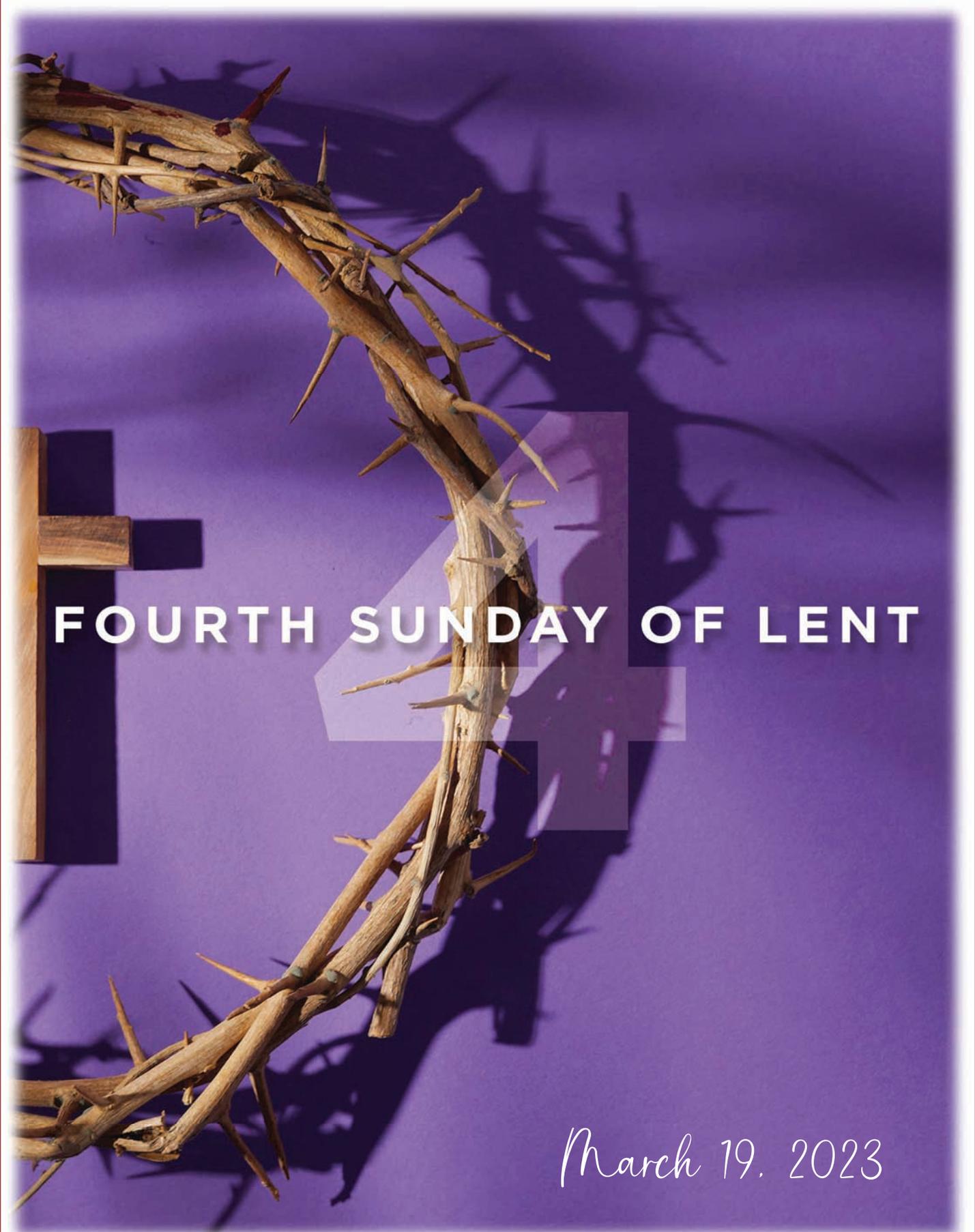


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*March 19, 2023*

# Welcome



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## CONNECT WITH US

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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 OF LENT

Light, enlightenment, seeing, vision, are all themes of today's liturgy. All these are preludes to *faith*. In today's first reading, like David, without any personal merit, we have been chosen and gifted by God with faith to 'see' and to be the light of the world.

St. Paul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading recalls that we used to be in darkness, "but since you have become the Lord's people, you are in the light and must live like people who belong to the light."

Faith brings light; faith *is* light. All those who live their faith, especially adult converts, experience their gift of faith as a gift of light. In today's Gospel we have the touching story of a man groping in the darkness of blindness and reaching the realm of light.

