

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Trenton

DECEMBER 5, 2021

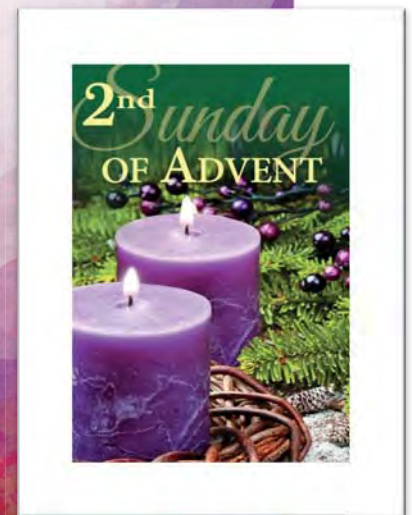
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SALVATION



*"All flesh shall see the
salvation of God."*

LUKE 3:6



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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,

We have entered the season of Advent. One way to go about these holy days would be to spend more time in prayer and silence and putting ourselves in the presence of God. It is a considerable challenge for all of us to do it; however, we must try hard as we call on God himself to support and help us. St. Teresa of Calcutta has said, 'the fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace.'

St. Catherine's Parish has scheduled Confession days for the Religious Education students, parents, and the community. This is a great time to clean up our mess spiritually. Perhaps there is clutter within us, we have so many activities, endless to-do lists that have taken an abundance of energy from us. There is a great deal of space taken up by anxieties, anger, and resentment. Often our fears or addictions overwhelm us and leave no room for God to speak or listen. As adults or parents, we also must show an example of coming to the sacrament of Confession to our young children.

The Advent Reconciliation will be held on Monday, December 6, 4:30 P.M. and 6 P.M. and December 7, 4:30 P.M. Additional priests are invited to help us administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation as they give penance and absolution. Confessions will be made in the Church with proper health procedures to maintain safety and avoid the spread of the virus.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In the Church's calendar, we are now on Year C: and on Weekday Cycle, we are on Cycle 11. It is noticeable that our Gospel Readings for this Liturgical Year are taken from the Gospel of Luke.

Our responsibility and duty as faithful followers of Jesus are to fill our hearts with the oil of devotion to God, love for neighbor, and noble virtues. Then our hearts will burn brightly as we pray, "Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus."

Today we are also reminded of the plain truth that our God is always with us. He directs the history and destiny of humanity. People have time and again rejected God. A look at ourselves will reveal that we continue to offend him. But throughout history, God renews his promise to restore man. He sends his prophets to bring back erring sheep.

Today's readings reveal God's everlasting love for us. All three readings contain God's promise to meet us in the new kingdom and an appeal for repentance and reformation on our part. In the first reading, God promises to restore the glory of Israel. But there should be a change on the part of the people before entering the glorious new era. St. Paul renews the same appeal. He asks those Christians to be ready for the Day of the Lord. Paul gives a list of items needed: love, knowledge, discernment, holiness, and righteousness.

The Gospel speaks of the final preparation for the Messiah's arrival. John the Baptist is entrusted with this excellent task. He calls for an immediate reformation: all irregularities (hills and valleys) must be straightened and leveled before the Lord comes.

The Lord has already come, and our objective of redemption has been realized. The personal appropriation of this objective is the glorious coming of Christ. Sin keeps us away from this path to glorification. Therefore, to arrive at our true destination, we need to repent and resolve to avoid sin. Thus, a virtuous life can lead to a glorious future.

St. Pope Paul VI said: "We must aim, above all, at an inner renewal, a liberation from the mere following of conventions, a departure in our way of thinking. More than anything else, we must lament our shortcomings before God and the community of our brethren. We must renew the self-understanding each must-have of themselves as a child of God, a Christian, and a member of the Church.

Lord, please prepare my heart to welcome you, even when You come in strange disguises. Amen.

May God bless you . – Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. (Bar 5:4)

PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

SECOND READING:

And this is my prayer:
that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of
Christ. (Phil 1:9-10)

