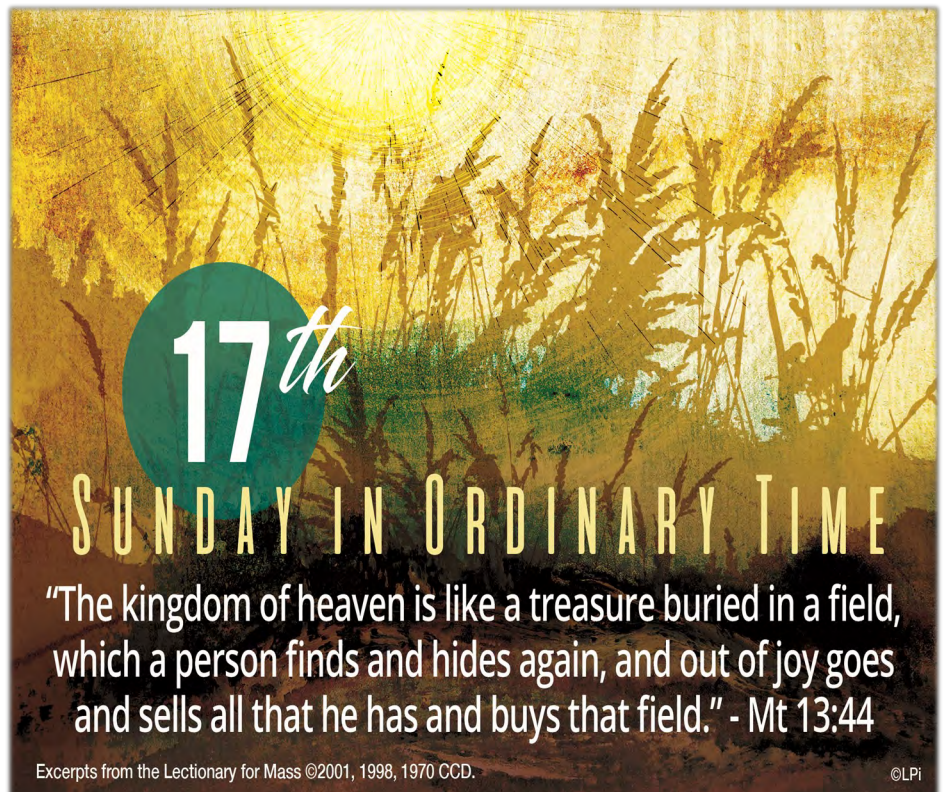


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MASS SCHEDULE **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

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
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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,

As I write this letter, we are experiencing the heatwave in our locality since last Saturday. Summer days are my favorite having come from a tropical place. However, I sympathize with the people who are not too comfortable with this weather, as the plants, flowers, and the grounds are not too favorable with the steaming hot weather. But we are resilient and formidable citizens of the Lord God; hence we will be able to cope with whatever comes in our way. Let us keep up the faith as brothers and sisters in Christ. We can manage to deal with the weather and COVID 19 as we follow the government's protocols and the directives of the Bishop. Let us be mindful of the fact that the pandemic is still with us. Please be advised that we must carry on with social distancing, cover our faces with face masks, and continue to clean and sanitize our surroundings. Our parish community would not be able to re-open without your whole-hearted cooperation and understanding. Also, let us not forget our parish personnel who are extremely dedicated to lead, help, and manage the parish complex's cleaning and disinfecting. Let us continue to support the great endeavors we have started by praying, generously contributing through our offertory gifts, and donating for the maintenance and upkeep of the buildings and grounds. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity. As we have announced before, our parish offices are open from Monday to Thursday and Sunday. Kindly check our availability hours, and it would be better for all of us to complete our parish needs by telephone or email. Much as we want to serve you in person, we should do it virtually given this unprecedented time. We want to stay safe and healthy; hence we must cooperate.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, we listen to Matthew 13:44-46, the Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Parable of the Pearl which are both parables of discovery, joy, and action. Jesus tells about a man who discovers a great treasure, a wealthy merchant who has devoted his life to hunting for treasure in the shape of fine pearls and a man who stumbles upon treasure in a field. It was not uncommon in that time and place for people to bury valuable possessions.

