

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

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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.

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**

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

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the FEAST of The BAPTISM of JESUS.

It is interesting to see when people make a dramatic change in their lives; we're usually curious to discover the reason. What makes people change the direction of their lives? Is it a necessity? Are they just dissatisfied with their old way of life, or drawn to a new way of life? Why should someone give up the quiet security of village life and begin a way of life that will put him in a danger zone where secular and religious authority will unite against him? Why should Jesus leave the region of Galilee and head south on a three-day journey to see a prophet who lives in the wilderness?

In today's Gospel, we have Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism, the great event that stands between the hidden life of Nazareth and the public life of the traveling ministry. Matthew tells us that John heads south because he wants baptism from John. John's baptism was directed to his fellow Jews as a call to repentance to prepare the way for the promised one.

Matthew tells us that the purpose of Jesus' baptism is to fulfill God's saving plan. Jesus does not have to be baptized to be cleansed. Instead, his baptism, as seen in the Gospel, is the moment when God's plan became fulfilled in Jesus.

Jesus emerges from the water after his baptism, the heavens opened, the Spirit of God descends on him, and a voice from heaven recognizes him as "my Son, the Beloved." None of the evangelists suggests that any bystander notices these beautiful elements: nor is it expressed that the people marveled, were astonished, or gave praise to God, reactions typically noted when miraculous happenings occur. Matthew is bringing out the meaning of Jesus' baptism in these elements: he is showing how Jesus, the Son of God, is the fulfillment of the ancient plan of God. Part of that plan as expressed in the first reading from Isaiah:

*"Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring justice to the nations."*

St. Peter wrote in his Acts, that after being anointed by the Spirit, Jesus "went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil." After forty days in the desert, where the devil tempted him to abandon his mission, Jesus began to create the Church, "the way" they used to call it; his followers, like him, were committed to doing good. Over the centuries, some religious communities were formed in the Church to go about doing good in extraordinary selfless ways. All over the world, in the poorest and most desperate places, the followers of Jesus are still to be found, caring, teaching, and loving. Near home, they are, for example, street pastors, and Christians who are running food banks, hostels and soup kitchens for those who are homeless, caring for people who are sick or elderly, and for children with emotional and physical difficulties.

Yet our baptism is not so much a sign of our commitment to God and to "doing good," but of God's commitment to us. The Father's voice told Jesus, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on him." At our baptism, God says the same to us. We become God's beloved sons and daughters, and God's favor rests on us. When Peter baptized the Roman centurion, Cornelius, he explained that "anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him." And our Catholic churches are full of people of many nationalities.

It is often through caring for others that people discover the real meaning of life, and that faith itself can be found or strengthened. It is not necessarily an easy life, but one that sometimes involves hard choices and a growing commitment to keep going, however hard it gets a commitment sustained by God's grace-filled promise, "This is my Son, the Beloved: my favor rests on him."

We have to keep in mind that our baptism asks us not to run away from our Christian calling to do good; however hard, demanding, and wearing it may be. Once in a while, we have the concrete example of an elderly dependent requiring care that only a loving home can give, and this is not to abandon them. But if anyone does run away from their God-given responsibilities, they can find that life suddenly loses its meaning; it becomes empty and without purpose. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

SATURDAY · JANUARY 11

4:30 PM

Joseph Cocuzza • Grace Pellechia

SUNDAY · JANUARY 12

8:00 AM

Al Baker • John and Bella Kennedy

10:00 AM

Gregory Peterson • Shelly Hoban

11:30 AM

Josephine Tompkins • Pat and Kathie Lavin

MONDAY · JANUARY 13

9:00 AM

Dora Capra • Loving Family

TUESDAY · JANUARY 14

9:00 AM

Helen Bartlett • Ralph Kuehmstedt

THURSDAY · JANUARY 16

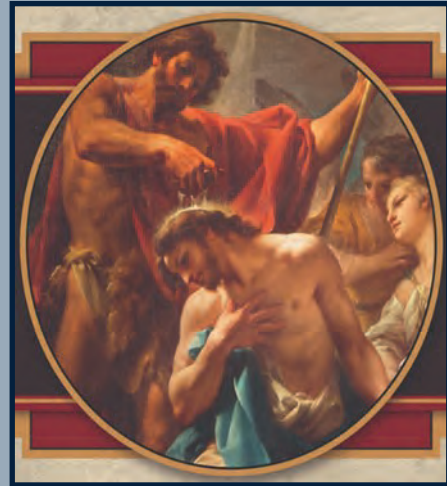
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Monsignor Philip A. Lowery

FRIDAY · JANUARY 17

9:00 AM

Dominick Pondaco • Pondaco Family



First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

Please Pray for the Sick and All Those Who Have Asked for Our Prayers

MaryAnn Aulisi, Peter Bennett, Victoria Bott, Frank Bracco, Mike Burke, William Clemens, Keith Dice, Nancy Drake, Bob Ebhar, Cyril Elias, Sharon Foster, Cheri Gargiulo, Marlene Gravatt, Norma Jean Hall, John Hart, Lori Jones, Ann Johnston, John Keegan, Eugene Kerek, Jeanine Kerek, Laurie Krawsowski, Charlie "Butch" Lavin, Barbara Lipari, Adrienne Lomangino, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Margie McCullam, Linda Moore, McKenna Murray, Amber Painter, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Mary Rossiello, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Melissa Tortorello, Lauren Tuosto, Giuseppe Turriciano, Phyllis Weissblum.

