

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

YOUR LOVE
IS *eternal.*
DO NOT
FORSAKE
THE WORK OF
YOUR HANDS.

Psalm 138

August 27, 2023

Welcome



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OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM — 12:45 PM

*The Church is open during
Parish Office hours
for prayer.*

WORSHIP WITH US

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ



WEEKDAY MASS

St. Catherine's Chapel

1 West Main Street Farmingdale

MONDAY 9:00 AM

TUESDAY 9:00 AM

THURSDAY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY 9:00 AM

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—4:00 PM

Church

Other days by Appointment



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Once again, our parish family is going to have the Missionary Appeal Weekend, August 26-27, 2023. Rev. Joseph Akilo, from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kumbo, will be with us this weekend. Please give him a warm welcome and listen to him in sharing with us the nature and reason for his mission. Please be generous as your means allow. Let's pray for the success of the missions.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel the disciples of Jesus are faced with a difficult question, perhaps a strange one: "Who do you say that I am?"

A deeper and more reflective reading of today's Gospel shows the real reason for Jesus' question. He wants to teach us another dimension in our relationship with God. To the question, "Who do you say that I am?" it is Simon, soon to be called Peter, who answers that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus comments: "Flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but My Heavenly Father" (Mt 16:13-17). Recall what Jesus said earlier, "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father. No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him" (11:27). No calculus, no philosophical arguments, no mental gymnastics can truly answer this question. Who is Jesus? Only the Father's grace will.

Peter acknowledges who Jesus is (Son of God), because, in spite of his doubt, Peter is saved from the raging seas. Jesus reveals who He is through Peter's experience of fright, sinking and being saved.

The other disciples, without such a gripping personal experience of Jesus' saving power, reply to Jesus' question with answers drawn from the experience of their ancestors, not their own.

Peter has a new and personal experience of God's saving power in Jesus and so he answers from a faith standpoint beyond where the other disciples are, a knowledge that has only come because the heavenly Father has revealed it to him. Peter acknowledges Jesus as the awaited Messiah.

Revelation does not mean that we sit around in silence, waiting for God to speak to us. It means that we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence and power in the daily happening around us. It is only our faith that enables us to walk on the stormy sea of life, hear Jesus' call and venture out into the raging waters.

Jesus does not want an answer that we gained as a result of research or even based on the experience of others. He wants our personal answer that defines our relationships with Him. He is not looking for a scholarly theory, theological opinion but wants a surrendering and abiding experience of Him that will help us to encounter him in our lives. What answer we give to Jesus depends on this. Amen.

O God of my life, may I thirst for you as a panting deer in a parched desert yearns for running water. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

Observances for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Despite being forced into marriage at 16, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi still pursued her heart's desire to serve the poor wherever she lived with her husband. Originally from New York, she founded and eventually joined the Poor Daughters of the Crowned Virgin in Italy.

Prayer

O loving Jesus, please grant that Your servant, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi, who worked selflessly for poor and homeless children and adolescents, may, through the intercession of Mary Queen of Heaven, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for Your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by Your power, be declared Blessed. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • August 26

