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"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

JOHN 6:33

August 1, 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.

### **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION TIMES**

3:30 p.m. Saturday's and

other day's by appointment.

St. Catherine of Siena Church

**Parish Hall Narthex** 

### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

**CHURCH 31 Asbury Road Farmingdale** 

9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise announced

#### **WEEKDAY**

ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL

1 West Main Street 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'S CHAPEL

31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

First Friday of the Month immediately

following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL

One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday immediately following the

9:00 a.m. Mass

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

#### Dear Parishioners,

The parish family of St. Catherine participates in the Missionary Cooperation Program of the Universal Church. Each year we are happy to welcome a missionary to preach to us about the mission work done in other parts of the world. This weekend, we will receive Hands Together, an organization founded by Fr. Tom Hagan, O.S.F.S., in 1986. It is an outreach program to help the poor in Haiti and the local community of Easton, PA. Let us welcome Fr. Tom and Doug Campbell to share their missionary work at all Masses this weekend. Please be generous and pray for the success of their mission to alleviate the poor people and the less fortunate. May God reward you for your kindness and generosity. Many thanks.

It seems, collectively, we are not out of the woods yet as far as the Covid-19 pandemic is concerned. Although the authorities have lifted some protocols and health restrictions, it is a significant consideration to stay in control of our safety and be mindful of the public crisis. As we turn on the T.V. to watch the daily news or as we read in the papers; we continually find out that more and more people are still testing positive and dying due to the seriousness of the virus. Let us consider getting the complete vaccination. If we have some concerns or questions, we advise you to check with your primary physician and listen to what they recommend about vaccinating. The reality is we have to be mindful not only of our safety but also of others well being and what is the common good. Our prayers are so important as well as our actions and thoughts. Let us support fighting this pandemic as we continue to cooperate and topple down this deadly disease.

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Bible depicts God as a good shepherd, a provident Father. A Father, nearly by definition, is the breadwinner. To be true to the nature and name of 'father', one has to provide food and bread for one's children. This is a universal law. We notice it among insects, birds, animals, and humans. Even if the parents have to go hungry, they will see that their little ones are cared for and nourished adequately.

If this is the law of sin-stained creation, Jesus asks how much more it will be true of God who is goodness itself? "What man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is on heaven give good things to those who ask Him?" (Mt. 7:9-11)

Our Lord taught us the prayer *Our Father*. The prayer has two parts: one refers to God, and the other relates to man. The part that concerns God begins with *Our Father*. The first petition in the second part concerning man is a request for *bread*. Father and bread are thus highlighted and linked.

Jesus in the Gospel talks about food but transfuses it with spiritual significance. Because they had had their fill of loaves, the crowd followed Jesus. But Jesus admonishes them to work for food that endures for eternal life. When the crowd refers to the manna which they think was provided by Moses, Jesus corrects them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world."

The Sacred Scripture teaches that God is a provident Father and a good shepherd. "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need... your rod and staff protect me. You prepare a banquet for me and fill my cup to the brim..." (Ps 22). What is the bread that our Father provides us?

The best provision that God the Father has provided us is Jesus, the bread of life. The Eucharist is our Bread of Life, promised and provided by our Father. "Why do you have to go to church every week?" and "Why do you receive Communion every week?" our non-Catholic friends ask. They also wonder if perhaps our over-familiarity with communion breeds some sort of spiritual contempt, complacency in us. But, contrary to their concerns, it is a fact that our familiarity with bread and with the loving words of Jesus draws us and millions of others to the altar every week. Those who earnestly attend Mass every week do so because they know they receive something that transcends anything else that life can offer. We are filled with Jesus in a way so personal and yet universal that it is a strength that cannot be obtained anywhere else.

Eucharistic Jesus, transform me into Your body to be broken for others. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion;

thus I will test them.

to see whether they follow my instructions or not." (Ex 16:4)

#### PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

### SECOND READING:

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

#### GOSPEL:

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021**

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,

Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time





# REFLECT

#### **FIRST READING**

Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their "grumbling" by sending bread from heaven. When you have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

#### SECOND READING

Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should "put away" the bad parts of "your former way of life." How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

#### GOSPEL READING

We hear today the introduction of Jesus' extended "bread of life" discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate "manna" (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: "I am the bread of life." How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you?

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday · July 31 4:30 PM + Frank Fiore r/b Pat & Richard Dye

Sunday · August 1 8:00 AM + Alfonso Lombardo r/b Carmela Gavinelli

10:00 AM

+ Muriel DiBello

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

11:30 AM
+ Dinh Nguyen
r/b Dorothy Gratton

Monday · August 2 9:00 AM + For all our Faithful Departed

7:00 AM

+ Louis DiBello

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

Thursday · August 5 9:00 AM

+ For all our Faithful Departed

Friday · August 6

+ For all our Faithful Departed



Good and faithful God,
you have given us so many people in our lives
that have given us joy and solace.
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.





