

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

Welcome



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OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS
9:00AM — 2:00PM

SUNDAY

*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

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 our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Fear not that your life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning” – Cardinal Newman. Strange as it may seem, many of us never choose to live. Just existing or going through the motions of life is not authentic living, still less choosing to live. Today’s first reading place before us the option: “Before each person are life and death and whichever one he chooses will be given.”

This is a reflection on Deut 30:15: “Today I am giving you a choice between good and evil, between life and death.” Deut.30:19 reiterates with an added vital clause: “I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God’s blessing and God’s curse.” To highlight the seriousness of the choice, God invites, in the very next verse, heaven and earth to witness the choice we make. Without doubt this is the most fundamental choice a person is called to make. Unlike other animals, humans must choose to live, if life must be meaningful. Whatever choice we make will have a vital effect. When we choose life – choose to live authentically – blessings will follow, when we choose death, curses will come upon us.

Choice both postulates and expresses freedom. No freedom means no choice. And every choice is or should be an expression of personal freedom. And because it is an expression of personal freedom, it immediately entails responsibility. With every choice I assume responsibility for my choice and its consequences. Responsible, personal choices are not robotic. They demand reflection; the mind must deliberate dispassionately. Deliberate on what? On what is good and evil. Now, who determines what is good and evil?

With this Old Testament background, we can better understand today’s Gospel, which is part of the Beatitudes. Jesus’ laws for our happiness and blessedness are aptly called beatitudes. Hence the categorical insistence of Jesus on the validity and the necessity of obeying the Old Testament laws which He came to fulfill, not to abrogate. He stresses on a better, superior, and, specifically, interior adherence to them. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were satisfied with external compliance. Such an attitude effectively kills the spirit of the law, while it may appear loyal and faithful. It is plain hypocrisy, deceiving and being deceived. It is obeying laws without interiorizing and personalizing them. Such a stance brings no blessings, precisely, because God is here neither worshipped nor obeyed.

When a person has reached a deep level of interiorization and personalization of God’s word and laws, the only honest stance is of ‘Yes’ or ‘No’. “Anything else you say,” adds Jesus authoritatively, “comes from the Evil One.” Anything else is either compromise or cowardice or both and maybe something even worse. This can be verified in one’s own life. Try it.

Lord God, I thank you for the New Testament and New Testament laws.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds
matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ,
the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

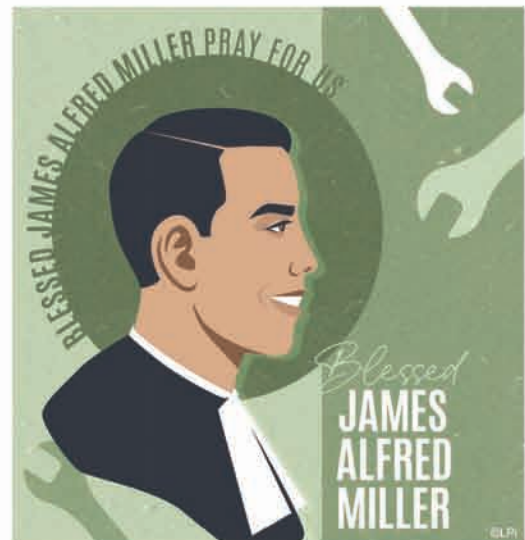
Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed James Miller, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Shot to death in front of his students in 1982, his legacy of love lives on today through the many schools he started.

Prayer

*Official Prayer for the Intercession of
Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC*

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.



Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

- Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6 10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12 13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Mass Intentions

Saturday • February 11

4:30 PM

† **Wayne Sos**

r/b Loving Wife, JoAnn

Sunday • February 12

8:00 AM

† **Anthony Pennetti & Family**

r/b Libby Miller

10:00 AM

† **Louis & Muriel Di Bello**

r/b Lou & Peggy

11:30 AM

† **Mary & Thomas Field, Sr.**

r/b The Davina Family

Monday • February 13

9:00 AM

† **Kevin Colvin**

r/b Neal & Lorraine Pronek

Tuesday • February 14

9:00 AM

† **William & Grace Meagher**

r/b Joseph P. Meagher

Thursday • February 16

9:00 AM

† **Julia Grybowski**

r/b Loving Daughters & Family

Friday • February 17

9:00 AM

† **Judy Kuc**

r/b Neal & Lorraine Pronek

Worship & Meditation

What are
you planning
on doing
for Lent?

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An Ash Wednesday Prayer

"Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust."