4:30 PM

† **John Williams**

r/b Mary Sears

Sunday • August 27

8:00 AM

† **Nancy D'Amico**

r/b Jim D'Amico

10:00 AM

† **Ann & Sandor Fekete**

r/b Loving Daughter

11:30 AM

† **Marie Labianca**

r/b Antonelli Family

Monday • August 28

9:00 AM

† **All Our Faithful Departed**

Tuesday • August 29

9:00 AM

† **Bernabe T. Cuison, Jr.**

r/b Loving Family

Thursday • August 31

9:00 AM

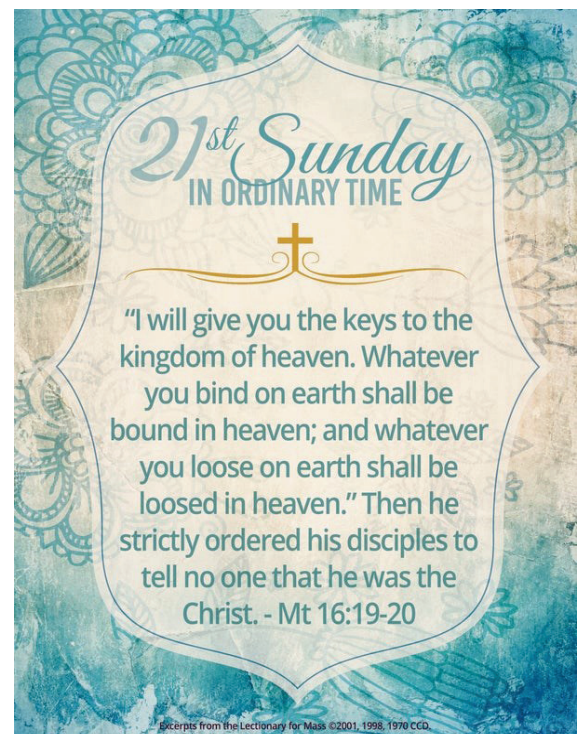
† **Jan Francis Radigan**

r/b Ralph Owen Kuehmstedt

Friday • September 1

9:00 AM

† **Monsignor Frederick Valentino**



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
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.

Worship & Meditation



*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome
Our Newly Baptized.
Avery Ivy Eddy*

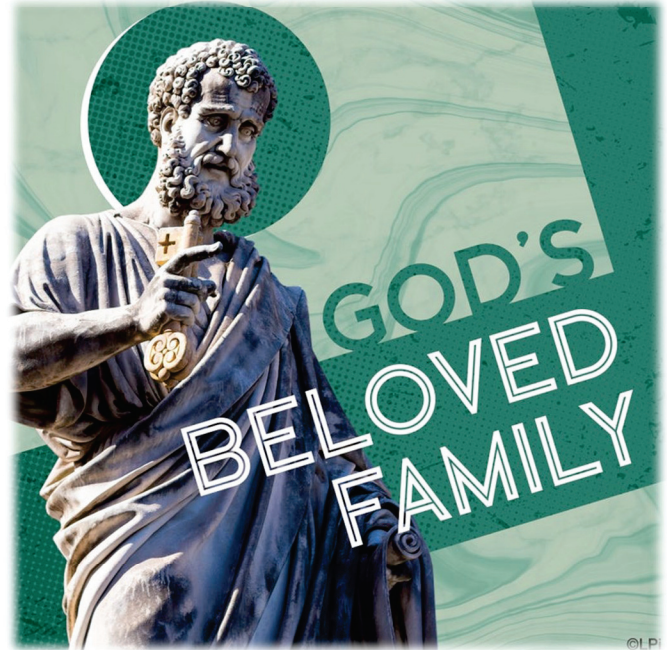
*May God bless this
child and the
family always.*

“No sin or crime is greater than God’s mercy.

The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ’s greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A”
www.usccb.org/death-penalty-q-and-a



Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt
23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Our Parish Family



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

The Zanfardino Family
Frank, Julia
Olivia & Eric

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC IN NEED OF
COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?

If your answer is “yes,” then our RCIA program may be just what you need. The process of spiritual and educational formation is open to any adult who would like to become a full member of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact the office at 732-938-5375.

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Catherine of Siena Religious Education Program (PREP)
registration for the 2023-2024 year is Now Open!

Weekly in-person classes for:

- Elementary Grades 1-5
- Middle School Grades 6-8
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation

In-person
Classes start

September 18 - May 6

Family Faith Formation Home Study Program:

- Elementary Grades 3-6

Home Study Parent Meeting
September 12

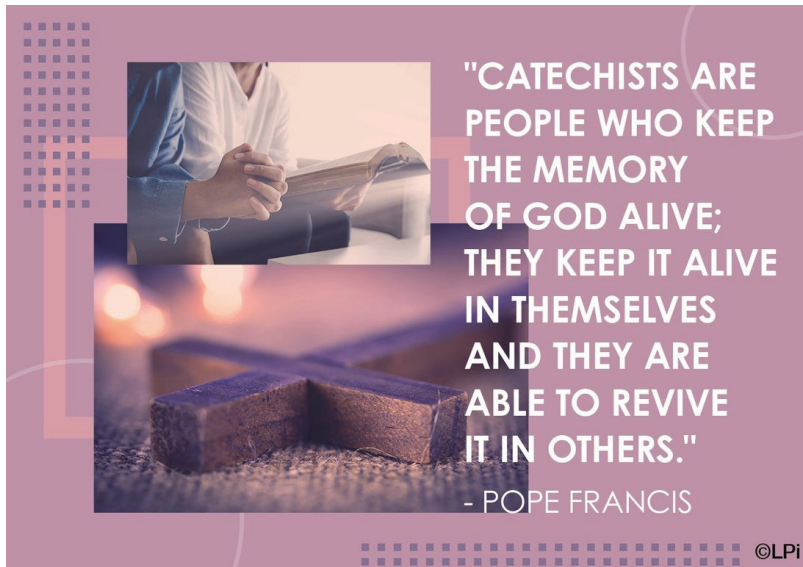
Register Online

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/2b0c9c46-acf2-4b6d-a56d-f996492b43f1>



OR STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO PICK UP A REGISTRATION PACKET. ©LPI

Volunteer in the Parish Religious Education Program



- Do you love to work with children and youth?
- Are you interested in helping your Church?
- High School students—Are you looking for service hours?

