

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



BLESSING

— ✕ —

He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples.

MATTHEW 14:19c

Aug 2, 2020

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing,
broke the loaves,
and gave them to the
disciples, who in turn
gave them to the
crowds. They all ate
and were satisfied.
- Mt 14:19c-20

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MASS SCHEDULE **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

WEEKEND

Saturday/Sunday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday
3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road
9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday—9:00 a.m.
Tuesday—9:00 a.m.
Thursday—9:00 a.m.
Friday—9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

First Friday of the Month immediately
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

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One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday immediately following the
9:00 a.m. Mass

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this letter to our faithful, we are in the second week of the State's heatwave. I appreciate and see the utmost value of those inventions like air conditioners, fans, etc. It is funny, and sometimes we tend to take for granted these things. Still, as we experience the unbearable heat and humidity, we learn to acknowledge how essential they are in our lives, most notably during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

We become uneasy, restless, uncomfortable, and sometimes our respiratory system is so much affected that it is hard to breathe because of the scorching heat. Our prayer life is changed as well, for how can we worship and give thanks to God in the Mass, if the place of worship building is not fully equipped with the necessary equipment. Hence, we should be thankful and show our appreciation for all the beautiful blessings that God, in His love and generosity, touches the heart of our kind and faithful people who untiringly serve, donate, give their time and effort and pray unceasingly for the benefit of the parish community. Let us continue to express our immeasurable gratitude to God, our generosity, and love.

We are pleased that very soon we will be able to administer sacraments to our faithful since re-opening the parish almost two months ago. It is our pleasure to serve you, our faithful people, by administering the sacraments, keeping your safety in mind. With that said, we have protocols mandated to us by State law and the directives from our Bishop, to follow all to maintain a beautiful spiritual moment in your child's life. Beginning mid-August, we are pleased to start the First Communion for the Grade 2 students of our Religious Education Program. Please take note that we will celebrate the First Communion's during our weekend liturgies together with our faithful congregation at our weekend Masses. The Bishop has delegated me, your Pastor, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates, and we have it on schedule for the end of September. Please get in touch with us in the parish office through email and phone call for any further details.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME

Jesus can satisfy the needs of everyone. He can provide it without anyone's help, but He wants us to cooperate with Him by giving Him what we have, even if it is only a little. He will do wonders with it, provided we give Him all we have and all that we are. We see in today's Gospel Jesus asking His disciples to give the hungry crowd something to eat. He was compassionate to and thoughtful of the people who had come to listen to him. Jesus indeed knew that His disciples had only a little food with them. Yet He instructed the crowd to give the group something to eat. They told Jesus, "We have only five loaves here and two fish" with a sense of utter helplessness. Jesus asked them to bring them to Him, to work the miracle of the multiplication of bread and fish.

This miracle has a beautiful lesson for us. We human beings, however imperfect we are, can be instruments of a miracle. Jesus will work wonders, provided we bring Him what we have as He will work wonders through us if we let Him do it by our self-surrender, by offering our talents and gifts to Him.

The five loaves and two fish could have remained the same if the disciples were unwilling to give them to Jesus. Therefore none of us should think we have nothing to offer. Alone we can do nothing, but Jesus and we can do much. Place what you have in the hands of Jesus. He will accept your poverty, bless and multiply it, and give it to you to distribute just as he did with the apostles. Is that not good news for you?

