

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



**33rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

November 15, 2020

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’” - Mt 25:21

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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 PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

A young man wanted to find God, so he decided to go into a big, ornate, and beautiful church. He expected that in the spaciousness, light, and reflection of the stained glass and glittering mosaics, he might experience God. Filled with feelings of God's closeness, he put his head down on the back of a pew. A few minutes later, he felt a tapping on his shoulder. Looking up, he saw an elderly lady. She asked: "Are you hungry? I could give you a few dollars to get something to eat?" Realizing the risk and the effort the woman had taken to approach him and the simple manifestation of care and love that prompted it, the man thanked her but said he was alright. A few minutes later, he left the church knowing that he had found God.

God can be experienced wherever he is present. We are already in the season that calls upon us most especially to let the least fortunate and needy, discover that despite the challenges, trials, and adversities, we are here for them as Jesus has entrusted us. And we have to respond. Our parish is receiving calls, with many people are asking us if we are having our annual Gift Tree Collection of Gifts this year. Due the pandemic, COVID 19, we have to amend it from the usual fashion of taking of gift tags, as we want to be safe, away from harm, and healthy this Christmas season and always. We want to be smart as we abide by the health restrictions. Keep in mind that the goal stays the same: to provide help and respond to the less privileged and the poor's felt needs, especially this Christmas season. The majority of families in need, along with the community schools and organizations that we support are not accepting physical gifts such as toys and clothing, etc. Rather they are asking for Gift Cards this year. The parish asks you to consider giving donations for this wonderful cause kindly. Words are not enough to express our thanks and gratitude in advance. For further detailed information, please call or email us at the parish office.

The parish family invites you to honor your loved one this Christmas by offering a CHRISTMAS FLORAL MEMORIAL. This is our traditional project as we put your name, along with the names of those you honor, and will be published in our Christmas Bulletin. Keep in mind that information is due no later than December 6, 2020.

Our very own Council of the Knights of Columbus has their annual program/ fundraiser: "Bring an Active NJ Soldier Home for the Holidays." It is a noble campaign for many NJ active soldiers as they go home for the Christmas season to their families and have a joy-filled celebration. Let us show our support for this wonderful effort to our Knights of Columbus.

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is interesting to see how people, especially the young, would write words as so many use short cuts learned from texting. Similarly, parents sometimes complain when their children would use "slang" language. Young people, however, are not the only ones who cut corners. Few of us use the formal word "Sir/Madam" these days. I remember I received a phone call from a parishioner: "Do you guys...?" I gently corrected her, "I am Father,"... and finally, she realized that she is talking to a priest, and she apologized. It is noticeable that just as we take short cuts in our journeys, we economize in the way we speak. A servant of God, however, is always called to go that extra mile. Love overrides "the principle of the least effort." It goes out of its way to do everything possible. We do not ask, "How little can I get away with?" but "What else may I do?" Please be reminded that the kingdom of God operates by the principle of utmost effort, not least.

Reading our Gospel today, Jesus tells the story of three servants to whom a rich man entrusted his fortune. Imposing loans on people was common in ancient times as a profitable way to deposit cash. Two of his employees were delighted to have such trust placed in them. After all, a talent was a coin value, and he had lent them five and ten talents apiece. Eager to please him, they showed enterprise in their use of his money, unlike the third servant, who wanted to save himself any trouble or anxiety. He dug a hole and buried it.

God does not exploit people, nor was Jesus a financial advisor. He was interested in a different kind of treasure. God is rich in kindness, and we are distributors of that grace. What God bestows is not meant to be hoarded. God gives us wisdom and skill that we might treat other people generously. Such is the "commerce" of God's kingdom: a reckless investment of ourselves with no certainty of return, other than to increase the circulation of love in this world. Money was not the issue. The master did not suggest how the money might be used, nor did he equal all. St. Paul exhorts us, "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. (Rom. 12:6) He also tells us, "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone." (1 Cor.12:4-6) God knows each one of us, and He treats us personally. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · NOVEMBER 14

