

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Trenton • December 11, 2022



3rd

SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

Welcome



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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,

Please allow me to reinforce and mention that the Advent Season is a great time to evaluate and check on our relationship with God, others, and ourselves. Advent is a call to renewal and reinvigorates the gift of faith that the Lord has given us. Hence, we offer all the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation for Confessions and absolutions this week: Monday, December 12, at 4:30 and 6:15 in the evening at the Church. We join our religious education students for this beautiful event. And if we miss by chance Monday, we still have the sacrament of Penance on Tuesday, December 13, at 4:30 in the evening. Please come; Jesus, our Divine Healer and Merciful Lord, is waiting for us.

Our Breakfast with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus was a great success due to the efforts of dedicated parish volunteers, particularly the parents and young adults from our Religious Education Program. We truly appreciate their efforts and time as they cooked pancakes and served our parish family with joy. Equally important and valuable is the High School Jazz Band from CBA, who have entertained us and are so happy to share their talents with their fantastic music. Once again, as your Pastor, I am truly humbled and proud of our parish community as you support us every step of the way. With great appreciation and immense gratitude. Thanks a million.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist." What a great compliment to John the Baptist from Jesus the King of kings, the greatest of all! We can ask the question, what was the secret of his success? How did he become worthy of such a glowing compliment?

John was a man who loved silence: the silence of the desert and silence of the heart. In the silence of the desert, he entered into the depth of his heart and asked himself specific fundamental questions regarding his own life, such as: "Who am I? Why am I here on earth? And what am I called to do?" Through his desert experience, he found clear-cut answers to these intensely personal questions. John underwent a gradual, painful process of discernment regarding his vocation and mission. The result was fantastic. He found out exactly who he was and his life's mission. He was a man free of any identity crisis. He never measured success in terms of rich food, fine clothing, and comfortable home. He did not follow the maddening crowd in the running after wealth, pleasures, name, and fame. He was free to be fully committed to his mission. Humility was the hallmark of his greatness. He admitted that he was not the Messiah but only a voice crying out in the wilderness, unworthy even to untie the sandals of the promised Messiah.

Nothing could shake John or break him because he knew he was rooted in the Lord, and there was nothing in him to be broken. That was the secret of John the Baptist's strength, which put it beyond this world's powers to hurt him. Indeed, he was in every way worthy of Jesus' great tribute.

Joy is man's crucial quest, and God is man's ultimate joy. Jesus' wish for his disciples was, "My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" (15:11). John the Baptist found his joy in God even before his birth. In his mother's womb, he danced for joy. Having already experienced joy in the Lord, John the Baptist confesses when he meets Jesus, "This joy of mine is now full" (Jn.3:29). John the Baptist was thoroughly rooted in the Lord of his joy. This made him free, free for and in the Lord. John the Baptist was then not a joyless Spartan or sad stoic. His stern, straightforward and courageous style of life was a natural outcome of his rootedness in the Lord of joy.

I adore you, Lord, as the source and summit of my joy. May my roots daily thrust deeper into you and draw pure joy from You. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you. (Is 35:4)

PSALM:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Make your hearts firm,
because the coming of the Lord is at hand. (Jas 5:7)

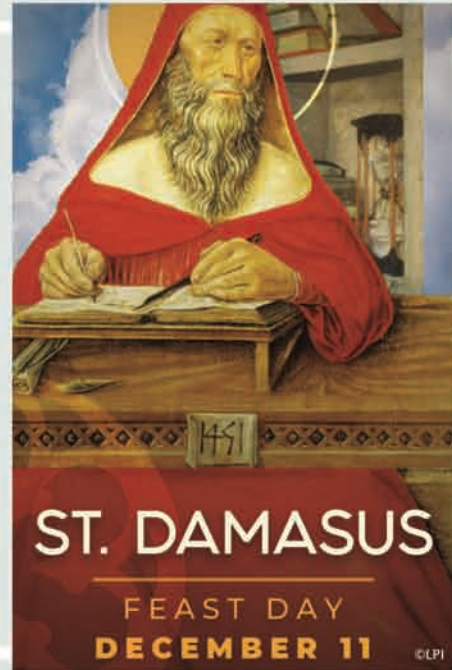
GOSPEL:

