

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

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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
31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

First Friday of the Month immediately
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

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One West Main Street Farmingdale

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9:00 a.m. Mass

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until further notice.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

One thing that I consider so remarkable, is the changing seasons, particularly on the East Coast of our beloved country. Living in this part of New Jersey is quite distinct as we are close to the shore, and at the same time, once in a while, we are getting tons of snow like what we experienced a few weeks ago. However, as Spring has started, it is pretty noticeable that our weather is changing, and most importantly, the trees and plants, grass, and the like are coming back to life again, as we see that there are buds that are sprouting and growing. Spring has sprung, evidently, and we are excited to experience it once again, even in this global pandemic.

It's been more than a year now that we have this health crisis. Fortunately, we can live with it, although we feel sorry for people who are hospitalized due to the virus and, most importantly, the loss of our loved ones. Gradually, as we are cooperative, understanding, resilient, persevering, patient, and mindful of this challenging deadly sickness, we will win over this battle by observing the directives and protocols. Thanks for the vaccine; it is a lifesaver. However, I recommend that we still have to listen to the experts and scientists as they lead and direct us to the road to recovery and normalcy. Springtime is all about a new life, a new beginning; let us reset and re-organize everything in our lives. We have work to do, and if we do it together, we become better and more robust, and we will achieve victory and success. Our prayers are equally necessary and essential as the Lord would give us his assistance, blessing, and grace. There's hope; never lose it. We got to believe in the love and mercy of our Loving and Omnipotent God.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Who is a witness? A witness is a person who was present at an event and should, for this reason, be able to describe it as it happened. Usually, this term indicates a person who gives evidence under oath in a court of law. Jesus said to his disciples: "You are witnesses of these things." Of what things? They are asked to witness those things they had seen with their eyes, heard with their ears, and experienced with their hearts, of Jesus, their Master.

During those three years they spent with Him, they saw Him performing many miracles and wonders. They had noticed great authority in His teaching and tremendous power in His proclamation of God's kingdom. When they saw great crowds flocking to Him and His popularity surpassing even that of John the Baptist, they were proud of their Master and happy to be in His company.

About these good things, they could be happy witnesses. But what about those tragic, most unexpected, and humiliating things which they had seen in their Master's life a couple of days back? His arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial in a borrowed tomb, they were too ashamed and afraid to tell those things to anyone. They were hopeless and helpless. They wished to remain alone to lick their bleeding wounds. They wanted to keep that book closed forever.

Then came some strange news. The news began to spread that He had risen from the dead. They had heard Him saying He would rise again. But they began to ask themselves: Is it possible to rise from the dead? Is it not something unheard of in human history? Could it not be just a fond wish or a fabricated ghost story? As they were discussing these things, Jesus appeared before them with the message of peace. They took Him to be a ghost. Jesus, knowing their minds, showed them His hands and feet. He took from them a piece of broiled fish and ate it before them. The disciples saw with their own eyes and realized that the resurrection from the dead of Jesus was a fact and not a fiction.

Jesus thus reminded them of the things which He had spoken to them. He was still with them "that everything written about Him in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms might be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and they began to see everything in a new perspective. They began to see that all those things were necessary and how closely interrelated things were. They were able to see all those things in their totality, in their glorious reality.

My dear friends, around us are thousands of people who have heard about Christ but find it hard to believe in His resurrection. They are ready to honor Him as one of the greatest world leaders, miracle workers, or spiritual masters or prophets. They think that He was a historical figure who became great, did a lot of good to people, was arrested, crucified, died, and buried. But when they come to the fact of his resurrection, they shrink back, saying, "Oh! It cannot be anything other than a pious story." How will they come to believe that Jesus has risen if we don't believe with our hearts, confess with our lips, and proclaim with our lives that He is risen, alive and active today?

