

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I know them, and they follow me.”

MAY 8, 2022

- Jn 10:27

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,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all mothers!

This weekend, we will give a blessing to the mothers in all Masses. We thank all mothers, pray for them, and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day, offering our mothers on the altar of the Lord God.

Undoubtedly, today is the day to admit gratefully that none of us can return, in the exact count and measure, all the love, care, understanding, etc., that our beloved mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so significant that it affects them throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and exemplary behavior, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our nation, our Church and our society. It is highly appropriate for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence, if it is possible, give them gifts and prayers on Mother's day. We offer this Eucharistic celebration for all mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive here or have gone for their eternal peace and reward. The term MOTHER is synonymous with sacrificial love, agape in its highest form, as the Lord Jesus has commanded us: "Love one another as I have loved you." Therefore, let us immensely manifest our love for our mothers and express our immeasurable gratitude for them in the form of our fervent prayers before God.

Beginning this weekend, as you will notice, the statue of the Blessed Mother is in the sanctuary as we acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, the Mother of our Lord Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. Let us show our love and appreciation for both of our mothers, and let us ask our Heavenly Mother to take care of our earthly mothers.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We recently celebrated Holy Week and Easter. These have a message, and the news is that God cares and that it does make a difference. Today's second reading shows that Christ did matter in the lives of numerous men and women from every nation and tribe. It mattered as it brought them peace and security. It mattered because they found forgiveness for their sins, and it mattered because God wiped away every tear from their eyes. All that God does and is does matter. All that God is and does is to care for his creation. This caring is beautifully expressed in the image of God as the Good Shepherd, as we heard in the Gospel. God cares for us even to the point of dying for us. No greater love can a man have for his friends than to lay down his life for them. "I am the Good Shepherd, who is willing to die for his sheep" (Jn 10:11), says Jesus. And he did lay down his life for us. This is the Good News that has to be boldly proclaimed. The devil and his agents will try to oppose, to silence the messengers of Good News, as we heard in the first reading. But no one can stop God or the spread of his word.

Today Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd who has come down to tend his flock. A shepherd is expected to lead his sheep to green pastures and cool streams where there is refreshment, rest, and rock-like security. He knows how to protect his sheep from any dangers. He is even prepared to give up his life to safeguard his flock. But his efforts will be in vain if the sheep do not listen to his voice.

Today the task of tending the flock of Christ is carried on by the successor of St. Peter. Through the word of God, we are told how to find springs of the living water and green pastures. We are assured by the Lord, "My sheep hear My voice... and they follow me." As we live in a secular society, in a non-Christian milieu, we are obliged to lead others to the flock of Christ.

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to contemplate often and deeply your tender loving care for me. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

May 1, 2022 Message from Fr. Angelito

Dear Friends in Christ,

I guess it is not too late to give thanks and gratitude to all as we have celebrated the weekend of Easter with all the effort and time we can share as it was done so well and full of meaning, quite jovial the parish community is so happy. A special mention to all our volunteers who have done an extraordinary job with the Easter Flower arrangements in the sanctuary and the hall, and the Narthex. Many thanks.

One of the great “signs of the time” during this past century is the worldwide aspiration of women to liberate themselves from the various customs, institutions, laws and social structures that traditionally have reduced them to the role of minors. Today, practically everywhere globally, women want to be treated as equals to men and thus take the legitimate place under the sun. They desire freedom, independence, and autonomy.

Meanwhile, what can help them in their campaign for freedom is the example of women who have demonstrated what a great force for good a liberated woman can be. Our very own patron saint, St. Catherine of Siena, is one such exemplary woman. She lived in the 14th century when women were far less emancipated than now. Yet, she influenced her contemporaries as few women, or few men, can. One example among many others of her extraordinary capacity to change the course of history is the fact that she persuaded Pope Gregory X1 to return the papacy to Rome. The popes had taken up their residence in Avignon, France, because of the political instability of Italy. They remained there for 70 years through the pontificate of seven popes. Catherine was only 29 years old when she achieved this astonishing result. She later had an equally decisive influence on Gregory’s successor Urban V1.

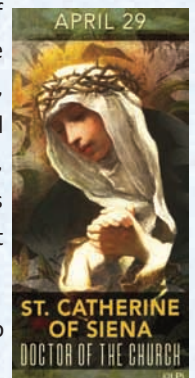
Did Catherine get so much attention from the popes and civic leaders? Catherine, at 29, was already a great saint and her holiness was transparent that people could see God through her. Her closeness to God made her a liberated woman because God is the God of freedom. She drew her sense of mission, courage, and wisdom from God. Because she knew God was the One empowering her, she was not afraid to go forth and undertake daring risks.

Our patron saint is an inspiring model in another respect. She was able to combine to a high degree mysticism and activism, in other words, prayer and action. In the first phase of her life, she clearly emphasized the interior life of intimacy with God through prolonged prayer, mortification, and solitude. In her case, what launched Catherine on the road to God was a vision she had at the age of six. She saw Christ seated in glory with the apostles’ Peter, Paul, and John. Until the age of 19, she rarely left her little room where she could pray by herself. She experienced both ecstatic visions and periods of spiritual dryness during those years when she had the most degrading temptations. In the spring of 1336, she saw in a vision Mary take her hand and hold it up to Christ, who placed a ring on it, making her his bride. This was a sign that her formative years of solitude were over.

