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PSALM 103

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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,

As we have announced at the weekend Masses, our Religious Education Program begins on September 18, 19 and 24. These are the first days of school as we teach and form our parish's young people and prepare them to receive their respective sacraments. We cannot thank our catechists-volunteers and aides and our beloved parents who are so supportive, cooperative, and helpful. We are equally grateful and appreciative to our Religious Education staff, who are behind the curriculum's improvements and the fantastic job our young people in the Art Ministry have done to the classrooms, blackboards, and hallways. Their talents and gifts are a blessing not only for themselves but they demonstrate and share them with the community. I am sure everyone is excited to see, use, and experience the significant changes in the program, the classrooms, and the facilities.

The parish community is happy to welcome our catechumen and candidates for the RCIA this year, 2023-2024. Please come on Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 PM, as we start the class in the Parish Center.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME

Are we aware that every time we sin against God, we incur a debt to him? However, he cancels out all our debts when we ask for his forgiveness. He does not want us to keep grudges against anyone. Though the wicked servant in the parable was free of all his dues, his unforgiveness brought upon him severe punishment.

Today's readings touch upon two points. The first reading and the Gospel warn us against all forms of anger, wrath and hatred against our neighbor. They emphasize the fact that unless we forgive our neighbor, we cannot enjoy God's forgiveness.

It was Jesus' infinite love and mercy that led him to die for us. His death on the cross not only redeemed us but also united us with God and we became brothers and sisters. We are reminded by St. Paul, that being united with Jesus as brothers and sisters, we must show mercy to everyone who hurts us. The very exhortation, 'to live and die for the Lord' is a reminder to imbibe Jesus' infinite mercy.

Love, kindness, compassion and magnanimity are aspects of forgiveness. The true sign of Christianity is love and the power of love is forgiveness. Forgiveness should be permanent, not occasional. The quality of love is sweet but that of mercy and kindness is sweeter. One feels more enriched when one forgives than one who is forgiven.

Forgiveness is a powerful, divine remedy for the evils of the world. It has been proved that hatred and grudges towards others are the main reasons for many human ailments. Grudges and vengeance never let internal wounds heal. But when we forgive others, we not only mend the broken relationships but also facilitate the free flow of Jesus' love to everyone, including ourselves. And this brings internal healing.

Lord, let your forgiveness flow into my heart as I let it flow into other. Amen.

May God bless you,. —Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
(Sir 28:2)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in
compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for
oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
(Rom 14:7-8)

Gospel:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but
seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of
what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find
the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our
brothers and sisters?

Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul
Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Saturday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday



Saint of the week

Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshiping idols to celebrate the harvest.

Prayer

Lord, may we strive to be as brave as Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles during times of persecution for our beliefs. As we yearn for strong spiritual friendships like theirs and to follow Jesus like them, may we never waver in our faith and stand strong as Catholics our whole lives long. Blessed Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles, indigenous martyrs of Mexico, pray for us. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • September 16

