

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Sunday

APRIL 24, 2022


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OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS
9:00AM — 2:00PM

SUNDAY
9:00AM — 12:45PM

*The Church is open during
Parish Office hours
for prayer.*

WORSHIP WITH US

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 4:30PM

SUNDAY 8:00AM
10:00AM
11:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation
9:00AM & 7:00PM

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ

WEEKDAY MASS

St. Catherine's
Chapel
1 West Main Street Farmingdale

MONDAY 9:00AM
TUESDAY 9:00AM
THURSDAY 9:00AM
FRIDAY 9:00AM



DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday's immediately following
Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel

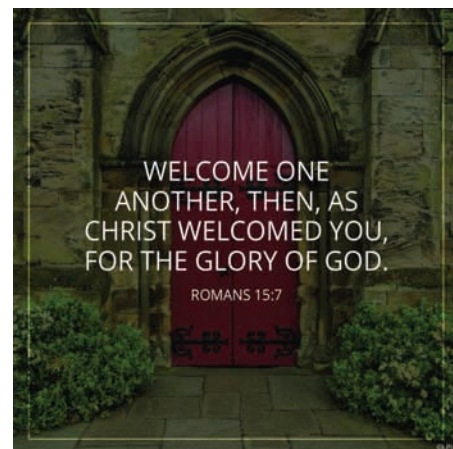
Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month
immediately following Weekday
9 AM Mass at Chapel

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30—4:00PM

Other days by Appointment



A Message from Fr. Angelito



Dear Friends in Christ,

We begun the Easter season; and it is fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday, which we celebrate in joy and exultation. Fifty days of “dwelling in” the paschal mystery. Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives. These are the days above all others in which we sing the ALLELUIA. Notice that the Paschal Candle, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the Altar through Pentecost Sunday. Together with all the candles in the sanctuary, they are all lit throughout the Easter season.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The conversions and inner and physical healings in spiritual prayer group meetings have but one source: the risen Christ. Surrender to the Lord to be filled with the spirit of the Lord, and to be a witness of the Lord, are basic to the Christian way of living as this has been and will always be the characteristic of every committed Christian. Therefore, in His first encounter with the disciples, the risen Lord gives them His spirit and sends them as His witnesses. The risen Lord is alive evermore! As we listen to the second reading, His power of healing and converting has been working in the lives of men and women.

As we hear the Gospel reading, Christ’s remark to Thomas is especially relevant in the context of prayer group meetings. Since the total man experiences the risen Lord, one’s experience of the Lord in faith can overflow the senses, though not necessarily. In other words, the faith experience of the Lord can lead to the sensory experience of the Lord. But to sense satisfaction and sense-assurance rather than the knowledge of the Lord in faith is dangerous and reprehensible. The vision of and gifts from the Lord are poor substitutes for the Lord Himself.

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe...” these are written as St. John ends his Gospel---“that you may believe and Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.” Believe and live--- faith and life—how are those two interconnected in us? Blessed are we if we believe and live in Jesus.

During those moments of darkness, disillusionment and despair, the Lord broke in upon them and enlightened their gloomy minds with the sunshine of his forgiving grace. The Lord did not abandon them, although they failed him miserably. What a beautiful example of God’s unconditional love. It is hard to keep up the flame of faith and hope when misfortunes befall us, when persecutions arise or the search for reason and facts is futile. Like the apostles, we are reluctant to accept the risen Lord. Often, we fail Christ wretchedly and without excuse, but today’s Gospel assures us of the ‘gift of peace,’ and so let us not allow our past to crush us but let us shake it off, rise above it, humbly accept God’s gracious gift of peace.

Experience has shown us how unstable are our sturdiest and strongest resolutions, how frail and undependable our fickle hearts. Yes, we cannot manage without Christ. Christ does not ask the impossible from us. He gives what makes the impossible possible. So, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” St. Thomas was blessed with the presence of Christ.

John saw the risen Lord clearly in a vision, the One who died but is alive evermore, holding the keys of death and hades. Belief in the risen Lord was the source of his power and strength. Christ commissioned him to write down the ‘Revelation’ so that people could believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that they could live in and for Him.

Lord, help me to believe even against all odds. Amen.

