

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY

*of Advent*



*December 3, 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,

We are entering a new season in the Church's calendar today as we start the season of Advent: the Beginning of the Year of Grace, 2024. The Lectionary cycles are Year B: Sunday cycle, and Cycle 11: Weekday cycle (Ordinary Time). Please be mindful that the readings of the Gospel in Ordinary Time are from St. Mark.

As we have announced, we will have our parish Breakfast with Santa today. Hence, there will be delicious breakfast food, coffee, hot cocoa, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. All of these are freebies courtesy of the parish. The event follows the Masses in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the festivities. It is a great time and opportunity for togetherness, fellowship, camaraderie, and having fun with the community. We are so thankful to all who made this exciting and fantastic event. Words are not enough to express our gratitude and appreciation.

On Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass in the Church is at 9 AM and 7 PM.

Please don't forget and be mindful that, chosen by the Father in heaven, Mary reverses the sin of Eve, and because of her obedience, God's salvation is made known to all nations. Please come to celebrate and pray with us.

Advent urges us to be alert as we are waiting for the coming of the Lord. While it is true that we are waiting for the coming of the Lord at Christmas and at the end of our lives,

it is not enough that we have this desire in our hearts. We need to be always on the alert to see the innumerable signs of God's love and their implications for us. We need to have interior silence to be awake and alert. If we are always on the alert and waiting, we will certainly be able to welcome the Lord joyfully both at Christmas and at the end of our lives. If we are watchful, we will find the Lord coming into our lives in thousands of ordinary activities and possibilities of life.

Advent opens us for us immense perspectives. Our holy Mother Church sets before us the whole work of redemption. The whole of Advent Liturgy is one pressing appeal for the coming of the Savior. The cries of ardent longing for the Messiah throughout the Old Testament time are taken up again by the Church.

Henri Nouwen the famous German theologian says: "Waiting for God is an active, alert---yes, joyful---waiting. As we wait, we remember Him for whom we are waiting and, as we remember Him, we create a community, ready to welcome Him when He comes."

*Like a lover Lord, may my heart be always fixed on You, My Beloved. Amen.*

May God bless you —Father Angelito

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

### Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

### Second Reading:

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

### Gospel:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)

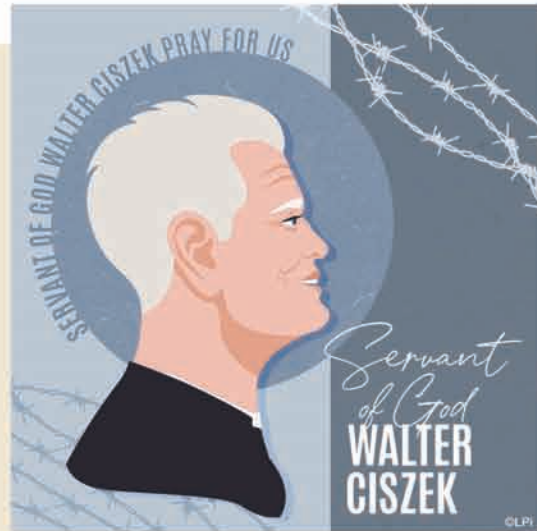
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening.

## Observances for the week of December 3, 2023

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Walter Ciszek was a Jesuit priest and theologian who spent 23 years as a prisoner of war during the World War II and the Cold War. His endurance of suffering for his beliefs and his writings reminds us of the importance of religious freedom and the power of faith.

## Prayer

We adore You, Most Holy Trinity, and we thank You for the exemplary life of Your Servant, Father Walter Ciszek. We pray that his strong faith in Your loving providence, his great love for You, and his kindness to all people be recognized by the Church. If it be Your will, may he be given to us as a saintly model of these virtues so that we too may be better motivated to dedicate our lives to Your greater honor and glory. We commend our petition through the prayers of the holy Mother of God. For to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.ciszek.org/Prayers.html>)

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday • December 2**

**4:30 PM**

† **Jacob & Robert Hankel**

*r/b Kenneth & Susan Baehny*

**Sunday • December 3**

**8:00 AM**

† **Lucy Dugan**

*r/b Lorraine & Neal Pronek*

**10:00 AM**

† **Arnold Carpenter**

*r/b Loving Wife*

**11:30 AM**

† **Glenn Conigliaro**

*r/b Loving Wife*

**Monday • December 4**

**9:00 AM**

† **Lillian Zuppa**

*r/b The Kafarski Family*

**Tuesday • December 5**

**9:00 AM**

† **Manuel Pio Pineiro, Sr.**

*r/b Loving Wife & Family*

**Thursday • December 7**

**9:00 AM**

† **Richard Polgar**

*r/b The Kafarski Family*

**Friday • December 8**

**9:00 AM**

† **Connie Gersbeck**

*r/b Loving Husband, Joe*

**7:00 PM**

† **Angelo Rossi**

*r/b Mary Ann & John Kaczorowski*



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.

