

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



6th

May 14, 2023

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

Welcome



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OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM — 12:45 PM

*The Church is open during
Parish Office hours
for prayer.*

WORSHIP WITH US

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ



WEEKDAY MASS

St. Catherine's Chapel

1 West Main Street Farmingdale

MONDAY 9:00 AM

TUESDAY 9:00 AM

THURSDAY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY 9:00 AM

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—4:00 PM

Church

Other days by Appointment



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We pause from our busiest days of the year and give our honor, respect, honor, and remember our dearest mothers in our prayers, especially in our celebration of Sunday Liturgies today. We will have a blessing for all the mothers in every Mass this weekend. There are a lot of things we can do today as we manifest our gratitude, appreciation, and most of all, our love to our dearest mothers today and every single day!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's permissive, turbulent and free-for-all society, commandments are looked at as oppressive and suppressive, regulations and laws as burdensome and restrictive. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a new interpretation and meaning to commandments.

The heart of the passage reveals two important messages proclaimed by Jesus. Firstly, keeping God's commandments must always be within the context of love. God our Father loves His children, and He wants each of us to become children of light and love, radiating His presence amidst us. Jesus has told us that He has come to fulfill the commandments and He sums them all up in love of God and love of neighbor. For Jesus, commandments are not restrictive or burdensome laws, but radical and dynamic means that helps us realize true love and become free.

Secondly, to love Jesus, we must know and should have a personal experience of Him in our lives. We cannot love someone whom we do not know. One requires the presence of the other, the knowledge of the other, and above all, one needs to encounter the mystery present in the other which spontaneously attracts and invites us to communicate and experience love.

On our own, we realize, it is impossible both to know and love God. Hence the question, how do we know and love God if we are unable to do these on our own? Jesus has solved this question for us once and for all. If we wish to love God, know God, and keep His commandments, we must receive the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sends. It is the Spirit indwelling in us who makes us experience Jesus in our lives and makes us true followers of Christ.

Only the Spirit can work transformation. "For all those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Rom 8:14). Our life is a continuous movement towards the Father through the Spirit and Jesus has cleared the path for each of us through His death and resurrection. Peter tells us in today's second reading the "Jesus was put to death insofar as fleshly existence goes but was given life in the realm of the Spirit."

The commandments of Jesus are summed up in love and are the expression of a disciple's entire way of life. The fulfilling of divine commands, which requires complete obedience, is a difficult task made easier when it is motivated by the disciple's love for Jesus and when the believer has the help of the Holy Spirit.

Hence, let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each of us that we may be enabled to accept God's commandments to experience and realize him. Let us listen to the Spirit of Jesus that we may truly become the children of God.

Lord, give me a docile heart to love your commands. Amen.

May God Bless You,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then they laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For Christ also suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with
you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,
because it neither sees nor knows him." (Jn 14:15-17)

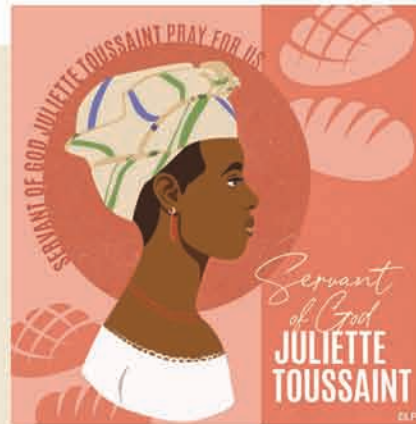
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we love Christ, we will keep his
commandments, and the world will not accept us.
But we are not left orphans — God sends us an
Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face
of the earth!

Observances for the week of May 14, 2023

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Monday: St. Isidore
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I,
Pope and Martyr
Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed
Forces Day
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of
Easter; World Communications Day



Saint of the week

Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint, was originally born into slavery in Haiti and later freed in New York City as a young adult. Along with her husband, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, she is remembered for her incredible charity work inside and outside of the Church.

Prayer

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our sister in Christ, Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Juliette worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. She attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of 19th century, New York.

