

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 5, 2023

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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,

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I am glad to share with you a story about a judge who a conceited lawyer frequently ridiculed. When asked by a friend why he did not rebuke the lawyer, the judge replied: "In our town, there lives a widow who has a dog. And whenever the moon shines, it goes outside and barks all night." After that, the judge shifted the conversation to another subject.

Finally, someone asked, "But what about the dog and the moon?" "Oh," he replied, "the moon goes on shining, that's all."

Light is the keyword found in the first and third readings of today. In the second reading Paul, from his own experience, enlightens us that the real light does not come from 'wise' reasoning and clever sophistry but from the cross of Jesus. The light which comes from the cross and shines in our lives should lead us to those people among us who are 'hungry', 'afflicted and 'homeless', to be in the presence of 'Jesus Christ and Him crucified', who came as a light to dispel darkness.

The function of light is to shine, to illumine. The light of faith which we have received is not to be kept hidden but to shine and spread around. Just like light illuminates, guides, and gives warmth, just like salt which purifies, preserves, and provides taste, our Christian life is meant to enkindle the goodness in others and promote its growth.

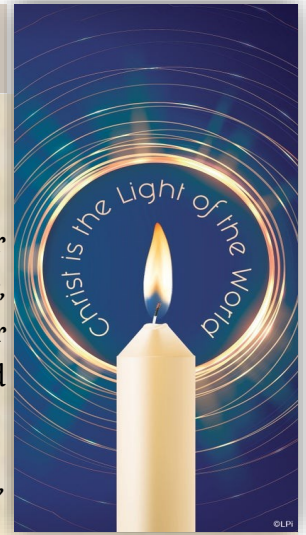
In other words, we are always instruments of peace, warmth, love, trust, confidence, respect, dignity, care, and concern. Remember when we were baptized, a candle was placed in our hand while the ministering priest pronounced these meaningful words: "Receive this burning light and keep the grace of your baptism through a blameless life...." By baptism, we are made children of God who is light and the source of light, we can bring glory to our Father only by being children of light, bearers of light.

Isaiah, in today's 1st reading, guarantees: "Then shall your light break forth." When? When you "share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, cover him and do not hide from your flesh, then shall your light break forth like dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily."

Light and healing are within us. When we love and do deeds of love, such as mentioned by Isaiah, the light and healing stored in us as gifts at our baptism, to make us children of our heavenly Father, are activated and fructified. When we, as Christians, share our light in the witness of our lives, that witness can puzzle people into wonder. But it is possible to share our light without speaking a single word. "Preach the gospel always; use the words, if needed." St. Francis of Assisi

Father of eternal light, I thank You for sharing Your light with me, enable me to make it shine before men and women for Your glory. Amen.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

Psalm:

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

Gospel:

"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket."
(Mt 5:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We can't be afraid to season our lives with the truth,
even if we face a world of picky eaters. Christians,
don't be afraid of flavor!

Or

It's hard to shine the light of truth in a world that so
often prefers darkness. But God has built his city on
a hill, not a valley. His glory, by definition, exists to be
proclaimed, as salt exists to give flavor.

Observances for the week of February 5, 2023

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Friday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day



Saint of the week

Venerable Father Mazzuchelli was one of the first Catholic missionaries to the Great Lakes region traveling the vast area via horseback, canoes, and on foot. He worked alongside new immigrant settlers and native tribes to establish over 24 Catholic communities.

Prayer

Prayer for the Beatification of Father Samuel Mazzuchelli

Lord Jesus, you called your servant, Samuel, even in early youth, to leave home and all for a Dominican life of charity in preaching your holy gospel. You gave him abundant graces of Eucharistic love, devotion to your holy Mother of Sorrows, and a consuming zeal for souls. Grant, we beseech you, that his fervent love and labors for you may become more widely known, to a fruitful increase of your Mystical Body, to his exaltation and to our own constant growth in devoted love of you who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God, world without end. Amen.

