

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 29, 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

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,

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are the poor,” Jesus tells us today. Who was blessed, the beggar without the gold coin but at peace with God, or the rich man with the gold coin lacking peace with God?

Happiness, real happiness – all of us long for it and seek it. But is it possible for us to find it in this world? If it is possible, where should we look for it? Some say, “How can we even think of happiness or speak of it when the social situation is so bad? When we are daily bombarded with news such as crimes, violence, rapes, diseases, disasters, murders, robberies, wars, corruption, exploitation, etc., is it not ridiculous to speak of happiness?”

Yet, the search continues. The only mistake is that many look for it in the wrong things, places, and persons. No wonder many seek happiness in security, fun, popularity, sex, power, comforts, drugs, etc. Finally, all such people end up in a state of permanent unhappiness and prove that the search for happiness in these things is useless. They realize that living like animals according to base instincts results in wretchedness and despair.

When Jesus Christ went up on the mountain and taught his disciples the ‘Beatitudes,’ was the social situation any better than what we experience today? Jesus knew very well that it was indeed terrible. If we examine the Gospels and listen to what he says, we see that the social situation at that time was no better than our present one.

He tells people, “The king is an immoral man; the tax collectors and administrators are corrupt; men are adulterers – the whole lot of them (they all left when He said, “If any of you is without sin, let him stay”). His best friend John was in jail; the shepherds were hirelings and mercenaries.

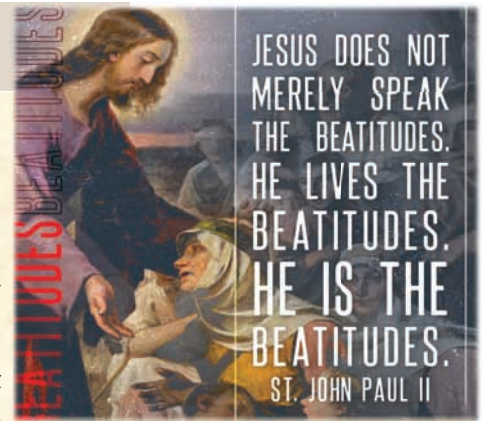
Housewives were losing their money; children were neglected, scandalized, sick or dead; occupying forces were murdering people in the temple; priests were hypocrites. The disciples were without understanding; Judas was a traitor; the only tower mentioned fell, killing many people; sons were lost; sheep were in the wilderness; and finally, he was about to be arrested and killed.

Jesus gave his disciples a compact summary of the rules for happiness in the Beatitudes. It is profound but simple, and it is eminently practical. Jesus never meant that being poor, weeping, and persecuted are good things. He wants all human beings to do their best to be free from poverty and obtain the necessity of things in life.

Yet Jesus greatly loved the poor and insisted that to be poor is essential to enter his kingdom. When one is poor, one is much more prepared to put one’s trust in God, making it easy for God to save that person. In the estimation of Jesus, one is poor and puts his trust in God alone, not in his wealth or other human resources. Jesus has pointed out the source of our happiness – God, and the way to find him is by putting our whole trust in him.

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the laws for true and lasting happiness. Please give me the wisdom to appreciate and apply them in my daily life. Amen.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito



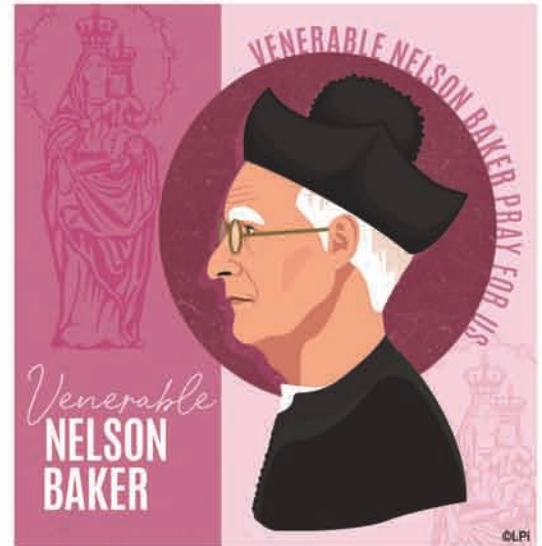
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

- 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
- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Thursday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Friday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SAINT OF THE WEEK

A Union veteran of the civil war, Father Baker later donated his life savings to support the outreach institutions he ran. He created the Our Lady of Victory Association uniting Catholics around the USA in support of these successful missions.

PRAYER

Prayer for the Cause of V. Father Nelson Baker

Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless and the young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled and courage to those in doubt.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, if it be Your will, that Your Servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized.

Amen.



