

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

March 5, 2022

“
May the Queen
of Peace preserve
the world from the
madness of war.

- POPE FRANCIS



1st Sunday
OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a


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 Parishioners,

We are almost there... It's been a while that we ought to be mindful of the health and safety protocols due to the worldwide health crisis because of the Covid 19 pandemic. Hopefully, soon we are going back to normalcy, given the data and statistics of the health department. I guess everyone is looking forward to that day, the pre-pandemic times. However, as we prepare for that slow opening and loosening up of the health and safety protocols, we are appealing and calling our faithful parishioners for your wholehearted cooperation and strong participation as we move forward for our parish community's spiritual, religious, and social events. Please be mindful that we have plenty of ministries. Some of those dedicated members and leaders have approached me already and are ready to serve. We are so grateful and appreciative of that kind of gesture. Thank you so much.

Nevertheless, we should not forget the lessons and learnings we have acquired from the challenges and trials from the crisis. Health and safety are equally important not only for oneself but for everyone. Please always be mindful of the common good and the "Golden Rule."

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading the Gospel for this Sunday brought me to an important question: What Jesus drew to the wilderness? The natural world played a crucial role in his teachings and life. He regularly returned to the hills to pray and commune with the Father, especially before making vital and important decisions.

The devil knows that when Jesus leaves the wilderness, he will embark on his public ministry, so now is ample time to seduce him away from his mission. But Jesus shows his resolve. He uses this time to clarify his identity and the direction and work of his life. The devil challenges Jesus to produce bread from a stone, potentially solving poverty and hunger to show his strength. Instead, Jesus will offer himself as the living bread to help transform his followers into people who share the material resources they had with those in need. Jesus taught that wealth should not be hoarded but shared and that frugality and living simply should go alongside caring for the natural world. Jesus rejects the temptation of political power, of becoming a leader who would overthrow the occupying Roman rulers. He resists the use of violence. And while he is urged to use a miracle to prove unambiguously that he is the Messiah, he rejects power again.

Lent is a time of repentance and new beginnings. Jesus' experience teaches that there is nothing wrong with being tempted. It's how we react to the temptation that matters. Temptation is less about a choice and more about our identity and direction in life. Think about the decisions before you at the moment. What are they? What is it you really seeking? What brings you peace?

This Lent, let us look at the signs of our times, particularly the damage done by destructive human behavior to poor people and to the community of living things on earth. Today, a concrete example would be the ongoing invasion and war in Eastern Europe perpetrated and started by the Russian leader. We must pray for him as well as for the people of Ukraine. We are glad that the international community and Christian Churches have been waking up to the moral imperative to address justice, peace, and care for creation. Could we also get more involved in local initiatives, working for the common good of humanity and the whole earth community? A transition to a more sustainable life will mean opting for a new way of living based on simplicity and sufficiency rather than endless consumption and the greed-driven accumulation of material possessions. We need to make a move to escape the materialism that seeps into our minds through incessant advertising. Somehow, we must break this cycle because it causes us to sin against our needy brothers and sisters and God's creation. Let us reject temptations of greed, selfishness, and indifference towards our neighbors. God expects from us a maturity to accept responsibility for the future of our lives and the communities of which we are part. Amen.

May God bless us. –Father Angelito

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 · March 5
4:30 PM

† **Philip & Stella Olenitsky**
r/b Loving Daughter, June

Sunday · March 6
8:00 AM

† **Joe Kirasich**
r/b The Zientek Family

10:00 AM
† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**
r/b Anne Hilker

11:30 AM
† **Jose Martinez Sr.**
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Jose Martinez Jr.