Today's story, like that of the Samaritan woman of last Sunday, is story of journey, of an encounter in faith. In her case she had, before making her act of faith, to overcome a number of personal difficulties. The blind man, on the contrary, is eager and courageous to believe. However, he must surmount many social difficulties. Insult, abuse, threat and even excommunication are his lot for believing in Jesus. He believes in Jesus' word and obeys it. Perhaps he did not know what would be the consequences of obeying Jesus. But he is humble enough to obey. He goes to the pool and washes and able to see. It is a pleasant surprise. He experiences great joy. From a world of darkness he is suddenly transported to a world of light.

The blind man's physical healing, his gift of sight, is a symbol of his gift of faith. At first Jesus is for him only 'the *man* called Jesus'. Later Jesus for him is a *prophet*. Finally, Jesus is for him *Lord* and he confesses, kneeling down, "I believe, Lord." The blind man is healed both physically and spiritually.

The whole import of the story comes out only in the last verse when Jesus says, "If you were blind, then you would not be guilty; but since you claim that you can see, this means that you are still blind." Jesus is taking a dig at the Pharisees who claimed to know everything, everything about Jesus, which made them blind. This is self-imposed blindness and therefore it is blameworthy. Refusing to believe, one condemns oneself to darkness, deprives oneself of the gift of faith and light.

Lord, grant me the grace to see myself. Amen.

My God bless you,

Father Angelito

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,  
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;  
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD  
rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
(Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

### Gospel:

He spat on the ground  
and made clay with the saliva,  
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,  
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means  
Sent — .  
So he went and washed, and came back able to  
see. (Jn 9:6-7)

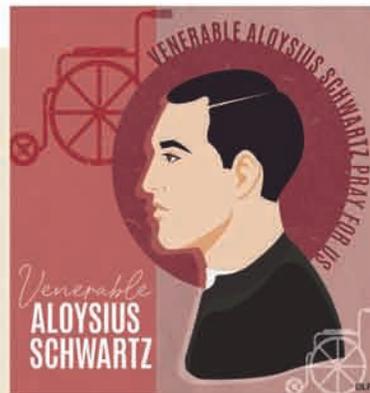
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

## Observances for the week of March 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Thursday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
**Saturday:** The Annunciation of the Lord  
**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent



## Saint of the week

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz (Father Al) spent his life embracing poverty, building hospitals, and supporting orphans in war-torn Korea, the Philippines, and the Americas. His legacy lives on through the religious orders he founded — the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ.

## Prayer

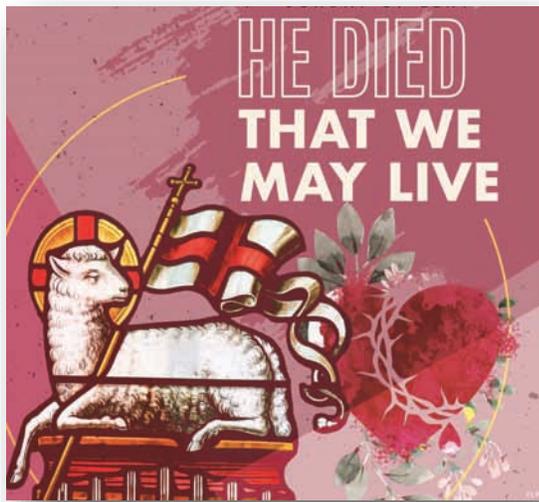
*Prayer for Venerable Aloysius Schwartz's intercession*

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For Your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al. be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. I ask You to bestow upon me, through the intercession of Fr. Al (your intention).

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor.

Amen.



## Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd 14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21 22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Due  
No Later than  
MARCH 22**

*Easter Flower*  
**MEMORIAL**

As Easter approaches, we remember all our brothers & sisters who have died in hope of the Resurrection. A list of names will appear in the Easter Bulletin. A Flower Envelope is in the Narthex. Please print clearly. **Return to the Parish Office.**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday • March 18

