

A tall, narrow stained glass window with multiple panes. The top section shows the Annunciation with the Angel Gabriel and the Virgin Mary. Below that, the Nativity scene is depicted with Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. The bottom section shows a group of people, possibly a church community, gathered together. The colors are vibrant, including blues, reds, greens, and yellows.

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First Sunday of Advent • November 27, 2022

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rejoice
in the
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of the
Lord.

PSALM 122

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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

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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,

Allow me to share with you some good news! Some of our parishioners are asking about the Parish Choir, when it will return, the intentions, and other relevant questions about this matter. Since Covid-19 is slowing down, we are praying for the Parish's Choir, and they are on our agenda. Please be patient and stay tuned for further information.

The Church's calendar begins with the season of Advent today, the beginning of the Year of Grace. Regarding the liturgical year, the Lectionary cycles are as follows: YEAR A: Sunday cycle; and Cycle 1: Weekday cycle (Ordinary Time).

Please be mindful that Advent is two-fold; it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which we remember the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity. And likewise, a time when, by the remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

We will place an Advent Wreath, a popular symbol in many churches, in the Church's sanctuary, and at the Chapel. Each Sunday, we will light a candle on the wreath. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy, and peace. The candles are lit in that order beginning today.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In our lives, we secure ourselves against the storms and challenges of life by grounding ourselves on the Word of God, which is a rock foundation. We sometimes need to understand, we must trust and hold God's hand to have peace during these challenges and storms.

The here and now fascinates us and claims our attention. We are quickly engrossed in the present. Seldom, if ever, do we think of death. Jesus insists that we be constantly alert and awake, for no one knows when death will come. Watchfulness or vigilance is very difficult for us as we easily get tired of watching and waiting.

Advent is a time of waiting and expectation. It is a good reminder. See how attractively and graphically Jesus describes Christian waiting. He compares himself to a bridegroom, and us, his disciples, to brides waiting in joyful, eager expectation for the bridegroom to come and knock at the door. Which bride would not eagerly wait for such a beloved?

The first Sunday of the liturgical year sets our sights on life's ultimate horizon---when Christ comes to us again. What will his second coming be like? For those eagerly awaiting his coming, He will come as "light, love, and life." But He will come as a stern judge for those "sleeping" or living licentious lives.

When Christ the Judge comes, he will strip away our masks. Our approach toward his coming indicates his judgments on our lives. On that day, will we be ready to leap joyfully toward the waiting arms of God? Or will we have to hide away in the darkness, wallowing in guilt for our sins of commission and omission? It depends on you and me; it all depends on our choices today.

We know neither the day nor the hour of his coming. We can only say with hope. "Soon!" Only one thing is sure in this life: all of us will die. Assured of the reality of death, we can only reaffirm the message of Advent; "Stay awake...watch," because Christ is undoubtedly coming.

Dear Jesus, amid my busy life schedule, help me to halt a while and listen to you, to be attentive towards your presence as a brother and a friend. Amen.

May God Bless you.—Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
- Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

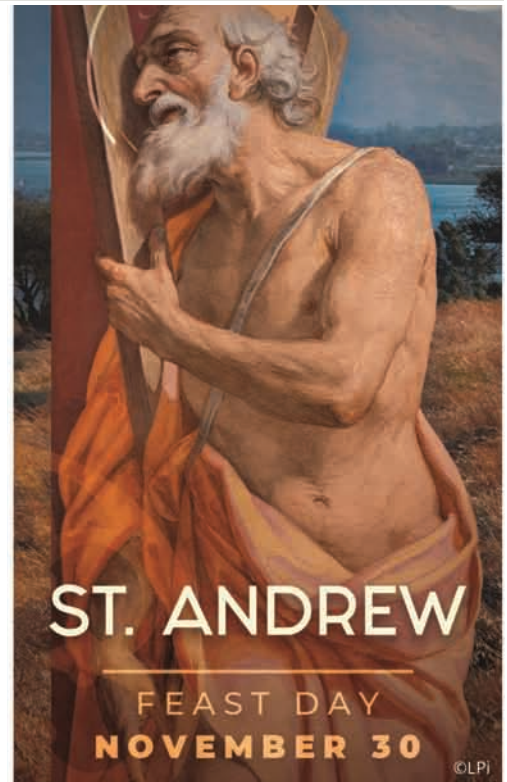
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Wednesday:** St. Andrew, Apostle
- Saturday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Whether it is the surgeon performing an operation or the pilot directing a flight, one expects them to be alert. When we entrust our lives to someone, we presume that they will attend to them with the utmost care and vigilance. If we have this expectation of others, why would we not have it of ourselves? Our lives are precious vessels on an eternal journey. We can only stay afloat and on the course because of God's love and mercy. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. God's word transforms all that it touches, even a lukewarm heart. Let us seek God's grace this Advent season so that we can walk more fully in His light. Then, finding ourselves more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful, we will be eager and well prepared to meet our Lord when He comes. Why would we not want to be ready, awake, and watchful for the One we have waited for so long?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

Mass Intentions



THIS IS MY BODY
GIVEN FOR YOU;
DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME.

*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 • November 26

4:30 PM

† **Mary & John Kruse, & daughter Maryann**

r/b Loving daughters, Patty & Stephanie

Sunday • November 27

8:00 AM

† **The Cataffo & Callari Families**

r/b JoAnn Callari

10:00 AM

† **Florence & Gene Croddick**

r/b Ed & Maggie Lempka

11:30 AM

† **Lillian Ewing**

r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel, & family

Monday • November 28

9:00 AM

† **John Williams**

r/b Joseph & Barbara Lipari

Tuesday • November 29

9:00 AM

† **Maria Teresa Campos**

r/b Terri Murray

Thursday • December 1

9:00 AM

† **Lucia & Antonio Leotta**

r/b Tony & Maria Ciaravino

Friday • December 2

9:00 AM

† **Pietro & Francesca Ciaravino**

r/b Anne Hilker



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

Sunday—November 27— 6 PM

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





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In St. Catherine's Parish and in all Catholic Parishes in the U.S.

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- 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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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*

*Emma Rose Fernandez
Jack Vincent Rogers*

**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

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.

Parish News

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 D R I N K I N G D E
 N O W H N T H I E F
 I S R E A D Y C O T

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Remember that when God told Noah to build an ark, his neighbors laughed at him. Then one day God sent the flood. Only Noah's family was saved because they listened to God, and they were ready. Jesus has already told you that one day he will come back. He wants you to be saved. He wants you to be ready. When you read Bible stories, listen carefully. Love God like Noah did, and learn to do what God asks.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to love you and to be ready for Jesus.

SAVE THE DATE:

ALL KIDS
AGES 4—8
Welcome

THE NEXT
CHILDREN'S
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Support St. Catherine of Siena Parish



Ways to Give

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, Nov 13-14, 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,031.00	95 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,719.00	120 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,490.00	133 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,186.00	189 People
Online Giving	\$1,801.00	
Total	\$7,227.00	
SECOND COLLECTION		
Diocesan Assessment		\$688.00

Due to a Thanksgiving Holiday Bulletin Deadline, the weekly Sunday Collection for November 19-20 will be reported in next weekends bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

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HOW TO CREATE YOUR ONLINE GIVING ACCOUNT

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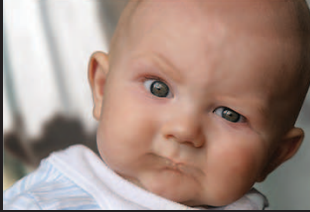
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