4:30 PM

† Mary & John Kruse and daughter, Maryann *r/b Patty & Stephanie*

SUNDAY · NOVEMBER 15

8:00 AM

† Renato deMesa *r/b The Ortega Family*

10:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Pat & Kathie Lavin*

11:30 AM

† Sal Remigio *r/b The Martinez Family*

MONDAY · NOVEMBER 16

9:00 AM

† For all our Faithful Departed

TUESDAY · NOVEMBER 17

9:00 AM

† Mary E. Dale *r/b Palmie Cummings*

THURSDAY · NOVEMBER 19

9:00 AM

† For all our Faithful Departed

FRIDAY · NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM

† For all our Faithful Departed

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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates. (Prv 31:30-31)

PSALM:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

SECOND READING:

For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day.
We are not of the night or of darkness.
Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober. (1 Thes 5:5-6)

GOSPEL:

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" (Mt 25:21)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Saturday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**GOD SAVED US
AND CALLED US**
to live a holy life.

— 2 TIMOTHY 1:9 —



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Our Jewish sage describes a model household that is governed by a wife's wisdom. What do you find appealing in this portrayal?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of the unknown day upon which Christ will return as coming "like a thief in the night" and as the inescapable "labor pains" of a woman about to give birth. Why do you think Paul uses such jarring imagery?

GOSPEL READING

In his parable of the talents, Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently. What would be a natural gift you have used well in your life?

