

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



LISTEN



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

MATTHEW 18:15

September 6, 2020

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23rd 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,

Some of my friends asked me, "Father, I wonder what's going on in this world, most especially in our own country? We still have this public health crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, and devastating natural calamities are happening, like wildfires up north, hurricane, and heavy storms down south, even in our state and county, we are greatly affected. Not to mention those people who are afflicted with different diseases, unemployment problems, etc. Honestly, I responded to those questions with a simple smile and said I have no idea. However, at this unprecedented time, it is but typical to find a way on how to deal with what is going on, no matter how bad they are. Keep on searching, talk to people, listen, and never stop praying. Face the challenge. Never give up. And above all, keep the faith.

My friends, allow me to share some ideas, insights, and reflections I found as I continue to look for answers for some of these questions. Once there was a miserable looking man who went to the flower shop to get some flowers. The florist asked: "For what occasion, sir? The man responded, "for my wedding anniversary." The florist continued, "but why do you look unhappy?" "It was yesterday," the man replied with deep regrets in his eyes.

Jesus, time and again, warns us of the biggest sorrow, misery, and regrets at the conclusion of our lives: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" The reality is, when we leave this world, we may regret that we loved the Lord God and his good people too little, too late because we were so in love with our selves.

This time of uncertainty due to the worldwide health crisis has taught us many things: life is so short and fragile. And we hope that it has taught us what is really of great importance in our lives. Let me give you a list of horizon shifts as we recommend refocusing our minds and what we must do.

- * Focus on your Creator, not on creatures, including yourself. Live for something or someone greater than yourself and your loved ones. Keep in mind that we are all on a journey to God's heart and his heart is so big and can accommodate all of us.
- * Let us focus on our blessings, and not on what is missing. Never waste your time singing a negative tune, complaining, and grumbling. Choose to be happy. Keep on believing that you are blessed, no matter what.
- * Put your mind on the fact that you have to focus more on the love in your heart rather than on the work of your hands. Do not end up with multiple achievements, titles, possessions, but empty, alone and lonesome deep inside.
- * Focus more on persons than on functions or possessions. Never allow your titles, possessions, and duty to prevent you from being a kind person. The former are all temporary and external. Our character is lasting and eternal.
- * I invite you to pay more attention to what God says and not what other people say about you. Remember, the applause of this world is deceiving, fleeting, and shallow. It is better to earn God's approval, and you will experience a meaningful life, notwithstanding worldly persecutions and rejections.
- * Be mindful on depth rather than height because if you aim too high, you may end up living a shallow life filled with pleasure and ego trips. It is better to be rooted and live a life that matters.
- * Focus on what you owe the world and not on what the world owes you. Do not let your expectations and entitlement issues rob you of the joy and freedom of living a peaceful and joyful life. Be honest and true to your calling.
- * It is better to focus more on the candle glow than on the grind parks and the flashbulbs, and you will cherish quiet, hidden, and refreshing moments. Life is not all about work, nor is it just a show.
- * Finally, focus more on the play button, not on the rewind and the forward buttons. Live in the present reality. Stop regretting the past, worrying about the future. Let us live in God's abundant grace now. Amen.

The reopening of our Church for the weekend Masses is not the easiest thing that has happened. A lot of work, planning, organizing, getting more parishioners who are willing to help, and significant expense. However, we are happy with the results as we were able to build up the faithful's trust and confidence to come back to Church despite the anxiety felt from the pandemic. Let us continue to follow all the mandated protocols and directives from the Bishop and the government, which keep everybody safe, comfortable, and secure at this unprecedented time. We are happy to announce that starting on September 13th, we return to our regular original schedule of weekend Masses. We are going to discontinue the Masses at the Parish Hall. So please try to find your convenient day and time to come to Mass during the weekend. We appreciate your understanding and continued support to the parish as we remind you of your generous monetary contributions to keep the parish holy, vibrant, and alive.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY · SEPTEMBER 5

4:30 PM

† John & Mary Kruse & daughter Maryann *r/b June Hankel*

SUNDAY · SEPTEMBER 6

10:00 AM

† Cyril Elias *r/b Marie Walker*

11:30 AM

† Donald Douglas *r/b Judy Thomas*

MONDAY · SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 AM

† William Hobeay *r/b Marie Walker*

TUESDAY · SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM

† Larry Stall *r/b Mary Burke*

THURSDAY · SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM

† Pasquale & Fortuna DiBello *r/b Lou & Peggy*

FRIDAY · SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 AM

† Carmelo Annunziata DeGrande *r/b Peter & 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 SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