4:30 PM

† **Sammy & Angela Guido**

*r/b June Hankel*

## Sunday • March 19

8:00 AM

† **William O'Doherty**

*r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel*

10:00 AM

† **Cornelius Meagher**

*r/b Joseph P. Meagher*

11:30 AM

† **Philip Pondaco Sr.**

*r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family*

## Monday • March 20

9:00 AM

† **Patty O'Connell Healing Intention**

*r/b Phyllis Hurley*

## Tuesday • March 21

9:00 AM

† **Irene Cummings**

*r/b Diane & Ray Cullmann*

## Thursday • March 23

9:00 AM

† **Irene Habbersette**

*r/b Loving Family*

## Friday • March 24

9:00 AM

† **Michele D'Norio DeMeo**

*r/b Rose Auletta*

# Worship & Meditation



## JOIN US FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



All Friday's During Lent

**6 PM** at the Church

February 24

March 3

March 10

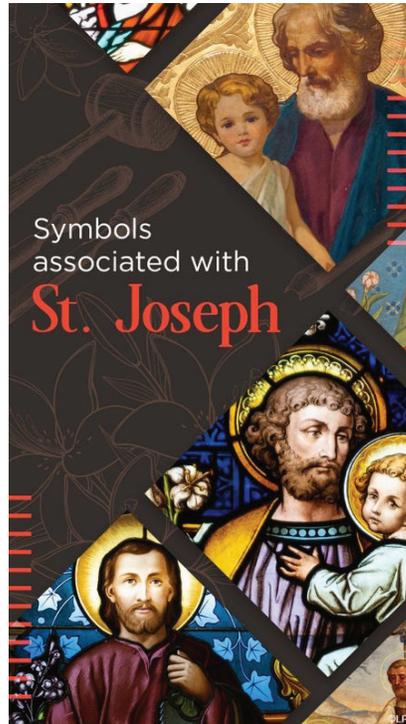
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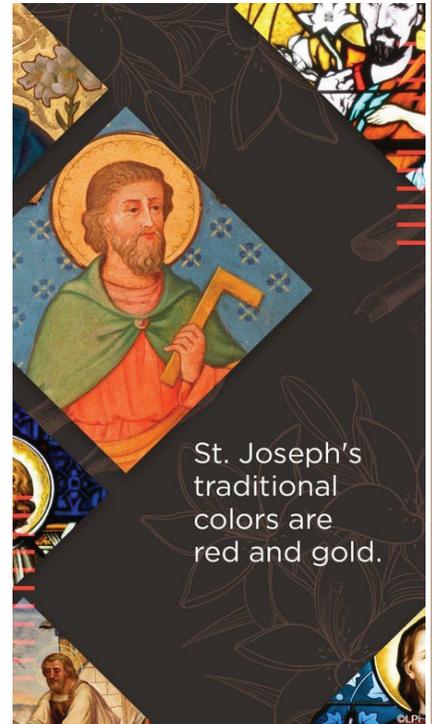
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Good Friday

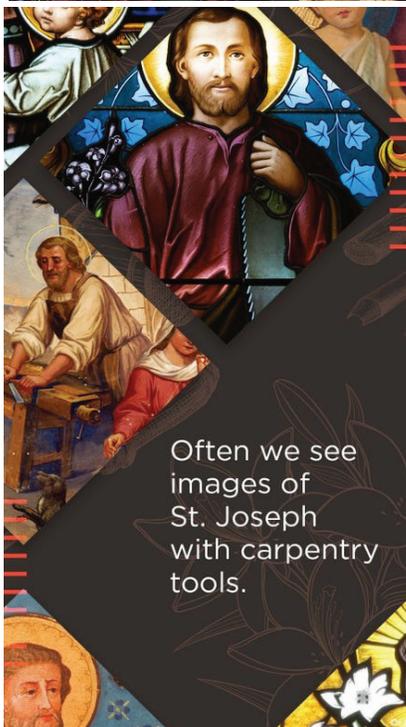
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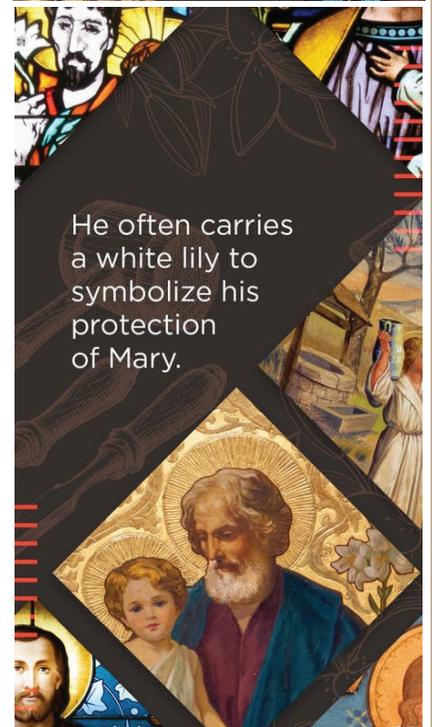
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associated with  
**St. Joseph**



St. Joseph's  
traditional  
colors are  
red and gold.



