent knows the source of its security and safety. A child, by definition, depends on another for everything. Whatever greatness he has is derived from someone greater. And that greater one is GOD, who is the Father of all. So, we are all His children. This is our greatness. And, if anyone wants to distinguish himself, Jesus tells us he must be the last of all and servant of all.

As we have heard in the second reading, any other greatness leads to jealousy, selfish ambition, disorder, and every vile practice. "What were you discussing?" should be a checkpoint for all who exercise authority, for Christ came to serve and not to be served?

Here are some questions for us: What motivates my decisions, shapes the style of my functioning? In the exercise of authority, what is my primary, unexpressed, gut-level concern? Is it to serve or to be served? To win popularity, to ingratiate myself, to be able to cling to the seat of power? Or is it an attitude of humble service? "If anyone would be first, he must be the last and servant of all." The number crisis in the Church at all levels is the crisis in authority. Starting with the wrong question, we end up in a sorry mess. The wrong question is: Who is the greatest among us? The right question is: How can I be a humble servant?

Albert Einstein has said it beautifully: "It is high time we change the ideal of success for the ideal of service." Lord, grant me the inspiration from Christ, the suffering servant, and not the cunning, proud Satan. Amen.

May God Bless you. –Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care
of him. (Wis 2:20)

PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

SECOND READING:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

GOSPEL:

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise."
(Mk 9:31)

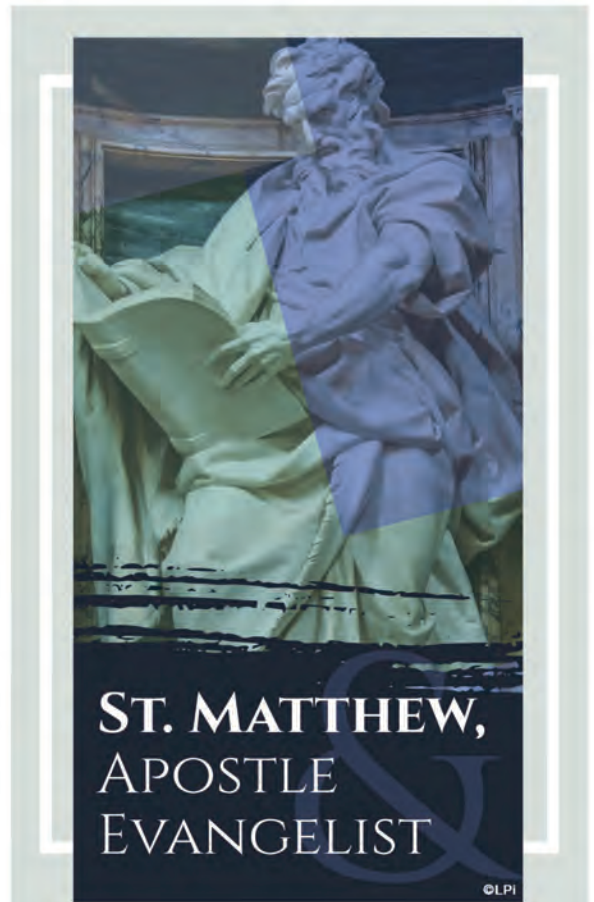
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng
Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"THE MORE I REFLECT
ON THE GRACES I HAVE
RECEIVED, THE MORE
THEY ASTONISH ME."

—ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?

SECOND READING

James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord?



Prayer for Catechists

God of our fathers and mothers, today we mark Catechetical Sunday, the day we recommit ourselves to teaching and forming disciples to continue your work in this world.

In the beginning, you created man to please you and offer you companionship. We turned away from you without knowing the great love you had for us.

Help us to recapture that understanding of your love for us and for creation.

Give us wisdom to hand on to the next generation that love you freely give us.

We ask all that is good to come upon our catechetical leaders and the people whom they lead to the faith.

We ask all this in the name of the primary teacher of the faith, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION

Donating altar flowers is a simple way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and beautify the altar.

Flowers can be donated in memory of a deceased family member or friend, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or simply to give glory to God.

Please call the Parish Office to make a donation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · September 18

4:30 PM

† **Arthur Butchie Bitz**

r/b Patty & Stephanie

Sunday · September 19

8:00 AM

† **Lotti Rossi**

r/b Loving Daughter, JoAnn

10:00 AM

† **Connie Lanzetta**

r/b The Callari Family

11:30 AM

† **Anita Dorey**

r/b Joseph Dorey

Monday · September 20

9:00 AM

† **Charles Pekar**

r/b Loving Wife, Joan

Tuesday · September 21

9:00 AM

† **Father Justin Biase**

r/b The Sardone Family

Thursday · September 23

9:00 AM

† **Frank & Alma Quagliariello**

r/b Lou & Peggy Di Bello

Friday · September 24

9:00 AM

† **Dorothy McInerney**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



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.

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.

Parish Life

YOU ARE
Welcome Here

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

The Killea Family

**Robert, Kerrie
Grace, Sean, Liam, & Maeve**

The Pizzano Family

**Philip, Lisamarie
Gianluca & Giovanni**

The Oak Family

**Alexandra
and baby Roman**

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



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.



The first step for Infant Baptisms at
St. Catherine of Siena Parish is our
Baptism Preparation Class.

Upcoming, in person, session for new parents:

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

7:00 p.m.

For more detailed information and to register,
visit our Parish Website,
www.sienachurch.org.



YOUR TALENT IS GOD'S
GIFT TO YOU.

