

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024



PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE SPIRIT
OF TRUTH PROCEEDS
FROM THE FATHER.

— JOHN 15:26 —

Welcome



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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



WELCOME ONE
ANOTHER, THEN, AS
CHRIST WELCOMED YOU,
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

ROMANS 15:7

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

FEAST OF THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus had shared with His disciples His joys and sorrows. Departing from them, He assured them, "I will not leave you orphans. I will send you the Holy Spirit, the Comforter." The disciples had to be rooted in and filled with the Holy Spirit to love and serve as Jesus loved and served. Thus, Jesus's departure would be felt as little as possible. What truly mattered, *His Spirit*, would remain.

On Pentecost Day, the disciples were emboldened and energized by the Spirit of the Risen Lord. Thus, incorporated effectively in the risen Lord, they continued their living and loving in the Spirit; they preserved and shared the Spirit of Jesus.

By baptism we are born as Christians. Confirmation makes us mature Christians. Two commonplace, trite statements. But what are their far-reaching implications? In spite of the charm and fun of childhood, a child should inevitably grow. Otherwise, childhood runs the risk of stagnation. Then, all the beauty of childhood is turned into ugliness, and innocence becomes culpability. No doubt childhood is a beautiful time, but prolonged childhood means immaturity.

Jesus's disciples became full-fledged apostles, mature and fearless, only after receiving the Holy Spirit. And Jesus asked them explicitly not to launch out into the missionary adventure He Himself had entrusted to them without receiving the Holy Spirit.

The two areas of Christian life more evidently characterized by childlikeness are Christian worship and Christian morality.



A spirit-filled, inspired worship and moral living is free, spontaneous, and joyful. How much of our prayer, liturgical and otherwise, and how much of our moral living is free, spontaneous, and joyful? Often, our worship is monotonous drudgery; it looks more like a drab drill than a hearty, joyful celebration. And our morality is so slavish, so little joyful, filial, loving, and loyal that the less we speak about it, the better.

What we lack most is joy; joy in prayer and worship; joy in moral living. And the outstanding experience of all those whom the Holy Spirit has particularly touched is precisely *joy*.

Someone said: "The whole future of the human race depends on bringing the individual soul more completely and perfectly under the sway of the Holy Spirit."

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your gifts and fruits. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 16:13)

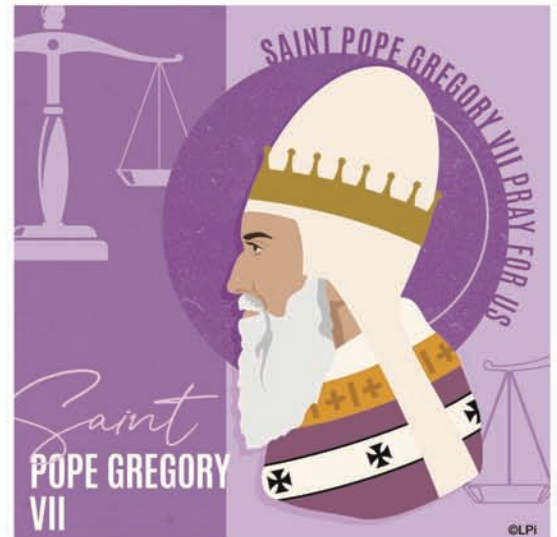
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Saturday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity



Saint of the week

St. Pope Gregory VII was the initiator and namesake of the Gregorian Reforms of the 11th century. He worked to free the Church from the intrusion of civil leaders into the appointment of clergy. He recommitted the Church to unity in Christ and the Eucharist.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit!
Enlighten us!
Embolden us!
Inflame us!
Stir our hearts anew!
You have called us to live and minister in this time, in these spaces, to these souls. Set us on FIRE with fresh inspiration and sacred direction!
Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • May 18

4:30 PM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Loving Husband, Joe

Sunday • May 19

8:00 AM

† **Angelo Rossi**

r/b Loving Daughter, JoAnn

10:00 AM

† **Frances Occhitinti**

r/b Marie Walker

11:30 AM

† **The Hanaway Family**

r/b Loving Family

Monday • May 20

9:00 AM

† **Jean Buccellato**

r/b Vito Buccellato

Tuesday • May 21

9:00 AM

† **Lee Kalasin**

r/b JoAnn Sos

Thursday • May 23

9:00 AM

† **Robert Butler**

r/b Judy Wisniewski

Friday • May 24

9:00 AM

† **Walter & Anna Meehan**

r/b Leon & Pam Davison



"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." - Pope Blessed Pius IX



Our parish prays the Rosary immediately following the weekday Mass. On Friday's it is before the start of Mass.

All are welcome.

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.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 19, 2024

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29,

30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/
Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday:

Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday:

Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday:

Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday:

Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/
Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me.” -

Jn 16:12-14a

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts

I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.

I want to receive the fire of Your love

as Your disciples did at Pentecost.

Come with wonder and awe,

with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,

with courage and faith in You.

