

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Trenton

DECEMBER 12, 2021

BAPTIZE



“He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit and fire.”

LUKE 3:16

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday 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

One 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

One West Main Street 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

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Covid 19 is still with us and our faith which is greatly essential in our lives must be shown and put into practice as we come together for prayers, liturgies, novenas and most of all the celebration of the Sunday Masses and Holy Days of obligation. We commend our own faithful Catholics in the parish as we see them coming back to the Church. Let us be mindful that God will always take care of us as we take care of ourselves. Observing the safety and health protocols are still mandated, and we see the positive results.

SIMBANG GABI in Monmouth County begins on December 13, and we are hosting it on Tuesday, December 14. Confessions and recitation of the Holy Rosary start at 6:30 P.M. in our Church. Simbang Gabi is the Filipino custom of offering nightly Mass each day for nine nights preceding Christmas Day to help the faithful prepare themselves for the joyous yet solemn celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. The novena of Masses, which signifies the nine months our Lord Jesus was in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has become a beloved tradition and devotion to the Blessed Mother since the 1600s in the Philippines. In Monmouth County and every county within the Diocese of Trenton, an organizing committee is formed to ensure that all the faithful throughout the Diocese are given the opportunity to pray the novena. All are welcome to attend and participate in our county's Simbang Gabi. We are happy to share with you our religious tradition.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's Sunday Gospel reading invites us to look into our hearts and ask ourselves this question: "To what extent are we giving ourselves and resources to the poor?"

For today Jesus tells us, "I need your talents, I need your generosity, I need your feet, I need your hands, I need your tongue and, most of all, I need you. For today, I have only your feet to carry ME to the slums,

factories, and offices of your cities. I have only your hands to reach out to the helpless, the homeless, and the hopeless. I have only your tongue to tell My brothers and sisters why I came to live on earth and why I suffered and died for them."

The preaching of John the Baptist pierced the hearts of the hearers like a sword. They felt a strong urge to do something to change their lives to welcome the Savior. But they did not know how to proceed. Therefore, the question: "What then shall we do?"

John's answer was very clear. He insisted that there must be a concrete, visible manifestation of their repentance in their ordinary daily lives. He told them plainly that they could not have a share in God's Kingdom if they were not prepared to share with others their resources. He said to them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none, and he who has food, let him do likewise."

From among the masses, Luke focuses on two classes considered the most unworthy to welcome the Savior because they were prone to get richer under cover of their professional immunity. John reminded them that they too were equally worthy to receive the Savior as others were, provided they were willing to change their evil ways.

We need to note that John did not ask them to change their profession. Still, he demanded that they exercise their profession differently, respecting justice, practicing honesty, refraining from abuse of power, and safeguarding the rights of each person. To test whether our repentance is genuine or not, it is enough for us to have a look at our rooms, wardrobes, cupboards, fridges, drawers, bank accounts, etc. Do I have more than I need? Do I try to rationalize and justify my spirit of consumerism and unjust ways of accumulating wealth?

Lord, please grant me the courage and the goodwill to share generously. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

PSALM:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the
great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

SECOND READING:

The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:6)

GOSPEL:

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Saint of the Week

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.



Let Us Pray

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Relying on Your goodness, O God, we humbly ask you, by the intercession of your servant, Saint Lucy, to give perfect vision to our eyes, that we may serve for your greater honor and glory. And we pray for the salvation of our souls in this world, that we may come to the enjoyment of the unfailing light of the Lamb of God in heaven.

St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, hear our prayers and answer our petitions.
Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · December 11

4:30 PM

† **Maryann Cullen**

r/b June, Patty & Stephanie

Sunday · December 12

8:00 AM

† **Millie D'Amico**

r/b James D'Amico

10:00 AM

† **Arnold Carpenter**

r/b loving wife

11:30 AM

† **Ninh Nguyen**

r/b Sam Thuysan & Family

Monday · December 13

9:00 AM

† **Angel Acevedo Jr. & Daniela Salles**

r/b Carol Jamieson

Tuesday · December 14

9:00 AM

† **Ralph J. Ciccone**

r/b The Ciccone Family

Thursday · December 16

9:00 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

Friday · December 17

9:00 AM

† **Lena Rossi**

r/b loving niece, JoAnn



SPONSORS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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).

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letters of Eligibility

In St. Catherine's Parish and in all Catholic Parishes in the U.S.

- 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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Baptism

First-time 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.

Parish Life

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St. Catherine of Siena Church to
experience the warmth of our parish family.

If you would like to
join the parish or if you
are not Catholic and would like to learn about
the Catholic faith, please call the
Parish Office.

did you know?

REASONS WHY TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong.

Registration is a commitment to community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish. Registration shows you belong.

