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JANUARY 23, 2022



3RD SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a*



**St. Catherine of Siena
Roman Catholic Church**

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Sunday 9:00 AM–12:45 PM

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM · 10:00 AM · 11:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ

Reconciliation

SATURDAY 3:30 —4:00 PM

Parish Hall Narthex

Other days by Appointment

Confessionals will not be used due to lack of ventilation. Masks will be worn by priest and penitents.

Weekday Mass

St. Catherine's Chapel

1 West Main Street Farmingdale, NJ

Mon ▪ Tues ▪ Thurs ▪ Friday

No Mass on Wednesday

9:00 AM

Devotions

Novena — Monday's immediately following Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration — First Friday of the Month immediately following 9 AM Mass at Chapel

The Church is open during parish office hours for prayer.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Allow me to share with you an inspiring story. A suitor in Wales rebuffed for forty-two years eventually won his fair lady. After writing 2,184 love letters, the persistent but rather shy man, receiving neither written nor spoken answer, summoned enough courage to present himself in person. He knocked on the lady's door and asked for her hand. To his delight and surprise, she accepted! The couple married at 74 years of age.

Jesus, after His baptism, was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness and allowed himself to be tempted by the devil. There in those long days of honest self-searching and His communion with God, He perceived the purpose of His life. He returned from there with a solid determination to carry out that purpose. Even though He had to reaffirm with determination not to let His concern for people's physical needs, poverty and sicknesses, and desire for some immediate material advantage divert Him from ministering to their empty souls.

A clear purpose gave meaning to his life. He had a solid determination to go ahead. No wonder he was able to take a surprising number of shocks and bumps on the outside without suffering severe setbacks.

At Nazareth, on the Sabbath, when Jesus stood to read in the synagogues, he was given a passage from the book of Isaiah, which glows with the message of God's goodness and compassion. There He found the perfect description of the mission He was called to fulfill; to preach the good news to the poor, to set at liberty the oppressed, and to proclaim a good year to the Lord.

It is imperative to teach the Gospel conclusively. First, Jesus came with good news, not bad news. The Gospel is good news for everybody, but especially the poor. Who are the poor? They are those who realize their sinfulness and are thirsting for God's love and mercy. They will ultimately receive these gifts in abundance. It is not a question of whether one deserves them. To receive them is not a sign of our worthiness but God's goodness. This, of course, was a terrible blow to people like the Pharisees, who were convinced that one can be one's own light and one's own justification and that God is there only to issue confirmation on one's own justification.

However, the good news must not be limited to spiritual blessings only. The poor are all the wounded and little ones; the blind, the oppressed, the captives, and all those who are waiting for the liberator. Jesus did not come to minister to the wealthy, who are bloated with pride and the conviction of their virtue and do not see themselves as sinners in need of redemption. There is no liberation for those who rely on things that counted for nothing with Jesus and think they deserve it before everybody else. "Happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of heaven" (Lk 6:60). Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

