

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2020

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
MATTHEW 16:24b

August 30, 2020

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

One of the things I learned so well in these challenging and uncertain times is PATIENCE. It is truly a virtue, but I do not have it. Growing up with my folks, most notably with my father, who was always a hard worker and did not believe in being idle, I consciously acquired a good habit of looking at TIME's value and how precious it is an incredible blessing. Hence time should not be wasted. With the development of technology, science, and computers, I was able to multi-task. I live with it, and I believe in it. Then, COVID-19 came along. One of the most wasteful piece of office equipment I bought this year is the 2020 planner/calendar, and I suppose most of us have the same experience. We tried so hard to be organized, to plan and get things done, but the pandemic came, hence a considerable disruption. However, during this unprecedented time, we have to continue existing and live accordingly. And we are blessed to find the proper solution on how to live and do whatever we have to do during this present crisis. There are challenges, but we have to be more creative, patient and make the most of what we can.

I understand that many of our young people and their families are busy with back-to-school preparations. The pandemic offers new and difficult challenges to our students and their families. Difficult decisions are to be made on attending schools, such as in-person, virtual, or hybrid, and choices with housing arrangements, dormitories, childcare, etc. We know it is not easy. Keep in mind that our parish family is with you in thoughts and prayers as you decide. Our parish family of St. Catherine is one with you in the strong desire to form and educate our young people into responsible and God-fearing community members.

The Religious Education Program of the parish will open for enrollment at the beginning of September. As we value your health and safety, most notably our young children, all classes will be conducted online for the time being. After a few months, we will evaluate how things are going and then decide as we proceed, whether "in-person" or online learning will take place. Our Religious Education department has prepared a well-rounded curriculum to form and educate our young people in the faith practice. All children from grades one to eight must be enrolled in our Religious Education Program. As a parish, together with the parents, it is imperative to educate, support, and encourage our children to learn, understand, practice, and live our Catholic faith.

It is encouraging to have witnessed more, and more of our faithful people attend our Sunday liturgies during this unprecedented time. We started small with attendance, and through our parish personnel team's dedication and hard work, we were able to gain the confidence of our parishioners as they worship and keep the day holy on Sundays. Starting on September 13, I am glad to inform you that we are going back to our regular weekend Mass schedule: Saturday Vigil at 4:30 and Sunday at 8, 10, and 11:30. Due to budget constraints, we cannot offer any overflow Mass anymore in the Parish Hall. It is quite an expense to have a new place to cool down on any given Sunday. I want to thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation as we abide accordingly with the protocols and directives from the Diocese and the government to keep ourselves healthy, safe, and away from all harm given to us by the COVID 19 pandemic.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The CROSS comes into our lives in many ways. It can sometimes be small or predictable ways. For instance, we plan the day out with expected sunshine, then bad weather comes; the inevitable aches and pains, getting old; the sacrifice and unselfishness involved in bringing up and undertaking a family. Sometimes, the cross can go devastatingly, like a scary result of an X-ray, or the unexpected death of a loved one. I remember the experience of a faithful young woman who lost her husband in a vehicular accident. She cried out in her grief, "You sometimes wonder if God knows what he is doing." I guess most of us have experienced that same feeling. A Christianity without the CROSS would not be Christianity at all. Jesus tells us: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him . . .take up his cross and follow me." Jesus is not only indicating that, in one way or another, the shadow of the cross will fall across our lives, but he is also reminding us that he has gone before us in the way of suffering.

There was an early Christian writer who compared Jesus to a mother who takes a spoonful of her child's medicine to encourage her little one to do the same. As it is her way of saying, "See, there is nothing to fear from the nasty-tasting concoction, well, in fact, it is going to do you good." Jesus teaches us that just as the cross is the most incredible and supreme and proof of his love, our willingness to accept the cross in our lives can be the most beautiful proof of our love for him.

When we come to Holy Mass, we celebrate that Jesus died and rose again and, in the words of St. Paul, "repay each one as their works deserve." On that particular day, his friends will find out that deep down in their hearts, they have always known; that if at times God seems to mistreat them, yet God loves them dearly and as he has promised a reward infinitely exceeding all that they have suffered in God's name. Amen.

