

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023
March 5, 2023

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



WELCOME ONE
ANOTHER, THEN, AS
CHRIST WELCOMED YOU,
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

ROMANS 15:7

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

It happens to everyone that there are times in our lives when we feel quite fine. But there are other times when feelings of failure, worthlessness, hopelessness, etc., creep in like intruders and take control of our lives. We usually don't remain in such a state for long. Why? Because someone or something pulls us out of the pit, we feel happy again. It may be a simple thing like a call from a friend, a letter with some good news, etc. Suddenly everything takes a new turn. A new strength comes into our hearts. We begin to see ourselves and our lives from a new perspective.

During His public ministry, Jesus had considerable success. But He also was aware of the mounting opposition from the religious leaders. Now that He was heading for Jerusalem, He knew what awaited Him there. He knew, just like all true prophets, He would face a violent death.

So, Jesus climbed Mount Tabor, along with three of His disciples, to pray for strength and enlightenment. Just imagine with what fervor and anguish he must have prayed that day. He poured out his soul to His Father. We may never know exactly what happened on Mount Tabor during the transfiguration of Jesus. That should not bother us too much. What is essential for us is to explore the meaning of the experience, first of all for Christ Himself and then for us. How was it a meaningful experience for Jesus? In prayer, He had a marvelous experience: He heard the Father's voice: "You are My beloved Son; in You, I am well pleased." In a moment, He must have felt a significant change. The dark clouds suddenly vanished from his mind. Life was once again imbued with meaning. His face was radiant with joy. He knew what would happen was exactly following His Father's plan. He was sure His Father wanted this. The Father has given him unmistakable proof of His love. No wonder Jesus was well prepared to face life with faith, hope, and love when he came down from the mountain.

At times life can become dark for all of us. It is in these moments that we need our own 'Tabors.' We must experience our worth and the meaning of our pains and sacrifices. Without meaning, sacrifices can destroy us. With meaning, they can transform us. It is love that gives them meaning. Do we wonder where our 'Tabors' come from? From the love and support of our family and friends.

However, at times even our friends can do little for us. All they can do is stay by our side, as the disciples stayed by Christ's side on the mountain. The only thing that upholds us is prayer and faith in Christ. He gave us a glimpse of our glory when He revealed that we, too, are the Father's sons and daughters. In the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, we see the ultimate meaning of our own lives and death. But this great hope is only offered to those who follow Him along the road to Jerusalem. The glorious image of the Transfiguration of Christ speaks to us of the glorious resurrection we will have and our need to be transformed more and more into Him so that His features, His love, and His compassion may transfigure us.

Lord, touch and transform me into you. Amen.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.
He saved us and called us to a holy life.
(2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We have been tasked with the awesome responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus transfigured. We have seen what is real. We have heard what is true. Do we have the courage to rise, and not be afraid?

Observances for the week of March 5, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving
Time begins



Saint of the week

Sister Thea Bowman tirelessly blazed a way for Black Catholics to fully live their faith out loud and with joy! You can listen to her music on all streaming services and experience her legacy through the many institutions that now boast her name.

Prayer

Prayer for Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman's intercession

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity. In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession (mention your request), so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,
20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt
17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11
and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9,
16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14,
15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and
6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt
21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2,
3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
(8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5
42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
40-42

Mass Intentions

Saturday • March 4

4:30 PM

† **Richard Giordano**

r/b Fred & Sally

Sunday • March 5

8:00 AM

† **Lisa Snow**

r/b Donna Daly & Frank Verbovsky

10:00 AM

† **Rose Kehoe**

r/b Cathy Keegan

11:30 AM

† **Walter Grybowski**

r/b Daughters & Family

Monday • March 6

9:00 AM

† **Joseph Albano**

r/b Renee Whittaker & Family

Tuesday • March 7

9:00 AM

† **William & Sarah McGrath**

r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy

Thursday • March 9

9:00 AM

† **Helen Steinecke**

r/b Loving Sister, June

Friday • March 10

9:00 AM

† **Annella Matto**

r/b Kerri Finnegan

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.**

Worship & Meditation

What are
you planning
on doing
for Lent?

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Parish Lenten Reconciliation

St. Catherine of Siena Church
31 Asbury Road

Monday, March 13
4:30 PM & 6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 14
4:30 PM

Saturdays'
3:30 PM



JOIN US FOR THE
**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**

All Friday's During
Lent

6 PM at the
Church

February 24

March 3

March 10

March 17

March 24

March 31

Good Friday
April 7



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Potluck

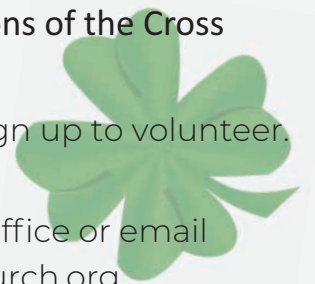
Friday **March 17**

Parish Hall Immediately Following
Stations of the Cross

Bring a dish for
everyone to share!

Sign up to volunteer.

Call Laura in Parish Office or email
passociate@sienachurch.org





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:

Sunday, March 12 9:30- 11:30 AM
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.



Our Parish Family

Sponsor A



WHAT ARE CARE BAGS? Show love to a child or teen coming into foster care by providing much needed comfort items as they transition to their foster home. Many times the children/teen arrive with very few belongings in trash bags. Let our parish bless the foster child/teen with care bags as they become placed into a safe and loving environment.

All items must new & unopened

YOUTH/TEEN BAG

SOAP
SHAMPOO
TOOTHPASTE & BRUSH
FEMININE PRODUCTS
DEODORANT
LOTION
UNDERWEAR ALL SIZES
BRUSHES
COMBS
HAIR TIES
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

Next Session:

March 12

March 26

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for showing Jesus' friends what heaven would be like.

Mission for the Week

Mission for the Week
If you could see Jesus in heaven today, what would you talk about? What would you ask him?

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus showed his closest friends - Peter, James, and John - what heaven would be like. Jesus' friends were amazed to see Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus. Moses and Elijah had gone to heaven hundreds of years before this day. Then Peter, James and John heard God's voice from the cloud. Jesus, their friend and teacher, was God's Son. They fell down in fear. You might, too, if you were there.

Now color
the picture!



Kids Corner

Find seven differences in this scene of Jesus in Heaven.



Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Feb. 25-26 2023

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,239.00	107 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,147.00	100 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,285.00	137 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,734.00	172 People
Online Giving	\$1,501.00	
Total	\$6,906.00	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Chapel Preservation	\$1,368.00
Ash Wednesday	\$2,613.14

Thank You for Your Generosity.

➔ 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.

To receive envelopes, please register in the parish. Please call the Parish Office to check your status.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIocese of TRENTON



We are the **BODY of CHRIST**

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal: **\$40,000**

EYES OF CHRIST

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

\$1,750,000

- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Catholic Social Services (Mount Carmel Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison Ministry, Respect Life, Grief)
- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

THE POWER TO CHOOSE:

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: **\$17,825.00**

45% of Goal

Paid: **\$14,156.00**

35% of Goal

As of February 27, 2023

Thank you to all who donated so far. Donations received over the goal will be given in a parish rebate. This year the rebate will be used to support our Religious Education Program.

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