HOW WILL YOU USE
IT FOR HIM?

Volunteer in Ministry!

at

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Whether you are new to St. Catherine's or an active parishioner, we invite you to become involved in the life of the parish.

Help us to meet the need of our parishioners and the community by considering the many ways to serve.

Join our community of volunteers to enhance the experience of St. Catherine's to all who walk through our door.

SOME OF THE BLESSINGS FROM VOLUNTEERING:

- **Strengthens our relationship with Christ**
- **Making a difference by helping others**
 - **Discovering the gifts that God wants me to share**
 - **Fellowship /friendship**

**Did you know that we have
more than 30 ministries
to serve in?**

**To learn more about
the opportunities, please contact
Laura Randazzo, at
passociate@sienachurch.org or
call the Parish Office at
732-938-5375.**

IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Lector/Readers

Money Counters

**Teacher/Catechists for
Religious Education Program**

Social Concerns Commission

Ushers / Greeters

Thank You!

**to all who volunteer and to all NEW
volunteers at St. Catherine's.**

From the HEART of a Volunteer ...

Ministry Spotlight: Catechist

Do you hear the Lord calling you to share your gift of faith? What's stopping you? Fear of not having enough knowledge of your faith to share. Doubts of whether you can find the time to make a weekly commitment. Wondering if you will be an effective teacher if you have no formal teaching experience? All legitimate concerns! But here's the truth: Teaching and sharing your faith is simple. There is only one requirement: the desire to help.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Opportunities to teach with **Grades 1, 3, and 6** are available.

You do not have to have a child in the program to volunteer!

Please call the office for more information.

I am a religious education teacher. I do not have a formal teaching certificate. But I love my faith which is all I need to be effective in my role as catechist. All the material I require for preparation of my lessons are provided. The catechist's books are simple to understand, and the lesson guide provides more than enough material for each class.

I have learned a lot over the years about my religion, but I find that teaching has helped me to learn even more. As the saying goes, "The teacher becomes the student"!

The best part of being a catechist is I get to share my love of Jesus with others. I want my students to get to know Him on a personal level: Include him in their daily lives; Turn to him in good times and bad; Tell Him their desires, joys sorrows, concerns. Get to know Him on a personal level - pictures of Him, where He lived, His family life. Take Him out of Scripture and place Him before them to talk to.

Right now, students have a lot on their plates, as we all do. Helping them to focus on what's important in this life is difficult but so important! I pray that if my students don't remember a word I say now, maybe someday when, they need Him the most, they will remember He's there!

I love being a catechist, you will too.

by Joan Pekar



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Announcements

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

SEPTEMBER 22 —OCTOBER 31, 2021



40 Days for Life is a campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion here in America. Since its inception in 2007, it has proven to be very effective: 19,198 babies have been saved, 221 abortion workers have quit, and 112 abortion centers have closed.

40 Days for Life also involves prayerful, peaceful witnessing in front of an abortion clinic (**Planned Parenthood facility at E. Newman Springs Rd in Shrewsbury**).

We have been asked to staff each Wednesday from Sept 22 to Oct 31. That would be 6 Wednesdays, Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, and 27. The hours are from 8 AM to 6 PM. Please visit the 40 Days for Life web site <http://40daysforlife.com/Shrewsbury> for more information. Please consider helping in this life saving effort by spending just one hour on one or more Wednesdays. Call Hu or Joan Mador at **732-367-2565**, or send us an email at hmador@optonline.net to sign up.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center &
Retreat House

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Please check www.FHOP.org for registration,
directions and for our other offerings!

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKEND IN PERSON ONLY

7:00 PM Friday to 1:00 PM Sunday Oct. 1 – 3

MONDAYS WITH MERTON 4 Mondays

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Sept 27 Oct 18 Nov 15 Dec 20

ACA PARISH UPDATE

As of Sept. 13, 2021

GOAL \$40,000

Raised: \$42,200.24

Collected: \$40,410.66

Pledge Balance: \$1,689.58



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
HEARTFELT RESPONSE TO THE**

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

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!



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



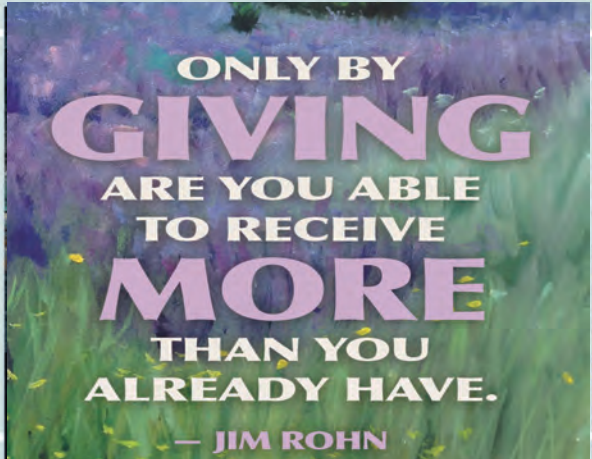
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Offertory Envelopes are traditional and effective way to submit your parish donation for cash or checks. We send Offertory Envelopes directly to your home.

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

STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Collections & Attendance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Sept 11/12 2021

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,100.00	107 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,110.00	64 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,136.00	102 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$886.00	60 people
IN MAIL	\$820.00	
Online Giving Sept 6—Sept 12	\$1,388.00	78 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$6, 440.00	

Second Collection

Diocesan Assessment Collection

Total	\$481.00
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Upcoming Second Collection

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September 26

October 3

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