

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

2nd Sunday
OF EASTER



Divine
Mercy

Sunday

Jesus,
I trust
in you.



April 11, 2021

“Have you come to
believe because you have
seen me?

Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed.”

—Jn 20:29 BC

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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.

CONFESSION TIMES

By Appointment

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road Farmingdale
9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise announced

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Church

31 Asbury Road 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 CHURCH

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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

Temporarily Suspended due to COVID-19 until further notice.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Allow me to express my utmost gratitude to our faithful parishioners, as together, we have beautifully celebrated the holiest days of the year and Easter Sunday. We are happy to see the worship place, including the narthex, adorned with flowers. It is a joy to see our Church beautifully decorated during this unprecedented and challenging year for this liturgical season. The team who has undertaken the responsibility of decorating and arranging all those flowers has done it very well. They have shared their exceptional skills, talent, and experience as we see their work results. Kudos to them. We are equally appreciative to Mass Ministries for their time and effort to maintain the celebrations' solemnity, order, and reverence. To our parishioners who have not returned to Church since the Covid-19 shutdown, we thank you for your continued support as you send us your monetary support and your fervent prayers. Our parish community is looking forward to your presence and participation in the life of the parish.

Amid this global pandemic, it is excellent to experience the love, understanding, care, compassion, resilience, patience, and perseverance of our faithful people. We are so blessed to have our Christian Community of St. Catherine fully alive, thriving, and vibrant. Let us continue to work together as we do our best to build God's kingdom as He started more than two thousand years ago.

Jesus, the High Priest, had given me the gift and blessing of the Holy and Royal Priesthood on April 9, 1981. Mere words are not enough to fully express my immense gratitude as I received it forty years ago. Unworthy as I am, with my failings and weaknesses, He still allows me to be His faithful servant to lead the parish spiritually and administratively. Undoubtedly, I cannot do it all alone, and I thank God every day for giving me some gifted and talented parishioners who are helping me and working with me to do my job well. They are hardworking, dependable, and generous with their immeasurable time and unique talent as they use them to benefit our parish community with our one common goal.

Due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, I must follow all the restrictions and protocols. Having said that, my invitation is limited, and I hope you can understand that. Much as I wanted to include many of our parishioners for the simple celebration, I must abide by the directives imposed as we would like to avoid the spread and contamination of this deadly disease. We are not out of the woods yet; hence we should not let our guard down.

To those who have attended my celebration, many thanks for your presence, gifts, thoughts, and prayers. I am immensely grateful. To all of you who are praying for me continually but could not be there for several reasons, I am similarly appreciative. Finally, my big word of thanks to my brother priests for gracing my occasion and all my friends for their support and presence. I express my immense appreciation and thanks to all who are behind this joyous and prosperous event. They have worked so hard and tirelessly to make this simple celebration meaningful and momentous. May God bless you all.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The scene of the encounter between the risen Christ and St. Thomas is remarkable. When Jesus had appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, the One who was crucified stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They saw the wounds in his hands and side and believed he had risen from the dead. Thomas, who was not present on that first Sunday, did not accept the word of others. He was perhaps skeptical or maybe proud. Yet Jesus continues to desire to speak to him and bring forth his belief. The mercy is so powerful that he does not abandon him but seeks another way to speak into his heart. Jesus will always keep trying to find a way into the hardened heart and never gives up on anyone. When he appears in front of Thomas, he invites him to touch his hands with his finger and put his hand into his side. Such an intimate gesture is a sign of profound love. We hear Thomas's profound profession of faith, "My Lord and my God!"

We must love God and allow God to touch us if we wish our faith to increase. God touches us in the sacraments and especially when we receive Holy Communion. We consume the body and blood of Christ as an act of reverence and pray, "My Lord and My God!" We grow in our Christian faith when we love our neighbor. The two commandments are deeply interrelated: when we love God, we love God's children. When we love God's children, we bring forth our love of God. The appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas teaches us that when we touch the wounds of the Body of Christ, then our faith is deepened. Our faith in Christ is not something abstract but real in creation. We touch the wounds of the Body of Christ when we reach out to those who suffer, the sick child, the dying parent, those who are poor or abused, those who must go hungry, those whose wounds are sore and hurting. There we faithfully live the commandment to love our neighbor and love God. We are invited to enter the wounds of others and be the compassionate presence of Christ through his body, the Church. He is the head, the source, the One who provides the nourishment and power for the outreach of love. He is the energy so that his Church may live and witness to this love. We do this through the power of touch.

Our age has also become acutely aware that touch can be intrusive or abusive, the unwanted hug, embrace, or kiss. To respect others, we must be keenly aware of what we are doing and act appropriately. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit; we are invited to see the other person with wonder and respect. Teaching children this art is essential for growth. We share in the mercy of God by loving others and serving others. The power of touch is a God-given gift to renew creation and God's holy people. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

GOSPEL:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

For Mass Intentions, Mass Cards and all Prayer Requests, please call the Parish Office.