Holy Spirit, may my actions witness

to Your presence in my life.

Help me to see the ways my strengths

can serve others in their weakness.

In all my interactions, I want to radiate

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,

generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.

Our Parish Family



A STUDY OF 2 TIMOTHY

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Passionate Discipleship is a Bible study focused on equipping women to know Christ and to make Him known. Throughout this Bible study, we will study 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy.

A series of Connect Coffee talks accompanies this nine-week women's Bible study. Join us on **Tuesday, June 18 at 10 AM** in our Parish Hall. To enroll and/or receive more information contact: Laura at:

passociate@sienachurch.org.

In Sympathy

May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.

And especially for:

Carmela P. Galantucci

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

Baptism

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

Juliette Rose Francis

*May Jesus bless your precious little
one with His love and grace
on this special day.*

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Catherine of Siena Religious Education Program (PREP)
registration for the 2024-2025 year is **Now Open!**

Weekly in-person classes for:

- NEW! Kindergarten Classes Now forming!
- Elementary Grades 1-5
- Middle School Grades 6-8
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation

September 15

Family Faith Formation Home Study Program:

- Elementary Grades 3-6

Register Online

OR STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO
PICK UP A REGISTRATION PACKET.



Volunteers opportunities available.

Contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today Pentecost Sunday | John 20:19-23

Jesus said to the disciples "peace be with you". Then He said "receive the Holy Spirit".

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Dear Jesus, You said to your Apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Please Jesus, help me be worthy, give me the grace to receive the Spirit, so I can be blessed with the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1 - WISDOM



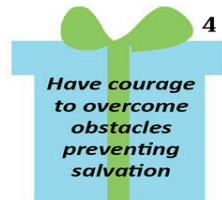
2 - UNDERSTANDING



3 - COUNSEL



4 - FORTITUDE



5 - KNOWLEDGE



6 - PIETY



7 - FEAR OF THE LORD

Draw a line from each numbered "gift of the spirit" to its matching numbered "gift wrapped" meaning.



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

Save the Date! June 15th, 2024

FOR

THE CCHD "BRAKE THE CYCLE OF POVERTY" Cross-Diocesan Bike Tour

WHY?

- We are spreading the news about the wonderful work being done by CCHD - the Catholic Campaign for Human Development - USCCB's national anti-poverty campaign!

HOW?

- We are sharing
 - stories of impact from recipients of the local CCHD grant program!
 - stories of national successes!

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WHERE?

- The bike tour - with up to 20 riders- will stretch 52 miles across the "belt" of the Diocese of Trenton stopping at some parishes along the way.
- **It's stopping at 4 PARISHES! Find 1 near you & JOIN US!**

To see the MAP, Parish Stops & more information, scan here or go to:
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholic-campaign-for-human-development>



2024 DIOCESE OF TRENTON

BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

All couples celebrating 1st, 25th, or 50+ anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2024 calendar year

Ocean & Monmouth Counties
Oct. 6, 2024
3pm Mass

Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine
Freehold, NJ

SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE

or visit the Parish Office to register by September 30, 2024

Burlington and Mercer Counties | St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral | Trenton, NJ | Oct. 27, 2024

Ready for THE BEST HOUR of Your Week?

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Religious Education Program



With our enrollment increasing, we need MORE volunteers for our Religious Education Program than ever before! Volunteer today for Sunday morning, Monday or Tuesday afternoon, Monday evenings—all grades.

- Catechists
- Class Substitutes
- Program Volunteers

Contact the Office to learn more: 732-938-5375.

Parish Support

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, May 11-12, 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,139.00	128 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,429.00	136 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,315.00	142 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,324.00	158 People
Online Giving	\$1,714.00	
Total	\$6,921.00	
Second Collection		
The Catholic Communication Campaign		\$520.00

The Catholic Communication Campaign Weekend of May 11- 12, 2024

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect millions with Christ.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccc. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection—see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.

Thank You for Your Generosity.



ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.

VISIT: www.sienachurch.org

Our Parish Goal: \$40,000.00

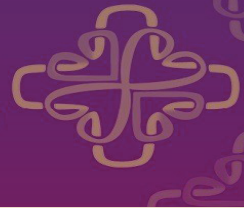


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2024 GOAL: \$6.5 MILLION

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PARISH ACA UPDATE

Weekly Gift Summary—May 13, 2024

Pledged: \$40,401.00 — **101% of Goal**

Paid: \$37,031.00 — **93% to Goal**

We appreciate all those who have helped our parish reach our 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$40,000. We have received \$40,151 in pledges to date & have achieved 100% of our goal. Our parish will receive 15% of our goal & an additional 50% of funds received over our goal. This rebate helps our parish initiatives & faith formation programs. Please submit your pledges to the diocese or the Parish Office at your earliest opportunity. If you would like to contribute, pledge forms are available in the Narthex & Parish Office. Thank you for your commitment & generosity.

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