I believe that every Christian has an indispensable duty to bear witness to the fact that Jesus is risen and alive. A Christian who does not bear witness to Christ is not worthy to be called a Christian at all. He is a missing Christian. The disciples of Jesus were commissioned to witness the things they had seen, heard, and experienced. We, too, are commissioned to be witnesses of our own experience of Christ. Yes, it is true that we have not seen Him with our physical eyes or listened to His voice with our ears. But will it be possible for us to be His effective witnesses if we don't see Him with our inner eyes, listen to Him with our inner ears, and experience Him in our hearts? Lord, may my life be a living witness to Your resurrection. Amen.

My God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are
witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4) Or Alleluia.

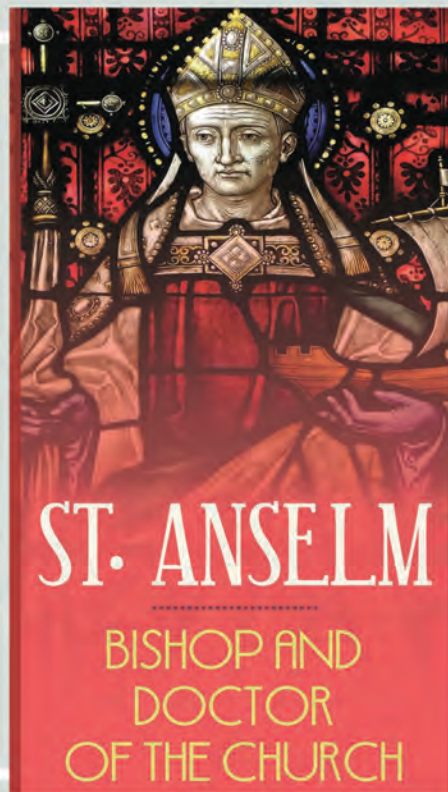
SECOND READING:

He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole
world. (1 Jn 2:2)

GOSPEL:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

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



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

GOSPEL READING

Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • April 17

4:30 PM

† **Theresa Hobbay**

r/b Loving Sister

Sunday • April 18

8:00 AM

† **Argante Rocchi**

r/b The Kuczinski Family

10:00 AM

† **Edward Martin**

r/b Pat & Kathie Lavin

11:30 AM

† **Consuelo & Sal Remigio**

r/b The Martinez Family

Monday • April 19

9:00 AM

† **Dorothy Barychko**

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

Tuesday • April 20

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Thursday • April 22

9:00 AM

† **Dory Edwards**

r/b Jim & Marian Ferris

Friday • April 23

9:00 AM

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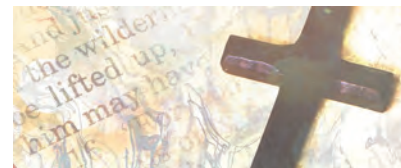


May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:



Anita W. Dorey

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



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

Jennie Abbate

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



WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

- 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
- MON 4/19** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- TUES 4/20** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- WED 4/21** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- THR 4/22** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- FRI 4/23** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- SAT 4/24** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- SUN 4/25** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

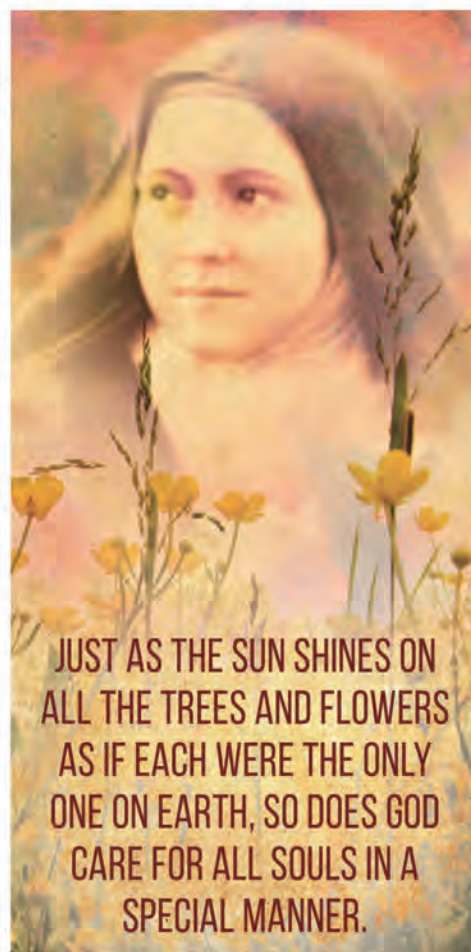
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

- Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday: Earth Day
- Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



JUST AS THE SUN SHINES ON
ALL THE TREES AND FLOWERS
AS IF EACH WERE THE ONLY
ONE ON EARTH, SO DOES GOD
CARE FOR ALL SOULS IN A
SPECIAL MANNER.

— St. Cherson of Livonia

These
are my
words

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

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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.



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

Thomas & Margaret Piscitelli

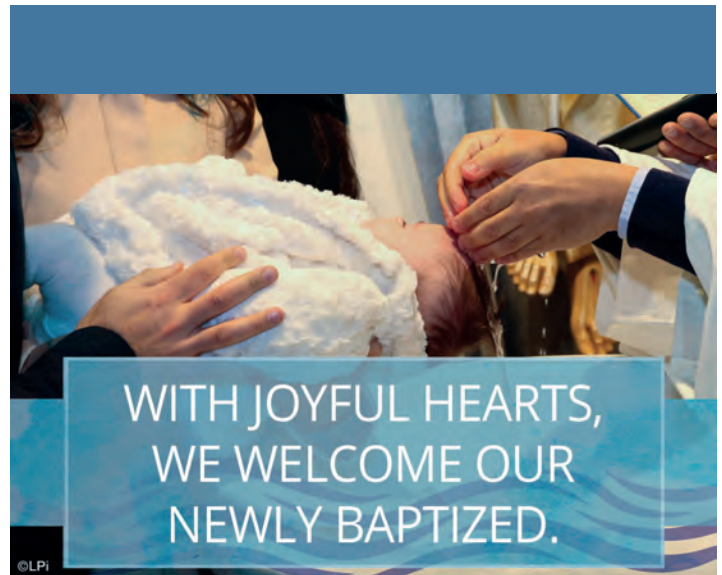
The Simonetti Family
Giancarlo, Audrey
& Luca

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mission of Christ continues!**

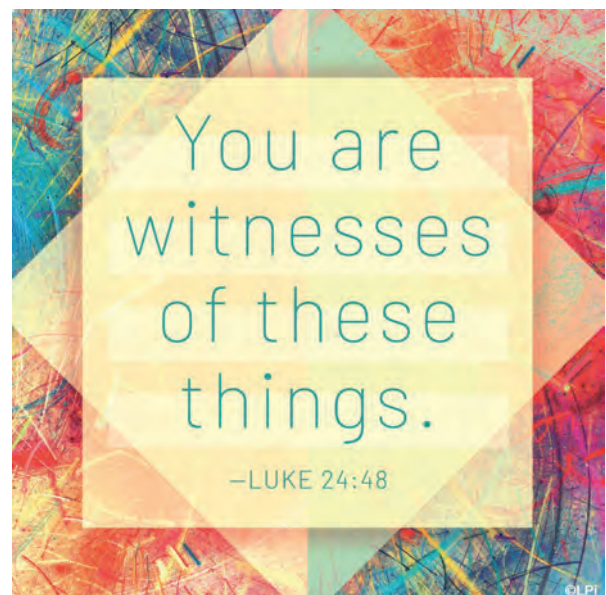
St. Catherine's parish is a vibrant, community of faith. A parishioner is one who is committed through participation in the life of the Parish Community with participation in our ministries and with presence and support with attendance at Mass and also through the regular use of offertory envelopes or support through online giving.

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



Liam Michael Black

*We ask God's blessings on this
child and the family
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thank you

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you can do things I cannot;
but **TOGETHER**
we can do great things."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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