Recommendations to fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter.
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins.
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus.
4. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday.
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast.
6. Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy.
7. Be merciful to others through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

May God bless you. —Father Angelito

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

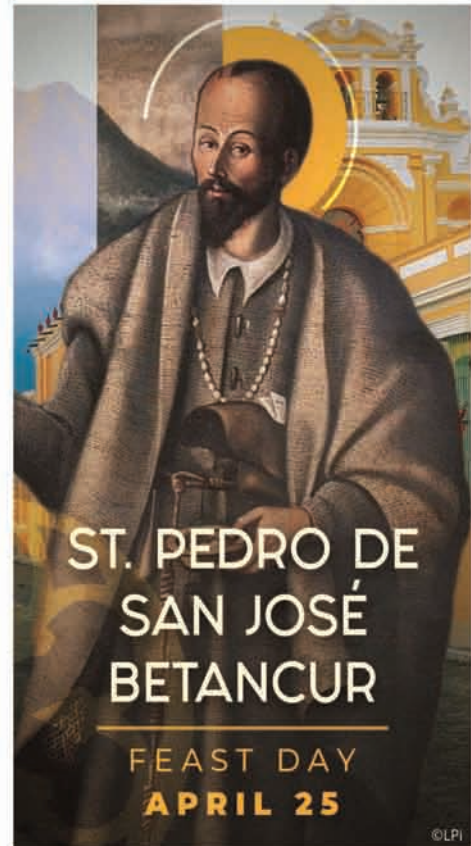
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Monday:** St. Mark, Evangelist
- Wednesday:** Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Friday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day
- Saturday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St. Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

Mass Intentions



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Let us pray for those who have passed away and call
on God's love and mercy to grant them eternal rest in
Heaven.*

