

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



January 7, 2024

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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,

Please be reminded that besides the times of the year that have their distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ himself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as "ORDINARY TIME."

Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday, January 9, and continues through Tuesday, February 13, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, May 20, the day following Pentecost.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JESUS

Jesus Christ is the perennial, ever flowing, living, life-giving water, marvelously refreshing and ever fresh. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation. He is the splendor of the glory of God the Father. He remains yet to be discovered. And today is the feast of the revelation of Jesus to the non-Jews, to us.

They saw the Child with Mary. The Creator in the arms of a creature: this is the mystery and marvel of Epiphany; the mystery that baffles and the manifestation that consoles us. In the babe, helpless, nestling cozily and enjoying the warmth of the mother's flesh, the Wise Men saw the unseen – though always desired-to-be-seen-God.

Behold! Here lie manifested the wisdom of God, the humor and humility of God, the love of God. Here is the Epiphany of God. Here is God! Here is the absolute, the most universal in the specific relationship of mother and child, flesh to flesh. Here is the most abstract and spiritual in the most concrete, mother-child, flesh-to-flesh relationship.

Here is the eternal in time, non-spatial cuddled in the lap of its mother and having a good time as well. Here meet heaven and earth; time and eternity; God and man. From now on, neither God nor man can be the same. Both are bound together in time, for eternity. Here in the babe of Bethlehem are revealed the mystery of God and the destiny of man.

St. John, apostle of love, from personal experience and inspiration states: "God is love, and whoever lives in love lives in union with God and God lives in union with him" (1 Jn 4:16).

BAPTISM OF THE LORD JESUS

At his Baptism, Jesus was declared by God to be his Son, His beloved. But many who saw Jesus and His works never really understood the significance of His ministry. It is only at His death that the centurion made his confession of faith, "Truly this was the Son of God."

To be called son or daughter of God is indeed great. That is what we become when we receive the sacrament of Baptism in faith and profess this faith continuously and in all circumstances. It is a reality signed and sealed by the gift of the Holy Spirit. What God did for Christ at His baptism is precisely what God gives us at our baptism—the gift of the Holy Spirit and the public acknowledgement of each of us as His children. If this is the way, we are honored by God, then we have the duty to obey Him and do his will.

Lord, may I be conscious of my baptismal dignity and live up to its responsibilities. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the
same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Tarcisus was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • January 6

4:30 PM

† **Bob Dole**

r/b Luanne Lindon

Sunday • January 7

8:00 AM

† **Donald Applegate**

r/b Teresa Magyar

10:00 AM

† **Robert McCarthy, Jr.**

r/b Ben & Celeste Talcott & Family

11:30 AM

† **Manuel Pio Piñeiro, Sr.**

r/b Loving Wife, Amparo

Monday • January 8

9:00 AM

† **Peg & Bill Carter**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

Tuesday • January 9

9:00 AM

† **Michael Burke**

r/b The Textores Family

Thursday • January 11

9:00 AM

† **Bob Tilton**

r/b Judy & Mike Reutter & Family

Friday • Friday 12

9:00 AM

† **Neal Pronek**

r/b Pat O'Connor



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OF THE LORD
SHINES
UPON *you!*



GLP

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 for Church & Chapel

Please call the Parish Office to order. Flower orders are not permitted during Lent.

Worship & Meditation

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

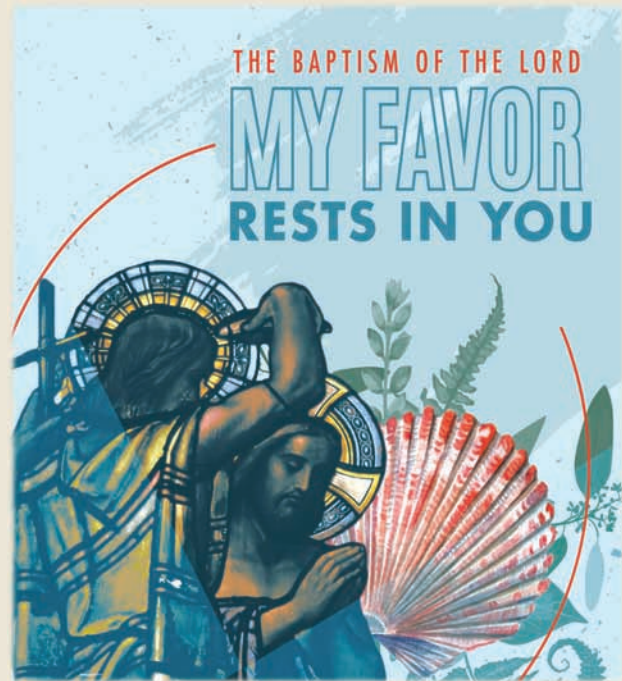
Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 7, 2024

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Our Parish Family



INFANT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

God bless you in choosing to have your child baptized. In doing so you are taking your vocation as a parent seriously by giving your child the life of Christ!