Join our team for the
upcoming program starting in September.
No experience needed to help. We provide
training and support along the way.

Ways to help:

- Catechist
- Catechist Aide
- Hall Monitor
- Arts & Crafts
- Office Help

Our classes meet as follows:

Sunday 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

Monday 6:00 PM—7:15 PM

Tuesday 4:30 PM—5:45 PM

If interested, please contact the parish office at:

732-938-5375 or email passociate@sienachurch.org

As part of the Diocesan safe environment program, volunteers are required to be fingerprinted and attend a Virtus workshop. This is a requirement for any adult - clergy, staff, and volunteers - working with children within a Catholic parish or school.

Around the Community



The homeless need a safe space

Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program Inc. of Freehold helps those who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of eviction. We created a capital campaign this summer to expand our Advocacy Center to accommodate the growing number of individuals and families who need our free services. We offer linkages to housing, medical, mental health, addiction, legal and welfare services. We also help clients find jobs, apply for housing and safety net benefits, and obtain ID documents.

Contact: Nina Rizzo
nrizzo@ehapinc.org
732-431-2600 ext. 210
www.ehapinc.org/donate



THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



Interfaith Neighbors at the
Howell Senior Center
Needs Volunteers
to Deliver Meals to
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For more information, call Melanie Decker, Director of Senior Services at [732-938-4500](tel:732-938-4500) x 2550.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer
Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House
84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

HEALING MINISTRY TO THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 ++++++

We have many offerings for anyone experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. We are currently offering a

12-Week Program Beginning September 18th, 2023
From 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

At St. Mary's Chapel, Basement Meeting Room Located at 26 Leonardville Road, Middletown, NJ To register or to speak to someone to find out more information, please email: healingheartfromdivorce@gmail.com or call Elaine at 732-213- 9050.

Parish Support

| Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, August 19-20, 2023 | | |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| 4:30 PM Mass | \$988.00 | 112 People |
| 8:00 AM Mass | \$947.00 | 94 People |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$952.00 | 101 People |
| 11:30 AM Mass | \$1,393.00 | 125 People |
| Online Giving | \$2,116.00 | |
| Total | \$6,396.00 | |
| Second Collection | | |
| Assumption | | \$1,642.00 |
| Energy & Fuel | | \$671.00 |

Thank You for Your Generosity.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

**Missionary Appeal weekend of
August 26-27th.**

Help us support the work of the Diocese of Kumbo, Northwest region, Cameroon, Central/West Africa.

The Catholic Diocese of Kumbo (Latin: Dioecesis Kumboensis) in the Ecclesiastical Province of Bamenda, Cameroon, was erected by Pope St John Paul II on Thursday, 18 March 1982, with territory taken from the then Diocese (now Archdiocese) of Bamenda. It is a diocese of the Roman rite of the Catholic Church. It is a suffragan diocese of the Metropolitan See of Bamenda along with the Catholic Dioceses of Buea, Mamfe and Kumba.

For further information, visit
www.dioceseofkumbo.org.

We thank you for your kind generosity to the missions who serve throughout the world.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON



We are the
**BODY
of
CHRIST**

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal: **\$40,000**

EYES OF CHRIST

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

\$1,750,000

- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Catholic Social Services (Mount Carmel Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison Ministry, Respect Life, Grief)
- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

FEET OF CHRIST

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

\$2,250,000

- Finding and Forming Priests (Vocations Recruitment & Seminary Preparation)
- Retired Priest Care
- Preparation of Deacons
- Support of Religious Women and Men

HANDS OF CHRIST

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

\$2,500,000

- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
- Religious Education for Children and Rite of Election of Adults
- Catholic School Programs
- Professional Development for Educators

Total ACA Goal is
\$6.5 Million

Your gift supports
essential programs and
ministries.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

As of August 21, 2023

Pledged: **\$40,166.00** 100% of Goal

Paid: **\$36,481.00** 91% of Goal

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