Saturday • April 23

4:30 PM

† Maryann Cullen

r/b Loving Aunt & Sisters

Sunday • April 24

8:00 AM

† Rose & Anthony Cataffo

r/b JoAnn Callari

10:00 AM

† John Keegan

r/b The Keegan Family

11:30 AM

† Everett Hassell

r/b The Doran Family

Monday • April 25

9:00 AM

† Grace M. Shay

r/b Joseph Meagher

Tuesday • April 26

9:00 AM

† Dorothy Young

r/b Anne Hilker

Thursday • April 28

9:00 AM

† Rose Sartorio

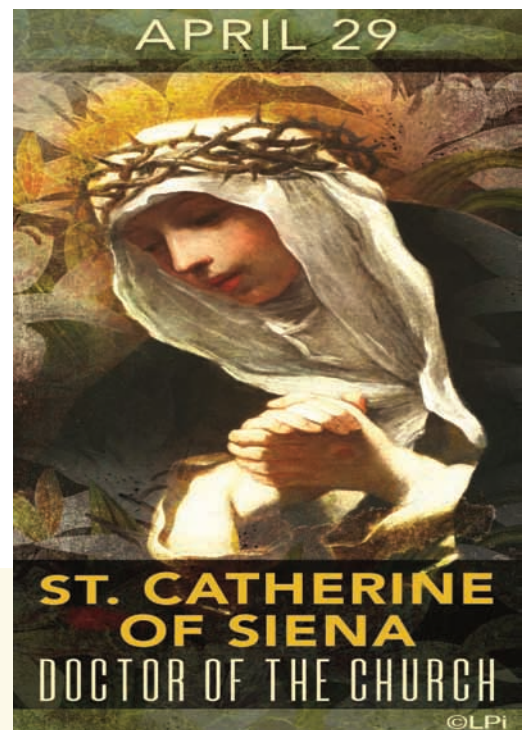
r/b Elizabeth & Rocco Ferranti

Friday • April 29

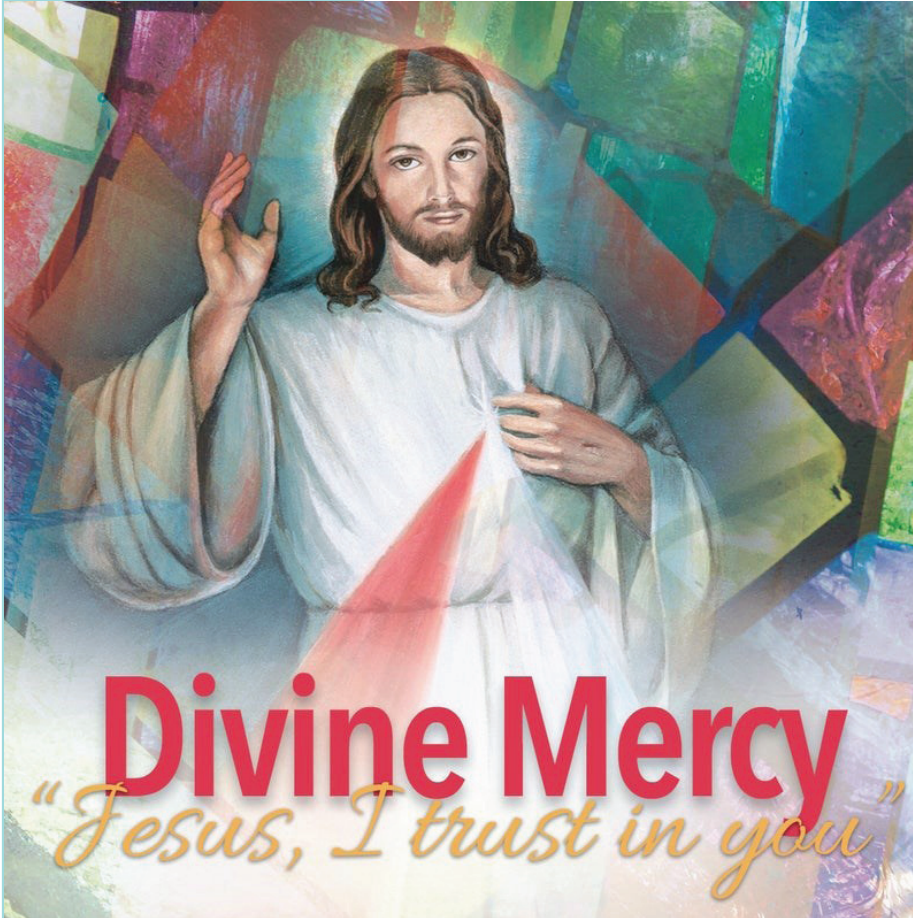
9:00 AM

† Eleanor P. Salvo

r/b Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Infante



Let us Pray



Prayer for Divine Mercy

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles!

O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour.

Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming — that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to heaven

(Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1570).



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.
- 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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Baptism

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Course prior to scheduling 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.

Join Our Parish Family



We welcome you to St. Catherine of Siena Church to 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.

WELCOME

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**John McKee
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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 in the 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. Thank You.

Community News

Attention Experienced Sewers -Volunteers Needed

Would you like a meaningful opportunity to use your skills?



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"After my mother passed away on hospice, I received a flyer about the Bear Hugs program. As a sewer myself, I was touched by this opportunity to preserve my mother's memory and to use my skills to bring comfort to others as well. It was an honor to make my 3 practice bears from my mother's clothing. Once the team of experienced seamstresses approved my work, I became part of the team. That was 10 years ago and I have been creating memory bears for other hospice families ever since. I love it!" – Bear Hugs Volunteer



"It is a labor of love, and so worth it to hear about the enjoyment and comfort the bears bring to the families. Truly my favorite volunteer activity." – Bear Hugs Volunteer

For more information about becoming a volunteer seamstress, please contact Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteer Services at 732-224-6933 or pauline.depalma@vnahg.org



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For further information, please contact
Laura Randazzo at
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www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal



Weekly First Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, April 9-10 2022

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,643.00	117 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,520.00	110 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,602.00	214 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,672.00	179 People
Online Giving	\$2,843.00	

Total Weekly Collection \$9,280.00

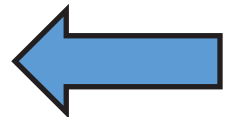
SECOND COLLECTION

Saturday/Sunday, April 9-10, 2022

Diocesan Assessment	\$910.00
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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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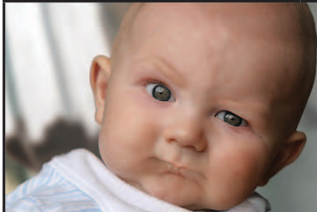
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