

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 16, 2023

2nd

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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MON—THURS
9:00AM — 2:00PM

SUNDAY

*The Church is open during
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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

Church

Other days by Appointment



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

If you missed last week our announcement in the Bulletin and in the Mass, we are introducing Charles Clark, our new Music Ministry Director. Kindly read his background and curriculum vitae in today's bulletin. I have known Charlie since 2001 in St. Dorothea, Eatontown, N.J. where I worked as a Parochial Vicar and he plays and lead the liturgical music in the celebration of the Mass. Charlie we as a parish community are so happy to welcome you!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Have you noticed that before a car can start, the main motor has to be in motion? Similarly, in order for us to have faith in God, we need the help of the Holy Spirit to move our hearts and prepare us to receive God's revelation. Although we need God's Spirit to start the whole process of faith, it does not mean that faith is not a free human act. We cooperate with the grace of God when we choose to believe in Him.

God made us as thinking, rational human beings. It is natural for us to question and try to understand ourselves and the world around us. Having faith doesn't mean that we have to stop thinking and questioning what it is that we believe in. On the contrary, faith may well spur us on to try and understand more and more and ask more and more searching questions! That's the way God made us. Faith in Him isn't a matter of blind obedience. Nor it is irrational.

It is true that Thomas the Apostle doubted. He refused to believe what the other disciples were saying about Jesus' resurrection. He insisted on seeing the Lord for himself and touching His wounds to believe. It was unfair on his part to go to that extent. But would not be unfair on our part if we just put Thomas in the category of empiricists who rely on their sensory experience before believing? Do we focus too much on Thomas the doubter, and as a result fail to see Thomas the believer and his great missionary efforts? Thomas was a totally changed man after his dramatic encounter with Christ.

But what do we see in ourselves today? Daily we encounter Christ in so many ways. Daily we see his wounds. Often enough we partake of His body and blood in the Eucharist. Yet today do we see more of Thomas the doubter than Thomas the believer in ourselves? Are we like the Pharisees who persisted in their unbelief even when there were so many signs for them to see?

Our faith may make a lot of demands on us, but it is what guides us on the right path. We are pilgrims on earth and our faith is our map or the Star that will lead us to the safe harbor of heaven.

Jesus tells Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (v29). Unless Thomas believes in the resurrection, his faith will die. The resurrection is the kernel of Christian faith. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life. He frees us from sin and assures us of eternal life with Him and the Father. A faith that depends on the evidence of the sense cannot survive trials. To his credit, Thomas is the first to proclaim the divinity of Jesus after the resurrection: "My Lord and my God!" (v28). When we live our faith, we proclaim the joy of the resurrection. Because we believe in the risen Lord, we can face suffering, want and persecution with courage and confidence that He struggles with us and assures us of our ultimate victory.

Jesus my Lord and God, sustain me in moments of doubt and strengthen me in my moments of weak faith. Amen.

May God bless you,

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that proof. We challenge God: "Make me believe." To each of us he extends his wounded hand, to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will always meet us in our unbelief.

Observances for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Friday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Earth Day

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly overcame incredible adversity caused by her husband and other men in her life to go on to form a wildly successful congregation — the Society of the Holy Child Jesus — which still operates in spiritual works of mercy in 14 countries to this day.

Prayer

The Prayer of Cornelia

Let us love one another
and pray,
Let us love one another
and be faithful,
Let us love one another
and be humble,
Let us love one another
and be filled
with the charity of God.
Let us love one another
with God,
in God, and
for God,
And we shall thus be
one with God
for all eternity.