The merchant in the story has no intention of decorating the pigsty with pearls. He is collecting the finest he can lay his hands on. Being an expert, he knows what he is looking for. When he comes across the finest pearls he has ever set eyes on, he is in no doubt of what to do. Immediately he sells everything he owns so that he can possess the gem that is without peer. The cost has been everything, but when he holds that pearl, his search has ended.

As we reflect on these two parables, both men appreciate the real value of what they have discovered and are willing to pay the cost of everything they have for the new treasure. The two men might appear unhinged in risking everything on this one venture to outsiders looking at them. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do. For them, the folly would be in passing over the main chance. In the parables, Jesus is asking the crowds if they perceive the Kingdom of God in the same way. Do they see it as a treasure worth more than everything they now value in life? If God's kingdom is not perceived as an authentic article, people will not bother renouncing anything to attain it.

Jesus own perception of life is entirely different from other people. He was always challenging for people to see and see again to understand anew. To that purpose, his stories turned much of popular wisdom on its head, and this was done in the hope that listeners might catch something of another way of living God's world. In effect, Jesus had what Solomon prayed for in the first reading, that is, a heart to discern the ways of the people and the ways of God. But more than this, Jesus had the determination to close the gap between the two approaches.

We know that Jesus had to give up everything that he valued, namely, his family, his home, his security, to do his Father's will and preach the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, there was no treasure more significant than his Father's will. When he uncovered what it was, he renounced everything to make it his own. His own family and neighbors thought his ways either puzzling or foolish. And when he gave up his own life, even his disciples could not understand this ultimate folly. But there was a purpose in it. Jesus kept hold of his treasure.

Experience would tell us that none of us can gain anything of value without renouncing something. Perhaps what we should abandon first is our perception of what real treasure in this life is. I guess a few of us will chance on the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, or win a lottery, or stumble on an oilfield in the backyard. But we have all stumbled-on treasure. We must realize that the real treasure in life is under our noses, like in the people we share the experience with, in the opportunities, we face every day to exercise the values of Jesus. None of this might appear as a glittering prize, but it is in the heart of the ordinary that we discover the presence of Jesus. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · JULY 25

4:30 PM

† Gene Capoano *r/b Jim & Virginia Piccolo*

SUNDAY · JULY 26

10:00 AM

† Michael Filippo & Maria Natilli *r/b Phillip & Kristen Natilli*

11:30 AM

† Vanessa Puskar *r/b Cathy McKee*

MONDAY · JULY 27

9:00 AM

† Joan Whalen *r/b Jim & Marian Ferris*

TUESDAY · JULY 28

9:00 AM

† For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY · JULY 30

9:00 AM

† James Barnett *r/b Josephine Farinella*

FRIDAY · JULY 31

9:00 AM

† For the People of the Parish

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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." (1 Kgs 3:9a)