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



Satur day · August 29

4:30 PM

† Stephen Whitesell *r/b wife, Donna*

Sunday · august 30

10:00 AM

† Donna Cuddeback *r/b Michael Burke*

11:30 AM

† Jose Martinez Sr. *r/b Martinez Family*

Monday · august 31

9:00 am

† Marie Wicker *r/b Marie Walker*

Tuesday · September 1

9:00 Am

† Roy Murray *r/b Donna Lee*

Thur sday · September 3

9:00 am

† Connie Gersbeck *r/b loving husband, Joseph*

FRIDAY · September 4

9:00 am

† MaryAnn Cullen *r/b Laura Randazzo*

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 30, 2020

SUN 8/30	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
MON 8/31	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
TUE 9/1	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
WED 9/2	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
THR 9/3	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
FRI 9/4	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
SAT 9/5	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
SUN 9/7	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

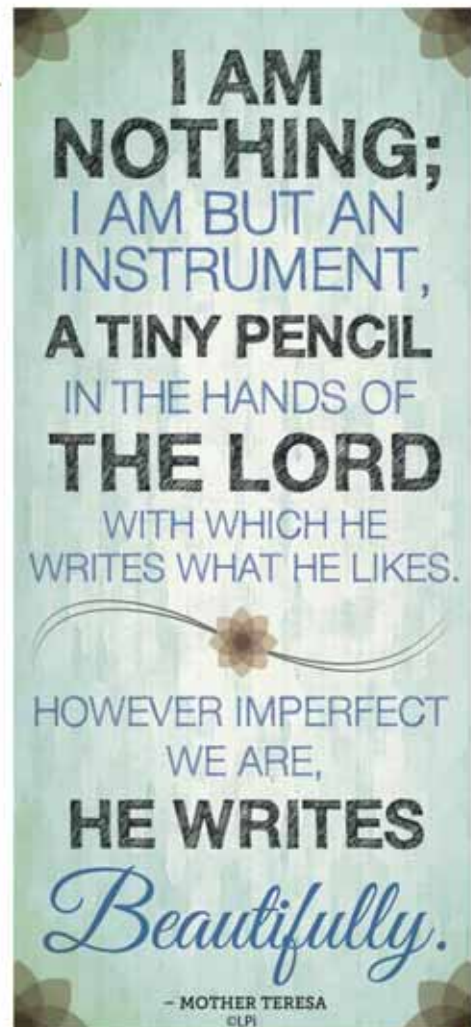
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

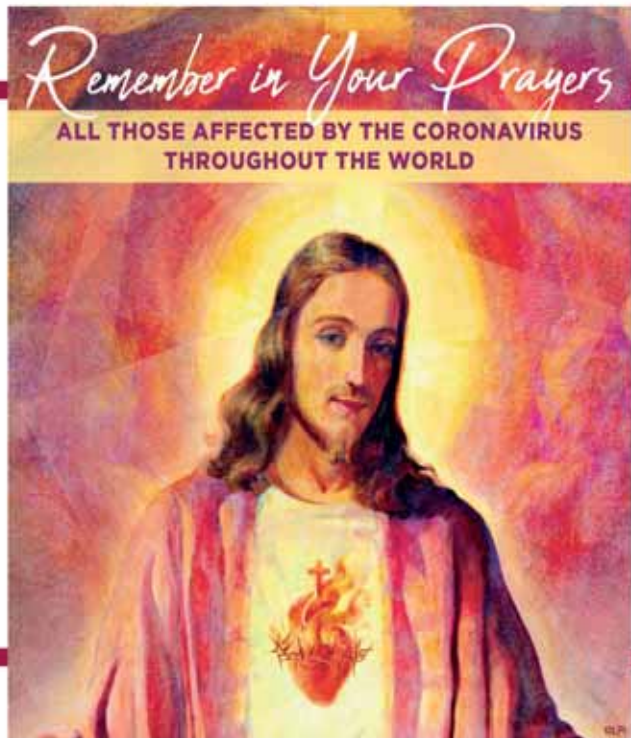
Inspiration for the week

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.



Lord,
make us
turn to
you.

PRAY



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
until further notice (unless otherwise announced).



MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. ** Effective September 13, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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

BAPTISM

With Joyful Hearts,
We Welcome Our Newly Baptized.

Charlotte Grace Franzblau
Robert Charles Manto
Dominic Rocco Roldan

*We ask God's blessings on these
children and their families
every day of their lives!*



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:



The Keegan Family
John, Adrianna
Madeline Rose & John Francis

The Salter Family
William, Raluca
Isabella Ann

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



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.

**Bishop's Annual
Anniversary Blessing
has been
CANCELLED for 2020
due to COVID-19.**



SAVE THE DATE...

It is rescheduled for
Sunday, October 10, 2021

AUGUST 30, 2020

STEWARDS CORNER

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
ACA Status

As of August 24, 2020

GOAL	\$38,000
Raised	\$41,434.30
Collected	\$37,902.36
Pledge Balance	\$3,531.94

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.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As your pastor, let us take