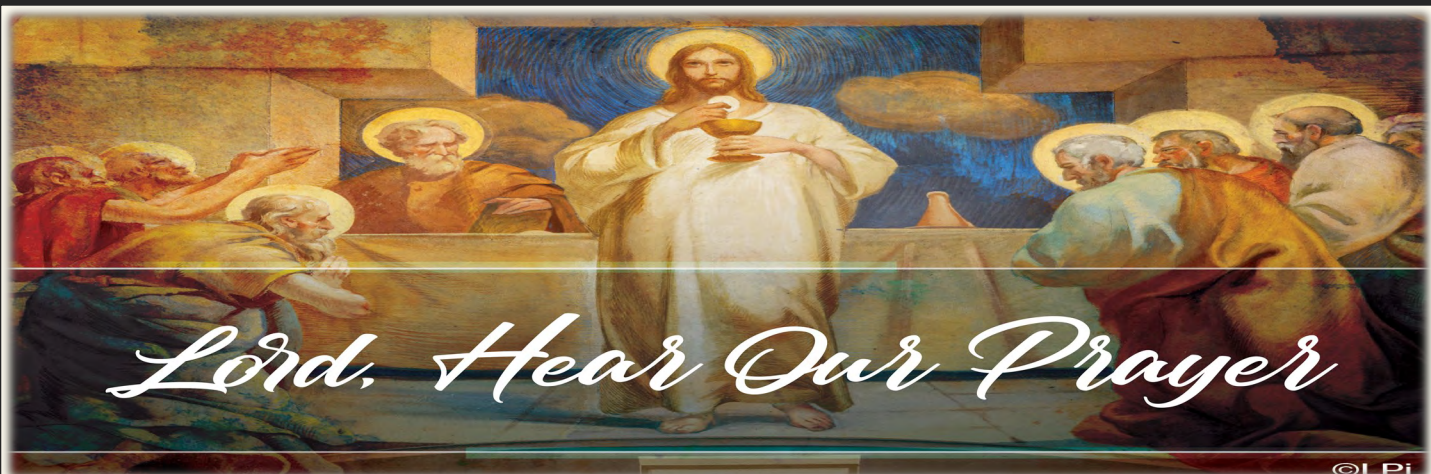
No one can blame us today for our inability to multiply bread as Jesus did. But how many of us can claim to be free from selfishness, which prevents us from sharing? Like Jesus' first disciples, who at first preferred that the people went back to the villages to look after themselves, we too shy clear of the challenge of Christian living. Often this happens because, like the disciples in the story, we feel we have a little or nothing to offer. But Jesus can take what little we have to offer, bless it, and give it back to us to bring fullness to those whose lives we touch.

As Jesus changes the Eucharistic bread, so He also transforms us into Eucharistic people. The meal of Jesus is always open. The twelve baskets of fragments collected by the disciples indicate that this miraculous nourishment provided by Jesus is still available for those who seek it. As long as people are looking for the gifts Jesus offers, this nourishment can never wholly be consumed. But the story also tells us that Jesus wants His disciples who are prepared to distribute His gifts. Amen.

May God Bless you,

Father Angelito Anarcon

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY • AUGUST 1

4:30 PM

† Muriel DiBello *r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello*

SUNDAY • AUGUST 2

10:00 AM

† Anthony Cataffo *r/b loving daughter, JoAnn*

† Margaret Traglia *r/b Ellen Wilezol*

11:30 AM

† Margherita DeGregorio *r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi*

MONDAY • AUGUST 3

9:00 AM

† Louis DiBello *r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello*

TUESDAY • AUGUST 4

9:00 AM

† For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY • AUGUST 6

9:00 AM

† For the People of the Parish

FRIDAY • AUGUST 7

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Bob & Debi Mueller*

UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST

The Prayer list is a special and sacred tradition of this parish, providing extra prayers for those of our faith community, their families and friends.

Please email your prayer recipients to frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

- SUN 8/2** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21
- MON 8/3** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
- TUE 8/4** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- WED 8/5** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
- THR 8/6** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- FRI 8/7** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/
Mt 16:24-28
- SAT 8/8** Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20
- SUN 7/26** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/
Mt 14:22-33

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

- Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. John Vianney, Priest
- Wednesday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Thursday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Friday:** St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Dominic, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What do you really hope and hunger for? We are most familiar with our physical hungers and cravings as they are quite obvious. What we don't always realize is that we also have emotional and spiritual hungers. Many are starving for acceptance and love. Many others hunger for a sense of purpose, more focused direction, and deeper connection and meaning. Our hungers can easily get confused. We think we are in need of one thing but are actually being driven by another. We need to recognize and pursue our spiritual hungers. If we do not do so, we will attempt to fill these needs with lesser, and not always healthier, things. God, ultimately through the Eucharist, is the only One who can quench our more profound thirsts. Have we discovered this yet?



*Transfiguration
of the
Lord*

PRAY

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.
Amen

IMPORTANT PARISH UPDATES

Welcome Back



Limited Public Celebration of the Mass and Sacraments at St. Catherine of Siena Church
The dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day Mass obligation remains in effect until
Monday, September 7, 2020 (unless otherwise announced).



MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 10:00 A.M.—

An overflow Mass will be held in the Parish Hall if the Church exceeds the 1/3 capacity limit.

Sunday 11:30 A.M.

**Daily Mass held in the Church 9:00 A.M. Monday – Friday.
Closed Wednesday.**

Chapel will remain closed until further notice.

For those who are not feeling well, those with underlying health conditions or in a high-risk category, one should stay home and avoid any public gathering. We strongly encourage you to watch or participate in Mass remotely.

For those who choose to attend Mass in person, for everyone's protection, please be aware of the following:

- Please wear a face mask at all times in the Church
- Please enter through the front door and use the hand sanitizer
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times
- Bring your own hand sanitizer that can be used before receiving Holy Communion.
- No public gatherings, or greetings (handshakes, hugs, etc.) at Church entrance and Church property.

