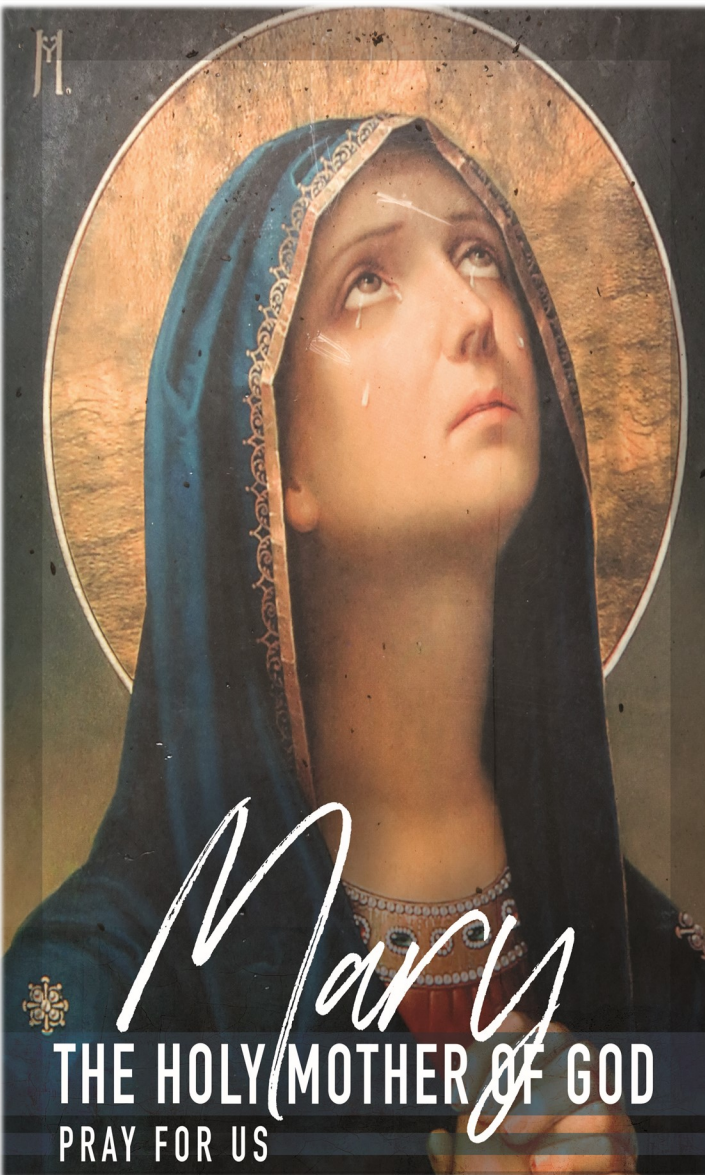


ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

December 27, 2020



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
- Lk 2:40

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday/Sunday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

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

***8:00 a.m. Mass effective September 13, 2020**

CONFESSION TIMES

By Appointment

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Church
31 Asbury Road

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 CHURCH
31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

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

*Temporarily Suspended due to COVID-19
until further notice.*

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! You might be surprised to know Christmas celebration is not just a one-day event. Rather it is so extremely great, and that is why on the calendar of the Church it takes weeks for us to celebrate for it is a season of jubilant celebration, the most wonderful time of the year for the savior of the world, has been born as foretold by the prophets.

On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we have announced The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared the year ahead as the "Year of St. Joseph," In the Pope's apostolic letter entitled "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart), it marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as "Patron of the Universal Church" by Blessed Pope Pius IX. Pope Francis's purpose of this apostolic letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtue and zeal. I encourage you to go on the USCCB website or our own Diocesan website to get further information.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

A story was told about a little boy, about the age of 5 years old, who was left alone with his father at bedtime. This had never happened before. After some maneuverings and a lot of fun, the father finally got the little fellow into his nightclothes and was about to lift him into bed when the child said, "But Daddy, I have to say my prayers." He knelt beside the bed, joined his hands, raised his eyes to heaven, and prayed: "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord, my soul, to keep; If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." That was his usual prayer. But tonight, he looked up at his Dad, raised his eyes to heaven, and prayed, "Dear Lord, make me a great big, good man, like my Daddy. Amen." In a moment, he was in bed and, five minutes later, asleep. But the father knelt by his son's bedside and prayed, "Dear Lord, make me a great big, good man like my boy thinks I am."

Implanting man the urge and stimulus to find a family, God made man sharers in His creative love. This love must be creatively exercised at home. In building a happy home, man expands his capacity and fructifies his talent to love and be loved. We are all products of homes. In our homes, we experience love in varying degrees of intensity and depths.