Often we see  
images of  
St. Joseph  
with carpentry  
tools.



He often carries  
a white lily to  
symbolize his  
protection  
of Mary.



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. Thank You to all who participated on February 28!

Our next Random Acts of Art Session:

Saturday, March 18 1:00—3:00 PM

More dates and  
times to be  
announced.



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](mailto:passociate@sienachurch.org).

# Our Parish Family

Sponsor A



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HAIR ACCESSORIES  
PAJAMAS ALL SIZES  
SOCKS ALL SIZES  
JOURNAL & ART PENS  
BACKPACK

### CHILD BAG

SOAP  
SHAMPOO  
TOOTHPASTE & BRUSH  
LOTION  
UNDERWEAR ALL SIZES  
DIAPERS SIZE 5 AND 6  
PULL UPS SIZE 5 AND 6  
HAIR TIES/ACCESSORIES  
PAJAMAS ALL SIZES  
SOCKS ALL SIZES  
STUFFED ANIMALS  
COLORING BOOK  
CRAYONS  
BACKPACK

## Return by March 19

To the Parish Collection Bin in the Narthex or to the Parish Office. Call the Laura in the Parish Office for questions or other ways to help.

*Thank you for your generosity and for making a difference this Lenten season.*



# Children's Liturgy of the Word

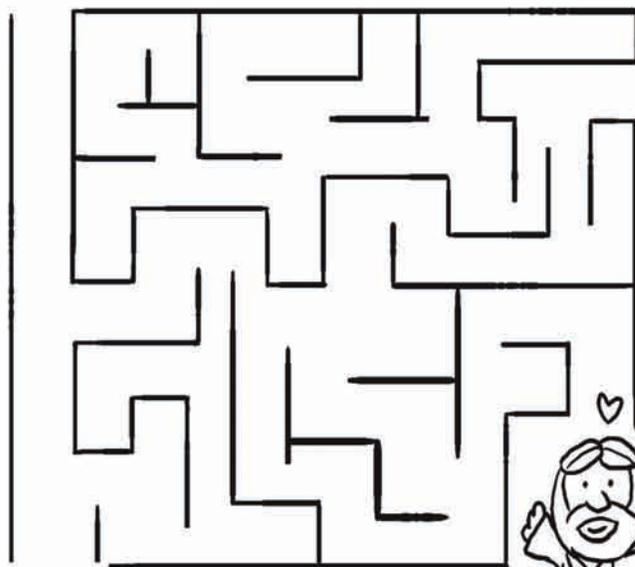
## At Sunday Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday's  
Monthly @ 11:30 AM

Ages 4 -8

## Kids Corner

Help me to find God!



### Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping the blind man believe in you.

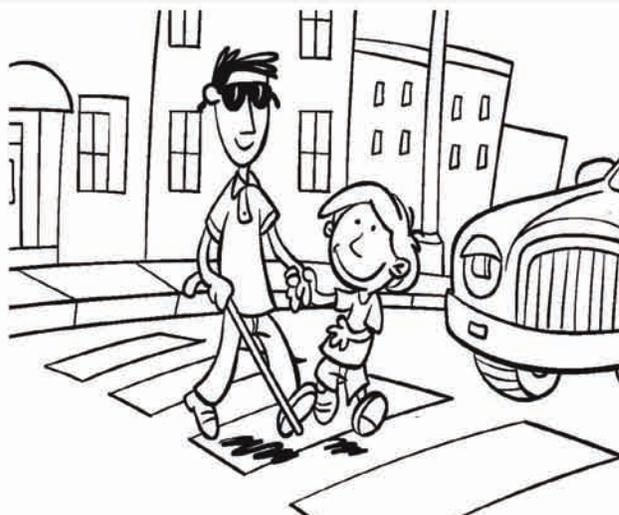
### Mission for the Week

Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.

### Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.

**Now color the picture!**



# Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, March 11-12, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,163.00	129 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,187.00	80 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,138.00	110 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,685.00	152 People
Online Giving	\$1,398.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,571.00</b>	

SECOND COLLECTIONS	
Energy & Fuel	\$643.00

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## ➔ Ways to Give

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Drop your envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or mail directly to the Parish Office.

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# ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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#### FEET OF CHRIST

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

**\$2,250,000**

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

#### HANDS OF CHRIST

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

**\$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

**Pledged: \$29,266.00      73% of Goal**

**Paid: \$22,366.00      56% of Goal**

As of March 13, 2023

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