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ,
he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question,
"Are you the one who is to come,
or should we look for another?" (Mt 11:2-3)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Saint of the Week

Saint Damasus served as bishop of Rome for 18 years as Pope Damasus I (366-384). He had to endure significant controversy early in his pontifical reign when a factional group of bishops insisted that their chosen claimant, Ursinus, was the true pope. Both sides resorted to violence before the issue was decided in favor of Damasus. He went on to make the unification of the Church a central focus of his papacy and fervently fought to counter any division caused by the many heretical teachings of his time. While he was pope, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman Empire and Rome's authority in the Church was decided by a synod that Damasus called in 382. This synod established Rome as the direct descendant of the Church founded by the apostle Saint Peter, the apostolic see, and put an end to confusion stemming from Constantinople, which some were already calling "The New Rome". To further unify the Church, Damasus introduced Latin as the principle liturgical language and commissioned his secretary, Saint Jerome, to compile and revise the various translations of the Bible into one official translation to be used by the entire Church: The Latin Vulgate. This successfully preserved the original Scriptures by making them more accessible to the average Christian. A writer and poet himself, Saint Damasus lives on in history through his many epigrams and verse inscriptions that can be found on the Roman catacombs that he restored during his papacy. Saint Jerome described his friend, Pope Damasus, as being "an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure."

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 • December 10

4:30 PM

† **Bill Whittaker**

r/b The Infante Family

Sunday • December 11

8:00 AM

† **Eric James O'Doherty**

r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel & Family

10:00 AM

† **Jean Burke**

r/b Loving Husband & Family

11:30 AM

† **Dinh Nguyen**

r/b Loving Wife & Children

Monday • December 12

9:00 AM

† **Janice Johnson**

r/b The Hogland Family

Tuesday • December 13

9:00 AM

† **Francesca Ligotti**

r/b The Ciaravino Family

Thursday • December 15

9:00 AM

† **Antonio Danniballe**

r/b Michael & Connie Golden

Friday • December 16

9:00 AM

† **Patrick Sweeney**

r/b Jim & Marian Ferris



Advent Season



ADVENT PRAYER

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a wonder at
the wisdom and power of
Your Father and ours.

Receive my prayer as part
of my service of the Lord
who enlists me in God's
own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a hunger for
peace: peace in the world,
peace in my home,
peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a joy
responsive to the Father's
joy. I seek His will so I can
serve with gladness,
singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me the joy and
love and peace it is right to
bring to the manger of my
Lord. Raise in me, too,
sober reverence for the God
who acted there, hearty
gratitude for the life begun
there, and spirited
resolution to serve the
Father and Son. I pray in
the name of Jesus Christ,
whose advent I hail.
Amen.

Advent Evening Prayer With
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Sundays—December 11, 18—6 PM

**Come and prepare your heart for the
celebration of the birth of Jesus!**

**We begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
continue with Evening Prayer with a short homily and
time for silent adoration.**

Advent Reconciliation

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Monday, December 12, 2022

4:30 PM & 6:15 PM

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

4:30 PM

Saturdays—Dec. 3, 10, 17

3:30 PM





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.

For sponsor requests from St. Catherine', you must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request, showing participation in the life & support of the Church.

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.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

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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.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

Baptism

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to scheduling the Baptism.

Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

Please call the Parish Office for 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.



*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome
Our Newly Baptized*

*Luca James Gray
Simon Stephen Smit*



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.

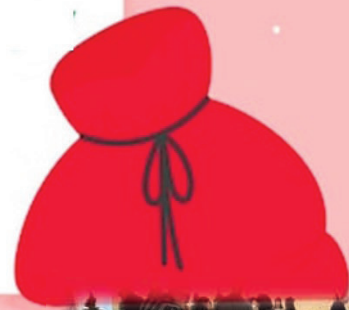
Parish News



**A huge Thank You! to
our Parish Volunteers,
Religious Education
Students & Families &
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You are appreciated!**