- SUN 9/6** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
- MON 9/7** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
- TUE 9/8** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- WED 9/9** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
- THR 9/10** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
- FRI 9/11** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
- SAT 9/12** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
- SUN 9/13** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Labor Day
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Friday:** Patriot Day
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

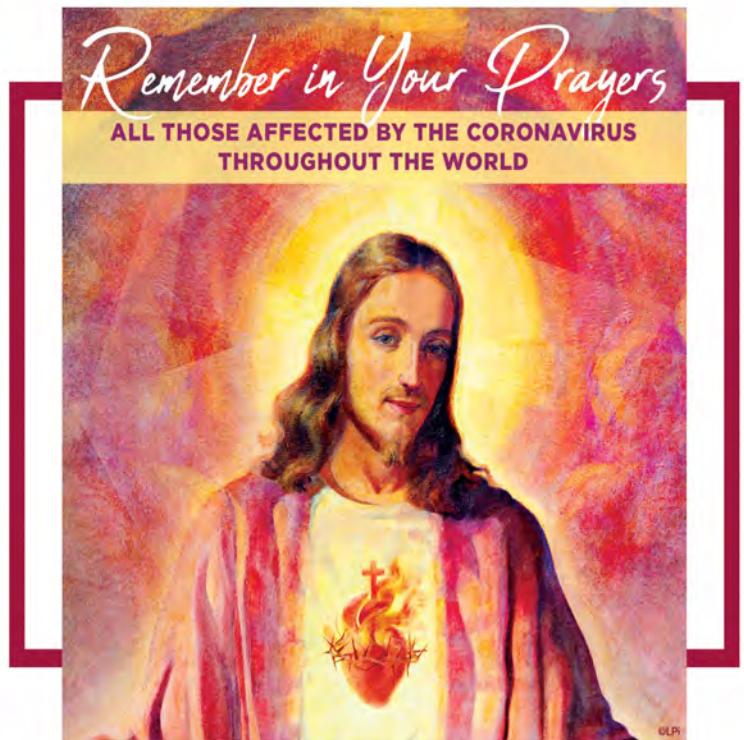
It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.



*Harden
not your
hearts.*

— PSALM 95 —

PRAY



SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

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 until further notice (unless otherwise announced).



MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. ** Effective September 13,2020

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.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE



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

Laurie A. Krasowski

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

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



The Drew Family
Ryan, Kristi,
Emery

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



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.

**Bishop's Annual
Anniversary Blessing
has been
CANCELLED for 2020
due to COVID-19.**



SAVE THE DATE...

It is rescheduled for
Sunday, October 10, 2021

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
ACA Status

As of August 31, 2020

GOAL	\$38,000
Raised	\$42,034.30
Collected	\$38,838.54
Pledge Balance	\$3,195.76

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,

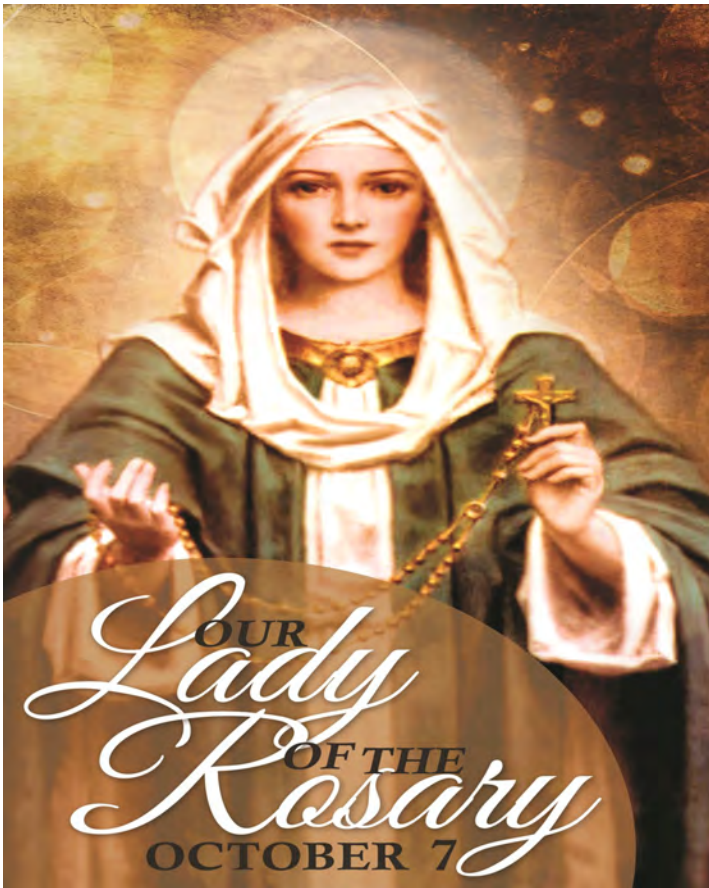
As your pastor, let us take

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!



