

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 22, 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men." - Mt 4:19

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

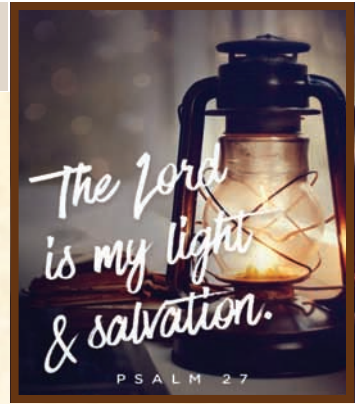
Other days by Appointment



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Monday, January 23, our nation has intended this day as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Serving to remind us all that God has given us the gift of life, and no one has the power and faculty to take that life away from us except God himself. Let us express our deepest thanks and gratitude for this great blessing. As faithful Christians, we are called to pray and participate in any endeavor to protect and promote the sanctity of human life and encourage everyone to live their lives to the fullest.



THIRD SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME

Light is essential for life, as prolonged physical darkness is inimical to life. Moral darkness for moral beings is even more harmful. Physical darkness at noon is perceptible but not moral and spiritual darkness. Self-delusion is a definite possibility.

Saul thought he was fully enlightened and felt duty-bound to nip in the bud the nefarious nonsense known as Christianity. But then, a powerful, piercing, penetrating, paralyzing light struck and blinded Saul. That blindness was, perhaps, a symbol of his real moral and spiritual blindness. And when his eyes were unsealed, something like scales fell from his eyes. That was his real enlightenment. The restoration of his physical vision was symbolic of his moral and spiritual vision. He understood how, foolishly blind and blindly silly he had been. Saul's supposed knowledge and wisdom led him to blind ignorance, and he lived in thick darkness. Morally and spiritually, it was a total eclipse, darkness at noon.

By calling people to repentance, Jesus first called everyone to a metanoia—a complete change of heart, a total conversion. Unauthentic values and relationships have to be purified and transcended. There must be new life and a new direction. The heart of stone must become a heart of flesh. Anyone or anything that prevents conversion should be wiped out. Genuine conversion is not merely external; it must touch the core of our being. It is the birth of a new person.

Secondly, Jesus proclaims the active rule of God among his people. It is not political but the actual reign of God over his creation. His reign is not static but dynamic. Jesus not only announces his kingdom but its embodiment.

Thirdly, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. There is a note of urgency. We cannot put off our response to the call of God to a later, more convenient hour. With the coming of Jesus, the kingdom is here and now. The kingdom has started but the completion is not yet here.

This confuses our minds. God is indeed ruling now, but we must wait patiently for his final coming. In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Don't you know that I must be about my Father's business?"

What is his business? He went about in Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and infirmity among the people. Jesus preached to the people the good news of salvation: God is a God of loving forgiveness. This news should not be kept for oneself but must be proclaimed and shared.

Lord, there is a deep-rooted yearning in me for light and clarity. Lead me from darkness to light. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

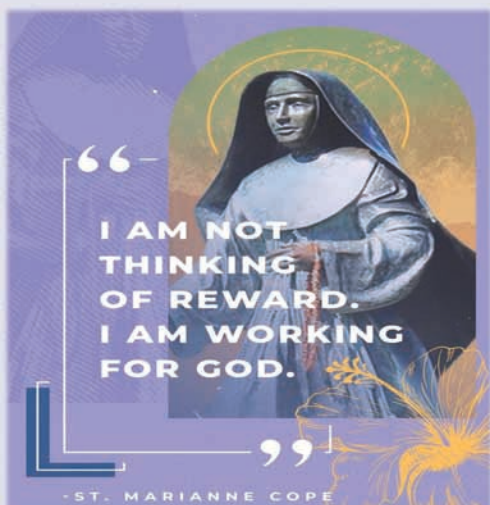
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Thursday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Friday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Marianne Cope immigrated to the USA from Germany when she was a child. A gifted leader, she oversaw schools, hospitals, and missions during her long life. Most notably, she volunteered to provide care to those outcast with leprosy in Hawaii.

PRAYER

Prayer for St. Marianne Cope's intercession

Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience.

Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practice charity towards all according to your word and example.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.saintmarianne.org/prayer---novena2.html>)

Our desire
for God
can only
grow when
we place
ourselves in
His presence.