You remind us today, oh Lord, of our origin and end.

In the beginning, You fashioned us in the Garden.

You dignified dust with the Breath of Life.

You made us in Your image and likeness.

You led Your people through the dust of the Sinai wilderness to the Promised Land.

You overcame temptation in the dry desert.

You healed the blind with dirt and clay.

Three times Your body stirred the dust
as you fell on the road to Calvary.

Hear the cry of Your people!

One day we will return to dust.

This Lenten season, stir our minds to contemplate You, our hearts to love You, and our bodies to serve You in our brothers and sisters.

May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving be Your breath alive in us. Amen.



A purple-themed prayer card for Ash Wednesday. At the top, it says "REMEMBER... UNTO ASHES YOU SHALL RETURN" in white text. Below this, the date "February 22, 2023" and "St. Catherine of Siena Church" are listed. The card specifies Mass times at 9:00AM, Noon, and 7:00PM, and Service times at 6:00AM and 5:00PM. It notes that the distribution of ashes will take place during Masses and Services. A quote from Psalm 51:10 is included: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." The card features a large purple cross on the left and a small image of three crosses in a field at the bottom.

REMEMBER...
UNTO ASHES YOU
SHALL RETURN

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023
St. Catherine of Siena Church
Mass:
9:00AM • Noon • 7:00PM
Service:
6:00AM • 5:00PM
Distribution of Ashes will take
place during
Masses and Services.

Create in
me a clean
heart, O God,
and put a new
and right spirit
within me.
-Psalm 51:10



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 1, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, until Holy Thursday morning, April 6, 2023** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat): this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 25-26, 2023, to Trinity Sunday, June 3-4, 2023**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.

Bishop of Trenton

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.

New Parish Event



Create for Christ Art Ministry of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Calling all creative youth of the parish! Our NEW Art ministry is a place for all to come together and create art that shows God's creation in a beautiful way and lets us share our unique God-given talents with others.

Join us on **Tuesday, February 28** for our first **Random Acts of Art Opportunity**.
3:45—4:30 PM

**More dates and
times to be
announced.**



Many opportunities to serve.

Weekend sessions forming.

Ages 10 and up. All artistic abilities welcome.



Interested? Call Laura in the Parish Office for more information and to sign-up.
Call 732-938-5375 or email: passociate@sienachurch.org.

Our Parish Family



Congratulations to

John Dominick Candito, Jr.

& Kristen Marie Masterson

Who were married at
St. Catherine of Siena Church on

February 11, 2023

May God bless the two of you abundantly in love, joy, and happiness.



The Altar Flowers are donated in
loving memory of

Irene Cummings

At the request of
Ray & Diane Cullmann.

Prayer

God, help me to follow your rules with my whole heart.

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

Sharing the Gospel

God's rules stop you from hurting yourself and the people around you. God knows that if you really love him, you will want to follow his rules. You will trust him. You will want to be thoughtful and kind. You will want to love people the way God does.

Now color the picture! →



Children's Liturgy of the Word

At Sunday Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday's
Monthly

Next Session is Sunday,
February 26 at 11:30 AM

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

OBEY	ANGRY	PROMISE
BETTER	FAITHFUL	KEEP
MURDER	THOUGHTS	SWEAR

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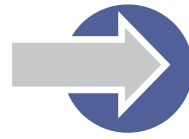
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President's Day Weekend:

Sunday, February 19

Monday, February 20

Tuesday, February 21

Parish Support



Ways to Give

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

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Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.



Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 28-29 2023

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,154.00	113 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,262.00	88 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,467.00	139 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,554.00	166 People
Online Giving	\$1,411.00	
Total	\$6,848.00	

Thank You for Your Generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sponsorship for Catholic Schools	\$896.00
Candles	\$605.00
Black & Native American Home Missions	\$666.00

Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Feb. 4-5 2023

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,431.00	91 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,395.00	85 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,281.00	130 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,227.00	209 People
Online Giving	\$3,546.00	
Total	\$8,880.00	

2022 Tax Statements

To request a Tax Statement, please email taxstatements@sienachurch.org.



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.



Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal is February 18th and 19th throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each year the Bishop seeks the support of all the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. **This year St. Catherine's share of the goal is \$40,000.** As the people of the Diocese of Trenton, you have an opportunity to help others see Christ working in our midst. I ask you to take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. We truly need everyone to participate. This year we again are striving to reach our goal of \$6.5 million. I am always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. I thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family—Father Angelito

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