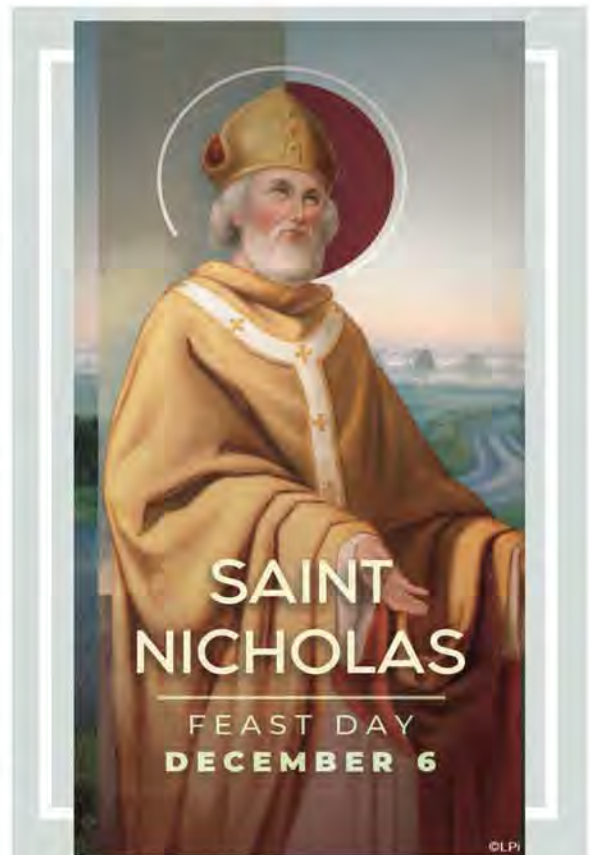
GOSPEL:

*The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Mk 7:37)*

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Tuesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday: St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin
- Friday: Our Lady of Loreto
- Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope
- Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the Week

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.



Let Us Pray



The Immaculate Conception
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday · December 8

9:00 AM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Joseph Gersbeck

7:00 PM

† **Joseph Cocuzza**

r/b loving wife, Marianne

**The Altar Flowers are donated
in loving memory of**



Connie Gersbeck

**At the request of
Joseph Gersbeck.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · December 4

4:30 PM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Joseph Gersbeck

Sunday · December 5

8:00 AM

† **Owen Grady**

r/b Joseph Meagher & Family

10:00 AM

† **William Anderson**

r/b Neal & Lorraine Pronek

11:30 AM

† **Ninh Nguyen**

r/b Trinh Nguyen & Family

Monday · December 6

9:00 AM

† **Marvin Millstein**

r/b Mary Ann & Joseph Aulisi

Tuesday · December 7

9:00 AM

† **James & Ruth Murphy**

r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy

Thursday · December 9

9:00 AM

† **Michael Monica**

r/b Lucinda Monica & Maria Diaz

Friday · December 10

9:00 AM

† **Jean Burke**

r/b Beloved Husband & Family

December 5, 2021



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.

Low Gluten Host

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.

Save the Date ...



ADVENT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION SERVICE

6 PM St Catherine of Siena Church

Sunday, December 5 December 12
December 19



SIMBANG GABI IN MONMOUTH COUNTY BEGINS MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Simbang Gabi is the Filipino custom of offering a 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. The novena of Masses, which signifies the nine months our Lord 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. Here in Monmouth County, and in every county that is covered by the Diocese of Trenton, an organizing committee is formed to ensure that all the faithful throughout the Diocese are given an opportunity to pray this novena. **All are welcome to attend and participate in our county's Simbang Gabi.** The Rosary will be prayed and confessions will be heard before every Mass.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish will host *Simbang Gabi* on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**. 6:30 PM Rosary & Confession. Mass at 7:00 PM.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary



DECEMBER 8, 2021

9 AM MASS AND 7 PM

MASS

**St. Catherine of Siena
Church**

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 Areepparampil
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

Parish Life

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Parish

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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.

Julianna Marie Fernandez

Sunny Kai Kisiel

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

December 5, 2021

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**



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



Offertory

Whether given weekly or monthly, the offertory supports the parish's mission and ministries.



Second Collection

Provides income for the running expenses of the parish – maintenance, repairs, energy, diocesan assessment. It also supports the work of the Church worldwide in addition Diocesan-wide support such as Catholic Education



Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a combined effort of all the parishes that make up the Diocese of Trenton to support a vibrant Catholic Community through the ministries and services.

WAYS TO GIVE



Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners and visitors the opportunity to make donations using your debit, credit cards, or savings account. It is safe, convenient and easy to use.



Offertory Envelopes are traditional and effective way to submit your parish donation for cash or checks. We send Offertory Envelopes directly to your home.

Please call the Parish Office to learn more about our online giving and envelope program.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Nov 20/21 2021

4:30 PM Mass	\$820.00	103 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,613.00	93 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,412.00	86 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$949.00	128 people
IN MAIL	\$1,025.00	
Online Giving	\$1,941.00	86 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$7,760.00	

Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Nov 27/28 2021

4:30 PM Mass	\$969.00	105 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,047.00	92 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,436.00	120 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$863.00	80 people
IN MAIL	\$650.00	
Online Giving	\$1,421.00	76 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,386.00	

Upcoming Second Collection

Dec 8

Immaculate Conception

Retirement Fund for Religious

Dec 12

Dec 19

Diocesan Assessment

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