If it is Your will, let the name of Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate and be bitter, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love — love for God and for neighbor. By following her example and asking for her prayer, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask for this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • May 13

4:30 PM

† **Bill Whittaker**

r/b Infante Family

Sunday • May 14

8:00 AM

† **Nancy Baehny**

r/b June Hankel

10:00 AM

† **Rosemarie Gomez**

r/b June Hankel

11:30 AM

† **Patricia Noffke**

r/b Dennis Sullivan

Monday • May 15

9:00 AM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Loving Husband, Joe

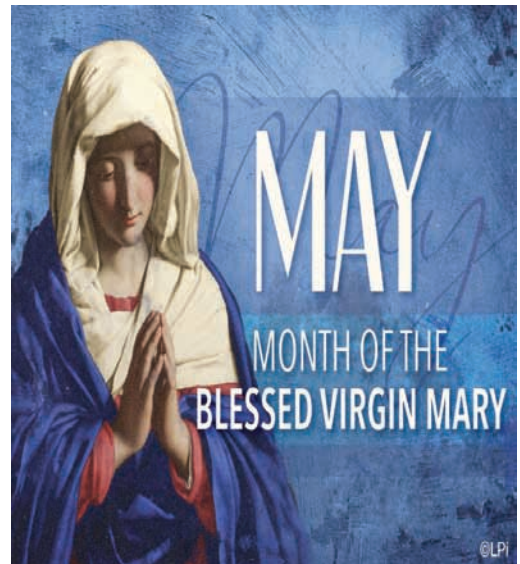
Tuesday • May 16

9:00 AM

† **Melanie Vincent De Buy**

Healing Intention

r/b Loving Sister & Family



Thursday • May 18

9:00 AM

† **Emily G. Graham**

r/b Loving Niece, Janet

Friday • May 19

9:00 AM

† **Rita Ascione**

r/b Howell Senior Center

MASST
INTENTIONS

The Mass Book for 2024 will
open on
Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Please come to the office to
have a mass said for a loved
one or a special intention.

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.

Liturgical Life

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16,
20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-
20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7,
8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-
23

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn
16:23b-28

Next Sunday:

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
(6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/
Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day.

Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.

May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.

Amen.





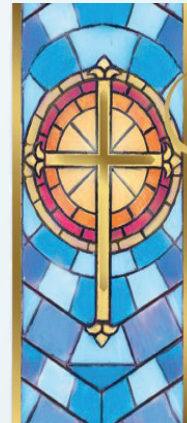
**You are Invited to be a
Catechist!**

2023-2024

Parish Religious Education Program

ENRICH A CHILD'S LIFE: We are looking for volunteers for the 2023-2024 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Please consider becoming a catechist (teacher) or a catechist aide. You don't have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program. We will provide training and support along the way. If interested, please contact the Laura in the office at 732-938-5375.