It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a Sponsor/Godparent Certificate and Letter of Eligibility, and donation statements for your income tax returns.

Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission .

Registering a parish is simple. It just requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself by contacting the Parish Office. Young adults 18 and over who are still living at home with their parents, or attend college, are recommended to register in their own name.

WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Everly Mae McNally

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

Save the Date

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION SERVICE

6 PM St Catherine of Siena Church

Sunday, December 12 &
Sunday, December 19



PARISH ADVENT MISSION

with guest speaker

Jon Leonetti

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December 15 and 16, 7PM

Evening One—Who is God & Why does that matter

There is no other meaning, reason, or purpose to our lives than to be in Heaven with God for all eternity. We are called to become saints. How do we get there? We need a plan; a plan given to us by Jesus and his Church.

Evening Two—God's Dream for your life

We cannot love someone we don't know. Therefore, to love God, we have to first know God. So how do we come to know God? We examine the ways he's revealed himself to us. And in understanding the ways he's revealed himself to us, we better understand who we are and the unique mission of holiness God has for us.

All are welcome. Free will offering.

Simbang Gabi sa Monmouth County

December 13-21, 2021

Monday, December 13 | 6pm Mass | St. Veronica Church, Howell

Celebrant: Rev. PJ Alindogan

Our Lady of Guadalupe Apostolate Music Ministry

Tuesday, December 14 | 7pm Mass | St. Catherine Church, Farmingdale

Celebrant: Rev. Gel Anarcon

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Wednesday, December 15 | 7pm Mass | Holy Innocents Church, Neptune

Celebrant: Rev. Gregg Abadilla

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Thursday, December 16 | 7pm Mass | St. Benedict Church, Holmdel

Celebrant: Rev. AL Gamalo

BLD-Trenton Choir

Friday, December 17 | 7pm Mass | St. Jerome Church, West Long Branch

Celebrant: Rev. Sheldon Amasa

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Saturday, December 18 | 7pm Mass | St. Ann Church, Keansburg

Celebrant: Rev. Richard Vila

Our Lady of Guadalupe Apostolate Music Ministry

Sunday, December 19 | 7pm Mass | St. Joseph Church (Our Lady of Fatima Parish), Keyport

Celebrant: Rev. Vic Magdaraog

Young Servants of the Lord Choir

Monday, December 20 | 7pm Mass | St. Dorothea Church, Eatontown

Celebrant: Rev. Daison Areeparampil

Young Servants of the Lord Choir

Tuesday, December 21 | 7pm Mass | St. Clement Church, Matawan

Celebrant: Rev. Mark Nillo

Holy Innocents' Filipino Choir

Rosary & Confessions will start 30 minutes before Mass

Christmas 2021 MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE — Friday, December 24

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM

4:00 PM Overflow Mass — Parish Hall

CHRISTMAS DAY — Saturday, December 25

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM

10:00 AM Overflow Mass — Parish Hall

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday, December 26

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS — St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, December 27 — 9:00 AM

Tuesday, December 28 — 9:00 AM

Thursday, December 30 — 9:00 AM

Friday, December 31 — 9:00 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, January 1

4:30 PM

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 2

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12

**The Nativity
of the Lord**



Parish Announcements

CHRISTMAS 2021–Calendar Advisory HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This year, the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on a Saturday and is immediately followed on Sunday by the Feast of the Holy Family. In cases of consecutive feast days, there are often questions regarding which Mass is to be celebrated on Saturday evening.

In the case of Christmas & Holy Family, both are days of precept (the latter because it falls on a Sunday), but Christmas occupies a higher place on the Table of Liturgical Days. Therefore, on the evening of Saturday, December 25, the Nativity Mass during the Day is celebrated with its accompanying readings from the Lectionary.

In short, the prevailing view of many canon lawyers is that each obligation (in this case, one for Christmas and another for Holy Family) must be fulfilled with a separate Mass. The fulfillment of the Mass obligation does not depend upon the Mass prayers and readings but rather on the time of day at which one attends Mass. According to canon 1248 §1, "A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass." Evening is commonly understood to begin at 4:00 PM, the earliest time permitted for anticipated Masses by Venerable Pope Pius XII in his 1953 Apostolic Constitution *Christus Dominus*. The following chart may be helpful:

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Saturday, December 25.

For example, one may attend:

- Vigil Mass of the Nativity
- Mass during the Night (celebrated at any time)
- Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 25

Holy Family

Obligation may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Sunday, December 26.

For example, one may attend:

- Afternoon/evening Masses on December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity)
- Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 26

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10:00 AM Mass	\$1,078.00	120 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$931.00	80 people
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CHRISTMAS

Dec 25

Dec 26

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