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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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— JOHN 12:24 —

March 17, 2024



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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,

Today at 11:30 AM Mass, we are going to have the Third Scrutiny for our RCIA catechumen elect. We are requested to pray fervently for him as he will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and true freedom for being a child of God. For this Mass, take note that the Gospel Reading for the Third Scrutiny (5th Sunday of Lent) is taken from Cycle A, Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We pointed out that Lent is not all about a period of doing penance and feeling sorrow for our sins only but a period in which we must renew ourselves, create new initiatives and possibilities, and this includes making choices which can be painful. Lent is a period of entering into a new life which involves dying and being resurrected. Excitement about new life, letting go of the old and being reborn, belong together. Lent is a period in which we walk with our master, Jesus of Nazareth, experiencing and enjoying a new gift of life, dying, and being resurrected.

John, the evangelist, his first story is the wedding celebration at Cana where Jesus gives that strange answer to Mary upon her request to take care of the wine, "My hour has not only yet come." What follows is a series in which people may celebrate because they receive the gifts of salvation: bread and wine, healing and forgiveness, peace and love. Jesus rekindles in people the zest of life; he puts excitement back into life; he makes them experience a spiritual resurrection: "Life is for the living, for those who intend to keep on living, whatever the cost, because

anything else is to betray creation." Such a commitment to life does imply a cost, and Jesus had to pay dearly for having set people free from the burden of political and religious oppression. The hour had come, tells John... Jesus was "troubled now." Suffering and death were unavoidable, but the Jesus on the cross in John is already glorified and risen, and being risen, he can entrust Mary, symbol of the Jewish people, to the beloved disciple, John, symbol of a new people that is born through Jesus' ministry, suffering and death.

In John's Gospel, Jesus does not give up the spirit—he passes on his spirit to a people of Jews and Greeks; in John, the Church is born, not at Pentecost, but on the cross—"I have glorified it and will glorify it again.

The gift of being fully alive---of dying of one's old self---and being resurrected belong together.

All of us should experience a spiritual resurrection during Lent. "Life is for the living, for those who intend to keep on living, whatever the cost, because to do anything else is to betray creation." Excitement seldom comes unhidden to a life. If we want to put excitement back into our lives, we must be willing to put it ourselves. It is so easy to die before we have ever begun to live." "What does it take to put excitement back into life?" The answer is a simple one, "It takes me doing something I have never done." Let us look for some we have never done before---- it will make Lent exciting. Amen.

May God bless you,
Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospel:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

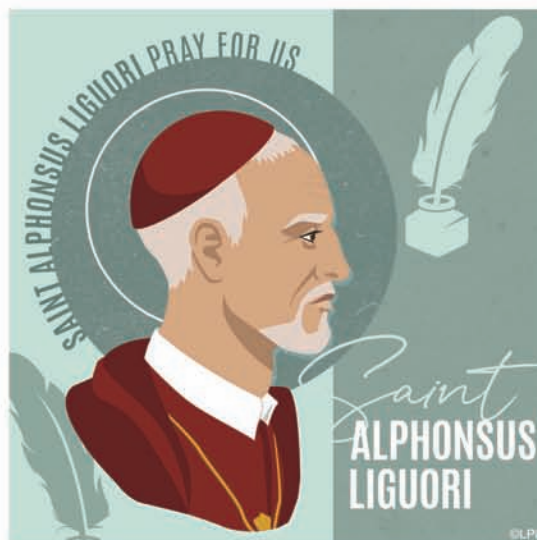
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

Observances for the week of March 17, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins



Saint of the week

St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was a prolific theologian and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists). Renowned for his profound devotion to the Eucharist and insightful theological teachings, he is the patron saint of moral theologians.

Prayer of Bold Ask

God in heaven,
Hear me as I call to you! Pour new life into me! Renew my heart in Your word! Help me to know You! Help me to glorify You, worship You, and trust You. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • March 16

