

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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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

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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

Monday immediately following the
9:00 a.m. Mass

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we are enjoying the last few weeks of this summer season, a friendly reminder to the parents of our young people to be mindful that the Office of Religious Education is open and currently accepting enrollment for the upcoming catechetical school year. Our parish needs volunteer catechists and aides to help in the program. Remember that the first catechist for our young ones are the parents, most especially the mother. Thus, we are calling the mothers to share their time, effort, and experience and be involved in the parish's Religious Education Program. As we know, the parish and other institutions are only supplementary to the needs of the children, most notably when it comes to their faith and sense of God. Everything starts at home.

Time and again, we have reminded everyone that the pandemic is still with us, and variants are continue to emerge. We should be more careful and adhere to the protocols of the authorities, like wearing masks and face coverings when we are indoors, regardless of our vaccination status. It is strongly recommended, but not mandatory, for us to wear masks for health and safety reasons, and we have to think not only for ourselves but for the common.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua, the man who succeeded Moses as leader of Israel, is celebrated as the bravest field commander in Jewish history. When Joshua became old, and the country is resting from war, he calls the tribes of Israel to the ancient sanctuary at Shechem. The story is told in the first reading. All the elders, leaders, judges, and scribes are called to listen in the last farewell of their distinguished leader. He does not recall his military victories, nor does he ask the people to cherish what he has done for them. Instead, he asks them to choose whom they wish to serve: the God of their ancestors or the false gods of the land they now inhabit.

It's as if Joshua wants to be remembered not as a great military commander who brought his people to the Promised Land but as the prophet who brought his people to choose God again.

This inner battle of faith seems to preoccupy him more than his military campaigns ever did. He gives the people to the God of Israel.

Joshua is tired; he is old; death is looking him in the face. He has seen too much bloodshed to boast of the beauty of battle; he has seen too many ruined cities and disfigured corpses to sing of the glories of war. The old commander is concerned with the geography of the heart. Joshua knows that all choices have to be renewed, that people don't stay dedicated to a cause just by continuing to exist. Joshua asks his people to choose, and he declares his own choice to serve the Lord before them. Thus, Joshua wins the last and most crucial battle of his life when he leads his people to a victory of fidelity. They declare: "We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The choice that Joshua offered his people is echoed in today's Gospel when Jesus offers his followers the option to stay with him or join the ranks of unbelievers. After hearing Jesus' teaching on the bread of life, many followers express their intolerance. Many of them do choose to leave him. Then, like Joshua to the twelve tribes, Jesus turns to the twelve apostles and gives them a choice to close the book on their shared past. But just as the twelve tribes told Joshua that they could not reject the Lord after all he had done for them, Peter asks Jesus how they could turn to anyone else for the message of eternal life, so the apostles exercise their freedom of choice by choosing to stay with Jesus.

Both Joshua and Jesus respect people's freedom of choice. They know that past choices can become old and exhausted, that they can die from being abandoned on the scrap heap of life. Past choices have to be kept alive by a new commitment because decisions in faith are never settled once and for all. The apostles do what we must all do: choosing Jesus, staying with the one who has the message of eternal life. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."
(Jos 24:18)

PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ
and the church. (Eph 5:32)

GOSPEL:

Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

- Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Friday: St. Monica
- Saturday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

SECOND READING

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · August 21

4:30 PM

† **Frank Percaccio**

r/b Loving Wife, Mary Ann

Sunday · August 22

8:00 AM

† **Michael Monica**

r/b Lou & Marcia Ciccone

10:00 AM

† **Frank Pondaco**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

11:30 AM

† **José Martinez Sr.**

r/b The Martinez Family

Monday · August 23

9:00 AM

† **Robert Farrell**

r/b Loving Wife & Children

Tuesday · August 24

9:00 AM

† **Monica Ann Talcott**

r/b Loving Parents

Thursday · August 26

9:00 AM

† **Pat Decker**

r/b Shelly Kaplan

Friday · August 27

9:00 AM

† **Staff Sergeant Vincent Marketta**

r/b Terri Murray



Prayer During A Health Crisis

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.



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Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have asked to remember them in prayer.

Continually keep in prayer all those who serve in our Armed Forces and all health care workers as well as all priests of the Diocese of Trenton.

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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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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To learn more about Ministry Opportunities and volunteer, please contact Laura Randazzo, at
passociate@sienachurch.org or 732-938-5375.



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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An extremely low-gluten host (37 micrograms) is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest prior to the beginning of Mass.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

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.

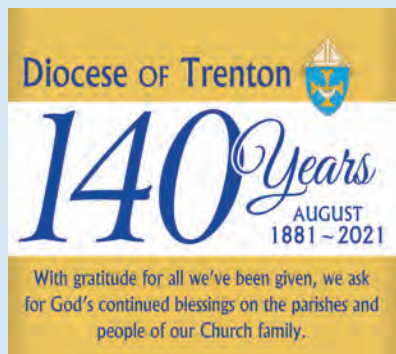
Reconciliation

**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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A graphic with a large, light-colored cross on the left and the words "Baptism PREPARATION" in a cursive font on the right. The background is a light, textured grey.

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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- **The Annual Catholic Appeal is a combined effort of all the parishes 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.

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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;
but **TOGETHER**
we can do great things."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESE of TRENTON

Your help is needed.
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ACA PARISH UPDATE

GOAL \$40,000

As of August 16, 2021

Raised: \$42,175.24

Collected: \$40,118.66

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