ANOINTED

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

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 · January 22

4:30 PM

† **Donald and Jeanne Douglas**

r/b The Ust Family

Sunday · January 23

8:00 AM

† **Robert Silvestri**

r/b Eugene Libertucci

10:00 AM

† **Carmen & Jesus Cintron**

r/b The DeVaux Family

11:30 AM

† **Alfred Cinter**

r/b Terri Murray

Monday · January 24

9:00 AM

† **Joseph Dimeo**

r/b Libby Miller

Tuesday · January 25

9:00 AM

† **Stanley Marciniak**

r/b Dr. & Mrs. Richard Fernandez

Thursday · January 27

9:00 AM

† **Margaret Dinsmore**

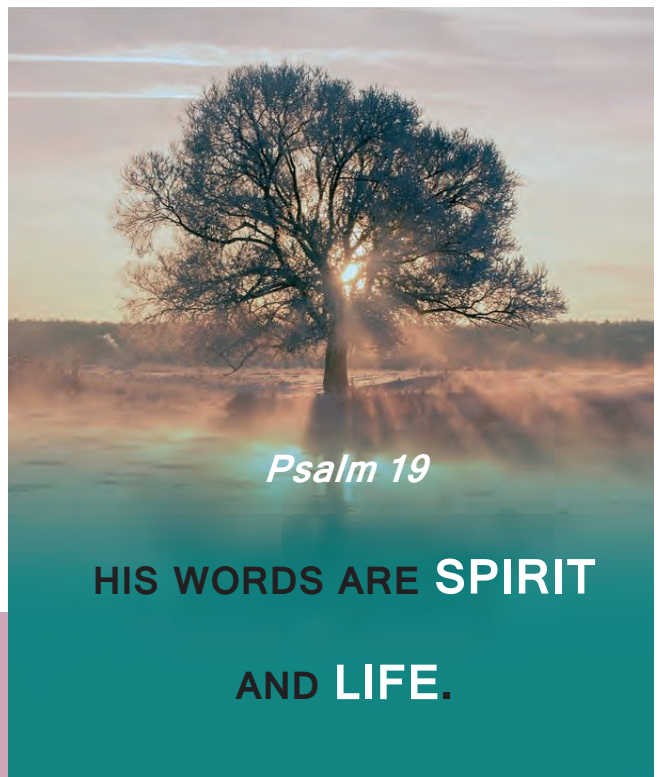
r/b Bill & Eileen Murphy

Friday · January 28

9:00 AM

† **Tom Kazmierski**

r/b Bruce & Stephanie Brayshaw



Psalm 19

HIS WORDS ARE **SPIRIT**

AND LIFE.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

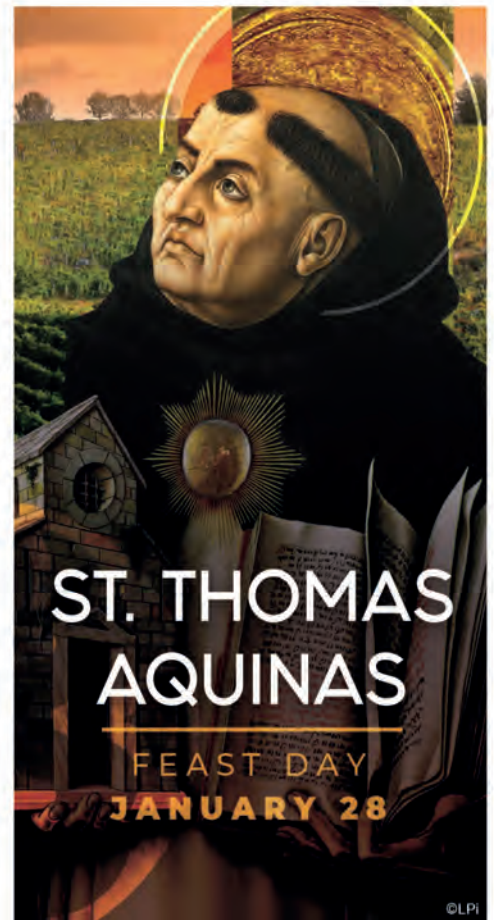
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