Let us keep all our students prepared to receive Jesus for the first time in our thoughts and prayers



FIRST COMMUNION

Bishop invites faithful to pray daily rosary for the needs of the nation.

For centuries, Catholics have turned to the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking for her intercession in times of need by praying the Rosary. This great prayer, whose origins date before the 12th century, uses a meditative repetition of prayers that invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she leads us to consider the mysteries in the life of her Divine Son, Jesus. History has shown this to be a powerful, effective, and calming prayer that has truly changed hearts and lives over the centuries of its use.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said of the Rosary that it is "the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next.

The power of the Rosary is beyond description."

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton to consider making this powerful devotion part of your daily life of prayer.

Please join with me in praying Our Lady's Rosary every day between now and October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, for the many intentions and needs of our nation today, especially:

- ✦ For a true respect for life in all its stages from conception to natural death;
 - ✦ For the strengthening of family life;
 - ✦ For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and for all those impacted by it;
 - ✦ For a lasting resolution to the racial tensions and injustices that have too long afflicted our country;
 - ✦ For an end to the violence and death in our cities, especially among the young;
 - ✦ For the victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking;
 - ✦ For the poor, the unemployed and those who face economic hardship, and
For so many of the other intentions and needs that we face in our country and world.
- Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 18:15-20

Jesus promises, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

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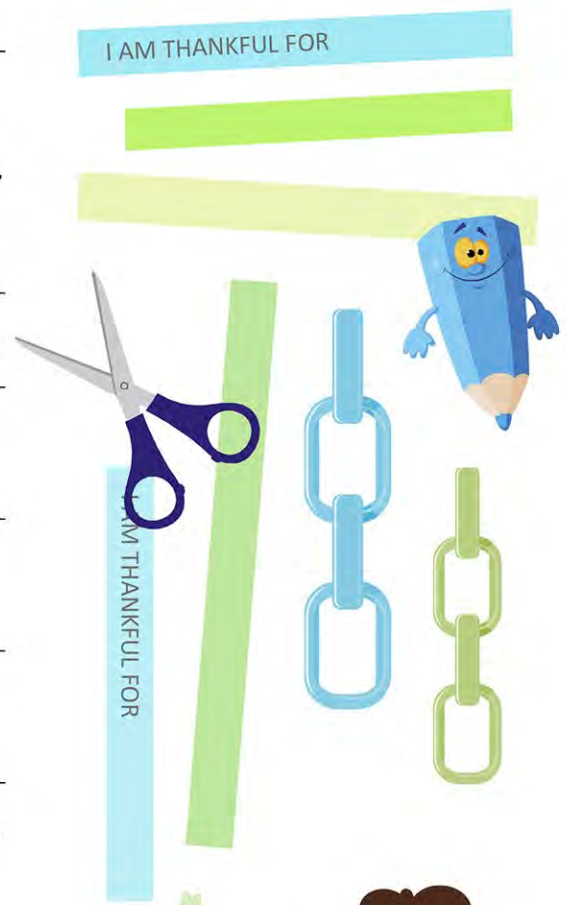


We call God to us when we gather in prayer, two or three or more! Most churches have a "prayer chain". Not a real chain, but a group of people who link up and pray together.

Make a personal prayer chain. Write your thanks, needs, forgiveness or requests to God, one on each link or strip of paper. Attach the links together to form a chain. Have other family members add their own links! Hang it in your home and during family prayer time, as two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, He will hear your prayer. If it is His will, it will be done.

DIRECTIONS

- Step One** Cut the construction paper lengthwise into strips that are about an inch wide. They can be of pretty much any length, keeping in mind that the longer the strip, the bigger each link in the chain. Write your requests to God on each link.
- Step Two** Bend the first strip around to form a circle or loop.
- Step Three** Seal the open ends of the circle link with glue, tape or a stapler so that it stays connected on its own.
- Step Four** Take another strip and thread it through the first loop forming a second, connected circle.
- Step Five** Seal the second circle with glue, tape or a stapler so that you have two linked circles.
- Step Six** Repeat Steps 4 and 5 to make the chain as long as you like.



For where two or three gather in my
name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20



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