(Written by Cornelia Peacock Connelly, Foundress,
Society of the Holy Child Jesus)

Mass Intentions

Saturday • April 15

8:00 PM

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

r/b Daughters, Patty & Stephanie

Sunday • April 16

8:00 AM

† **Mary & Martin Gaughan**

r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy

10:00 AM

† **John & Ann Sowpel**

r/b Loving Son, Richard

11:30 AM

† **Kelly Pecca**

r/b Mary Ann Goodwin

Monday • April 17

9:00 AM

† **Lawrence McKenna**

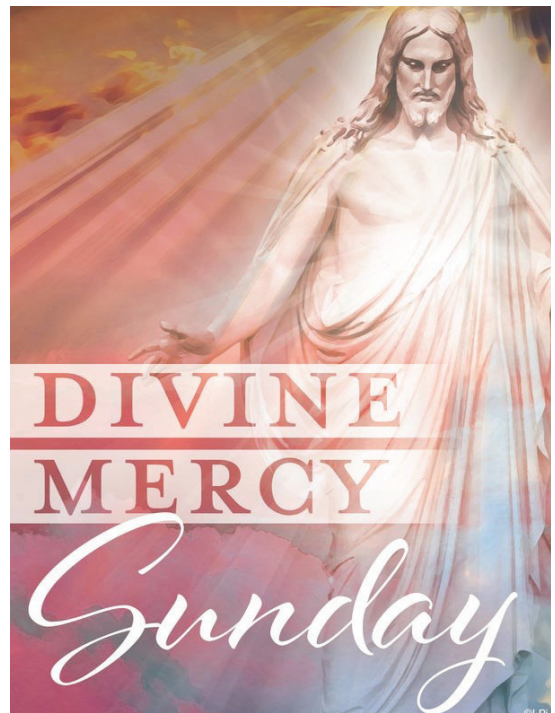
r/b Phyllis Hurley

Tuesday • April 18

9:00 AM

† **Dorothy Barychko**

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello



Thursday • April 20

9:00 AM

† **Piera Saccheri**

r/b Ciaravino Family

Friday • April 21

9:00 AM

† **All the Faithful Departed**



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.

And especially for:

Lucy Dugan

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

His mercy endures forever.

We Celebrate the Sacraments

SPONSORSHIP 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's, 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.***

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

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.

Matrimony

Engaged Couples should contact our parish at least one year in advance of the proposed date of marriage and before making other arrangements.

Ministry to the Homebound

For Homebound requests, please call the Parish Office.

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.

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.

Altar Flowers

Floral pieces start at \$50 and can be ordered except during Lent. Please call the Parish Office.

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem. What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?

Second Reading

Peter speaks of a "new birth" of "indefinable and glorious joy" that awaits all believers "in the final time" (Jesus' Second Coming). How often do you think about your own resurrection from the dead?

Gospel Reading

The risen Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard?



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DARK AS NIGHT,
GOD'S MERCY
IS STRONGER.”
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JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

- ST. FAUSTINA



Easter Flower

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The following names were submitted after the Easter Bulletin went to print.

Dear Parishioners,

Doris Ramme, our Music Director is retiring from her position after Easter Sunday. We have known each other since I was in my former assignment and requested her to help me and the parish community of St. Catherine in the music ministry. Doris is a great co-worker and a wonderful team-player, not to mention her gifts and blessings with her beautiful singing voice and how she plays the musical instruments in the sacred liturgy. What is highly commendable about her is her principle and insight about her talents, that what God has given to her should be used for leading the congregation, as we consciously and actively participate in the celebration of the liturgy in the Mass.

Doris, we as a parish community of St. Catherine express our deepest thanks and immense gratitude for the wonderful years of working with us in the music ministry. Saying goodbye is not the proper word because we know that you will still be with us in the parish. We know we can count on you to assist us.

We are happy to welcome and have Charles Clarke as our new Music Director beginning on April 15,2023. Fondly known as Charlie, we have known each other back in the days when I was in St. Dorothea Church in Eatontown, N.J. as a Parochial Vicar. Charlie, our parish staff are so glad to have you!. Welcome! – Father Angelito



Charles (Charlie) Clarke

Charles Clarke has been active with the Catholic Church, playing the organ and directing choirs since he was first asked to play services at St Dorothea's Church at age 17. Since that time Charles has played frequently at St. Dorothea's, St James and Holy Family Church in Union Beach where he acted as the Music Director. Charles received his BA in Music from Rutgers College and subsequently studied composition at Montclair State University. Charles studied with several prominent composers and band leaders including Nicholas Rousakis founder of the still thriving American Composers Orchestra at Lincoln Center, Noel DaCosta, a leading African American Cellist and Composer in the 1970's and 80's, Kenny Baron, American Jazz pianist and band leader with over 30 CD recordings and 100's of others as sideman and Frank Foster who played tenor sax and arrange music for the Count Basie Orchestra.