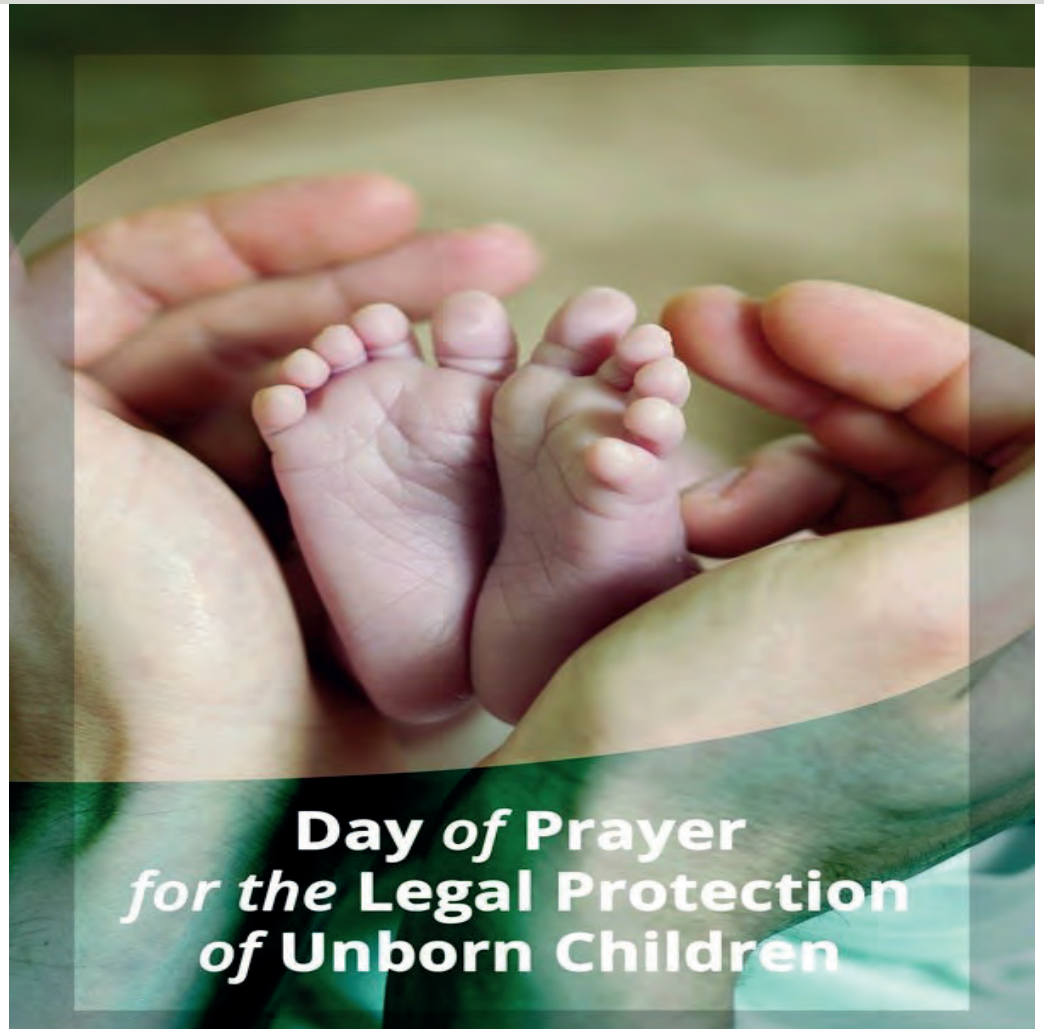
One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

January 23, 2022

Prayer
for Life
for all
unborn
children
whose
lives are
at risk.



Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life. Grant this through our
Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever
and ever. Amen.



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.

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

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

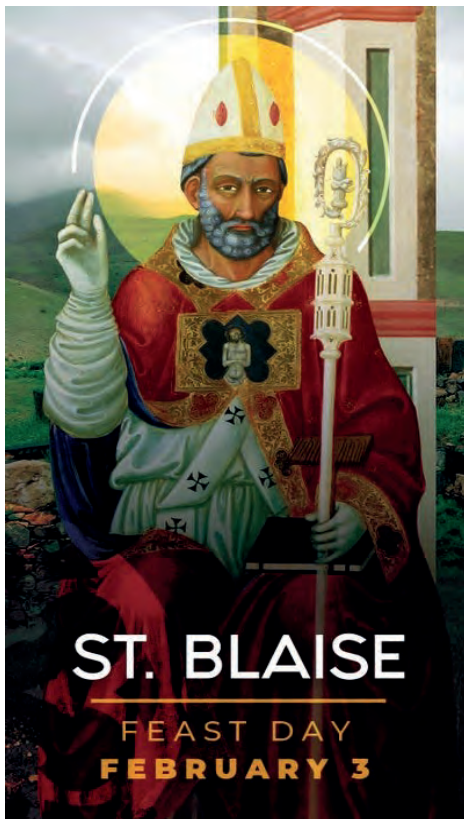
Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

Reconciliation

3:30 p.m. Saturday—Parish Hall Narthex
Other days by appointment.