4:30 PM

† **Sammy & Angela Guido**

r/b June Hankel

Sunday • March 17

8:00 AM

† **William O'Doherty**

r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel

10:00 AM

† **Jack & Rose Kehoe**

r/b The Keegan Family

11:30 AM

† **Patricia Croddick**

r/b Loving Family

Monday • March 18

9:00 AM

† **Patrick Gaughan**

r/b Bill & Eileen Murphy

Tuesday • March 19

9:00 AM

† **Angelo Rossi**

r/b Loving Niece, Marlene

Thursday • March 21

9:00 AM

† **Irene Cummings**

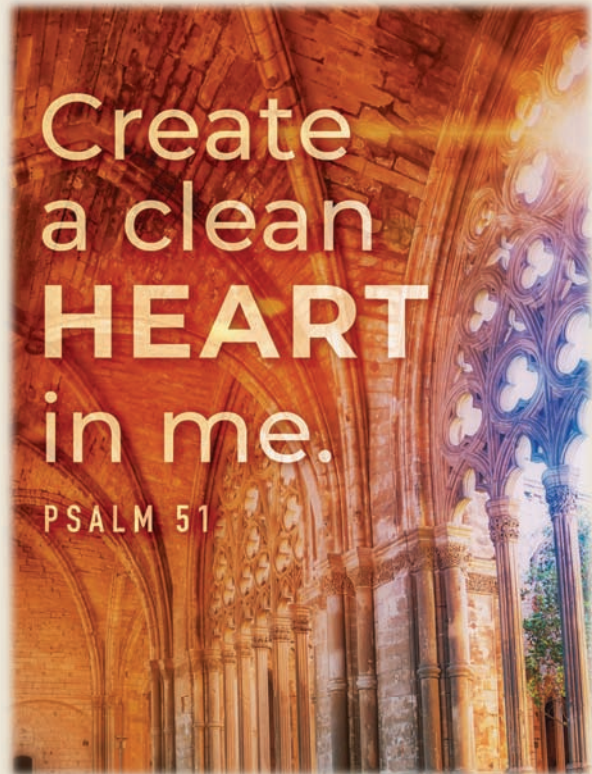
r/b Diane & Ray Cullmann

Friday • March 22

9:00 AM

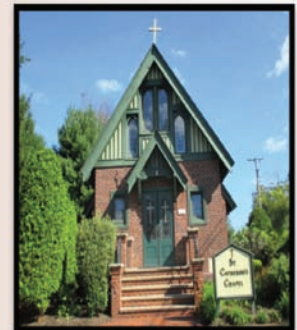
† **Philip Pondaco, Sr.**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



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 17, 2024

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

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps
22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



Worship & Meditation



Every Friday During Lent 6 PM

March 22 & Good Friday March 29



“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory.

We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ”
(The Gospel of Life 84).

Our Parish Family



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.
And especially for:

Barbara Lipari

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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

The Cannariato Family

Paul, & Julie
children, Carmine,
Paul & Carmella

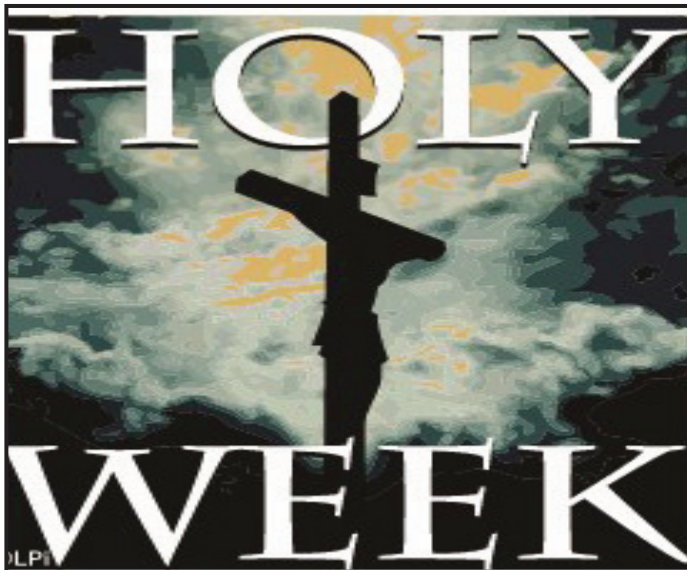
The Colavito Family

Michael & Christine
children, Michael & Joseph

The Giacobbe Family

Joseph & Melissa
children, Antonio & Lucia

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 you act bossy, selfish, or rude, no one will want to spend time with you. You will be lonely and unhappy. Follow the example of Jesus instead. Be strong in your faith. Do all that God asks you to do, even when it is not easy. Be honest. Be kind. Share what you have been given. Be helpful. Forgive.

Show everyone what God is like. When you follow Jesus' example, you won't be lonely. When people around you see that your faith is real, they will come to you for help. They will want to know what makes you different. Then you can point them to Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your family notices you being so helpful, tell them you are trying to follow Jesus' example.



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

HOLY INNOCENTS SOCIETY DIOCESE OF TRENTON



~What is it?

~What has it been doing?

~What is it working on now?

Join us to learn all about it!

Date: **Tuesday, April 9th, 2024**

Time: **7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Virtually** from wherever you are!

Register to get the link by emailing

holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org

Registrations for Group viewing are welcome!



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Saturday/Sunday, March 10-11, 2024

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8:00 AM Mass	\$1,160.00	87 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,285.00	132 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,084.00	149 People
Online Giving	\$2,644.00	
Total	\$7,259.00	
Second Collection		
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES		\$756.00

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST FORM

If you wish to receive a written statement reporting your 2023 contributions to St. Catherine of Siena Church for purposes of your income tax returns, please email your request to:

taxstatements@sienachurch.org.

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.

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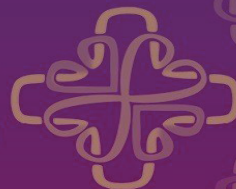
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