Charles works full time as a musician, teaches general music at St Jerome's School in West Long Branch, teaches piano privately and runs and directs several Senior Choruses and Bands in Monmouth County. He is also active in the local performance scene playing solo piano or performing with wife as a duo or larger band called Sherri Pie. Charles also continues to write both original compositions in the sacred, jazz and popular repertoire as well as arranges music for various organizations. All of his arrangements are published through Hal Leonard. Charles is also an member of BMI a performing rights organization in the United States.

Our Parish Family

Baptism

*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome
Our Newly Baptized.*

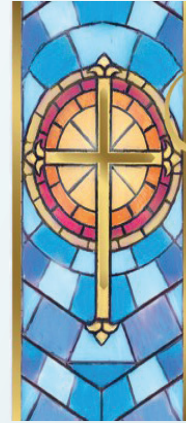
Julia Rose Petrucha

Robert Edward Wilson

Harrison James Craven

Jameson Blu-Neto Reitano

*May God bless these
children and the
family always.*



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

William & Virginia Barry

The Ficarelli Family

Peter & Nicole

Peter, Christian, Nicolas & Nicolette

Gregory & Meagan Godzwon

Robert & Charlotte Kafarski

Mark & Lori Marshall

The Stewart Family

Peter & Maura, Cordan & Wyatt

With Warmth and Prayers,
We Welcome You into
Our Family of Faith.

Prayer

Jesus, I can hardly wait to see you in heaven.

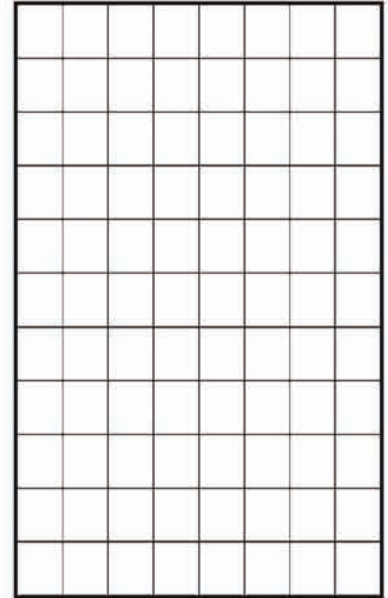
Mission for the Week

Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.

Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see him, listen to him, and touch him. We don't get to see him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in him. One day we'll see him again in heaven.

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8:00 AM Mass	\$1,003.00	150 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,550.00	220 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,440.00	165 People
Online Giving	\$2,542.00	
Total	\$7,705.00	

Second Collection	
Chapel Restoration	\$2,035.00
Candle	\$684.00
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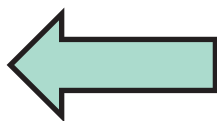
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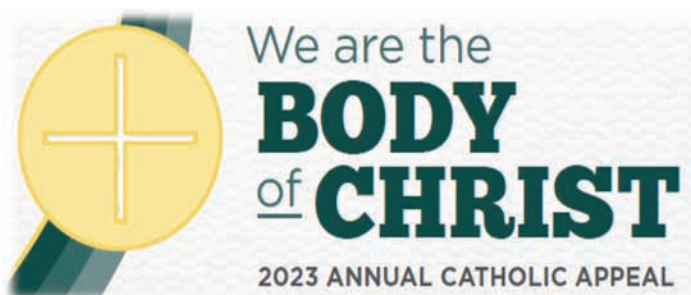
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

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As of April 10, 2023

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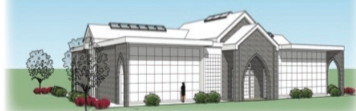
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