

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A photograph of a wooden cross and a crown of thorns against a purple background. The cross is on the left, and the crown of thorns is draped across the center. The background is a solid purple color, and the shadows of the cross and thorns are cast onto it. The text is overlaid on the image.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 2024

Welcome



ST. 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,

This Sunday, at 10 AM, we will have the rite for our Catechumen, the First Scrutiny, a rite for self-searching and repentance. Scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the heart of the elect; bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. Scrutinies are celebrated to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ. Let us pray for our Catechumen and candidates as they are undergoing the process of being in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

Lenten season is a meaningful time for us to pray more and be mindful of our weaknesses as we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. The parish will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the Religious Education students and parishioners on Monday, March 11, at 4:30 and 6:15 in the evening and Tuesday, March 12, at 4:30 PM. During the Sacrament of Reconciliation, other priests from the neighboring parishes will be present to help us hear confessions and give absolutions. Please take note of these dates and times to avail yourself of the opportunity as we journey during this holy season.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Human life is a matter of relationships. To know a person's relationships is to know him. "Tell me who your friends are, and I'll tell you who you are."

To understand Jesus, we must inquire into His intimate relationships. His relationship with His Father is the most intimate and decisive. This relationship has shaped Him, His life and His death.

In today's Gospel we have a unique event in the life of Jesus, an event at once baffling and revealing. The meek Jesus suddenly turns furious. What provoked His violent reaction? At the heart of Jesus' reaction stands His relationship to His Father. "Take these things away; You shall not make My Father's house a house of trade." Only if my father is dear to me, my father's house will be dear to me, and I will protect it with care. When asked on what authority He is acting unconventionally, Jesus makes a qualitatively leap in arguments and affirms: "The house My Father made is not of brick and mortar, it is My own body, Myself, it is the handiwork of My Father. The temple built and indwelt by My Father is My Body. My whole person is framed, filled and fecunded by My Father. Your desecration of the material temple is symbolic of desecrating Me. You may destroy the temple of My body, but in three days My Father will raise it anew more glorious."

Religion is a matter of personal relationships. Devoid of right relationships with God, others and the rest of creation, religion is the most pernicious thing in the world. It is not merely opium that dulls human consciousness. It is a deadly poison that can corrupt and destroy people and society. Therefore, the importance of the ten Commandments as we heard in the first reading that direct and regulate man's relationship with God, with others and self. Hence the praise of the precepts of the Lord in today's psalm. While man's happiness depends in right relationships, God's laws should regulate these relationships.

Lord may my relationships be protected by Your laws. Amen.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:
"I, the LORD am your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place
of slavery.
You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

We proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
(1 Cor 1:23-24)

Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
(Jn 2:19)

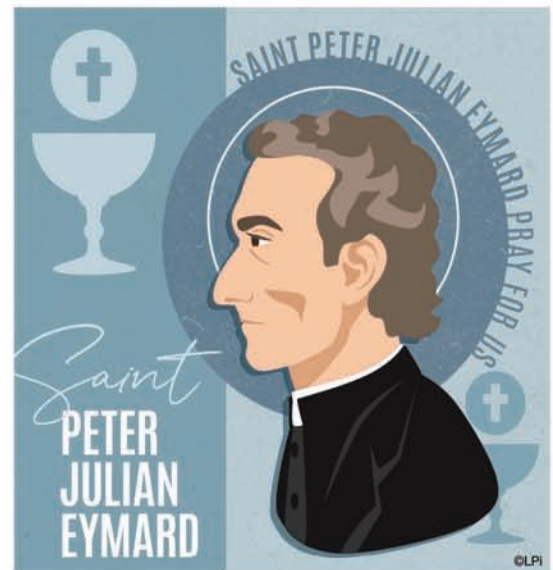
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin.

Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Casimir
Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Friday: St. John of God, Religious
Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious;
St. Catherine of Bologna
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins



Saint of the week

St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "Apostle of the Eucharist," founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.

Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,
Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead. Be my God and my guide. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • March 2

4:30 PM

† **Carol Landrigan**

r/b Jane & Sandy

Sunday • March 3

8:00 AM

† **Lucia & Antonio Leotta**

r/b Ciaravino Family

10:00 AM

† **Albert Martin**

r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi

11:30 AM

† **Manuel Pio Pineiro, Sr.**

r/b Loving Wife, Amparo

Monday • March 4

9:00 AM

† **Frank & Alma Quagliariello**

r/b DiBello Family

Tuesday • March 5

9:00 AM

† **Dominga S. Gant**

r/b Victoria Roberts

Thursday • March 7

9:00 AM

† **Jake Cooper & Addison Cohen**

Living Intention

r/b Joffe Family

Friday • March 8

9:00 AM

† **Joseph Sondej**

r/b Ray & Diane Cullmann



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING



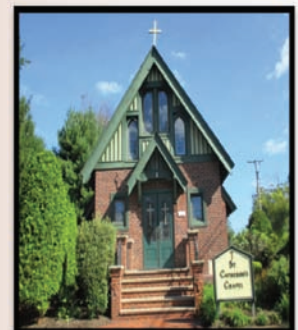
Through your Easter Flower Offering we add beauty to our altar and remind us to pray for those who have gone before us. The flowers lift our spirits closer to the Lord as we celebrate His resurrection.

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 3, 2024

Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next 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



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





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 23, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, until Holy Thursday morning, March 28, 2024** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “**Easter duty**” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, 2024, to Trinity Sunday, May 25-26, 2024**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

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.

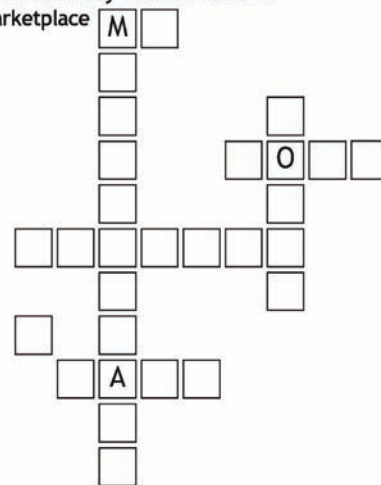
Just sign-in with the CLOW Leader before the start of Mass.

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel.

It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

Don't make my Father's house a marketplace



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.

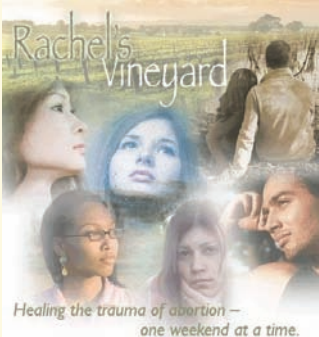
If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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

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

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!

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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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Carolyn Norbut / 732-216-8073
Carolyn@journeyoffaithtours.com

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, February 24-25, 2024

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,019.00	121 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,032.00	128 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,043.00	123 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,150.00	181 People
Online Giving	\$1,796.00	
Total	\$6,040.00	
Second Collection		
Chapel Restoration		\$2,231.00

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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.

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

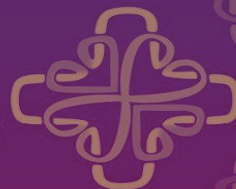
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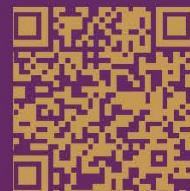
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Attention: Laura Randazzo

732-938-5375.

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