

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**LIGHT**  
CAME INTO  
THE WORLD.

— JOHN 3:19 —

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

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# Welcome



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## CONNECT WITH US

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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,

We are glad to hear that our retreat for the first communion students held on Tuesday, March 5 went very well with great participation from the parents and the kids. This retreat prepares our future first communicants for Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist as they are going to receive Him for the very first time in their lives. For their respective parents, it is a good reminder and more spiritual information is given so they can enliven and enhance the faith of their children as well as the whole family. We cannot thank enough our Department of Religious Education for their strong dedication, making this spiritual exercise a great success.

A friendly reminder to all about our Lenten Penance this coming Monday and Tuesday respectively, both in the evening for all our parishioners. We have invited some priests in the area to help us hear confessions and give absolution to the penitents. Please make it a point that we come to this invitation as we all journey this holy season of Lent.

This Sunday at 11:30 A.M. Mass is the Second Scrutiny for our catechumen in RCIA. Please pray for our elect that he may remain faithful and boldly give witness to the Words of Eternal Life.

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The theme of the readings today is darkness---light; suffering---new life; death---resurrection. The key to understand the readings is to be found in the Gospel of John. He starts with a symbolic event during the desert-experience of the Jewish people: a bronze serpent hanging on from a pole. In the desert, people were bitten by snakes and died. They were paralyzed by fear and could not move any longer.

In the First Reading, the same thing happened to the people who “added infidelity” and ended up being captive in Babylon. And St. Paul described

himself and his Christian converts as those who “were dead in our transgressions.” We, too, are so often people who do not see new possibilities and settle down in captivity of our daily routine activities. But during darkness, amid the total absence of possibilities because of our fear, there is light.

God instructed Moses to erect a symbol of the serpent. By looking at the serpent, by looking at what people feared, they got courage and faced the poison of the snakes. Paul and John invite us to do the same: not to fear but to look up at the crucified, at the man of Nazareth “who was lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” How do we look up at the crucified? Not by being paralyzed by fear but by walking in his footsteps. Jesus was a good man, he served people, he brought healing, he enjoyed life together with friends, he liberated people from fear and set them free—he protested the injustices in society, especially of the religious leadership. His courage and his goodness towards poor people made many enemies. He was dangerous for the leadership who wanted to control people. No new possibilities.

Jesus knew that his life was in danger, but he did not run in fear and distress. The religious leaders caught him and executed him. When we look up at the crucified, what story do we receive? Not that suffering itself is life-giving, that it is salvific. As Christians, we do not have to look for suffering... it will be present in our life at certain times. The cross tells us, however, that a life of person like Jesus, a life of dedication to the neighbor, even if it leads to suffering and death. Is liberating. He was afraid – but he overcame his fear – and he ended up not in suffering and death, but in a new life...the life of the risen one. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. (2 Chr 36:15-16)

### Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

### Second Reading:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. (Eph 2:4-5)

### Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light.

## Observances for the week of March 10, 2024

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent



## Saint of the week

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French nun who had visions of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. She devoted her life to promoting Eucharistic adoration and the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Her Thursday night holy hours are still a common practice among modern Catholics!

## Prayer for Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,

We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen.

