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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

#### **DFVOTIONS**

#### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday's immediately following Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel

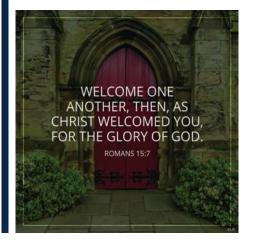
#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

My Friends in Christ,

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

One day a Greek thinker, Diogenes, was standing on a street corner, laughing like a madman. A passer-by asked him, "What is so funny?" "Look at that stone in the

middle of the street. More than ten people have already stumbled on it, and all of them cursed it, but nobody removed it to prevent someone from stumbling," replied Diogenes.

There are thousands of broken homes and families which could not have been broken if the members lived in love. There are thousands of men, women, and children in jails, hospitals, and street corners, who would not be there if those concerned had not failed in fulfilling their obligation to love. Thousands are poor, famished, oppressed, bonded laborers, and victims of war and riots because some people refused to love. Even more shocking, thousands are suffering and uneducated, and thousands live without any place for Christ and his teachings in their lives because we have failed to exercise charity.

Love, the distinguishing mark of Jesus's Kingdom, should spring from our hearts. When there is love in our hearts, there will surely be love in our families, institutions, country, and the world. The human heart is the minutest and most important part of the Kingdom. By the exercise of brotherly love from the heart, we already anticipate the holy city in our midst.

A faithful Christian is not only interested in his salvation but also profoundly concerned about the salvation of others. Merely giving some alms does not constitute the virtue of charity. Compelling interest in the Church matters and Parish activities intended to strengthen the members' faith is the obligation of every Christian. The Apostles and the early Christians proved their undying love by accepting hardships and even martyrdom for the faith. We can show our love for others by courteous correction of an erring person, words of encouragement to the suffering, and above all, through our prayers. Let us begin today to love genuinely and thus build up the Kingdom of God.

As we heard in the second reading, the Church here on earth is a very fallible and feeble sign of the Church in heaven. It is a holy city in heaven, a new Jerusalem, prepared as a bride... It is the dwelling of God with men. St. John pictures God as one who wipes away tears from a crying child's cheeks. It is mothers who gently wipe the tear-smeared cheeks of their children—what a powerful image of the Church. The Church is a fellowship community in sharing, strengthening, comforting, encouraging, and loving. It is a community of warm fellowship, bound and knit together by love.

From the beginning of creation, God cared for his people. So, He sent them shepherds after his own heart. Jesus, the Son of God, came as the Good Shepherd, ready to lay down His life for His sheep. After testing Peter's capacity to love and care, Jesus appointed him as the shepherd of his flock. The apostles, in their turn, as stated in today's first reading, appointed other shepherds to care, comfort, and protect the flock of Christ.

A mother nourishes, cares, nurtures, comforts protects. Hence the Church is rightly called Mother; as those consecrated in the service of the Church are called fathers and mothers. Both fathers and mothers signify care, though very inadequately represent God, the loving, good, merciful, forgiving Father to us all. Mary is the model and mother of the Church precisely for this reason.

Lord, please make me a loving and caring person. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them. (Acts 14:27)

#### PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 146) Or Alleluia.

#### SECOND READING:

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." (Rev 21:4)

#### GOSPEL:

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022**

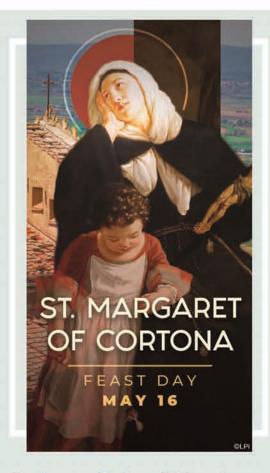
Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore
Wednesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Friday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Saturday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and

Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious





### Saint of the Week

Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn't start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren't married. They had been living together for nine years when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn't the life that God intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.

One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son's footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728.

## **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 • May 14
4:30 PM

+ Rosemarie Gomez

r/b June Hankel

Sunday • May 15 8:00 AM • Roy Cranmer r/b Terri Murray

> 10:00 AM † John Ricardo r/b Marie Walker

11:30 AM
+ Connie Gersbeck
r/b Loving Husband, Joe

Monday • May 16 9:00 AM • Emily Whyte r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy

Tuesday • May 17
9:00 AM
• Gloria Volpe
r/b | u| u & Michael

Thursday • May 19 9:00 AM • Ella Freed r/b Mike Burke & Family

> Friday • May 20 9:00 AM • Nora Stryker r/b Gayle DeCanio



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

#### Richard P. Giordano

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Let us Pray



## A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.\* Amen.



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## A Novena for Life

honoring the Feast of the Visitation

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## Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and

St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Join us in praying A Novena for Life in honor of this special feast day.

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## 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 <u>but now lives elsewhere</u>, he/she is not a member of this <u>parish</u>. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in <u>whose territory he/she resides</u>. 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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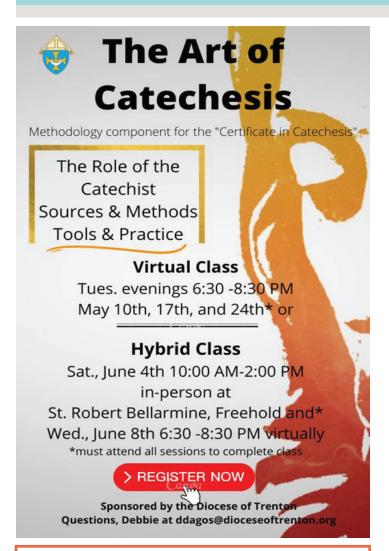
#### **REASONS WHY TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH**

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.

## Volunteer Today



Interested in serving as a Catechist for St. Catherine of Siena Parish, call the Parish Office to learn more!

#### Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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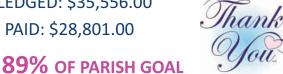
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For further information. please contact Laura Randazzo at 732-938-5375.

## Support St. Catherine of Siena Parish



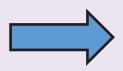
## Ways to Give

#### **Weekly Sunday Collection** Saturday/Sunday, May 7-8, 2022 4:30 PM Mass \$1,251.00 86 People 8:00 AM Mass \$1,249.00 98 People 10:00 AM Mass \$1,408.00 178 People 11:30 AM Mass \$1,346.00 75 People **Online Giving** \$2,457.63 **Total** \$7,711.63 **Weekly Collection**

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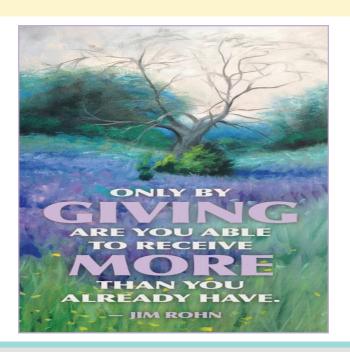
#### HOW TO CREATE YOUR ONLINE GIVING ACCOUNT

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