In a happy home, we experience joy and peace. But our happiness, peace, and joy are not complete, and no wonder. The best homes can only be but an entranceway to heaven, where our happiness will be full. But we can make our home vestibules to heaven. It is the duty of every family member. Our first and foremost duty is to love, and love means to care. A home where members love and care for one another is a happy home.

Do we love and care for our family members? Children need their parents, not just what they can provide for them. The happiness of parents comes from decent, loving children. The crisis in a modern family is a crisis of values that flow from love. The Holy Family was poor in material things but rich in love that builds up personal relationships. A happy home cannot survive on the ruins of personal relationships.

Jesus was born into a family. He grew in wisdom and grace before God and man in the family. He was obedient to his parents; He was their source of joy and their crown of bliss. As simple, humble people, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph must have cherished mutual love, a feeling of oneness, respect for one another, and shared the responsibilities, joys, and sorrows of family life. Theirs was a holy family, and the Church presents it as an ideal family.

The Gospel presents the ideal picture of a family that reflects the Holy Trinity's inner life. The perfect love relationship manifested in the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, enlivened and enlightened them, filled the family with grace, harmony, and joy. And for this reason, St. Paul wishes us today: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · DECEMBER 26

4:30 PM

† Timothy Cartagena
r/b Mom & Dad

SUNDAY · DECEMBER 27

8:00 AM

† Lena Rossi
r/b Loving Niece, JoAnn

10:00 AM

† Jean Burke
r/b Loving Family

† Carmine Horwath
r/b Kristin Natilli

11:30 AM

† Lucy Fusco
r/b Nancy & John Doran

MONDAY · DECEMBER 28

9:00 AM

† For all our Faithful Departed

TUESDAY · DECEMBER 29

9:00 AM

† Dennis Fitzgerald *r/b Teresa Porter*

THURSDAY · DECEMBER 31

9:00 AM

† † For all our Faithful Departed

FRIDAY · JANUARY 1

9:00 AM

† Norma Quinto
r/b Adelaide Sangiorigi



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have asked to remember them in prayer. Continually keep in prayer all those who serve in our Armed Forces and all health care workers. For prayer requests, living intentions and Mass intentions, please call the Parish Office.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- SUN 12/27** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- MON 12/28** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- TUE 12/29** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- WED 12/30** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- THR 12/31** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- FRI 1/1** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- SAT 1/2** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- SUN 1/3** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Monday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Friday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
- Saturday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



New
Year's
Blessings

Christmas Prayer For World Health

Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace and Beloved Savior, come into our hearts this unique Christmas Season of 2020 and fill us with Your gifts of love and joy.

With You, we seek refuge during this Coronavirus Pandemic.

With Mary and Joseph, we rejoice and thank you. With the Angels and saints in heaven we sing "Peace On Earth."

Continue to unite all people in peace and shed Your light of understanding and faith upon this World, as we cope with this pandemic.

With the Magi and the Shepherds, we bow before You with hearts full of wonder.

Help us to follow You faithfully and to share the Good News of Your coming.

With You, we ask Your protection of our families, our nation and the world against this virus, please restrain our fears and anxiety.

Grant that health, the fruit of life, may reign throughout the world.

Amen.



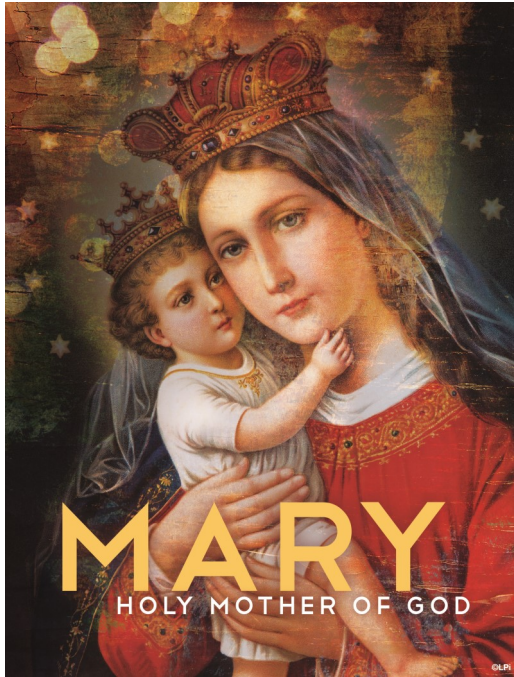
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TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
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THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

CHRISTMAS AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



CELEBRATION OF THE MASS
9:00 AM
Friday, January 1, 2021

Holy, Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be **closed** on
Thursday, December 24, 2020,
Friday, December 25, 2020 and
Sunday, December 27, 2020.

