

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



FEAST



“Come to the feast.”

MATTHEW 22:4BC

OCTOBER 11, 2020

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

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,

We are happy to share the good news about our Religious Education Program with you, which we started Sunday, October 4, 2020. A great job by all, and I thank the catechists, who led the virtual live classes. The parish community is so blessed that we can provide essential learning and formation for our young children during this difficult and challenging time. The report says that almost 160 students of our religious education program joined the live catechists-led virtual class. As a parish, we take pride in launching the program, and we will evaluate it after three months or so to see if we can return to in person classes. It is a great reminder for all of us, most especially the parents who have not registered their child for this vital program. They have the responsibility to encourage, lead, and support their young children in their faith journey. Registration is still open; please register your child.

Time flies so fast, and we are already in October. Please keep in mind that in a few weeks, we remember our faithful departed. You can start submitting the envelopes the parish has provided for commemorating your loved ones, and we are going to pray for them for the whole month of November. We want to inform you that on All Souls Day, November 2nd, at 7 PM, there will be a celebration of the Mass in our Church, and we are going to read the names of our faithful departed who passed away last year. Family members of the deceased are cordially invited as they will light a candle during the Mass as they pay tribute and honor their loved ones who passed away.

The Diocesan traditional event, Our Lady of Guadalupe with the torch, is coming to the parish community on November 1. We are glad to welcome and be the host for a few days for Our Lady. More than ever, in this challenging and unprecedented time, we need her intercession, inspiration, and assistance as we are in the middle of the public health crisis. Please put this on your calendar and wait for further details. We are sending for more information.

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Heaven is going to surpass all our hopes and expectations. It is going to be more than we can imagine. As there will be live and joy and peace like we have never experienced before. As we can see, God uses images that we are familiar with and quite common to us, such as a great banquet, a wedding feast, the elimination of suffering and death, wealth that cannot be exhausted as in the hidden treasure. In the first reading today, Isaiah compares it to a great banquet, and Jesus compares it to a wedding celebration for a prince, which would be a wonderful event people would remember for years.

To have all this awe and wonder and joy, we must respond to an invitation. We must be smart enough not to turn it down. How are we going to recognize this invitation when it comes? Here are some biblical lists that would give you some ideas of how you might recognize it. "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Or "I am the good shepherd," as a shepherd whose sheep hear his voice and follow him. Similarly, we hear the invitation in the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus tells us: "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Or from the Book of Revelation: "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me." He does not promise everything will be wonderful in this world if we respond to his call, for: "If anyone would come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me." But for those who respond, he promises, "I will be with you always." "I will not leave you, orphans." In a special way, he invites us to begin enjoying the excellent banquet heaven will provide us when he tells us, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you do not have life in you. He invites us every day to "take this and eat, take this and drink. For us Catholics, this an important part of his invitation to "Keep holy the Lord's day."

God's invitation to us is to celebrate with God in the Eucharist. In this celebration, we present the mysterious act of salvation brought about by Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. The way to eternal happiness is open for all, but we have a choice, our free will as to how we will respond. May the sumptuous meal we come to today as we eat his Body, lead us to the eternal banquet we are looking forward to. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY • OCTOBER 10

4:30 PM

† Joan O'Hagan *r/b Greg Melofchik & Therese & Erica Romanelli*

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM

† Anna & Thomas Neary *r/b Maryann Percaccio*

10:00 AM

† Dorothy Cherellia *r/b Jim & Marian Ferris*

11:30 AM

† Vicenta Remigio *r/b the Martinez Family*

MONDAY • OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM

† Terry Lee *r/b Teddy & Ninfa Gonzalez*

TUESDAY • OCTOBER 13

9:00 AM

† Joseph Cocuzza *r/b loving wife, Marianne*

THURSDAY • OCTOBER 15

9:00 AM

† Thomas Fitzmaurice *r/b Anne Hilker*

FRIDAY • OCTOBER 16

9:00 AM

† Sally Carlson *r/b Suzanne DeGrande*

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020

- SUN 10/11** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
- MON 10/12** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/
Lk 11:29-32
- TUE 10/13** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41
- WED 10/14** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46
- THR 10/15** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54
- FRI 10/16** Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7
- SAT 10/17** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12
- SUN 10/18** IIs 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Columbus Day
- Wednesday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

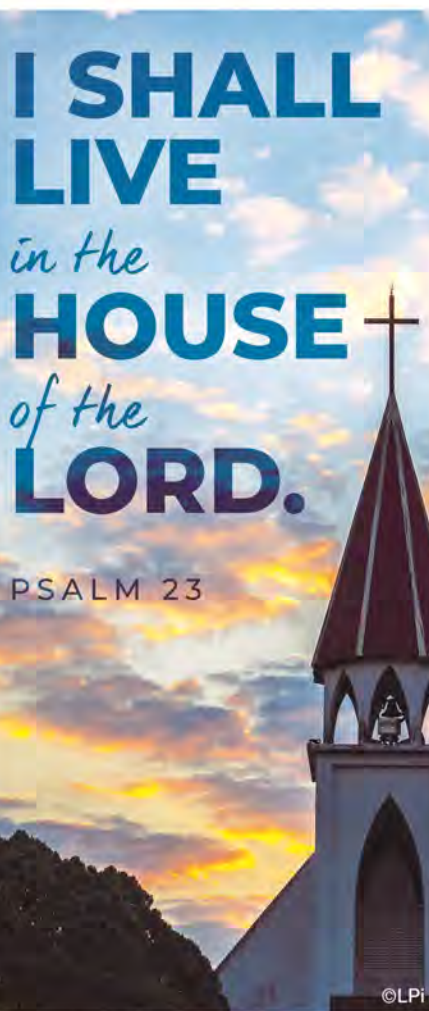
Come to the feast! God calls us to participate in the banquet of life, a banquet that can fill and satisfy us like no other. It is a spiritual feast where we kind find inner refreshment and satisfy the thirst and hunger of our souls. Do you want to come? Every human being receives an invitation; no one is excluded. There is no charge and an abundant table is set. Some will blatantly refuse. They see no merit in attending and feel that they can fill their needs in other ways. Others will simply ignore the invitation. Maybe they are too consumed with other matters they feel are more important at the time. Still others may even get angry and feel deep resentment for even being asked, resorting to acts of violence in protest of the very presence of the feast. In spite of this, many will also come. They will be the good and the bad, the lost and the lonely, and the ones who understand. They know love when they see it. When they go to the feast, they will rejoice and be glad as they will have found the God for whom they looked!

