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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

Dear Friends in Christ.

Today, we pause to remember the thousands of people whose lives were lost and their families who still grieve their passing. However, sorrow must not only be the emotion that touches our hearts today. We are also called to remember the strength of our nation that was so evident that day and the days and weeks that followed. We can easily recall the remarkable dedication of the first responders and even ordinary citizens who rose to help and assist strangers in need.

The 21st anniversary of 9-11 is not simply a moment for deep national mourning. Still, it is simultaneously a time for tremendous hope and incredible pride in our beloved nation's courage and strength in the face of such a tragic event. The spirit of bravery and oneness that followed 9-11 is a manifestation and source of honor for the people of this great country. We could use those very same virtues today as we continue to face other moments of challenges in our lives. May that be a great reminder to us all.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We must remember that salvation is mainly the work of God, and our part is to cooperate with his grace. And to illustrate this, Jesus tells us the three "Lost and Found" parables.

The shepherd notices that one sheep is missing. So, he leaves the 99 and looks for the lost sheep. When he finds it, he puts it on his shoulder and announces with great joy the good news. A woman must clean up her house in search of one lost coin. When she finds it, she invites her neighbors to celebrate with her. A son leaves the house and is lost amid earthly pleasures and excess. But his father does not give up on him. Every day, he searches the horizon, looking for signs of his son's coming. And when he sees him coming home from afar, he runs to meet him and kisses him.

When someone offends us, we invariably say, "Get out of my sight! I don't want to see you again. Get lost!" How different God is from us. He does not want anyone of us to be lost. So, he looks for us patiently and unceasingly until he finds us. This is the central theme of the three "Lost and Found" parables.

Sad to say, we keep running away from him. We keep on hiding from his sight. When we were little children, we always asked our parents, "Can I go with you?" As we grew older, our parents would ask us, "Will you come with me?" During our teenage years and into college, it is common to enjoy our freedom in the company of our friends, and we begin to ignore the invitations of our parents. And when we acquired our job and place to stay, especially when we started having a family of our own, we declared our total independence from our parents, and many of us practically lost contact with them. We call on them occasionally and usually when we need something from them.

This is what happens in our relationship with God. As we developed our resources and capacities, we also started to feel self-sufficient. And as we insist on our freedom and independence, we consciously ignore God and relegate him to the sidelines. We eventually assume a utilitarian attitude towards God---- we call on him only when we need him. But, most of the time, we are self-sufficient and do not need God.

People reject atheism, but only in theory because many are practicing atheists—— living and acting like there is no God in their life. The temptations to take control of everything and to be self-sufficient are so strong and pernicious that they gradually make us believe we can attain salvation by our efforts, that we can accomplish everything... that we can become God!

The devil can deceive us in our spiritual life. All the while, we are leading good and holy lives, only to find out that our spiritual pride has gripped our hearts. One typical example of this is what we often hear in the personal testimonies of many in the Catholic renewal movements: "I am very thankful that now I have found God." Or "Ever since I found God, my life is not the same again." These statements are presumptuous and ridiculous, tantamount to the idea of a mouse seeking and running after a cat or to a cart placed before the horse.

This fact is that we do not find God; he finds us! We do not choose him; he chooses us. We do not run to him; he runs to meet us. Most of the time, he runs after us. Amen.

May God bless you. -Father Angelito

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Ex 32:14)

#### PSALM:

I will rise and go to my father. (Ps 51)

#### SECOND READING:

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tm 1:15)

#### GOSPEL:

"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." (Lk 15:7)

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day;

Grandparents' Day

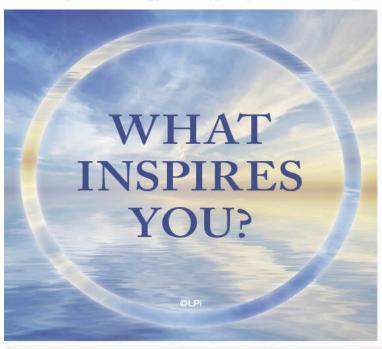
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

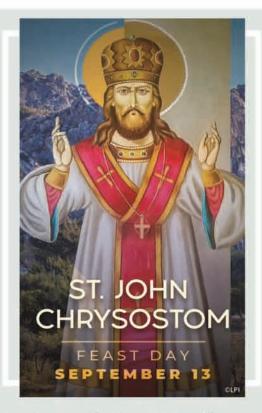
Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday; Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday





#### Saint of the Week

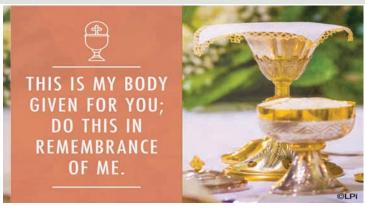
Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