The Parish Office will **reopen** on
Monday, December 28, 2020 through
Wednesday, December 30th.
The hours are **9 AM until NOON.**

The Parish Office will be **closed** on
Thursday, December 31, 2020 and
Friday, January 1, 2021.



The first step for Infant Baptisms at St. Catherine of Siena Parish is our Baptism Preparation Class.

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

For more detailed information and to register, visit our Parish Website, www.sienachurch.org.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS 2020

IN MEMORY OF

*Alcina Afonso, Henrique Afonso,
Joao Cardoso, Preciosa Cardoso
Julius Andrews, Elsie Andrews,
Stanley Shirrepps, Isabel Shirrepps*

*Bernardine Bennek, Richard Bennek,
Arthur Baldarsari, Geraldine Baldarsari*

Adela Austria

John & Ellen Mahoney

The Callari Family, The Cataffo Family

The Cocuzza Family, Greiner Family, Dressler Family

The Coppotelli Family

Veronika Bober, Marie Cullmann, Irene Cummings

The Deehan Family

The Diamond Family

The DiLascio Family

*Michele Savignano, Luigi D.DeMeo,
Leiga D'Urso, Diamante D. DeMeo*

The DiBello Family

Dietsch/Hogan Families

Nicholas Fanciullo

The Ferraro Family

Nicholas L.J. Felicione

Nancy & Chet Swistock

The Genovese Family

*Connie Gersbeck, Thomas Gersbeck,
Charles Gersbeck, Sr., Rosemarie Lanzarone*

*Peter & Josephine Greco, Rich & Violet Furjanic,
Pamela Jude Muller, Joseph Greco*

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Robert Andrews

Michael and Patricia Baldasari

Edwin and Tarcila Cabrera

Jerry & Mary Coleman

Joanne Callari

Marianne Cocuzza

Donald & Margaret Coppotelli

Diane & Raymond Cullmann

Thomas & Ellen Deehan

Andrew and Patti Diamond

DiLascio Family

Emilio & Dolores D'Onorio De Meo

Louis & Margaret DiBello

Dietsch/Hogan

Wayne & Josephine Fanciullo

Stephen and Megan Ferraro

Nicholas Felicione

John and Francine Gagliano

Joseph & Mary Genovese

Joseph Gersbeck

Peter & Laura Greco



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Jacob & Rose Hankel, Maryann Cullen*

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Kathleen & James Maher

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Mrs. Angelina Martins-Zahn, Mrs. Rose Brescia*

The Kessler Family

Newhim & Kneucker Family

The LaRocca Family

The Lindon Family

*Diamante Durso, Diamante Donorio DeMeo,
Rita Durso, Luigina Donorio DeMeo*

*John & Tessie Zebrowski
Ronald & Barbara Magner*

*Consuelo Remigio, Sal Remigio,
Vincenta Martinez, Jose B. Martinez, Sr.*

Adele Melofchik, Eugene Melofchik

The Mielnicki Family

*Christopher Pflum, Lelia Misner,
Robert Gribbin, Helen Pflum*

*Marie Davis, Joseph Davis,
Joseph Gaffney, Mary Mueller*

*Roy Robert Murray, Murray Family,
Grzybowski Family, Family & Friends*

*Filipp & Maria Natilli, Michael A. Natilli,
Guiseppe & Benadetta Cosentino,
Thomas & Angela Mangano*

DEDICATED BY

June Hankel

John & Kathy Keegan

Walter & Agnes Kelso

Kevin & Deneen Marie Kennedy

Thomas Kessler

Bruno & Helga Kneucker

Ella LaRocca

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Anastasios & Rita Lyrstis

Kenneth & Paula Magner

Jose & Nancy Martinez

Greg Melofchik

Anthony & Virginia Mielnicki

Michael & Lauren Misner

Robert & Debra Mueller

Theresa Murray

Philip & Kristin Natilli



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*Truat Nguyen, Nguyet Nguyen,
Nhien Nguyen, Minh Nguyen*

The Okerson Family

*Peter Oraboni, Bessie Petruzzelli,
Michael & Vincent Petruzzelli*

William Pellechia, John & Grace Buonavita

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Noreen O'Doherty Cacchione*

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Charlie, Jim & Joe Maguire*

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Michael & Ann Phillips, John & Ann Sowpel

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