PSALM:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

SECOND READING:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

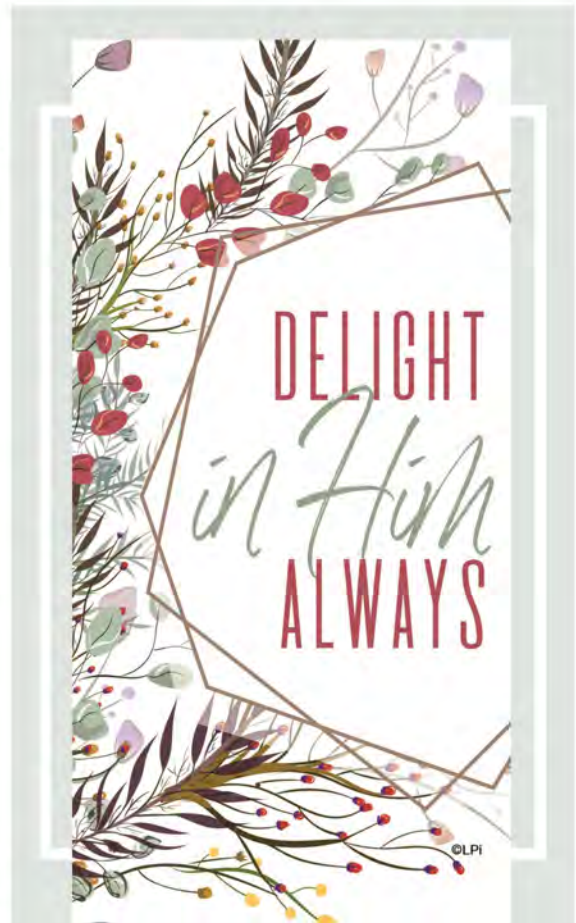
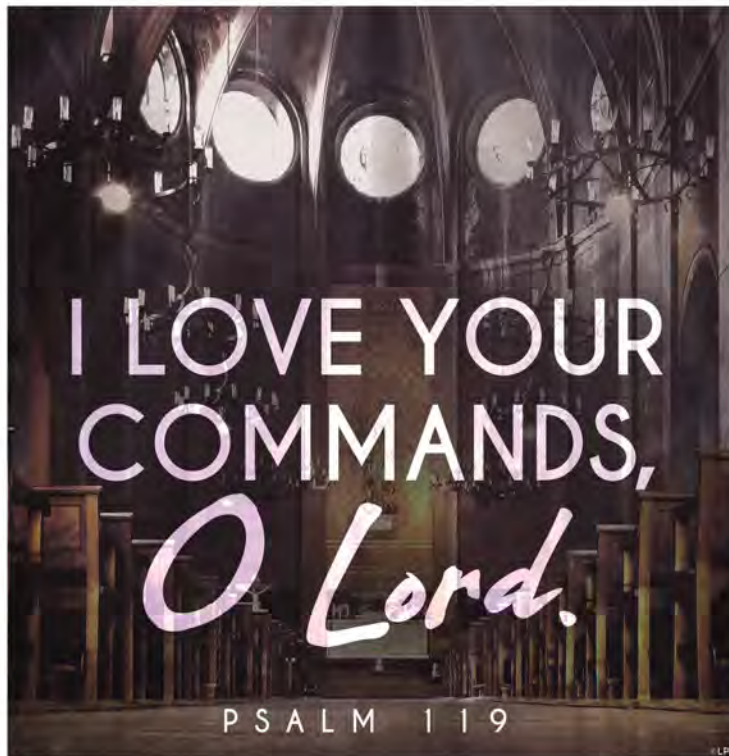
GOSPEL:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Martha
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

As a young man and new king of Israel, Solomon asks the Lord for the gift of wisdom. How do you exercise the virtue of wisdom in your daily life?

SECOND READING

How do you think Paul can assert with such certainty: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God"?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus offers several "end of the age" parables to the disciples: buried treasure and fine pearls (a priceless discovery) and the large catch of fish (an inclusive invitation). What do you think Jesus is teaching his disciples about the kingdom of heaven?



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PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS



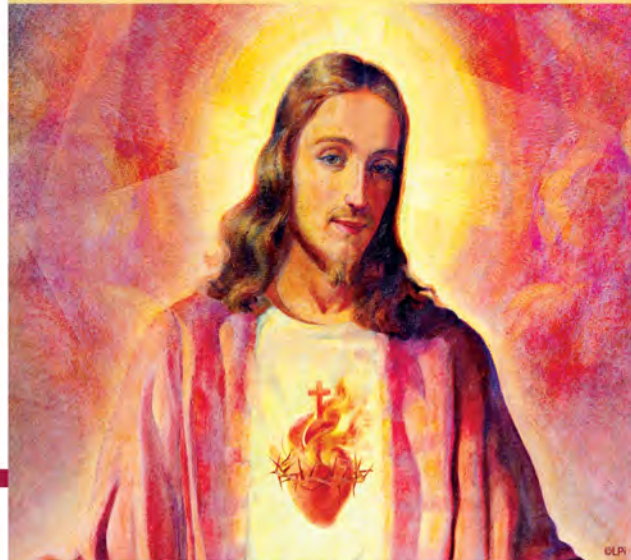
**Do not
be afraid
to dream of
great things!**

POPE FRANCIS

PRAY

Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



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	_____
MAILING NAME	_____		
CHILD FULL NAME	_____	CHILD FULL NAME	_____
CHILD FULL NAME	_____	CHILD FULL NAME	_____

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CONTACT INFORMATION

HOME TELEPHONE	()	_____	
HIS CELLPHONE:	()	HER CELLPHONE	()
_____	_____	_____	_____
HIS EMAIL:	_____	HER EMAIL	_____

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 \$34,708.83

Pledge Balance \$5,200.47

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

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU—Numbers 6:24

Thank You!

BAPTISM

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Gia Eileen Sardone

*We ask God's blessings on this
child and her family
every day of their lives!*



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.