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday • March 9**

**4:30 PM**

† **Philip & Stella Olenitsky**

*r/b Loving Daughter, June*

**Sunday • March 10**

**8:00 AM**

† **John Gaughan**

*r/b Bill & Eileen Murphy*

**10:00 AM**

† **Vincent Comegno**

*r/b The Player Family*

**11:30 AM**

† **Dinh Nguyen**

*r/b Loving Wife & Children*

**Monday • March 11**

**9:00 AM**

† **Dominic Callari**

*r/b JoAnn Callari*

**Tuesday • March 12**

**9:00 AM**

† **Domenica Ciaravino**

*r/b The Ciaravino Family*

**Thursday • March 14**

**9:00 AM**

† **Kathryn King**

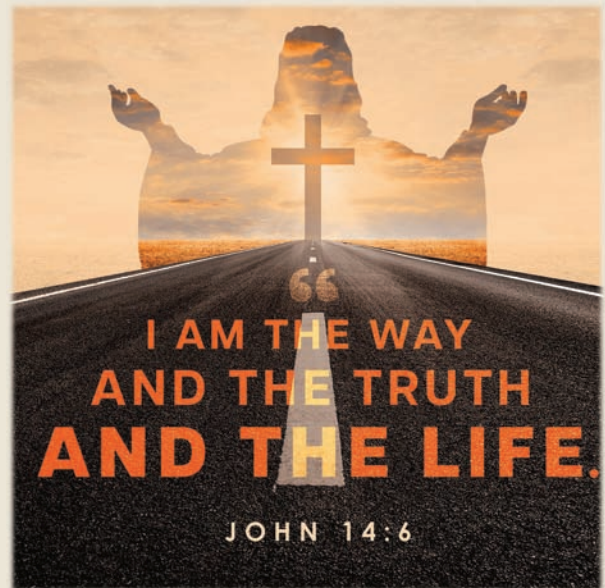
*r/b The Amato Family*

**Friday • March 15**

**9:00 AM**

† **Stephen & Patricia Wargo**

*r/b The Rossi Family*



## EASTER FLOWER OFFERING



Through your Easter Flower Offering we add beauty to our altar and remind us to pray for those who have gone before us. The flowers lift our spirits closer to the Lord as we celebrate His resurrection.

We invite you to make an offering in memory of a loved one. We will list the names of the people remembered in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Please return the Easter Flower Offering **no later than March 17** for inclusion in the Easter bulletin.

## IMPORTANT Announcements

Weekday Mass at  
St. Catherine's  
Chapel is  
**moved to the  
CHURCH**  
until  
further notice.



# 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.

## Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

### Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:*  
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:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

### 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

### Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/  
Jn 7:40-53

### Next Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/  
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Call the Office  
to sign -up

# POTLUCK

6:30 PM

**March 15, 2024**

**BRING A SOUP TO SHARE!**

## Worship & Meditation



Every Friday During Lent

6 PM

February 16

March 8

February 23

March 15

March 1

March 22

**Good Friday March 29**



## Parish Lenten Reconciliation

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Monday, March 11

4:30 PM & 6:15 PM

Tuesday, March 12

4:30 PM

# Our Parish Family

**HYMN OF THE WEEK - Amazing Grace**  
**Text: John Newton 1725-1807**  
**Music: New Britain**  
**Test 86.86. Common Meter**

John Newton was a commander of a slave ship which encounter a severe storm in 1748. He vowed to God that if he came through this storm he would devote his life to the Church. He was ordained by the Church of England in 1764 and composed several hymns. The text of Amazing Grace was set to the tune of New Britain and published in 1829 in the hymnal *Columbian Harmony*. The hymn speaks of the transformative power of God's saving grace as in Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast."



We Welcome the Following New Parishioners to St. Catherine of Siena Church:

The Andersen Family  
Ryan, Courtney & Ryder

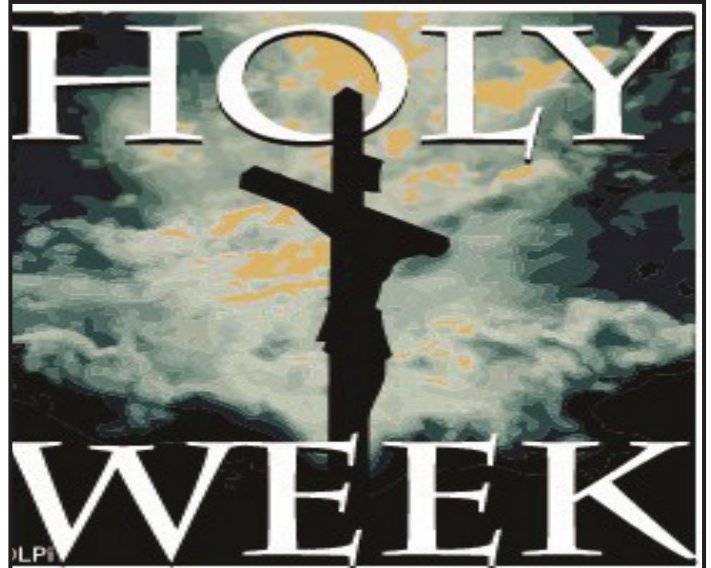
The Francis Family  
Russell, Nichole & Juliette

