

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

November 22, 2020

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” - Mt 25:34

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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,

American THANKSGIVING originated as a harvest festival, and to this day, the centerpiece of Thanksgiving celebration remains Thanksgiving dinner. Our experience would show that the traditional dinner consists of foods and dishes, namely turkey, potatoes, stuffing, squash, corn, green beans, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. On a personal note, being a Filipino, when I visit some close friends and family members, I would eat chicken, ham, and the famous pancit (noodles). Thanksgiving Day is regarded as the beginning of the Fall/Winter holiday season, including Christmas and the New Year in American culture.

Our parish's community celebration of Thanksgiving Day begins at 9 AM by having the Eucharistic Liturgy. What a way to express our gratitude, appreciation, and thanks to the Divine Master as we come together as one family of faith in Church for the Mass. It's a bit different liturgy due to the public health crisis, and we must adhere to the protocols. Still, our noble intentions of prayer and thanksgiving are valuable and important as it comes from the bottom of our hearts. There are many things to be thankful for despite the unprecedented time. There is no need to point it out right now in as much as they are private and personal, but a day of thanksgiving as one nation, one people of faith is necessary. Let us keep our faith alive and vibrant. Let us share the good news as God gave one another the gift of faith. Have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

People may find that they are uncomfortable with the idea of Christ as king, for it suggests an archaic and outdated view of society and government. Then it might be useful to think about how the Scripture views the idea of what it means to be a king. The first thing is, the human ruler, with an exception, was always male, was not regarded as having absolute power. The king was God's representative, and his chief function was to be a unifying force among the people, most especially in matters of justice. If the king exceeded royal powers, it was the prophet's duty to remind him that he was not above the law of God. The person regarded as the ideal ruler was David, the shepherd who was anointed to govern Israel in God's name and be the focal point of unity for the 12 tribes.

God is a mystery. We can keep trying to understand the mystery, even though we can never do so fully. We can only speak about God in terms that make sense to ourselves, so if we use the title "king," we might remember that the most important aspect of this concerning Jesus is his being the focus of unity. His throne is the cross, and, as the Gospel of John tells us, the hour of his being glorified on the cross is when he will draw all people to himself.

We are God's people in the world. Hence it is our task and responsibility to live so that we reveal to those around us the kind of God we believe in. Let us be reminded that when we celebrate the Eucharist together, we gather around the person of Jesus: Holy Communion is not only and simply an act of personal devotion, but a sign that we are united with those with whom we worship. In a world where there are so many divisions, our parish community could be a great gathering of people with a common purpose where mutual respect and acceptance are evident. We are all trying to live according to what Jesus expects us to.

Keep in mind that the last judgment is not all about charity. It is about justice. It is necessary to do something about the actual situation in which some people find themselves, which comes under the heading of charity. Similarly, it is equally important to address the causes of why people's lives are in such a mess, and this is a matter of justice.

Loving Father, we thank you for becoming one with us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ the King. You reconciled humanity and divinity in Him and helped us follow Christ the King by reconciling us with one another as we deepen our union with you. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · NOVEMBER 21

4:30 PM

† Rose & Michael DelPriore *r/b Ella LaRocca*

SUNDAY · NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM

† Living Intention for Noreen Cacchione *r/b The Runkel Family*

10:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Leon & Pam Davison*

11:30 AM

† Linda Bolin *r/b The Doran Family*

MONDAY · NOVEMBER 23

9:00 AM

† Theresa S. MacMurdo *r/b Joanne Monroe*

TUESDAY · NOVEMBER 24

9:00 AM

† Gloria Ciampi *r/b Anne Hilker*

THURSDAY · NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM

† Edward Martin *r/b Maggie & Ed Lempka*

FRIDAY · NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray *r/b Maggie & Ed Lempka*

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:

As for you, my sheep, thus says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

SECOND READING:

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Cor 15:25-26)

GOSPEL:

"He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (Mt 25:33-34)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



REFLECT

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel speaks of God as the "shepherd" who will tend to his flock with great care and discerning judgment. What is this teaching us about God's divine nature?

SECOND READING:

Paul reveals to the Corinthians the divine place of the resurrected Jesus Christ in God's final plans for salvation history. As Lord of all things, including death itself, Jesus will hand over everything to God at the end of time. Does this revelation bring you comfort or distress?

