

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

- Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

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 our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday, we are happy to invite you to the Parish Hall for our Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus after our 8 AM and 10 AM Masses today. A big word of thanks to our dedicated volunteers who worked so hard to make this event possible as they offered their time, talent, and effort and continued with our wonderful tradition in St. Catherine. Please come immediately after those Masses mentioned above and fellowship with our faithful and good parish people, having some drinks and food, meeting our new parish members, and welcoming them. We want everyone to feel welcome and be comfortable with our conversations, laughter, and sharing fun. After all, we are one family of God in the parish community. Hope to see you all!

Evening prayers, exposition, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and benediction begins tonight at 6 PM in the Church as we devote our most precious time to Advent. Let us prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus through fervent prayer, coming to Church for the Masses, praying, and reflection in the sacred Scriptures. We understand that this season is the busiest time of the year; however, we are reminded of our Advent and offer our services in the parish.

Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother, a holy day of obligation for us, and our schedule of Masses is 9 AM and 7 PM. Let us honor and remember Mary, that from the moment she was conceived by her mother, St. Anne, she was already sinless, and that privilege is bestowed upon her by the Father in Heaven as she is to be the mother of the Savior. On December 12, at 4:30 and 6:15 in the evening, we have confessions for the religious education students. Also, on December 13 at 4:30 PM, in the Church, both sacraments of reconciliation schedules are open to the public. We are thankful to our guest priests who will help us administer the sacrament and give absolutions to the penitents. This is a beautiful opportunity as we wait with great expectation and anticipation of the coming of Christ on Christmas.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to repent. The call to repentance is a call to conversion, to have a new heart, and to discover our authentic selves. We cannot do this unless we are willing to change when we find the things we set our hearts on and the persons we associate with are unhelpful for our proper growth. And when we realize that our past actions and attitudes were wrong and have caused pain and suffering to others, our tears become spontaneous and eloquent. Moistened by repentant tears, the seed of genuine conversion germinates within us, and a new heart begins to bloom.

Tears clear one's sight. They wash away the grime and dirt of our past mistakes. We shed tears and see with the same organ: eyes. We are unable to see well until we have shed streams of tears. By shedding tears, we see what we have been, what we are and what we can, and should be. Tears cleansing, healing, and redeeming tears are befitting fruits of repentance we should act as for today. Only then will we see in the Babe of Bethlehem our Savior, our personal Savior.

Dear Jesus, give me the right self-knowledge and help me truly be sorry for all my sins. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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FIRST READING:

Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,
but he shall judge the poor with justice,
and decide aright for the land's afflicted. (Is 11:3-4)

PSALM:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God. (Rom 15:7)

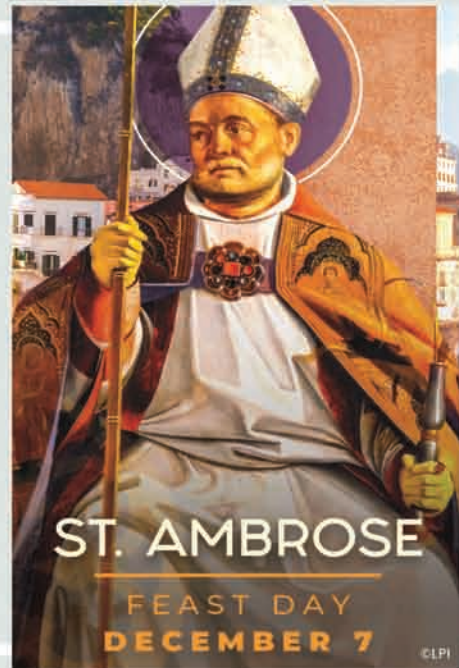
GOSPEL:

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea
and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at
hand!" (Mt 3:1-2)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Wednesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Saturday: Our Lady of Loreto
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope



Saint of the Week

Saint Ambrose was born to an aristocratic Roman Christian family in 339 in what is now Trier, Germany. One popular legend tells of a swarm of bees alighting on the infant Ambrose's face and leaving behind a drop of honey which his father took as a sign that Ambrose would be an eloquent speaker with a 'honeyed tongue.'

Ambrose was educated in law and rhetoric in Rome. Like his father, he went into public service and was made governor of Liguria and Emilia about 373. In the second year of his governorship, he went to moderate the election of the bishop of Milan because the heretical Arians were challenging the succession. Unbaptized and untrained in theology, Ambrose was called by popular acclamation to be bishop. Though he attempted to flee, he was found and within a week he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on December 7, 374.

As bishop Ambrose studied scripture and the writings of Church fathers, he gave his property and wealth to the poor, and became an impactful orator, hymn writer, and renowned teacher. He highly praised consecrated virginity, likely influenced by his sister who took the veil. A contemporary with St. Martin of Tours, he also defended the faith against the Arian heresy (which questioned Christ's divinity), and against the state. Ambrose required Emperor Theodosius do public penance after the massacre of Thessalonica. His classic education contributed to his writing and sermons which attracted and converted Saint Augustine of Hippo who Saint Ambrose baptized.

Saint Ambrose is one of four original doctors of the Church. He died in 397 in Milan, Italy. His remains can be seen today at the Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio, where he lays with Saint Gervasus and Saint Protasus.

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 3

4:30 PM

† Ray & Frances Wujcik

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

Sunday • December 4

8:00 AM

† Anna & Thomas Neary

r/b The Percaccio Family

10:00 AM

† Joseph G. Giuliano

r/b Doris Ramme

11:30 AM

† Ida Piccolo

r/b Donna Ranieri

Monday • December 5

9:00 AM

† Manuel P. Pineiro, Sr.

r/b Loving Wife & Family

Tuesday • December 6

9:00 AM

† John Williams

r/b John & Stephanie Harakal

Thursday • December 8

9:00 AM

† Connie Gersbeck

r/b Loving Husband, Joe

7:00 PM

† Consolacion Anarcon

Friday • December 9

9:00 AM

† Dorothy Molzon

r/b Loving Daughter, Faith Fernandez

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Celebrating the

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

December 8

St. Catherine of Siena
Church

9AM Mass

7PM Mass

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 4, 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.

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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*

*Angelina Vincenza-Ann
Binetti*



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.

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



Today you are with John the Baptist. He is wearing a camel skin coat and has a leather strap around his waist. He shares two grasshoppers and a little wild honey with you. He says, "Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will be here soon." You tell John, "I am very sorry for my sins. I am now obeying God's laws." Then John baptizes you in the Jordan River to make you ready for the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER

Lord, teach me to be truly sorry when I do something wrong.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I pray that people thinking of doing evil will choose God's way instead.

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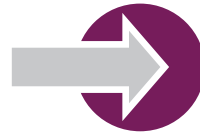
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Support St. Catherine of Siena Parish



Ways to Give



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.

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Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Nov 19-20, 2022

4:30 PM Mass	\$875.00	109 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,118.00	90 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,352.00	139 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,311.00	168 People
Online Giving	\$1,962.00	
Total	\$6,618.00	

SECOND COLLECTION

Campaign for Human Development	\$749.00
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Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Nov 26-27, 2022

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,031.00	95 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,719.00	93 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,490.00	162 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,186.00	114 People
Online Giving	\$1202.00	
Total	\$6,628.00	

SECOND COLLECTION

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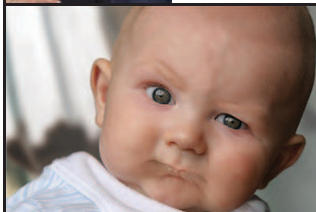
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