The Mendoza Family  
Rummel Desiree & Sophia & Ava

The Palmer Family  
Brian & Vivian

The Straffi Family  
Glen & Gina

With warmth and prayers, we welcome you into our family of faith.



## Holy Week Schedule of Services

**Palm Sunday—March 23 *Blessing of Palm***

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

**March 24—*Distribution of Palms***

8:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 11:30 AM

**Weekday Mass—March 25 & March 26**

9:00 AM

**Holy Thursday—March 28 *Mass of the Lord's Supper***

7:30 PM

**Good Friday—March 29**

8:00 AM *Church open for prayer*

**3:00 PM *Passion of the Lord***

Stations of the Cross—March 29

6:00 PM

**Holy Saturday—March 30**

9:00 AM *Morning Prayer and Blessing of Easter Foods*

**7:30 PM *Easter Vigil***

**Easter Sunday—March 31 *The Resurrection of the Lord***

8:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 11:30 AM



# 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.

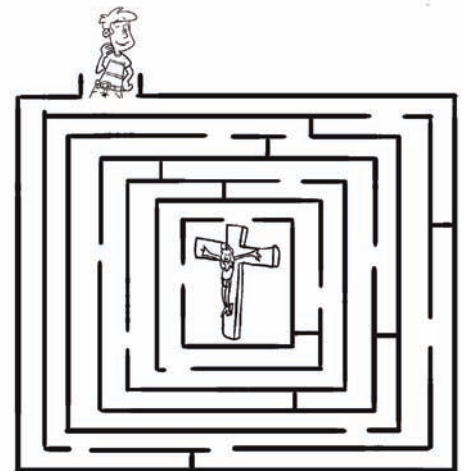
They return for Liturgy of the Eucharist.

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

### Sharing the Gospel

When the Hebrews sinned in the desert, snakes came to bite them. Moses lifted up a metal snake in the desert. If God's people looked at the metal snake, their painful snake bites would be healed. Instead of dying from their snake bites, they would live. Our

sins are a lot like those snake bites. Sins turn us away from God, hurt us, and hurt other people. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, he washed our sins away. Jesus gave us healing and forgiveness. We don't need to die from our sins. We can believe in Jesus, follow God with our whole hearts, and live forever.



**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](mailto: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

## Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother.



You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear.

Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### 2024 Weekend Retreats

November 15-17, 2024

### 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](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)

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

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

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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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# Parish Support

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, March 2-3, 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,169.00	111 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,074.00	118 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,380.00	163 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,259.00	151 People
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,692.00</b>	
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Please include in the email your full name, address and envelope number.

If you contribute through the online giving platform, WeShare, please indicate that in the email. All requests will be emailed directly to you unless otherwise noted.

Please contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375 with any questions.

## Thank You for Your Generosity.



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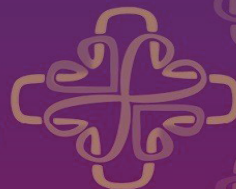
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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

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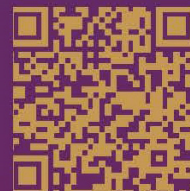
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Gifts of Stock, IRA Distributions, Bequests, Charitable Annuities, and Cryptocurrency can be coordinated by contacting the Department of Development at 609-403-7197.

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