-Pope Francis



Mass Intentions

Saturday • January 21

4:30 PM

† **Richard Giordano**

r/b Maryann O'Brien

Sunday • January 22

8:00 AM

† **Lucia & Antonia Leotta**

r/b The Ciaravino Family

10:00 AM

† **Carmela Favigliano**

r/b Joe & Pina Incognito

11:30 AM

† **Réal Néron**

r/b Frank & Sylvie Neal

Monday • January 23

9:00 AM

† **Camille Fiorella**

r/b MaryAnn Percaccio & JoAnn Callari

Tuesday • January 24

9:00 AM

† **Doan Ray**

r/b Marcie Ramirez & Ralph Kuehmstedt

Thursday • January 26

9:00 AM

† **Jimmy Como**

r/b The Ciaravino Family

Friday • January 27

9:00 AM

† **Oscar Sumanña, Sr.**

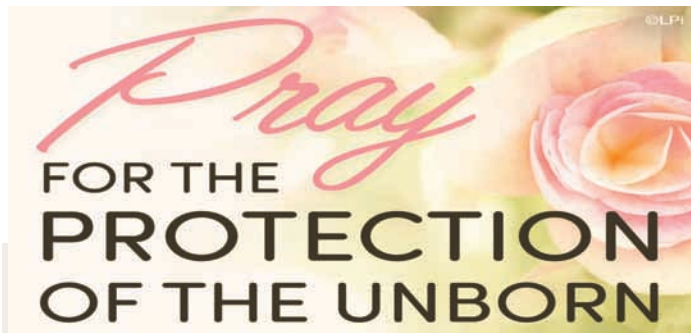


Let us pray daily for those who are sick, to serve as an instrument of healing to our brothers and sisters.

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

Liturgical Life



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very
existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position
of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond
measure. Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts,
we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parish Registration

Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish.

Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Please call the parish office to sign up.

Our Parish Family

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

Sienna Grace Hipolito

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



**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**



Our next Baptismal
Class for new or
expecting parents, is

February 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

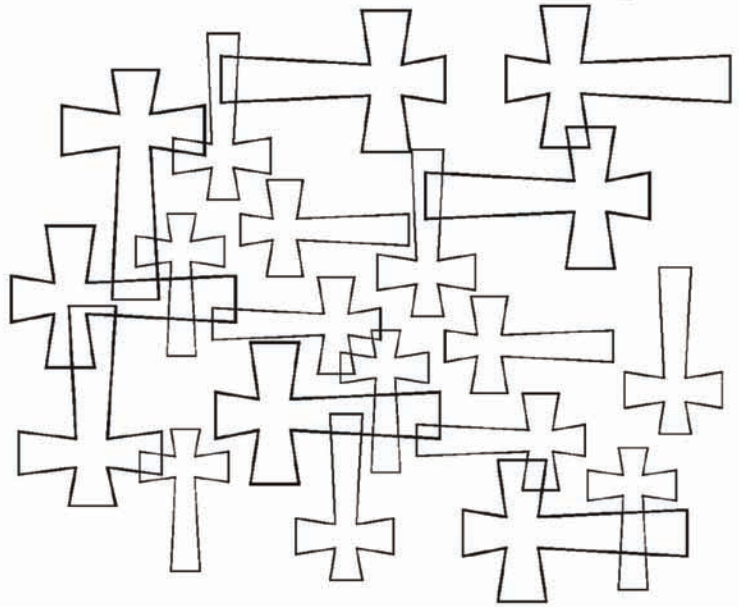
An extremely low-gluten host (37 micrograms) is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest prior to the beginning of Mass.

Altar Flowers

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

KIDS CORNER

How many crosses can you count?



THE ANSWER IS TWENTY CROSSES

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel talks about people living in darkness.

When you think about darkness, you may also think about stumbling, falling, or even being afraid. That's what your life could be like without

God. You could stumble around trying to find love or happiness, but without God you will only fall. Jesus brings light into a dark, unhappy world. With Jesus, you no longer need to fall, and you don't need to be afraid. God loves you.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you that with Jesus I don't need to be afraid.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Sing the song, "This Little Light of Mine."



Children's Liturgy

At Sunday Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday's

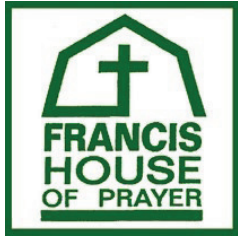
Next Session is
Sunday,
January 29 at
11:30 AM

Religious Education Students

Thank you for your dedication to the Box of Joy ministry. Your donations and selflessness led thousands of boys and girls to feel loved and remembered this Christmas. May God bless you for making a positive impact on the lives of impoverished children & their families.

- Cross Catholic Outreach.

Around the *Community*



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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

All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

One Day –

CLASSIC IGNATIAN MEDITATIONS

Tuesday, February 7 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

At the heart of the Spiritual Exercises are two classic meditations by St. Ignatius: *The Principle and Foundation* (The Purpose of My Life) and *The Contemplation for Learning to Love Like God*.

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coffee and cake.**

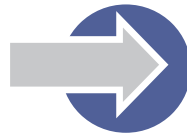
**Pre-paid ticket packages are on sale for \$40.
Please call Denise
732-801-4190 or Patty**

Thank You. ❤️

SMILE! IT'S SUNDAY



Parish *Support*



Ways to Give

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Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.



Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 14-15, 2023

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,181.00	80 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,074.00	80 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,189.00	149 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,361.00	139 People
Online Giving	\$1,875.00	
Total	\$6,680.00	

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

Energy and Fuel	\$819.00
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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 16, 2023

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