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Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."

- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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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,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the middle month of August. The summer season is a great time for fun. We have the kids out from school, welcomed vacation days, relaxing time at the shore, and gatherings with families and friends. Summer is an excellent time for these and other exciting activities. Folks, let us maximize the time we still have for living our life to the fullest as we are mindful that opportunities, time, and relationships are blessings and gifts from God. We should not waste nor squander these great chances that God has given us. Let us unceasingly be grateful for the many blessings that we continue to have.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Today we celebrate the fact that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. Christians worldwide have a long tradition of celebrating the Dormition (falling asleep) of Mary. It was Pope Pius XI who defined the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary on November 1, 1950. In his encyclical *Munificentissimus Deus* (Generous God), he also cited Mary's intimate connection with her Son--- the new Adam --- and His victory over sin and death.

To understand the end of Mary's life, one will have to appreciate the beginning of it entirely. From the moment of her conception by St. Anne and St. Joachim, Mary was free from sin. The Holy Spirit was preparing her by his grace so that she would be capable of welcoming the Son of God. Yes, later, when the Angel Gabriel approached this young woman from Nazareth, her obedient "fiat" (yes) was made possible by her deep faith.

Truly convinced that nothing will be impossible for God, Mary sets off to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. In today's Gospel, Elizabeth names Mary as blessed among women and identifies her as the mother of my Lord. Indeed, the baby in her womb who leaped for joy was destined to become the greatest prophet to recognize the Messiah - John the Baptist.

The focus of Mary's assumption into heaven is not on her as one unique member of the human race. It is on the full fruition of the graces of Christ's resurrection offered to the whole human race embodied in her. Mary stands for all of us.

In the Gospels, Jesus does not single his mother out for honor because of her biological role but responds to her as someone who hears God's word and gives it flesh and bones. Like all of his disciples, Mary walks by faith and not by sight. She treasures what words she has received of Jesus, pondering them in her heart. Her prayer gives her insight into what is ungodly in the world and the faith and confidence that she can do something about it, despite her low status.

Mary's questions in the Gospel narratives are our questions: How is it that God can work through such weak instruments as we feel ourselves to be? Why does God sometimes seem to hide from us when we search with such anxiety? How can the tasteless water of our lives be turned into life-giving wine of God's grace? Her song can be our song, rejoicing in a God who enters fully into all that is fragile and earthly human experience, into the blood and guts of our human bodies, but also into their beauty and their capacity to give and receive love.

Like Mary, our life of faith must be sustained in prayer, both personal and communal prayer. Our participation in the liturgy both expresses and nourishes our faith. Making time in our day for personal prayer, too, enables us to appreciate God's abiding presence and places us in deeper communion with him. If we follow Mary's example, a routine prayer, a habit of praise, and a total submission to God's will, we will join in her heavenly reward. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

PSALM:

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

SECOND READING:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Cor 15:20)

GOSPEL:

"From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Friday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Pius X, Pope
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?

SECOND READING

Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?

GOSPEL READING

How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · August 14

4:30 PM

† **George Hankel**

r/b Loving Wife, June Hankel

Sunday · August 15

8:00 AM

† **Rhonda O'Neill**

r/b Buczynski Family

10:00 AM

† **Joseph Michael Buyes**

r/b Maryann & Joseph Aulisi

11:30 AM

† **Edward Martin**

r/b John & Stephanie Harakal

Monday · August 16

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Tuesday · August 17

9:00 AM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Joseph Gersbeck

Thursday · August 19

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Friday · August 20

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**



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

Millie Elise D'Amico

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



At the request of his loving wife, June .

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.

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To learn more about Ministry Opportunities and 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 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.

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.

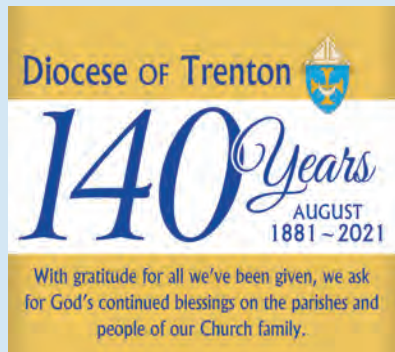
Reconciliation

**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.

Did you know that this August marks the 140th anniversary of the Diocese of Trenton?

In 1881, Pope Leo XIII established the Diocese of Trenton to serve the Catholics of the



southern part of New Jersey and named Father Michael J. O'Farrell of New York as its first bishop. At the time, the Diocese had 68 churches, 23 parochial schools and

51 priests spread out across Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, as well as all of the territory that is now part of the Dioceses of Camden and Metuchen.

For more on the history of the Diocese, go to dioceseoftrenton.org/our-history, and watch for a special feature in the August issue of The Monitor Magazine and on TrentonMonitor.com.

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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, September 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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



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

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TO THE

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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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Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.

thank you

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

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESE of TRENTON

Your help is needed.
Please give what you can.



ACA PARISH UPDATE

GOAL \$40,000

As of August 9, 2021

Raised: \$42,175.24

Collected: \$40,071.66

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