

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GO AND BEAR  
FRUIT THAT WILL  
**REMAIN.**

— JOHN 15:16 —

# 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





## A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's second and third readings have but one refrain: "Love one another." Why do Jesus and the beloved disciple of Jesus insist so much on love?

Jesus is our best friend, and He wants us to have the best. And there is nothing more precious and excellent than love. Every human being desires fullness of life and joy. To be fully human and fully alive, to have real joy and zest in life, love is indispensable. So, Jesus, who came that we have fullness of life and joy, first teaches us with His example what is true love and how to love well and honestly. Secondly, He commands us, almost pleads with us, to love one another as He has loved us.

Whatever other achievements we may have, we will never be fully satisfied, totally fulfilled until we learn to love and love well. And we learn to love well from Jesus, following His example and abiding by His teachings and remaining in His love.

The success of a person as a person, as a human being, is to be measured by how well he/she loves. All else is mere chaff, and perishable and fleeting. Love alone is enduring, eternal. Sooner or later, all of us will have to stand amid the debris and ruins of our life and assess our value and worth. Everything, except our acts of love, will collapse and crumble in the dust. Nothing can withstand the ravages of time, the vagaries of the future and fluctuations of value. The one, therefore, who has learned to love well at

least one person will have an inner strength to face God with a certain amount of serenity. The one who had failed to love has every

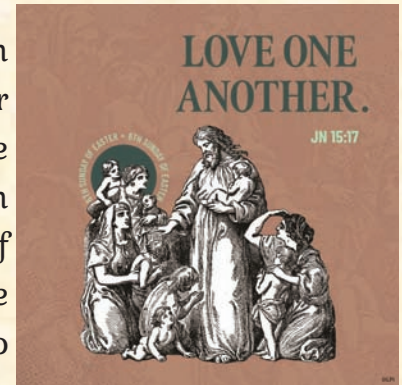
reason to tremble. Denial of God and life after death is an attempt to escape such a painful predicament.

On the other hand, the one who has loved well, will inevitable have stumbled towards God. In loving well, we discover the Divine in ourselves and in the other. Thus, we discern the common ground of harmony that exists between us, others and God. It is this triangular love affair lived with passionate ardor that harnesses and fructifies all our human potential for growth. This is what makes a person fully human fully and fully alive, fills one with joy and enables one to take delight in the other, and the wholly Other, God. Hence, the insistence of Jesus, the Master psychologist, the Master of man, that we love one another as He loves us.

*Lord, teach me to love others as you have loved us. Amen.*

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

### Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

### Gospel:

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ's love for us is radical — it changed the whole world. It will not be easy to love as Christ loved, but this is the mission for which we have been chosen by God. So let us love one another. Let us change the world.

## Observances for the week of May 05, 2024

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses)
- Friday:** St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day



## Saint of the week

St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop in the fourth century. His teachings on the Eucharist, among other topics, secured his place as a Doctor of the Church. Though his ministry was marked by estrangement, exile, and ultimately, reconciliation, he never lost his faith!

## Prayer of Love

God the Father,  
You created me in love.  
Jesus, your love for me compelled you to come to earth to die for me.  
Holy Spirit, love between God and Jesus, now you surround me with the love of the Father and the Son.  
Help me to live out this reality, today and always.  
Amen.



# Mass Intentions

**Saturday • May 4**

**4:30 PM**

† **Peter Albanese**

*r/b Terri & Joe Mandrillo*

**Sunday • May 5**

**8:00 AM**

† **Angela & Florindo Palermo**

*r/b The Ciaravino Family*

**10:00 AM**

† **Bruno & Christa Kneucker**

*r/b The Kneucker Family*

**11:30 AM**

† **Joan Callon**

*r/b Carol Matera*

**Monday • May 6**

**9:00 AM**

† **James J. Fitzpatrick**

*r/b Ed & Denise Davidoski*

**Tuesday • May 7**

**9:00 AM**

† **Ann Higgins**

*r/b Terri Murray*

**Thursday • May 9**

**9:00 AM**

† **Gail DeLorenzo**

*r/b JoAnn Sos*

**Friday • May 10**

**9:00 AM**

† **Marie Therese Liddy**

*r/b Ed & Denise Davidoski*



“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 05, 2024

### Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3,  
3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

### Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and  
9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

### Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/  
Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/  
Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 16:16-20

### Ascension:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/  
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or  
4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

### Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 16:20-23

### Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/  
Jn 16:23b-28

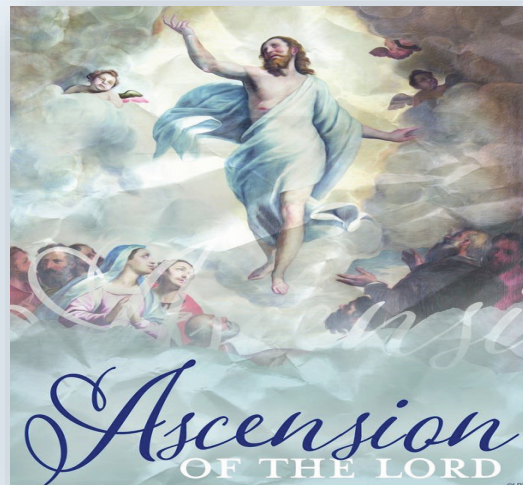
### Next Sunday:

*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
(6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or  
4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

### *Seventh Sunday of Easter:*

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/  
1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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In New Jersey, the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** has been transferred to **May 12, 2024**, replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This means that Ascension Thursday will now be celebrated on that date. Join us at our weekend Masses.



# Our Parish Family

## Baptism

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

*Brody Dean Doren*

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

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



**The Lombard Family**

John, Jess  
Sophie & Sara

Jaqueline Wade

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

## FIRST + HOLY + COMMUNION

*God Bless You*



Gabriella Ambrose  
Paisley Congiusta  
Harper McDonough  
Mackenzie Monether  
Brynn Rogers  
Isabella Velto



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## Gospel Today

Sixth Sunday of Easter | John 15:9-17

Jesus says follow His command - LOVE EACH OTHER.

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### "Love one another as I love you."

John 15: 12

Color the hearts and think of what you can do to show your love to others - family, friends, neighbors and classmates.

Laugh

Share

Sing

Talk

Learn

Smile

Work

HUG

Play

Teach

Help

Pray

*Love*  
is the fruit of the vine.

**Religious Education:**  
Helps to build a strong foundation



Our Parish Religious Education Program will open registration for the 2024-2025 sessions on Sunday, May 5. Online Registration and in-person accepted.

Class begin the week of September 15th. Grades K—8. Classes fill quickly, don't delay!

For further information, please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

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## Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™



Saturday, June 1 at 9:30am

Ever dream of visiting Lourdes, France in person but just couldn't get there? The next best thing is a pilgrimage journey without the travel and go there virtually!

Hosted by St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 685 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ, volunteers from the North American Lourdes will present a 2-hour Virtual Pilgrimage Experience to Lourdes, France. During this guided encounter, you will immerse yourself in the Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette and have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and the healing grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual experience to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing, pray a candle-light Rosary, and receive a bottle of Lourdes water. A Plenary Indulgence will be granted by Papal Decree.

Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France. Our Lady extends her invitation to all. Invite your family, children, and friends. There is no admission fee, however a free-will offering will be taken.

For more information or questions contact the Parish office at 732-349-0018 x2223.



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers - LourdesVolunteers.org

# Upcoming Events

2024 DIOCESE of TRENTON

## BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

All couples celebrating 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>+</sup> 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

A QR code for registration.

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

A photograph of a man and a woman in wedding attire, smiling and embracing. The woman is holding a bouquet of flowers.

## 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

## Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, April 27-28, 2024

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,030.00	111 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,091.00	117 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,389.00	153 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,808.00	135 People
Online Giving	\$1,695.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,013.00</b>	
<b>Second Collection</b>		
Catholic Home Mission Appeal		\$645.00

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

#### The Catholic Communication Campaign

Weekend of May 11- 12, 2024

The Diocese of Trenton will join its sister diocese across the nation in holding a special collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign at all Masses the weekend of May 11-12.

Parishioners are asked to be generous in supporting the faith-based communications & media work that is conducted nationally & locally in the Diocese. Half of all collected funds goes to the USCCB for projects such as production of faith-based documentary films & creation of multimedia content for key campaigns. The remaining 50 percent of donations will remain in the Diocese, where it will be used to subsidize the many forms of communications & media outreach across digital, social & print formats. To learn more about the Catholic Communications Campaign, visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

## Thank You for Your Generosity.



### ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.

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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

**Our Parish Goal: \$40,000.00**

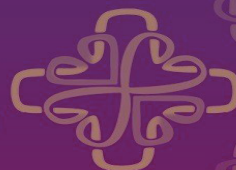


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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

# ONE

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Pastoral and Social Outreach Ministries

**2024 GOAL: \$6.5 MILLION**

### WAYS TO GIVE

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Make check or money order payable to:  
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Diocese of Trenton  
P.O. Box 70170  
Newark, NJ 07101



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### PARISH ACA UPDATE

Weekly Gift Summary—April 29, 2024

Pledged: \$40,020.00 — **100% of Goal**

Paid: \$36,488.00 — **91% to Goal**

We appreciate all those who have helped our parish reach our 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$40,000.00. We have received \$40,020.00 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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