Mass Intentions



Readings for the week of February 5, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1 2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
- Next 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



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Saturday • February 4

4:30 PM

† **Francis William Tampone**

r/b June Hankel

Sunday • February 5

8:00 AM

† **Angela & Florindo Palermo**

r/b The Ciaravino Family

10:00 AM

† **Patricia Baldasari**

r/b Doug Seigel

11:30 AM

† **Anabella Giacobbe**

r/b The Negro Family

Monday • February 6

9:00 AM

† **Nicholas Lucarelli**

r/b Deborah Scully-Reinitz

Tuesday • February 7

9:00 AM

† **Anthony & Martin Gaughan**

r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy

Thursday • February 9

9:00 AM

† **Mike T. Hackett**

r/b The Kehoe Family

Friday • February 10

9:00 AM

† **Joseph Albano**

r/b Anthony & Sheila Infante

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 reads "REMEMBER... UNTO ASHES YOU SHALL RETURN" in white text. Below this, "Ash Wednesday" is written in a cursive font, followed by "February 22, 2023". The card lists Mass times (9:00AM, Noon, 7:00PM) and Service times (6:00AM, 5:00PM). It also states 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

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

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

*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome*

Our Newly Baptized.

Alexandra Anne DeToro

Gianna Marie DeToro

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



**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**



Our next Baptismal Class for new or expecting parents, is

March 1, 2023

7 PM

Call the Parish Office to learn more.

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.

Prayer

God, help me to make a difference in the world because I love you.

Mission for the Week

Do a taste-test with boiled eggs. Eat one plain. Eat the rest with salt. The salt makes big difference. Your love for God should make a big difference in the world, too.

Sharing the Gospel

When you love God, and you follow his example, it will show. You will be loving, patient, and kind. You will be honest and always do your best. You will work hard and share what you have. When you live for God, you make the world a better place.

Now color the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

salt
earth
light

city
hill
lamp

shine
good
praise

satl	<u>s</u> <u>a</u> <u>l</u> <u>t</u>
lpam	_____
hlil	_____
lithg	_____
godo	_____
erhat	_____
perasi	_____
cyti	_____
sihen	_____



Around the Community



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!

AN ORDINARY DAY

Monday, February 20 9:30 AM – Noon

There's a poem which begins, "Normal day, let me be aware of the treasure that you are...." Today is a very ordinary February day. You have the power to transform it into an EXTRA-ordinary day by keeping company with God which is just what God is hoping you will do! Donation: \$20

GIVING UP OR GIVING IN?

Thursday, February 23 9:30 AM – Noon

We have all become accustomed to approaching Lent with a "giving up," plan. There's nothing wrong with that, but we might want to use this day for considering a "giving in," plan. When we give up something for Lent, we retain control.

When we give in, we surrender. Which type of "giving," does God desire for your spiritual growth? Perhaps today is THE day to ask God! Donation: \$20



PREPARING FOR LENT

The Medjugorje prayer group invites you to a Lenten retreat Wednesday, February 15th, 9-11 am in the upper Kolbe Hall St. Peter's Church 406 Forman Ave Point Pleasant. There will be light refreshments, all are welcome. For further information contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com

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**ST. MARY'S MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL –
MIDDLETOWN**

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY

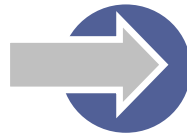
St. Mary's will be hosting an Information Night on Monday, February 27, 2023 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Basement Meeting Room of St. Mary's Chapel located at 27 Leonardville Road, Middletown which can be found at the back entrance of the chapel.

The Information Night will help you decide if you want to attend our upcoming 12- week program starting on March 13th on Monday nights. All the details will be provided to you at the Information Night. We hope you can make it.

Anyone that needs help in finding peace, empowerment and healing from divorce, whether you are separated, considering divorce, or are already divorced, you will discover how to work through emotions and pain, and experience personal healing and hope.

If interested, please email: healingheartfromdivorce@gmail.com and one of the Facilitators will reach out to you. If you have any questions before you decide if you want to attend, please call either **Rich DeGennaro at 732-540-9204**, or **Elaine Anzalone-Goumas at 732-213-9050**.

Parish *Support*



Ways to Give

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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

VISIT: www.sienachurch.org

ONLINE GIVING

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

Upcoming Collections

February 12	Diocesan Assessment Collection
February 19	Maintenance & Repairs
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 26	Chapel Restoraton

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
WE SURPASSED OUR GOAL!

105% Percent of Goal

Pledged: \$42,041.00 Paid \$41,741.00
As of January 30, 2023

Generous donations came from our parish families and we cannot thank you enough. Donations received over the goal will be given in a parish rebate. We rely on this rebate for parish operating expenses like snow removal. THANK YOU.