LITURGY



Would you like to serve God and our faith community? Saint Catherine of Siena Parish is in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for all masses.

If you have received all of your Sacraments, are at least sixteen years of age, and are in good standing with our Catholic faith, please prayerfully consider becoming an extraordinary minister. Training will be provided.

If interested, please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375. Thank you.



IMPORTANT

Due to concerns about the flu season, we will temporarily cease offering the Precious Blood at Mass. This has been our practice for several years and is only a temporary measure to prevent the spread of illness. Once the season is past, we will continue offering the Precious Blood.

Thank you for your understanding.

Reader Ministry Workshop! To help prepare for the Lenten and Easter Season Deacon Dan is offering a workshop for all current Reader's and those who would like to become a member of the Reader Ministry. Join us on Tuesday February 11th at 7:00pm. You must be at least 16 years of age & have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please email deacondan@sienachurch.org to confirm your attendance.

Altar Server Training! Please join Deacon Dan in the main church on Monday February 10th immediately following Religious Education classes. Open to existing servers who would like refresher training and for new servers who would like to join this exciting ministry!

Open to 5th graders and up! Earn service hours for serving at Mass and attending this training.

Please email deacondan@sienachurch.org to confirm your attendance.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 11 & 12, 2020

MASS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
4:30 pm	Greg King June Hankel	Sara Schuld	Kathy Janiello Josie Sciascia Deb Scuotto
8:00 am	Robert Perry		Stephanie Harakal Dr. Steve Martino Eileen Murphy
10:00 am	Alena Brayshaw	Mark Beckerle Vincent Utz	Carol Jamison Janice Kehoe Pam Davison
11:30 am	Alexandria Noah		Deacon Dan Patrick Shanks Bonnie Imposimato



HELP WANTED

Would you like to help? We are in need of Substitute Ushers at our weekend Masses. The Ushers greet parishioners coming to Mass and help find seating.

MASS	USHER TEAM
4:30 pm	George Ziemienski Nick D'Amico Frank Bostjancic George Gravatt Nicholas Gravatt
8:00 am	Pat Cranmer John Harakal Tony Infante Jerry SanAntonio
10:00 am	Joe Caltagirone Jr. Joe Golding Bill Ingram Mike Smith
11:30 am	Jerry Coleman Matt Moore Jason Rubinson Scott Rubinson

They also pass the collection to the parishioners in the pews. Training provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.
And especially for:

Norma Quinto

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

Holy Baptism

Through the
Sacrament of Baptism,
we welcome to the Church:

*Nicholas Joseph Howard
Lucas Jason Cirne Mendoza*

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



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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Sunday, January 26
Sunday, February 23

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

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: To schedule an anointing, call the Pastor's Office at 732-938-5375 OPT. 7.

BAPTISM: We celebrate Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM or during the 11:30 AM Mass. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor certificates, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is required. Classes are held in Classroom 10 on the **4th Sunday of the month**. To sign up for the class, please fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend. **Baptism Arrangements must be made in advance by contacting the Parish Office.**

HOMEBOUND: If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, please contact the Parish Office.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning a marriage must contact the Parish Office to begin marriage preparation at least one year before the anticipated wedding date.

RCIA: The process by which adults become Catholic and/or receive the Sacraments is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES: In order to obtain a sponsor certificate at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, the following is required: **Registration in the parish for at least 6 months prior to the request; received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation; if married, married in the Catholic Church; be at least 16 years of age; attending Mass faithfully participating in the life of the Church, receiving the Eucharist and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.** All requests are approved by the Pastor. Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your registration status.

OBTAIN A MASS CARD: We welcome all who would like to request their special intentions or deceased loved ones be prayed for at weekday or weekend Mass. Please call or stop by the Parish Office.

PRAYER LIST: Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added or removed to our prayer list.

LOW GLUTEN HOST: An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL or Memorial Mass
Please contact the Parish Office arrangements.

Faith Formation

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THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE
For more information, please email:
wwp@sienachurch.org



START THE NEW YEAR IN OUR
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Program meets in the Parish Hall on:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 10 a.m.
January 21, 2020
January 28, 2020

It's not too late to register!

Diocesan Youth Conference

February 8, 2020


Inspired.
"You are the light of the world." Mt 5:14

All Teens in 8-12th grade invited!
Register with your parish!

For more information:
www.dotyouth.org

Or Call St. Catherine of Siena
Office of Rel. Ed
732- 938-6229



Diocese of Trenton



NEWS

2nd Grade First Holy Communion Retreat

Saturday January 25
10 a.m.
Parish Hall

Grade 7 & 8 Mass

Sunday February 2
11:30 a.m.