And especially for:

**Cornelius Pronek**

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

## *Always Remember*

### **Christmas Flower Memorials**

Sponsor a poinsettia in your family's name or in honor of a deceased loved one this Christmas. These poinsettias will grace the altar & sanctuary & add to the beauty of our liturgical celebration.

*Suggested donation is \$15.*

Payments can be brought to the parish office, placed in the collection basket or paid through our online giving platform. Also, an envelope is located in the Narthex. Return **no later than**

**DECEMBER 10** for

inclusion with names printed in the parish Christmas bulletin.

Please write legibly. Thank you.

# 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 for Church & Chapel

Please call the Parish Office to order. Flower orders are not permitted during Lent.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

### Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

### Monday:

Is 2:1-5/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:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

### 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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
(8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



A Holy Day of Obligation

Join Us

9:00 AM Mass      7:00 PM Mass

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church



## ADVENT

Evening Prayer Exposition  
Adoration & Benediction

6:00 PM

Sunday, December 3

Sunday, December 10

Sunday, December 17

Come and prepare your heart for the Lord.

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## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Monday, December 4

6:15 PM

Tuesday, December 5

4:30 PM

Saturdays 3:30 PM

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23



# Our Parish Family

Saint Catherine of Siena Church

Worship with Us

Christmas Schedule



## DECEMBER 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 PM • 6:00 PM • 10:00 PM

Overflow Mass • 4:00 PM • Parish Hall

## DECEMBER 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 11:30 AM

St. Catherine of Siena Parish


## Angel Tree of Giving

Help us provide Christmas Joy to children and seniors in our Church and local community.

**Pick a Gift Tag off the tree and help someone in need.**

**How to Return:**

- \* Bring with the **GIFT TAG attached**, your Gift Card and **UNWRAPPED** item to the Narthex.
- \* **VERY IMPORTANT:** Return Gift Cards & Items by the Due Date on your tag. Return Dates are **DEC. 3, DEC. 11 or DEC. 18.**  
**PLEASE FOLLOW THE TAG YOU SELECT.**

Monetary donations are accepted. Please send in to the Parish Office in a labeled envelope or  online by scanning the QR Code:  
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# Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday Morning at the 11:30 AM Mass

Ages 4—8



Children are called forward after the opening prayer, and follow our CLOW Leader to the gathering room to hear the Gospel at their own level. They return for Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Just sign-in with the CLOW Leader before the start of Mass.



## GOSPEL

When you play on a baseball team, you learn how to pay attention. Your coach reminds you and your teammates to stay ready. You learn to watch the ball. Those are good lessons to learn, because Jesus wants you to pay attention, too. Keep your eyes and your mind on Jesus, so you're ready when he comes.



## PRAYER

Jesus, help me stay ready for you.



**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](mailto: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.

# Upcoming Events

**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH**

Welcomes You to  
**Breakfast**  
With  
**Santa & Mrs. Claus**  
**SUNDAY • DECEMBER 3**  
After all Masses— Parish Hall

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## *Simbang Gabi*

6:30 p.m. Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration | 7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12, at Saint James, Red Bank

Wednesday, December 13, at Saint Ann, Keansburg

Thursday, December 14, at Saint Catherine, Farmingdale

Friday, December 15, at Holy Innocents, Neptune

Saturday, December 16, at Holy Family, Union Beach

Sunday, December 17, at Saint Dorothea, Eatontown

Monday, December 18, at Saint Benedict, Holmdel

Tuesday, December 19, at Saint Clement, Matawan

Wednesday, December 20, at Saint Mary, Middletown



Inherited by the Filipinos from the Spaniards, the Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) is a Catholic devotion of offering a Mass each night for nine consecutive days in joyful anticipation of Christmas Day. All are welcome to this festive Novena of Masses.

# Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, November 18-19, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,020.00	128 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,082.00	131 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,228.00	174 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,004.00	226 People
Online Giving	\$2,246.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,580.00</b>	
Second Collection		
Campaign for Human Development		\$858.00

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, November 25-26, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,082.00	98 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,234.00	119 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,243.00	150 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,139.00	117 People
Online Giving	\$1,768.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,466.00</b>	
Second Collection		
Energy & Fuel		\$668.00

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# ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

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- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

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

### HANDS OF CHRIST

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**\$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 November 27, 2023

Pledged: **\$40,791.00**      **102% of Goal**

Paid: **\$40,279.00**      **101% of Goal**

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