# **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 · September 10 4:30 PM + Mary Lou White

r/b Neal & Lorraine Pronek

### Sunday • September 11 8:00 AM + Bill Whittaker

r/b The Infante Family

10:00 AM

+ Betty Reuter

r/b Fllen Wilezol

11:30 AM

+ Frank Gabriel

r/b The Hurley Family

### Monday • September 12 9:00 AM • Harry S. Jackson r/b Terri Murray

Tuesday • September 13
9:00 AM
• Mary & Peter Francis Corcoran
r/b Loving Grandson, Joe

# Thursday • September 15 9:00 AM • Dinh Nguyen r/b Loving Wife and Children

# Friday • September 16 9:00 AM + Anthony DeLibero

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



O God of selfless love, we are a blest people to have a God like you.

You instill your love for us

into the hearts of your human creatures.

Even if those human creatures do not acknowledge you, your love for us still shines through.

We ask your blessing upon all first responders today and ask you to protect them and their families.

Help us love people of all nations, races, and creeds, which will bring about the end to wars and terrorism.

We ask all this in your peace. Amen.

# Liturgical Life



The Diocese of Trenton invites you and your family to:

# In Communion with Jesus

A Pilgrimage to Mary's House



Bishop David M. O'Connell, CM invites you and your families to journey with him to this holy site, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC.

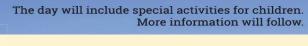






# November 12, 2022

Saturday





We are organizing a bus for our parishioners who are interested in attending the Pilgrimage to Mary's House on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

For more details, please contact Laura in the Parish Office.



# 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.

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.

# WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

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beginning of Mass.

## **Anointing of the Sick**

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### **Baptism**

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.

### WELCOME

### NEW PARISHIONERS!

The Gitter Family
Steven & Cindy
Gabriel, Michael, Peter



The Lombardi Family
Albert & Dorothy

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.

# Religious Education News

# Kids Corner

#### PRAYER

Lord, thank you for forgiving me when I do wrong.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When I hurt others, I will say, "I am sorry. Will you forgive me?"

### READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



When you cannot find your favorite toy, you look for it. You look under your bed, in the toy box, and out in your back yard. Your whole family helps you look for it. When you sin, you are lost God looks for you everywhere. When you tell him you are sorry for your sins, God says, "I forgive you," and he gives you a big hug.



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- September 21 @ 6 PM Catechist Meeting
- September 28 @ 7 PM Home study Meeting
- October 2 @ 10 AM Mass–Special Blessing for Rel. Ed Students / Welcome Breakfast
- October 2 @ 11:30 AM Mass–Special Blessing for Rel. Ed Students / Welcome Breakfast
- October 16, 17, 18 Welcome Back!

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# A Note from the Office



With Joyful Hearts, We Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Leonardo Henry Ruggiero Charlotte James Samodio

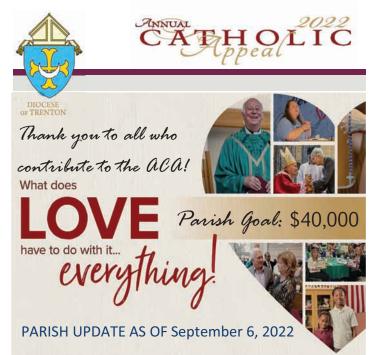
# VOLUNTEERS NEFDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with our NEW parish initiatives, programs & events. Please call Laura in the Parish Office for more details or return the card below to the office.

Thank you.



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# Support St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Sept. 3-4, 2022			
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,684.00	98 People	
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,402.00	105 People	
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,243.00	85 People	
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,201.00	120 People	
Online Giving	\$2,660.00		
Total	\$8,190.00		

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The Catholic University of America	\$582.00

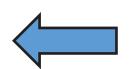
Thank you for your generous support last week of the collection for The Catholic University of America! As a parish, we raised monies to support Catholic education & educating tomorrow's Catholic leaders in our country.

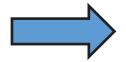
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#### **UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Energy & Fuel





**SEPTEMBER 25, 2022** 

The Good Samaritan Ministry



# 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

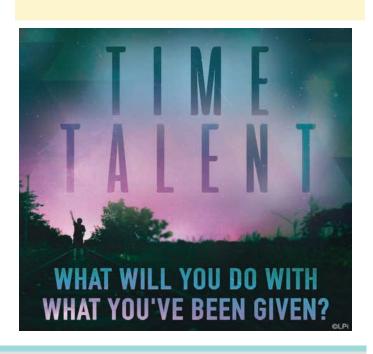
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