GOSPEL:

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the final judgment that will accompany his Second Coming and the end of time. Jesus describes the final judgment in the stark and contrasting terms of eternal life or eternal punishment. Why do you think so many people avoid thinking about Judgement Day?

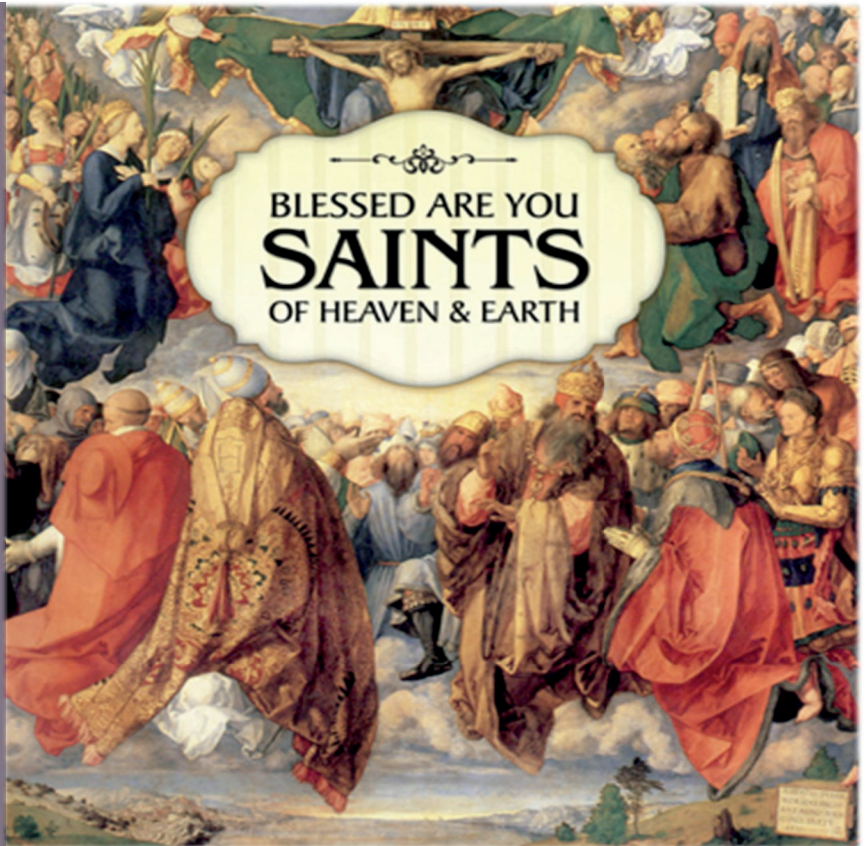
**Prayer
for the
Faithful Departed**

**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.**



**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
NOVEMBER 2020**

Daniel Allan Landino November 17, 2019	Marian D'Adamo February 14, 2020
John O'Leary December 9, 2019	John Patrick Flanders February 25, 2020
Norma Quinto January 1, 2020	Joseph M. Sultana April 13, 2020
Herbert Massa January 20, 2020	Cyril James Elias April 21, 2020
Concetta Marie Fiore January 20, 2020	Carol Celentano May 8, 2020
John Paczkowski January 26, 2020	Lieselotte Tonon June 5, 2020
Nancy Theresa Manto February 1, 2020	Roy Robert Murray July 8, 2020
Marion Frances Millington February 2, 2020	Laurie A. Krasowski August 31, 2020

CHRISTMAS AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

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



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

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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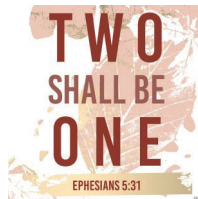
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Congratulations & Best Wishes

to ...



Anthony Vito Ruggiero
&
Amanda Nicole Vitale

who were married at
St. Catherine of Siena Church on
Saturday, November 21, 2020

*May God bless the two of you abundantly in
love joy and happiness!*



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



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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.

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.

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!



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Please join us in giving thanks to God on
**Thanksgiving Day,
Thursday, November 26th.**

The schedule of Masses for the three Churches
in our Cohort is as follows:

St. Catherine of Siena

www.sienachurch.org

Mass is held at 9 o'clock in the morning.

St. Veronica

www.stveronica.com

9 o'clock in the morning, which will also be
livestreamed through the
Facebook page of the parish.

St. William the Abbot

www.stwilliamtheabbot.com

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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

\$10 \$15 \$20 \$25

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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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