I SHALL LIVE

in the

HOUSE *of the* LORD.

PSALM 23



*The word
became flesh
and dwelt
among us.*

— JOHN 1:14 —

PRAY

Remember in Your Prayers

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



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

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 through Christmas and until further notice (unless otherwise announced).



MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

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.



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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

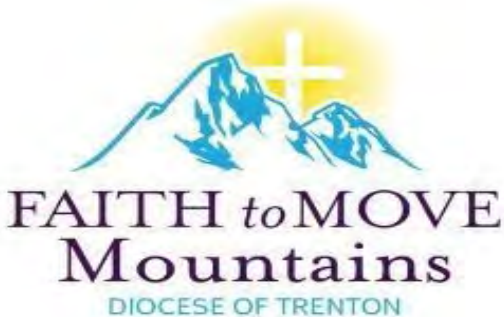
For more detailed information and to register, visit our Parish Website, www.sienachurch.org.

BAPTISM

With Joyful Hearts,
We Welcome Our Newly Baptized.

Sienna Grace Fazzio
Kameron Skye Vergara

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



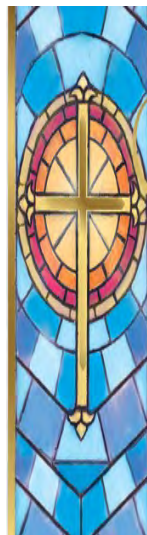
From the bottom of our heart.

We express our deepest thanks and gratitude as our parish received a Faith to Move Mountains Rebate Check for Period Ending June 30, 2020 in the amount of

\$4,017.00

Thank You!

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



The Velto Family
Jonathan & Anna
Gia, Isabella

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 October 5, 2020

GOAL	\$38,000
Raised	\$42,034.30
Collected	\$39,558.72
Pledge Balance	\$2,475.58

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!



Bishop David M. O'Connell invites faithful to pray daily rosary for the needs of the nation.

Novena Prayer for the United States of America
**recite each day*

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders and citizens. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany respecting and protecting human life and religious liberty. Help us to bring an end to racial injustice, violence and all the evils that divide us. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Make us instruments of your peace!

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death" and lead us always to respect life in all its stages and circumstance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here mention intention: For, etc.)

THEN, RECITE AN OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY AND GLORY BE EACH DAY FOR OUR NATION

- **Monday, October 26:** For an end to abortion in our country and for respect for life in all its stages, from conception to natural death
- **Tuesday, October 27:** For an end to the COVID pandemic in our country and for all those affected by it
- **Wednesday, October 28:** For an end to racism and social injustice in our country
- **Thursday, October 29:** For the protection of religious liberty in our country and around the world
- **Friday, October 30:** For those who protect and serve us in law enforcement in our country and for an end to violence and destruction, especially in our cities
- **Saturday, October 31:** For those who protect our country in the armed forces at home and around the world and for peace in the world
- **Sunday, November 1:** For the poor, for immigrants and refugees, for the forgotten and most abandoned in our country
- **Monday, November 2:** For the protection of marriage as the faithful union of one man and one woman and for the strengthening of family life in our country
- **Tuesday, November 3:** For those who govern our country and for those who are running for elected office that they might serve with a commitment to life, respect, compassion, liberty and justice for all

**STATEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF NEW JERSEY ON THE
REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT**

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT: On Thursday, October 8, the NJ legislature will propose a “Reproductive Freedom Act” “to protect reproductive freedom” and to “help protect and expand New Jerseyans’ ability to receive reproductive health care, such as birth control, and pregnancy-related care, including abortion.” I have addressed this matter directly and personally with the Governor. The New Jersey Catholic Conference has issued the following joint statement of NJ Bishops:

**October 5 Statement of the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey on
the Reproductive Freedom Act**

The Catholic Church believes and teaches that all human life is sacred from conception to natural death. For that reason, we, the Bishops of each of the dioceses in New Jersey, join in voicing the strongest possible opposition to the “Reproductive Freedom Act.” Without minimizing other serious threats to human life and dignity evident in contemporary American society, the Catholic Church consistently maintains that “the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.” (USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, “Introductory Letter,” 2020).

When informed of the text of the USCCB document early in 2020, Pope Francis observed that the right to life of the unborn “is the most fundamental right. This is not first a religious issue; it is a human rights issue.” (Pope Francis to American Catholic Bishops, USCCB Region IX, January 16, 2020).”

As the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, we urge all Catholics and people of good will to reject this proposed legislative initiative in our state and to contact your State legislators to vigorously express opposition to its passage.



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M. Bishop, Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan Bishop, Diocese of Camden

Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney Bishop, Diocese of Paterson

Most Reverend James F. Checchio Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen

Most Reverend Kurt Burnette Bishop, Eparchy of Passaic

Most Reverend Yousif Habash Bishop of Syriac Catholic Diocese

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