The Altar Flowers are donated in
loving memory of
Heath Fitzsimmons
At the request of his family.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • January 28

4:30 PM

† **Nancy Gersick**

r/b Sue Tomasso

Sunday • January 29

8:00 AM

† **Proto & Theresa Scanga**

r/b The Ciaravino Family

10:00 AM

† **Patricia Baldasari**

r/b Mary & Elizabeth McGrath

11:30 AM

† **Heath Fitzsimmons**

r/b The Fitzsimmons Family

Monday • January 30

9:00 AM

† **Kenny Barychko**

r/b Lou & Peggy Di Bello

Tuesday • January 31

9:00 AM

† **Joseph Furnari**

r/b Angelo & JoAnn

Thursday • February 2

9:00 AM

† **John Napoli**

r/b The Lombardi Family

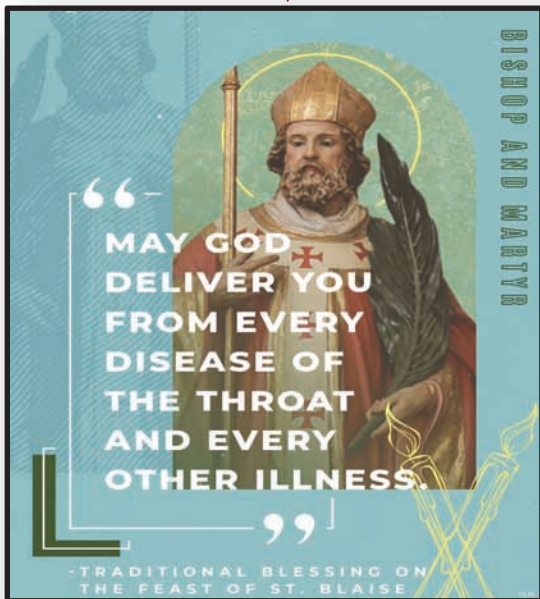
Friday • February 3

9:00 AM

† **Walter A. Meagher**

r/b Joseph P. Meagher

Liturgical Life



St. Blaise Feast Day February 3

Blessing of the Throats

A special blessing will occur at the conclusion of the 9AM Weekday Mass at the Chapel on February 3.

A special blessing will also take place at all the Masses the weekend of February 4 and February 5.

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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

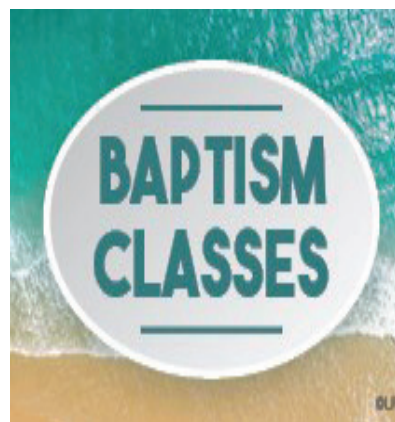
*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome
Our Newly Baptized.*

Connor Reiff

*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

READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

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peace

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

God sees the loving things you do. When you show kindness to others, especially when they don't deserve it, your kindness will come back to you. When you see others fighting, and you help them get along, you show that you are God's child. When you are gentle, not bossy, you make God smile. Even when it is hard, keep on doing what's right. One day in heaven God will reward you for the good choices you make.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me love other people the way you want me to.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.



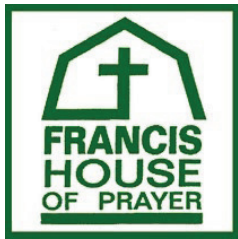
Children's
Liturgy

At Sunday Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday's
Monthly

Next Session is
Sunday,
February 12 at
11:30 AM

Around the *Community*



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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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!

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*.

I would love for you to experience them and their amazing power for consolation, clarity, and peace. Give it a try! Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom: \$20

The Annual Bayshore Senior Center (100 Main Street, Keansburg) Gift Auction will take place on Friday, March 3.

The doors open at 6:30pm. Entrance cost is \$20 and includes coffee and cake.

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

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Saint Peter School in Point Pleasant, NJ is hosting an Open House on Sunday January 29, 2023!

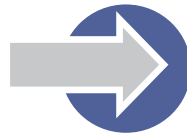
No registration is necessary.

Can't make it to Sunday's Open House? We are offering tours the following Monday, January 30 from 9 AM to 10 AM.

Visit our website to learn more about Saint Peter School:

<https://www.stpschool.org/>

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. 21-22, 2023

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,023.00	80 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,413.00	81 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,264.00	148 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,178.00	202 People
Online Giving	\$1,577.00	
Total	\$6,455.00	

Thank You for Your Generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Church in Latin America	\$838.00
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Share *YOUR* Faith



Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. The amount we collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference.

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 23, 2023

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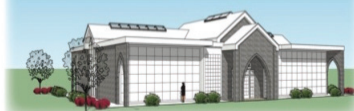
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