Monday · March 7
9:00 AM

† **Daniel Flynn III**
r/b Frank & Sylvie Neal

Tuesday · March 8
9:00 AM

† **Frank J. Woelfel**
r/b Rowell & Gloria Reyes & Family

Thursday · March 10
9:00 AM

† **Patrick & John Gaughan**
r/b Bill & Eileen Murphy

Friday · March 11
9:00 AM

† **Joseph Sos**
r/b JoAnn Sos



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

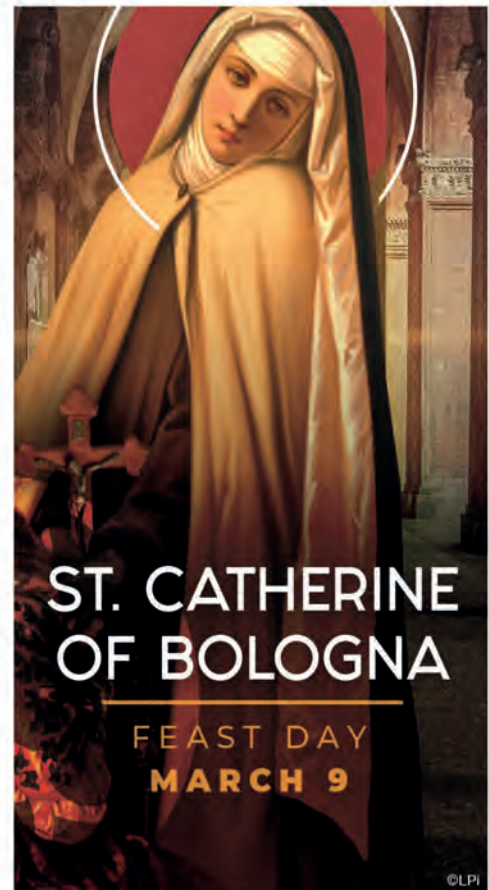
- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling.



ST. CATHERINE OF BOLOGNA

FEAST DAY
MARCH 9

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

Let us Pray



First Reconciliation

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. — Galatians 1:3

Please hold our students close in prayer.

Gianna Ambrose
Donovan Boyle
Anthony Calabrese
Penelope Capone
John Caracciola
Charlotte Carpenter
Abigail Cole
Connor Congiusta
Emma Cortina
Angelo Cottone
Oscar Madrigal Cruz
Louis DeFilippo

Jameson Delmonico
Makayla Erbeck
Fernando Feliciano
Madilyn Ganley
Airabelle Kuhi
Gavin McBride
Sofia Modzelewski
Christian Mouton
Quentin Murphy
Anthony Napolitano
Santino Negro
Mia Onulak

Vincent Palazzolo
Daniel Paulsen
Gianluca Pizzano
Kennedy Regina
Vincenza Robbins
Mia Samarelli
Milania Samarelli
Liam Sterk
Christian Sullivan
Benjamin Tuosto
Emilia Velez
Gia Velto



Stations of the Cross at Our Parish

Join us for Stations of the Cross at our Church
ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

6 PM

March 4 March 11 March 18 March 25
April 1 April 8 April 15

LENTEN SIMPLE DINNER in Parish Hall ALL WELCOME

March 25 Immediately following Stations



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.

Announcements



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 4, 2022

Lenten Regulations

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 until Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. The pastor of a parish has the authority to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish. The Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5-6, 2022 to Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

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

NEW PARISHIONERS!

**The Mullen Family
Ryan & Judy
Sarah, Patrick &
Keira**



*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome*

Our Newly Baptized.

Logan Daniel LaRocca

*May God bless this child
and his family.*

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.



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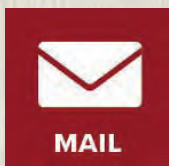


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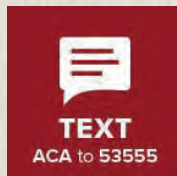
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ACA to 53555



PHONE

For further information,
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Laura Randazzo at
732-938-5375.

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, February 26-27, 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,038.00	100 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,404.00	110 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,057.00	92 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,444.00	119 People
Online Giving	\$1,376.00	
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,319.00	

Online Giving

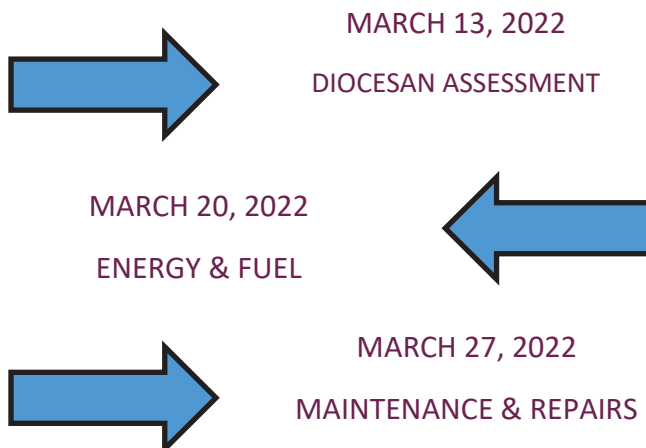
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