**How good &
how pleasant it is,
when brothers dwell
together as one!**

PSALM 133:1

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

SECOND READING

John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

GOSPEL READING

The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • April 10

4:30 PM

† **Christopher Hradil**

r/b June Hankel

Sunday • April 11

8:00 AM

† **Lois Weidlich**

r/b Janice & Rich

10:00 AM

† **June Ferrara**

r/b Jim & Marian Ferris

11:30 AM

† **Vicenta & Jose Martinez Sr.**

r/b The Martinez Family

Monday • April 12

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Tuesday • April 13

9:00 AM

† **Sal Mondrone**

r/b Barbara Lipari

Thursday • April 15

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Friday • April 16

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR PROTECTION

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God,

I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart.

Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departed souls - pray for me. Amen.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

- SUN 4/11** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
- MON 4/12** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
- TUES 4/13** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
- WED 4/14** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
- THR 4/15** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- FRI 4/16** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
- SAT 4/17** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
- SUN 4/18** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
- Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday: Tax Day
- Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!



Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church.

We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.

It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

Amen.

THANK YOU



With gratitude for all the well-wishes, blessings and prayers as I celebrate 40th Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination.

Your Shepherd,
Father Angelito



Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/ Letters of Eligibility

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874).

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.

A sponsor must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request.

Note, if he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish years ago but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of this parish. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

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WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

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Baptism

Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Course prior to the Baptism.

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the Month.

Please call the Parish Office for detailed information.

Ministry to the Homebound

Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

Matrimony

Engaged Couples should contact our parish at least one year in advance of the proposed date of marriage and before making other arrangements.

Rite of Christian Burial or Memorial Mass

Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

Reconciliation

In a time of COVID-19, please contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375 for an appointment.



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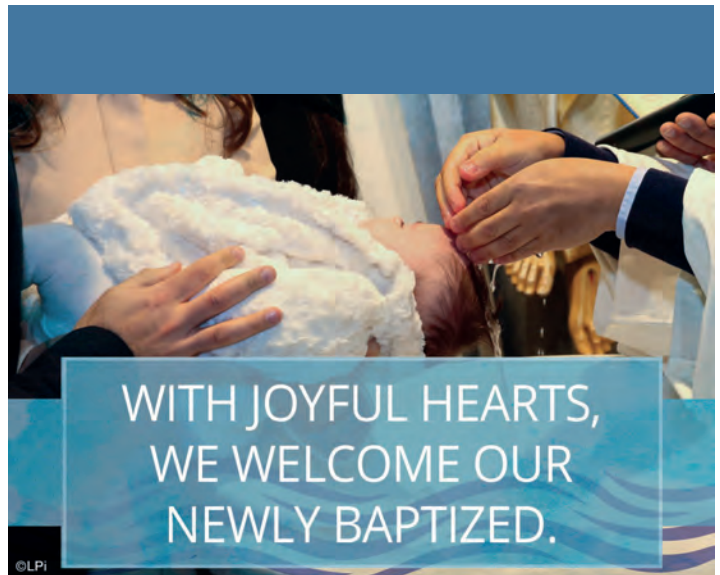
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If you are new to the area and have questions regarding Parish Registration, please call the Parish Office.



Ralph Cameron Mazzoni

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



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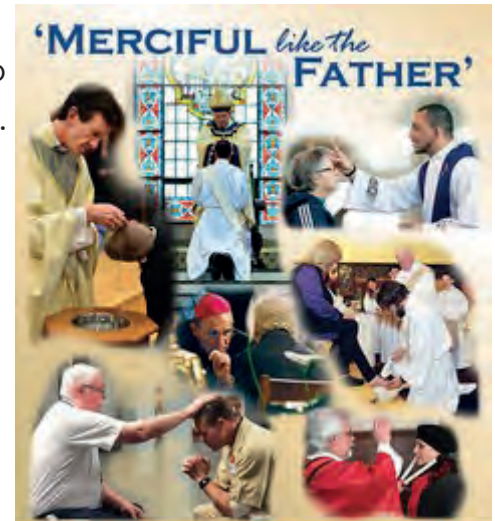
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CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS ADMINISTRATION—VOCATIONS

God calls each person to a life of holiness and service, whether single, married, ordained or consecrated. The Diocesan Ministry of Vocations provides discernment opportunities, encouragement, support, education and resources for those responding to God’s call through the ministerial priesthood.

We are committed to fostering an environment where vocations to the priesthood are valued and nurtured within the domestic church of the family and the local parish community.

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thank you

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St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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