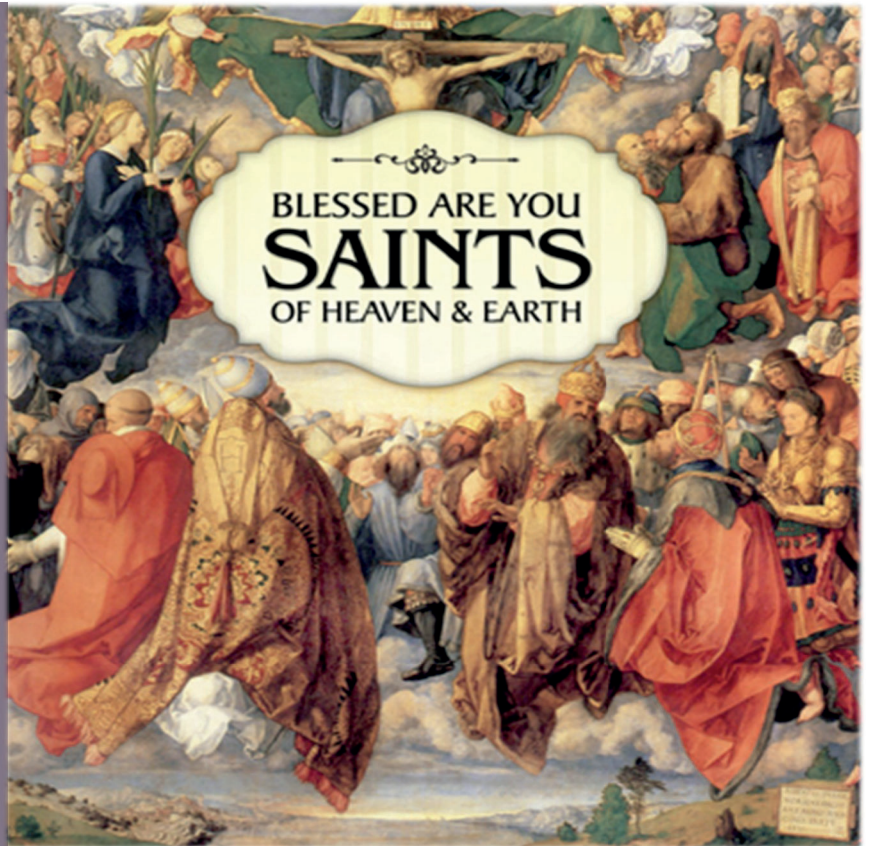
**Prayer
for the
Faithful Departed**

**Good and faithful God,
you have given us so many
people in our lives
that have given us
joy and solace.**

**On this day we ask you to
remember
our dearly departed.**

**Keep them close to you as
we all wait
for that day when we all
will come and worship in
your presence.**

**We ask this through
your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



**BLESSED ARE YOU
SAINTS
OF HEAVEN & EARTH**

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
NOVEMBER 2020**

Daniel Allan Landino
November 17, 2019

John O'Leary
December 9, 2019

Norma Quinto
January 1, 2020

Herbert Massa
January 20, 2020

Concetta Marie Fiore
January 20, 2020

John Paczkowski
January 26, 2020

Nancy Theresa Manto
February 1, 2020

Marion Frances Millington
February 2, 2020

Marian D'Adamo
February 14, 2020

John Patrick Flanders
February 25, 2020

Joseph M. Sultana
April 13, 2020

Cyril James Elias
April 21, 2020

Carol Celentano
May 8, 2020

Lieselotte Tonon
June 5, 2020

Roy Robert Murray
July 8, 2020

Laurie A. Krasowski
August 31, 2020

CHRISTMAS AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH



DOORS WILL OPEN
1/2 HOUR BEFORE
THE START OF EACH
SCHEDULED MASS

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

2 PM

4 PM

6 PM

8 PM

Additional Overflow Mass at
2 PM & 4 PM in the
Parish Hall

Christmas Day

8 AM

10 AM

11:30 AM

Additional Overflow Mass at
10 AM & 11:30 AM in the
Parish Hall

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. **VISIT OUR PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT www.sienachurch.org for our recorded Mass on Christmas Eve.**

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.

Thank you for your understanding.



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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

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

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:



The Deehan Family
Thomas & Ellen

The Farrell Family
Sean & Regina
Gavin, Niclette

The Kessler Family
Thomas & Tara
Shannon, Erin, Gavin, Liam

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
ACA Status

As of November 9, 2020

GOAL \$38,000

Raised \$43,129.30

Collected \$41,637.90

Pledge Balance \$1,491.40

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!

PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus "New Member" Drive

Our St. Catherine of Siena Parish Council is seeking new members to join our growing Council. In this challenging time our efforts to support Father and our wonderful Parishioners has never been greater. Your time commitment is entirely up to you. We value whatever time you can spare to help our team.

Sound interesting?

Please apply by typing in your browser www.kofc.org/joinus, fill in some basic information then click on "Proceed to Join," we are Council #15703. The whole process takes only 2-3 minutes. Best of all if you apply in the Months of November and December your first year's dues are free!

If you prefer please call Bill Ingram, Grand Knight at 908-907-7341.

Join us for Mass on
Thanksgiving Day on
Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 9 AM.



All are invited to our Church and begin your day with the Eucharist as we give thanks to God from whom comes all our blessings.



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GOD BLESS
OUR 2021
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IMPORTANT UPDATES



St. Catherine of Siena Parish CHRISTMAS PROJECT JOY

SEND CHRISTMAS CHEER TO HELP
OUR LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED

November 14–December 5

Due to the pandemic, we will not host our annual Giving Tree Collection of Gifts in the traditional way of gift tags this year as we want everyone to be safe and healthy this Christmas season!

Even though COVID-19 restrictions will modify our methods, the goal remains the same:

**TO PROVIDE HELP TO THE LESS FORTUNATE
THIS CHRISTMAS.**

Many of our **community schools and local organizations** we support are asking for Gift Card donations as they have been hit hard financially due to the pandemic.

Although it is not as fun as shopping for new toys, clothes, and other items, we are asking you to donate with Gift Cards in small denominations or donate generously by check or online, to our parish **Good Samaritan Ministry**. The ministry will then use the funds to purchase the Gift Cards as some might not feel comfortable purchasing directly from the store.

WAYS TO DONATE

Purchase Gift Cards in small denominations

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OR

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for direct link.

Make a donation to the parish
Good Samaritan Ministry.
Checks payable to the **Good Samaritan Ministry**,
Memo *Project Joy*

We appreciate
your support and
prayers!

RETURN GIFT
CARDS
NO LATER THAN
DEC. 5



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

You are invited to honor your loved ones this Christmas by offering a Christmas Floral Memorial.

Your name, along with the names of those you honor, will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

To submit names, please use your Christmas Flower Envelope **OR** call Parish Office. Information is due no later than

December 6, 2020

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