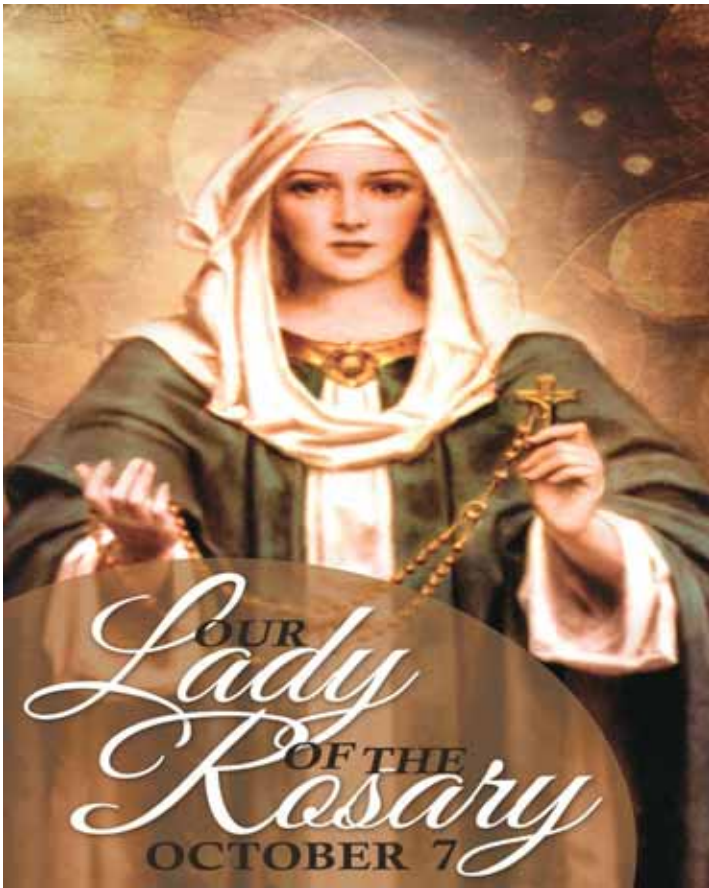
a moment and reflect on all God's blessings and graces. I extend to you a heartfelt thank you to those who have continued their financial support of the parish by mailing in your envelopes, and those who have reached out to us to sign up for online giving. Our parish is truly blessed with generous, caring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

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

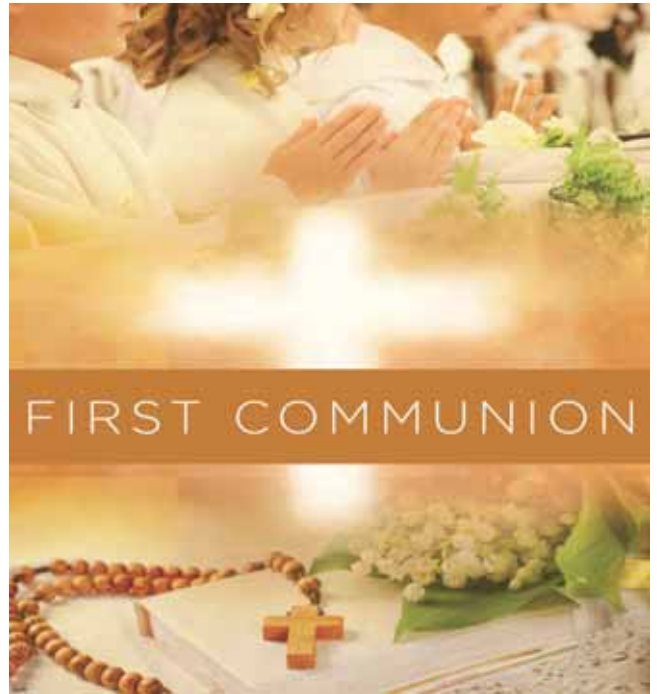
Father Angelito

Thank You!

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU—Numbers 6:24



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



Bishop invites faithful to pray daily rosary for the needs of the nation.

For centuries, Catholics have turned to the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking for her intercession in times of need by praying the Rosary. This great prayer, whose origins date before the 12th century, uses a meditative repetition of prayers that invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she leads us to consider the mysteries in the life of her Divine Son, Jesus. History has shown this to be a powerful, effective, and calming prayer that has truly changed hearts and lives over the centuries of its use.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said of the Rosary that it is “the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next.

The power of the Rosary is beyond description.”

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton to consider making this powerful devotion part of your daily life of prayer.

Please join with me in praying Our Lady’s Rosary every day between now and October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, for the many intentions and needs of our nation today, especially:

- ✦ For a true respect for life in all its stages from conception to natural death;
 - ✦ For the strengthening of family life;
 - ✦ For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and for all those impacted by it;
 - ✦ For a lasting resolution to the racial tensions and injustices that have too long afflicted our country;
 - ✦ For an end to the violence and death in our cities, especially among the young;
 - ✦ For the victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking;
 - ✦ For the poor, the unemployed and those who face economic hardship, and
For so many of the other intentions and needs that we face in our country and world.
- Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.



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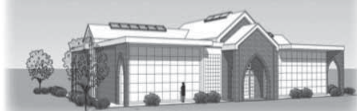
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