*Our
Parish Family*



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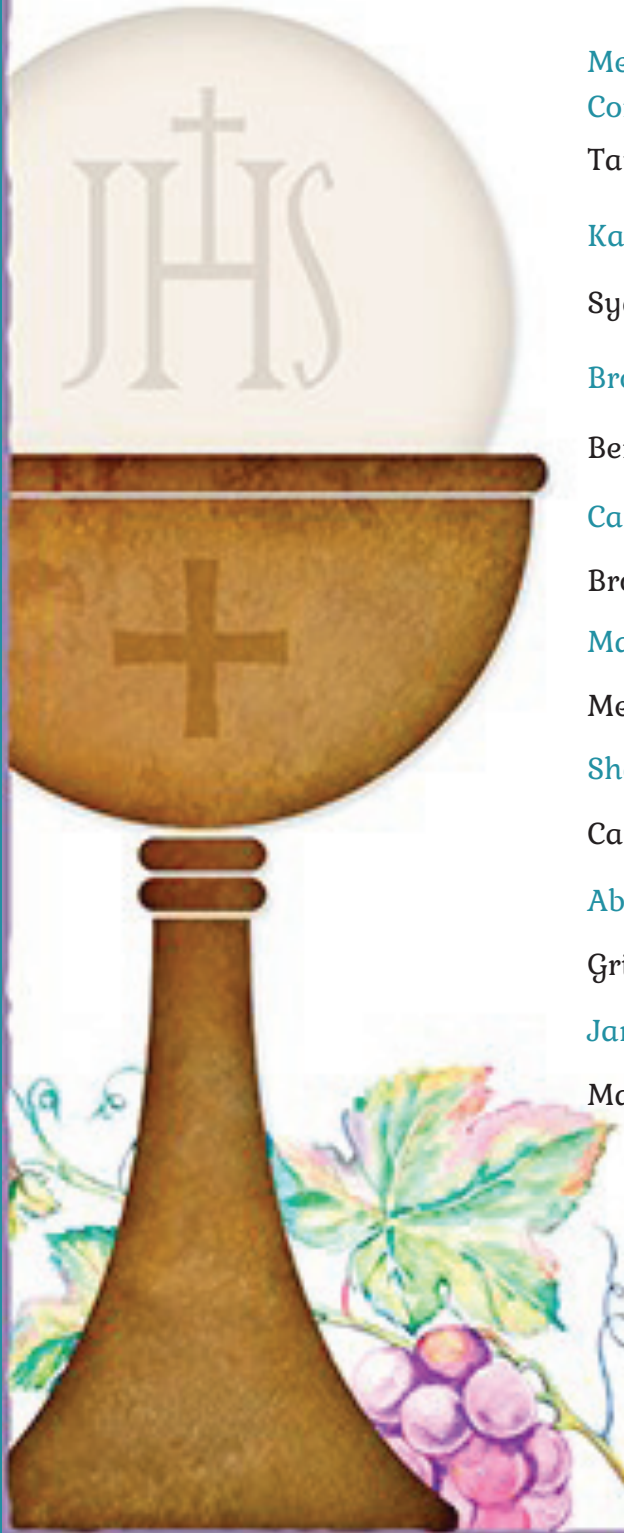
Michael & Lillianne Torrente

With Warmth and Prayers,
We Welcome You into
Our Family of Faith.

First Eucharist

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.

-JOHN 6:35



Meghan Danielle Amador
Cortes

Taylor Michael Applegate

Kayla DaSilva Azevedo

Sydney Michele Barton

Brenna Gabrielle Berg

Benjamin Oliver Block

Caroline Rose Brach

Brody RJ Charles

Mariella Darcy Cohen

Melayna Mae Diab

Shane Daniel Duleavy

Cameron Jay Evans

Abbie Claire Ferraro

Griffin Patrick Ganley

James Christopher Golando

Maya Victoria Kaufmann

Maeve Elizabeth Killea

Adriana Ann Lanza

Declan Christopher Marron

Harper Dorothy Mitchell

Kylie Victoria Pelszynski

Matthew Francis Prime

Cassandra Lynn Reed

Miguel Marco Rodriguez

Lucianna Patricia Samarelli

Gabriella Autumn Scano

Lucas Julian Serafin

Aubrey Madison Tabet

Ryan Peter Tuosto

Colin Joseph Woodle

Mason Michael Woods

Gavin Nicholas Zapata

Jesus made you special and
you're unique in every way.
He loves you very much on this your
First Communion Day.

Congratulations!

Prayer

Jesus, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask.

Mission for the Week

Make cards for the sick. Remind them how much Jesus loves them.

Sharing the Gospel

If you love Jesus, you will do what he asks. If someone hurts your feelings, Jesus asks you to forgive. If someone is hard to get along with, Jesus asks you to show love. If someone is sick, Jesus asks you to pray. Learn from Jesus. Follow his example. Love all people like God does.

Now color the picture!



Circle the pictures that show love.



Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, May 6-7, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,356.00	90 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,145.00	98 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,506.00	140 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,627.00	212 People
Online Giving	\$3,714.00	
Total	\$9,348.00	
Second Collection		
The Good Samaritan Ministry		\$1,499.00

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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We are the
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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

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

As of May 8, 2023

Pledged: **\$36,321.00** 91% of Goal

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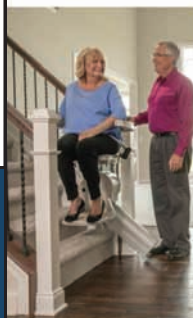
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