First Reconciliation

Grade 2 Students & Families
Saturday February 8, 2020
10 a.m.

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

In observance of the Martin Luther King
Holiday, there will be no CCD Classes on
Sunday Jan 19 & Monday Jan 20.
Classes reopen on Tuesday Jan 21

The Religious Education Program is
made up of many generous volunteers.

We are in need of Substitute Catechists.

You do not have to have a child in the
program to volunteer.

Please call the office @732-938-6229 for
more information.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome

If you are new to the area and have questions regarding Parish Registration, please contact the Parish Office. In order to be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered and show your presence and support by attendance at Mass and also through the regular use of offertory envelopes.

Young Adults who are still living at home with their parents, who are in college, and/or are employed full-time, are encouraged to register under their own name. This is important when one is asked to be a godparent

For address and phone number changes, including a change in parish, please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

We are committed to serving the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish, and we ask for your prayers and commitment

Christmas Donations Flower

Thank you to all who sponsored our Christmas Flower Memorials. We collected \$2,726.79. The Christmas Season concludes with our 11:30 a.m. Mass on January 12th. We will be removing the Church Christmas flowers on Monday, January 13th. If you would like to take home one or two of the poinsettia plants, they will be available for pick up on Tuesday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m. on a first come first serve basis.

Christmas Collection 2019

The tallying of the Christmas Collection is a work in progress at this time as cash and checks earmarked for Christmas 2019 continue to come in through the mail. We will publish the amount of the Christmas collection in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and financial support of the parish.

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

The Barton Family
Jason, Kristin, Tyler & Sydney

Todd Joseph Jordan

Frank Lomangino

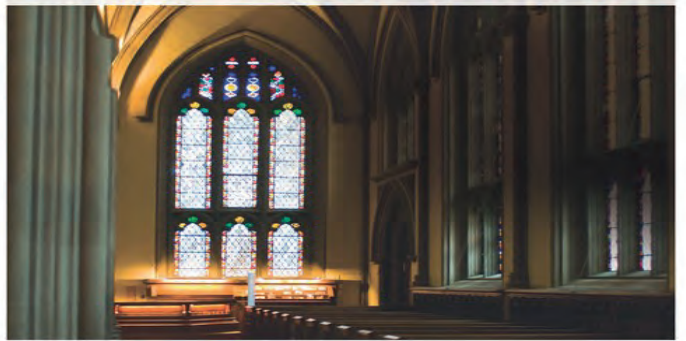
The Marchetti's
Carl & Janice

The Tlapa Family
Pedro, Marilu, Caleb, Nadie, & Christopher



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We Welcome You into
Our Family of Faith.

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE ALSO WILL YOUR HEART BE.



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- 2 Select the collection you wish to donate to.
- 3 Set up your donation or payment.



Support your church today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.

Thank You!

Altar Flowers

We invite our parishioners to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or perhaps to mark a special occasion. You will help us provide beauty for the Lord's worship and pay a visible tribute to a special person or celebrate a special event.

Please call the Parish Office for more information or to place an order.

STEWARDS CORNER



Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00

**Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
HELP AND SUPPORT!**

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Dec 21/22 2019

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,475.00	154 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,404.00	119 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,667.00	174 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,359.00	146 people
Totals	\$5,905.00	593 people
Online Giving Dec 16—Dec 22	\$1,474.00	77 donors

**Second Collection
Parish Energy & Fuel \$1,348.00**

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Dec 28/29 2019

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,146.00	114 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,224.00	108 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,787.00	146 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,401.00	149 people
Totals	\$5,558.00	517 people
Online Giving Dec 23—Dec 29	\$1,329.00	73 donors

**Second Collection
Sponsorship of Catholic Schools \$1,073.00**

Upcoming Second Collection

**January
19**

Parish Energy and Fuel

2019-2020

As of January 6, 2020

Pledged Amount: **\$34,594.60**

Collected: **\$33,944.60**

Percent of Goal Raised 79%

Donors: 149

Pledge Balance As of January 6, 2020

\$600.00

VS

2018

As of December 28, 2018

Pledged Amount: **\$39,787.00**

Collected: **\$38,412.00**

Percent of Goal Raised 90%

Donors: 172

Pledge Balance As of December 28, 2018

\$1,375.00

Stewardship

O Divine Giver of all gifts grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.
Amen.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



ALL SOULS DAY



EASTER SUNDAY

LIVE SATIONS OF THE CROSS



PARISH CHOIR

EASTER BASKET DRIVE



CONFIRMATION

HOLY COMMUNION



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TORCH



ROSARY ALTAR BAKE SALE

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA YOUTH VOLUNTEERS



The Good Samaritan Ministry Thanksgiving Food Baskets

SIMBANG GABI



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



HOSPITALITY



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

THANKYOU

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed in some way to the success of our parish ministries this past year. We cannot do it without you!

We joyfully announce that for 2019 we have **registered 84 new parishioners!**

A warm welcome to our new members of all ages!

Thank you for sharing of your time and talent at St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

May God continue to bestow His blessings on our parish!



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