**THANK
YOU**

*Special Thanks to
Santa & Mrs. Claus!*

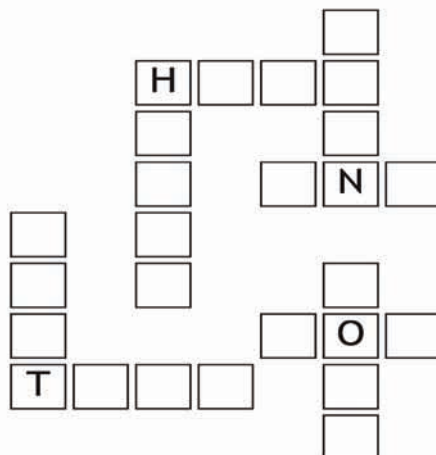


SHARING THE GOSPEL

Name someone that you think is very important. Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest man ever born. John the Baptist did not live in a big house or wear nice clothes. He was not the president, and he did not own a huge company. You would probably think he was very poor. But John the Baptist was truly great because he loved and trusted God with his whole heart. He helped other people follow God, too.

KIDS CORNER

Tell John what you have heard and seen.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Religious Education News

Last Class Before Christmas Break:
Open Dec. 18, 19, 20

Classes Return Jan. 8, 9, 10

Saint Catherine of Siena Church

Worship with Us

Christmas Schedule

DECEMBER 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE
MASSES

4:00 PM • 6:00 PM • 10:00 PM

Overflow Mass • 4:00 PM • Parish Hall

DECEMBER 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY
MASSES

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 11:30 AM

ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL

WEEKDAY MASS • 9:00 AM

DEC 26 • DEC 27 • DEC 29 • DEC 30 • JAN 2 • JAN 3 • JAN 5 • JAN 6

DECEMBER 31 • 4:30 PM MASS

JANUARY 1 • SOLEMNITY OF MARY

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 11:30 AM



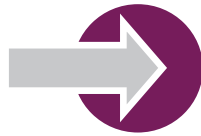
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*O come, let us adore Christ the Lord,
here with us in the Eucharist!*

Rosary, Confessions, and Eucharistic
Adoration at 6:30 p.m. Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 12, at St. Clement Church, Matawan
Tuesday, December 13, at St. Dorothea Church, Eatontown
Wednesday, December 14, at St. Ann Church, Keansburg
Thursday, December 15, at Holy Family Church,
Union Beach
Friday, December 16, at Holy Innocents Church, Neptune
Saturday, December 17, at St. Mary, Mother of God
Church, Middletown
Sunday, December 18, at St. Mary of the Assumption
Church, Deal
Monday, December 19, at St. Benedict Church, Holmdel
Tuesday, December 20, at St. James Church, Red Bank
(with dinner immediately following this Mass)

Support St. Catherine of Siena Parish



Ways to Give

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, December 3-4, 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,249.00	92 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,772.00	148 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,654.00	205 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,117.00	90 People
Online Giving	\$2,797.00	
Total	\$8,589.00	

SECOND COLLECTION	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$678.00



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Drop your envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or mail directly to the Parish Office.

To receive envelopes, please register in the parish. Please call the Parish Office to check your status.



ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.

HOW TO CREATE YOUR ONLINE GIVING ACCOUNT

VISIT: www.sienachurch.org



Click on the collection you wish to donate to.

Click Recurring Donation, enter your amount & frequency. Your account is now created.

It's that easy! Questions? Call the Parish Office.

This Advent, join the Diocese of Trenton Chapter of Catholic Relief Services in helping families around the world. CRS is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States and provides assistance to people in need in over 100 countries. Support the Church's mission of serving people in need by contributing to our Giving Tree. Please go to our Giving Page:

[Diocese of Trenton CRS Chapter - Fundraising For Catholic Relief Services \(donordrive.com\)](http://Diocese of Trenton CRS Chapter - Fundraising For Catholic Relief Services (donordrive.com))

to learn more about how you can help and to make a donation or use the QR Code below. Thank you for your compassion and generosity, and for making a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world. If you would like more information about our Chapter or would like to join us, please contact Bruno Multari at bmultari@aol.com. Wishing you a blessed Advent of waiting and preparing through prayer and charity!



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ACA Update

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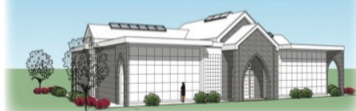
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