4:30 PM

† **Arthur "Butch" Bitz**

r/b Patty & Stephanie

Sunday • September 17

8:00 AM

† **Sisters, Barbara & Patricia**

r/b Loving Sister, Sheila

10:00 AM

† **Everett Lahue**

r/b Mom Palumbo

11:30 AM

† **Anthony De Libero**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

Monday • September 18

9:00 AM

† **Mary Racioppi**

r/b The Kaplan Family

Tuesday • September 19

9:00 AM

† **William Doran**

r/b The Lamb Family

Thursday • September 21

9:00 AM

† **Karen Porcari**

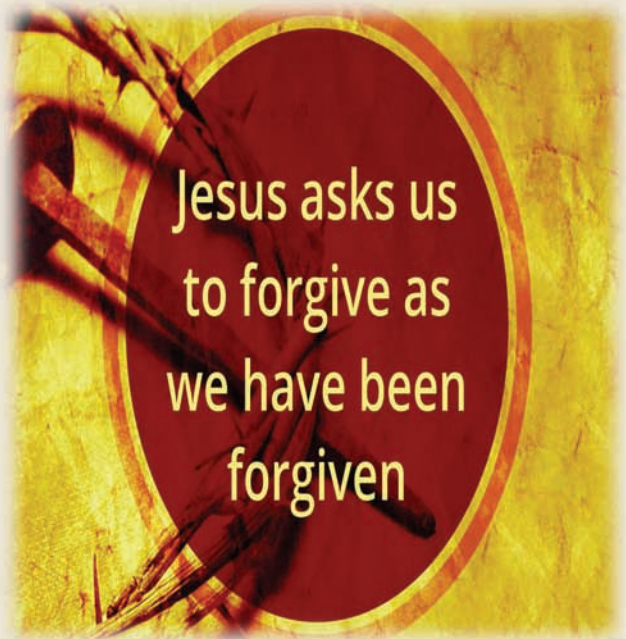
r/b Terri, Scott, Chris & Rowena

Friday • September 22

9:00 AM

† **Dorothy McInerney**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



Prayer for Catechists

God of our fathers and mothers,
today we mark Catechetical Sunday, the day we
recommit ourselves
to teaching and forming disciples to continue your
work in this world.

In the beginning, you created man to please you
and offer you companionship.

We turned away from you without knowing the
great love you had for us.

Help us to recapture that understanding of your
love for us and for creation.

Give us wisdom to hand on to the next generation
that love you freely give us.

We ask all that is good to come upon our catecheti-
cal leaders

and the people whom they lead to the faith.

We ask all this in the name of the primary teacher
of the faith,

Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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
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.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
(8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil
1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



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For The Beauty Of The Earth 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Tune - Dix - William Chatterton
Tune Set to Dix by Conrad Kocher 1838
Text - Folliott S Pierpont
Meter 7-7-7-7-7-7
Scriptural Reference - Hebrews 13:15
Published in 725 Hymnals

The text written when Pierpont was 29 and mesmerized by the beauty of the English countryside. It first appeared in print in 1864 in a book of Eucharistic Hymns and Poems entitled *Lyra Eucharistica*

The tune Dix is a simple bar form tune (AAB) with a wavelike melodic contour. The text is set as three long lines rather than 6 short lines over the melody.

Another hymn set to this tune is the Christmas hymn *As With Gladness Men of Old*.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love from which are birth over and around us lies
Christ our God to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful
praise.

Our Parish Family



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

The Groh Family
Glenn, Linda
Taylor, Grace & Dillon

The Hanford Family
Michael, Gabrielle
Sophia, & Anthony

The Roco Family
Gerson & Priscilla
Maximus, Valentina & Arianna

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

Baptism

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

Cassandra Daniela De Leon
Hayden Rose Pillar

*May God bless these
children and the
family always.*



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If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Around the Community



Interfaith Neighbors at the
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For more information, call Melanie Decker, Director of Senior Services at [732-938-4500](tel:732-938-4500) x 2550.

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609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

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



The homeless need a safe space

Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program Inc. of Freehold helps those who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of eviction. We created a capital campaign this summer to expand our Advocacy Center to accommodate the growing number of individuals and families who need our free services. We offer linkages to housing, medical, mental health, addiction, legal and welfare services. We also help clients find jobs, apply for housing and safety net benefits, and obtain ID documents.

Contact: Nina Rizzo
nrizzo@ehapinc.org
732-431-2600 ext. 210
www.ehapinc.org/donate



Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, September 9-10, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,196.00	128 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,384.00	115 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,256.00	120 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,308.00	107 People
Online Giving	\$2,466.00	
Total	\$7,610.00	
Second Collection		
The Catholic University of America		\$597.00

Thank You for Your Generosity.

COLLECTIONS



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
The Catholic University of America

Thank you for your generous support last week of the collection for The Catholic University of America! As a parish, we raised monies to support Catholic education and to help educate tomorrow's Catholic leaders in our country.

If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give!

Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more and give easily online.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON



We are the **BODY of CHRIST**

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

EYES OF CHRIST

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\$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.

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- 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 September 11, 2023

Pledged: **\$40,166.00** **100% of Goal**

Paid: **\$36,861.00** **92% of Goal**

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