A full listing of the directives issued by Bishop O'Connell and St. Catherine of Siena Parish Re-Opening Protocols can be viewed at our website, www.sienachurch.org. Should you have any questions, please call the parish office at 732-938-5375, Opt. 1.

Thank you for your understanding.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

UPDATE TO PARISH RECORDS

For our current parishioners, please help us update our parish records by filling out the following form and returning it to us either by email, frontoffice@sienachurch.org or mail it to St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727

To register in the parish, please call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

DATE: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

LAST NAME	_____	FIRST NAME	_____
SPOUSE LAST NAME	_____	SPOUSE FIRST NAME	_____
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Yes, I would like to receive parish communications sent by email:

Email: _____

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
ACA Status

As of July 20, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

Raised \$39,909.30

Collected \$35,045.01

Pledge Balance 4,864.29

Thank You

100% of Goal

We are blessed that St. Catherine of Siena Parish reached and exceeded our 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$38,000! Thank you to our parishioners who generously contributed.

We ask you to please continue to donate and send in your pledges. Keep in mind, funds collected in excess of the parish goal we earn a 50% rebate check which directly benefits our parish.

Thank you for
your generosity.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As your pastor, let us take

a moment and reflect on all God's blessings and graces. I extend to you a heartfelt thank you to those who have continued their financial support of the parish by mailing in your envelopes, and those who have reached out to us to sign up for online giving. Our parish is truly blessed with generous, caring and faithful members.

May God's peace and grace be with you always,

Father Angelito

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU—Numbers 6:24

Thank You!

BAPTISM

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2021 Mass Intention Book

The 2021 Mass Intention Book is open.
Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375
to request your Mass Intentions.
Intentions are a \$10 offering, and dates and
times are scheduled on a first-come,
first-served basis.

Thank you.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:



The Manto Family
Robert, Talia & son,
Robert

With Warmth and
Prayers,
We Welcome You into
Our Family of Faith.



**Let us keep all our students prepared
to receive Jesus for the first time in
our thoughts and prayers**

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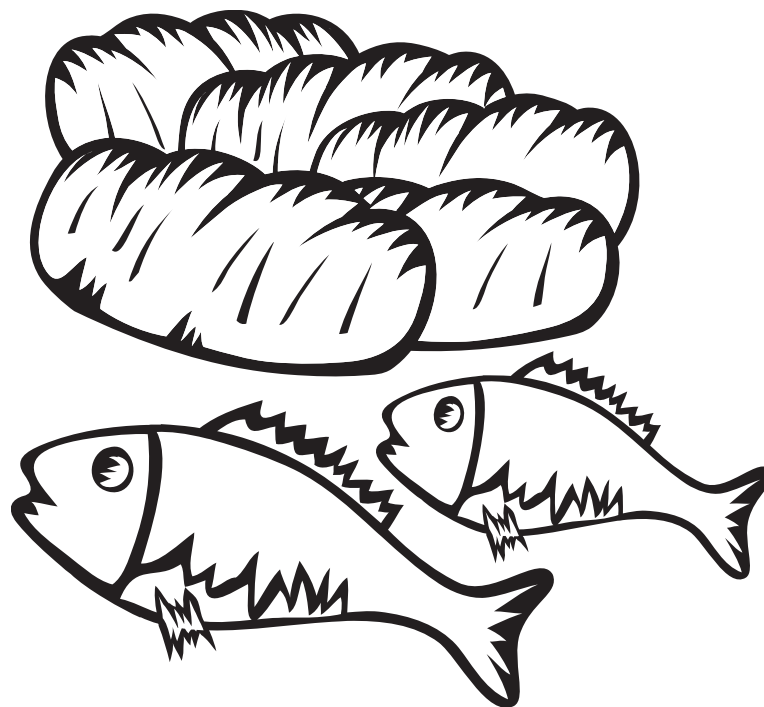
Gospel Today | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 14:13-21

Jesus said of the five loaves and two fish, "Bring them here to me". Looking up to heaven, He gave THANKS, and broke the loaves.



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Feeding over five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish was a great miracle Jesus performed. He did it out of love for the many people.

We too can help others by sharing, and giving to the poor. We never need to look far to find someone in need.



Jesus showed us how important it is to give thanks. We thank God every day for all we have. Color and cut this Grace before meals picture, and hang it near your table.


**BLESS US, O LORD, AND
 THESE THY GIFTS WHICH
 WE ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE
 FROM THY BOUNTY THROUGH
 CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN**


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