# **REQUESTS**

# 2022 Book Now Open

A beautiful Catholic tradition is to remember our deceased family and friends with Masses offered for their eternal rest in God's presence.

If you would like a loved one remembered at the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office.

The person's name will be printed in the bulletin and announced at Mass. There is a \$10 stipend.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

# WELCOME TO OUR 2021-2022 CATECHETICAL YEAR!

The Religious Education of our youth is important to our parish community. We have dedicated staff, catechists and aides who are committed to sharing our faith to the youth enrolled in the Religious Education Program.

JOIN OUR TEAM! Opportunities to teach with **Grades 1, 3, and 6** are available. Please call the office for more information.

Our Parish Religious Education Program provides catechesis for Grades 1 through 8., October through May.

### PROGRAM SESSIONS:

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Monday- 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Tuesday-4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.



# ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FAMILIES IS NOW UNDER WAY.

Visit www.sienachurch.org to register.

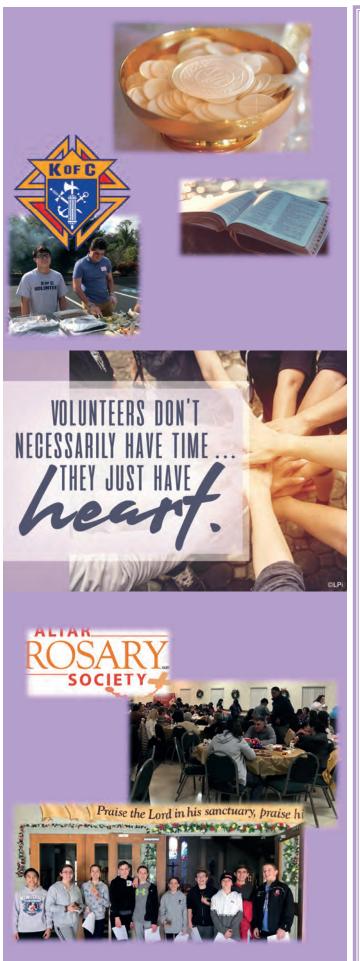
All new students are required to submit a Baptismal Certificate, and any other Sacramental Certificates, and transfer records prior to being placed in a class.

We are looking to another great year!

\*\* There is a discount on tuition for volunteering as a Catechist Please call the office for more information.







# **Volunteer in Ministry!**

at

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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volunteer, please contact Laura Randazzo, at passociate@sienachurch.org or 732-938-5375.

Thank You!



# 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 <u>but now lives elsewhere</u>, he/she is not a member of this parish. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in <u>whose territory he/she resides</u>. 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.

**Godparents** are required to provide Sponsor **Certificates** before a Baptismal date is given.

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

3:30 p.m. Saturday -Parish Hall Narthex Other days by appointment.

Confessionals will not be used due to lack of ventilation. Masks and sanitizer available for priest and penitent.



# St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

# The Ferguson Family Robert and Maura

# The Davidowski Family Edward and Denise

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



# Baptism

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

Upcoming, in person, session for new parents:

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 7:00 p.m.

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



# **Hunter Fonseca**

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





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

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEARTFELT RESPONSE

TO THE

# 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Parish has reached 100 percent of goal thanks to your generosity and support!

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a combined effort of all the parish that make up Diocese of Trenton to support a vibrant Catholic Community.

Remember, your continued support of this year's ACA also helps

St. Catherine's Church at home. When a parish collects funds equal to their

ACA goal, they will receive a 15% rebate.

Funds collected in excess of the parish goal earns a 50% rebate. We use this rebate for building maintenance, upkeep of the parish grounds, landscaping, snow removal, security improvements to name a few.

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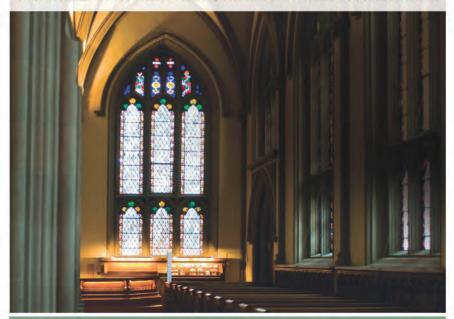
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Parishioners or visitors who wish to provide financial support of the parish, can leave their offertory envelopes at the collection bin in the Narthex of the church or they can be mailed in directly to the parish office.

Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.



"I can do things you cannot;

you can do things I cannot;



TOGETHER

we can do great things."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcu



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

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Your help is needed.
Please give what you can.

# **ACA PARISH UPDATE**

**GOAL \$40,000** 

As of July 13, 2021

Raised: \$42,175.24

Collected: \$39,843.66

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