Our parish holds baptismal preparation classes every month for all families expecting a child. Contact the parish office today for information on the next class.

Visit our website at www.slenachurch.org for online registration.



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Baptism

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

Valentine River Simonetti

*May God bless this
child and the
family always.*



**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

Hymn of the Week:

In The Bleak Midwinter

Text - Christina G. Rossetti. 1830-1894

Music - CRANHAM - Gustav Holst 1974-1934

Meter - Irregular

“In the Bleak Midwinter” holds historical and liturgical significance, featuring a poignant blend of Christina Rossetti’s evocative lyrics and Gustav Holst’s emotive musical composition. Rossetti’s verses, penned in the 19th century, reflect themes of humility and spiritual reflection, capturing the essence of Christmas. Holst’s musical adaptation, composed in the early 20th century, complements Rossetti’s words with a solemn and haunting melody. Together, they create a timeless hymn that resonates with the somber beauty of winter and the profound meaning of the nativity. The hymn’s enduring popularity underscores its lasting impact on both the literary and musical realms, solidifying its place in the rich tapestry of Christmas traditions.

Both the Lyricist and Composer had long outstanding careers. Gustav Holst is best remembered as the composer of the orchestral work *The Planets*.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Sunday Morning
at the 11:30 AM
Mass
Ages 4—8



Children are called forward after the opening prayer, and follow our CLOW Leader to the gathering room to hear the Gospel at their own level. They return for Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Just sign-in with the CLOW Leader before the start of Mass.

Sharing the Gospel

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

Now color
the picture!



THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

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.

Upcoming Events



On Friday Jan. 19, 2024, the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton will come together in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life! All are invited to an 11 a.m. **Mass for Life** celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold. No registration is needed for the Mass, seating is first come first served. Mass will be livestreamed on [Youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese).

The Mass will be followed by a **Lunch & Seminar** in the Co-Cathedral's Dentici Hall. A panel of local expert speakers will offer practical, actionable, ideas and resources to take back to parishes where they can be immediately applied to build a culture of life in a spirit of inter-ministry collaboration and radical solidarity with vulnerable pregnant women and families. Advanced registration to attend the **Lunch & Seminar** is required by Jan. 10, 2024. Full details for the day's events, including a registration link for the **Lunch & Seminar** can be found here: dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life. Questions, contact Belem Perez 609-403-7133 bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer
Trenton Diocesan
Spiritual Center and Retreat House
84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

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

Interfaith Neighbors at the
Howell Senior Center
Needs Volunteers
to Deliver Meals to
Homebound Seniors.



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



INFORMATION NIGHT DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY

St. Leo's Parish in Lincroft is pleased to announce its continuing ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics.

*We are having an **Information Night on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm** at St. Leo The Great in the Parish Center Meeting Room, located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft.*

If interested, please email: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have.

Visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry> for more information about the program or call/text Michele Coppola Wilson at 201-753-8485.

Thank you for taking the first step towards healing!

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, December 30-31, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,092.00	108 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,204.00	109 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,078.00	138 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,005.00	148 People
Online Giving	\$1,655.00	
Total	\$6,034.00	
Second Collection		
Solemnity of Mary		\$1,064.00

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, December 23-24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,396.00	108 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,296.00	109 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,386.00	138 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,437.00	148 People
Online Giving	\$1,919.00	
Total	\$7,434.00	

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

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

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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

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\$2,500,000

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- Religious Education for Children and Rite of Election of Adults
- Catholic School Programs
- Professional Development for Educators

Total ACA Goal is
\$6.5 Million

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

As of December 27, 2023

Pledged: **\$46,811.00** **117% of Goal**

Paid: **\$46,704.00** **117% of Goal**

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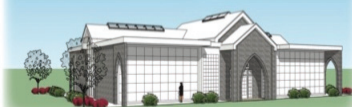
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