From then on until the end of her life, Catherine became involved in a flurry of activities aimed at helping people. She volunteered to serve the poor and the sick in hospitals. She helped a group of people—men and women, priests, and laity who adopted her as their spiritual mother and whom she guided their journey to God. Many of her letters were sent to these people to encourage them. One time a great plague broke out in Siena, and she and her followers dedicated themselves heroically to the care of the victims. Catherine also ministered to those in prison. She influenced so many people to change their lives that three Dominican Priests were assigned to hear the confessions of all her converts. Another one of her ministries was to mediate disputes and work out reconciliations. She did this with a remarkable degree of success.

Finally, our beloved patron saint can inspire us with what she did for the Church. She loved and served the Church in so many ways. We can even say that she died for the Church because, when she was already in bad health, she obeyed the request of newly elected Pope Urban V1, who said he needed her advice and assistance. She, therefore, took up her residence in Rome and labored to gain new support for Urban, whose lousy temper was making many enemies. Many times, Catherine admonished Pope Urban to control his temper. She wrote countless letters to people to rally around and support Pope Urban. But all this was too much work and not good for her already existing bad health. In early 1380, she had a strange seizure, from which she never recovered. She died on April 29, 1380, at the age of 33. She was canonized in 1461 by Pope Pius 11. Pope Paul V1 proclaimed Catherine Doctor of the Church because of her great spiritual wisdom.

Let us emulate and imitate St. Catherine of Siena in her undying love for God and neighbor. That love made her so great a woman- one of the greatest in history. May God bless you. –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 • May 7

4:30 PM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b Diane & Ray Cullmann

Sunday • May 8

8:00 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b The Gerlach Family

10:00 AM

† **John Keegan**

r/b The Keegan Family

11:30 AM

† **Deborah Monahan**

r/b Joan Pekar

Monday • May 9

9:00 AM

† **John Koziar**

r/b JoAnne Monroe

Tuesday • May 10

9:00 AM

† **Douglas Murray**

r/b Terri Murray

Thursday • May 12

9:00 AM

† **Douglas Elliott**

r/b Jim & Virginia Piccolo

Friday • May 13

9:00 AM

† **Kathleen P. O'Connor**

r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy

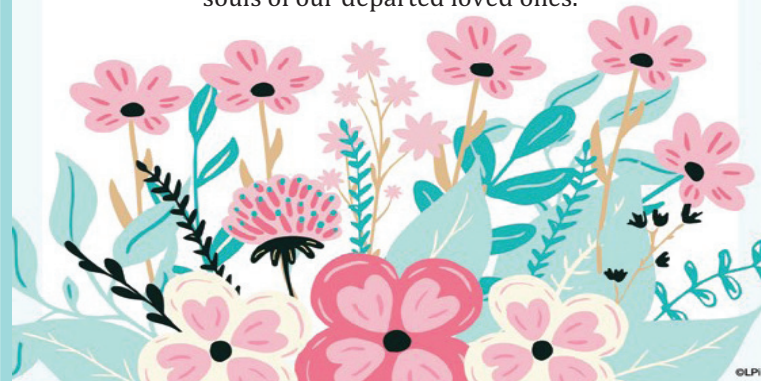


Let us Pray



Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a
special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and
compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude. Amen.

Remembering the special women in our lives... and paying
tribute to our departed brothers and sisters.
May God continue to bless the special women who have
impacted our lives and we pray for the repose of the
souls of our departed loved ones.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

For so the Lord has commanded us,
"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth." (Act 13:47)

PSALM:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne
will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water. (Rev 7:17)

GOSPEL:

"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."
(Jn 10:27-28)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Thursday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Friday: Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore





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.

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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

NEW PARISHIONERS!

The Callahan Family
Matthew, & Brie
Jack & Sean



The Calandra Family
Anthony & Maryuli
Nicholas & Sofia

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 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

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For more information about becoming a volunteer seamstress, please contact Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteer Services at 732-224-6933 or pauline.depalma@vnahg.org



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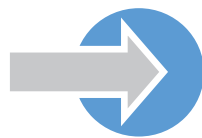
Drop off NEW HANDBAGS, PURSES, TOTES, & DIAPER BAGS to Church Narthex

Collect Hygiene Products
Deodorant, Feminine Products, Chapstick, Hairbrush, Comb, Make-up, Nail Kit, Shampoo, Lotions, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

Sign-up today to help sort and assemble the donated items.

Call Laura in the Parish Office for all the ways to volunteer.

Support St. Catherine of Siena Parish



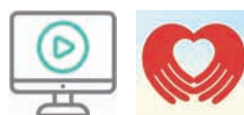
Ways to Give



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: <https://sienachurch.churchgiving.com>

Click on the collection you wish to donate to.

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

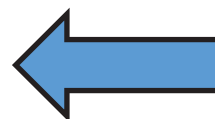
It's that easy! Questions? Call the Parish Office.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS



MAY 15, 2022
ENERGY & FUEL

MAY 22, 2022
GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY



MAY 29, 2022
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, April 23-24 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,403.00	98 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,412.00	89 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,071.00	127 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,258.00	73 People
Online Giving	\$1,586.00	
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,730.00	

SECOND COLLECTION

Saturday/Sunday, April 23-24, 2022

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS	\$680.00
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Weekly First Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, April 30– May 1, 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,333.00	110 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,515.00	96 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,299.00	110 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,331.00	81 People
Online Giving	\$2,831.00	
Total Weekly Collection	\$8,309.00	

SECOND COLLECTION

Saturday/Sunday, April 9-10, 2022

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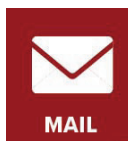
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Ways to Donate



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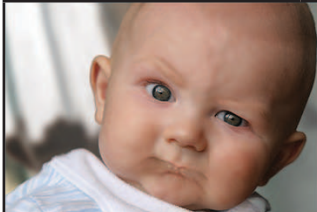
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