Confessionals will not be used due to lack of ventilation. Masks will be worn by priest and penitent.

Announcements



The Memorial of St. Blaise falls on a Thursday this year. Throats will be blessed at the conclusion of the Masses the weekend of February 5 & 6.

Due to Covid and as a general health/safety precaution, no individual blessing of throats will occur.

The Presider of the Mass will administer the blessing and prayers to the whole congregation.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House
84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

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

CLAIM YOUR LIGHT/FIND YOUR VOICE

Thursday, February 3 9:30 AM - Noon

Ever feel as though you are running on empty? You are not alone! Come join in a mid-morning retreat and fill your spiritual gas tank with the energy hidden in the back-to-back feasts of the Presentation of Jesus and St. Blaise. Renewed by God's presence, go forth and be God's light and God's voice in our world. Donation: \$20.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY IN-PERSON ONLY

Wednesday, February 9 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Take a day away from the busyness of your life. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION FOR COUPLES IN-PERSON ONLY

Sunday, February 13 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Liturgy at 11:00 AM

This year our Valentine Celebration takes a different shape. We begin with Mass at 11:00 AM which will include the renewal of marriage vows. We follow with a delicious lunch. Donation: Love Offering.



In observance of World Marriage Day, 2/13/22, & National Marriage Week, 2/7—2/14/22, the Diocese of Trenton honors all catholic married couples with a special web resource to enhance their marriage. Please visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples.

Parish Life



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

NEW PARISHIONERS!

The Buccellato Family

Vito & Susan

The Marois Family

Roger & Carol

The Stallone Family

Nicholas & Lisa
Calliana & Sebastian

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

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. Thank You.



A community where we are family
and we share our many gifts generously

Thank you to those who have already signed up to support our parish family ...**ONLINE**. If you haven't signed up yet, we remind you to consider sharing your financial gifts with us by signing up to our parish Online Giving Program, **WeShare**.



Being able to give online makes donating simple and easy, while at the same time keeping the process safe and secure. By offering online giving, we will be able to engage our parish families to join us in supporting the important work we have been called to do together.

It is simple to set up a one-time or recurring donation, and allocate the amounts of your choice to any of our second collections. Please prayerfully consider switching your gifts online. Your choice to give online will help our parish be better stewards of our Time, Treasure and Talent.

To create an online giving account, please visit

<https://sienachurch.churchgiving.com> to create your online giving account. We welcome you to call the parish office for help setting up your account or to answer any questions about the program.

We thank you for your support and generosity.



ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a tax statement for your 2021 contributions to St. Catherine of Siena Church. Please email taxstatements@sienachurch.org.

In your email include your full name, address, phone number, and envelope number.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.



Weekly First Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, January 15-16, 2022

4:30 PM Mass	\$834.00	80 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$768.00	51 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,144.00	102 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$821.00	81 people
Mail	\$640.00	
Online Giving	\$2,171.00	87 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,378.00	

SECOND COLLECTION

Saturday/Sunday, January 15-16, 2022

Parish Energy & Fuel	\$520.00
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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Parish Update

Goal: \$40,000.00

Pledged: \$43,674.24

Collected: \$43,417.66

Pledge Balance: \$256.58

Thank you to all our parishioners on your continued generosity.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

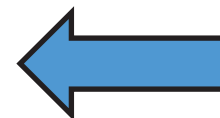


JANUARY 30, 2022

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FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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