Congratulations & Best Wishes to ...

Ryan Anthony Keegan
&
Jaclyn Marie Kehoe



who were married at
St. Catherine of Siena Church
on
Friday, July 24, 2020



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

Roy Robert Murray

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

Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:44-52

Jesus tells us nothing we could ever own on earth is more valuable than the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as the Apostles gave up their earthly possessions and followed Jesus, we can share our earthly possessions with others.

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The Grace of God is a Great Treasure.

Grace is a gift God gives us! With His love, protection and blessing we can help others, and share ourselves and our talents.

Our parents/guardians show us God's love and grace every day when they take care of us. What can you do for your family & friends today, to show them your love?

Pretend you are the treasure chest and your talents are your treasure. What does God want you to share with others?



Don't forget you are one of God's great treasures on earth!



Cut out treasure chest, fold in half and tape tabs to back of chest. Cut out & put in treasure strips, share with someone.



SHARE SOMETHING YOU LEARNED AT SCHOOL

HELP A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

SHARE YOUR ART OR MUSIC TALENTS

PUT AWAY YOUR THINGS / HOUSEWORK / CLEAN UP

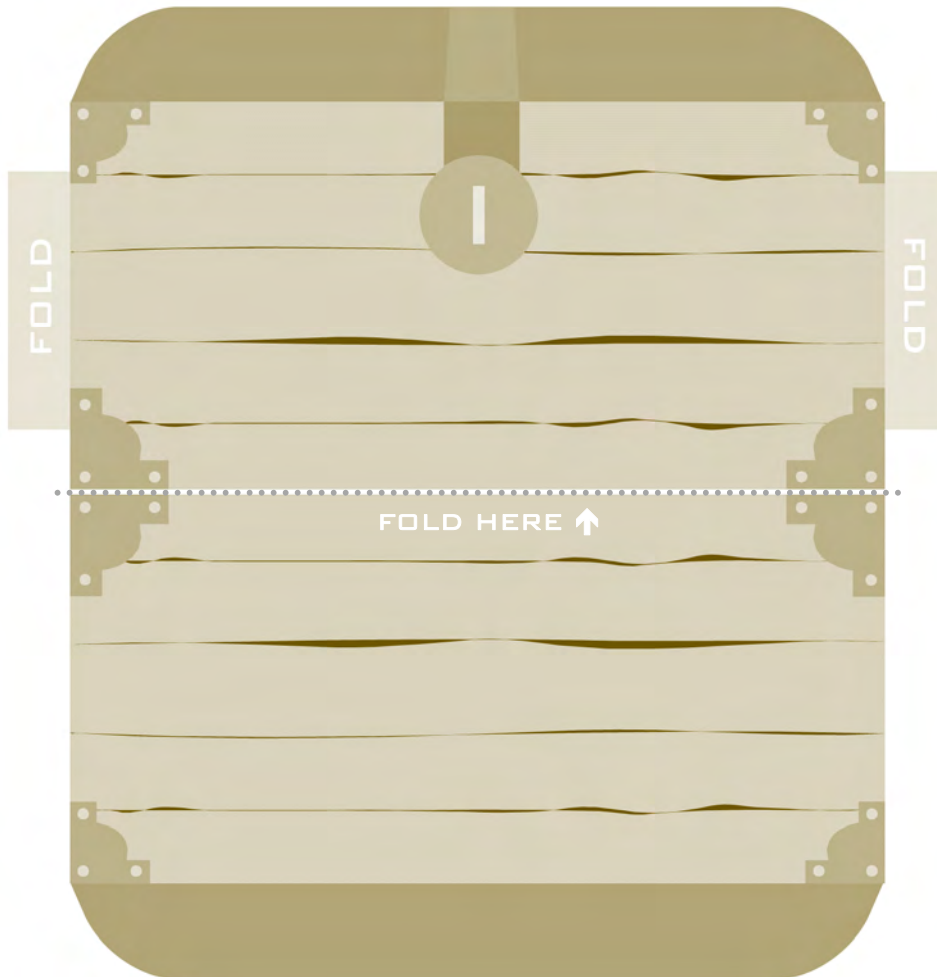
HELP PREPARE / CLEAN UP A MEAL

WORK IN THE GARDEN / YARD

PRAY FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS SICK OR TROUBLED

↓ Fill in your own talents ↓

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