

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”
- Mk 1:15

1st Sunday
OF LENT

February 21, 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.

CONFESSION TIMES

By Appointment

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road Farmingdale
9:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise announced

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Church
31 Asbury Road 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 OF SIENA CHURCH
31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

First Friday of the Month immediately
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHAPEL
One West Main Street Farmingdale

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

Temporarily Suspended due to COVID-19
until further notice.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Being a leader or the one in charge of any agency or department during these trying and unprecedented times is a huge challenge and arduous responsibility. Since we reopened the Church for worship, prayer, and service to our faithful parishioners in June, little by little, we made a lot of adaptations and changes according to the best advice from experts. We thank our parish personnel, volunteers, and generous parishioners for providing us with the necessary help and support as we are happy in serving our faithful people. Similarly, a big word of thanks to all who understand why we adhere to these protocols and to those who are supportive and cooperative, we truly appreciate you, thank you kindly.

Following Diocesan directives and government protocols mandated by CDC, the parish community seeks to be creative and innovative. As we have previously announced, there will be a minor change within the Mass starting this weekend. Keep in mind the virus continues its devastation, so we have to be vigilant and extremely careful. Based upon our observation on what is going on in many Churches to avoid the spread of the virus, we will distribute Holy Communion after the final blessing in the Narthex. The faithful will then leave Church immediately after the reception of the Sacrament. We expect your collaboration as we work together to keep everybody healthy and safe.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Allow me to share a true story of a psychiatrist who was famous for his work on schizophrenia. Once his students at his hospital came upon a person with schizophrenia who had deteriorated so far that they could not get a response. They called the Doctor, and while he was in the patient's room, they waited outside, gloating in advance over what would surely be the great professor's failure. After about 20 minutes, the door opened, and the professor and the patient walked out arm in arm, tears streaming down the sick man's face. He had experienced a genuine emotional response and a catharsis. The dumbfounded students asked the Doctor by what scientific method he had succeeded. "I cried a little, and he cried a little, and that's how it happened," replied the Doctor.

The Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent. Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the Holy One. How can the Holy One, the Son of God, be tempted? The temptation of Jesus is mind-boggling. What sense can we make of it? Who can forgive sins? The obvious answer is God alone. Jesus is God, and so He forgives sins. This places Jesus at an opposite, distant pole from humanity. Yet today, we have Jesus—one with us. These two truths of faith are essential to understand the mystery of Jesus--- God and Man.

Jesus' power to forgive sins and His radical solidarity with humanity are two critical dimensions of Jesus. As the Savior, precisely Jesus, is the fittest, so to speak, to meet adequately, and more than enough, man's needs to be man's Savior. Man is a sinner. A sinner needs forgiveness, and only God can forgive sins. Hence we perceive the divine nature of Jesus. But Jesus is not an unachievable Savior. Forgiveness of sin is not a mere cancellation ritual. Jesus became human, human-like us in everything except sin. "He Himself was tempted and suffered." (Heb. 2:18). Jesus became one with humanity; He descended to save. His temptation is a consequence of His solidarity with humanity.

Moreover, Christ died for our sins. Death is the ultimate and inevitable fate of man, the logical result of sin. In His radical solidarity with humanity, Christ suffers the maximum penalty for sin and, as God rising from the dead, conquers sin and frees man from the clutches of sin and death. This is the most extraordinary proof of saving solidarity in love. In temptation and death, Christ acts and empathizes with us the as the psychiatrist did with his helpless patient. In this perspective, the temptation of the Holy One, Son of God, is less baffling. For love does such things. And Jesus is God and God is love.

God is faithful to his covenant - - His friendship - with us even to the point of being tempted and dying. The Eucharist is the renewal of the faithful-love relationship of God, of Jesus, with us. This Lent, what response do we make to the radical love of the Tremendous Lover? As long as we live in this world, we cannot be without tribulation and temptation. As written in Job, "The life of man on earth is a temptation" (Job 7:11). Therefore ought every one to be concerned about temptations and to watch in prayer, lest the Devil, who never sleeps, but goes about seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8), find an opportunity to deceive him.

No man is so perfect and holy not to have temptations, and we cannot be wholly free from them. Yet temptations are often very profitable to a man, although they are troublesome and dangerous for with them, a person is humbled, purified, and instructed. All the saints have passed through many temptations and tribulations and have profited by them. Amen.

May God bless you.

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed
by the waters of a flood;
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.
(Gn 9:11)

PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

GOSPEL:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for 40 days,
tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

God promises Noah to use a "bow in the clouds" (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible's first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

SECOND READING

Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

GOSPEL READING

We hear about Jesus' temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR PROTECTION

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so
great, so prompt, so strong,
before the throne of God,

I place in you all my interests and
desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me
by your powerful intercession, and
obtain for me from your divine son all
spiritual blessings, through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that, having engaged here below your
heavenly power, I may offer my
thanksgiving and homage to the most
loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating
you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare
not approach while
he reposes near your heart.

Press him in my name and kiss his fine head
for me and ask him to return the kiss when I
draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departed souls -
pray for me. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • February 20

4:30 PM

† **Anthony Morro**

r/b Randy Dowling

Sunday • February 21

8:00 AM

† **William O'Doherty**

r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel & Family

10:00 AM

† **Norma Jean Hall**

r/b Terri Murray

11:30 AM

† **Edward Martin**

r/b Terri Murray

Monday • February 22

9:00 AM

† **Susan Hennessy**

r/b Diane & Ray Cullmann

Tuesday • February 23

9:00 AM

† **Bill Williams**

r/b Terri Murray

Thursday • February 25

9:00 AM

† **John Patrick Flanders**

r/b The Ready Family

FRIDAY • February 26

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**



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 the priest of the Diocese of Trenton.

For prayer requests, living intentions and Mass intentions, please call the Parish Office.



• Mass Intention Request

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

- SUN 2/21** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
- MON 2/22** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
- TUE 2/23** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
- WED 2/24** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
- THR 2/25** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
- FRI 2/26** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
- SAT 2/27** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- SUN 2/28** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

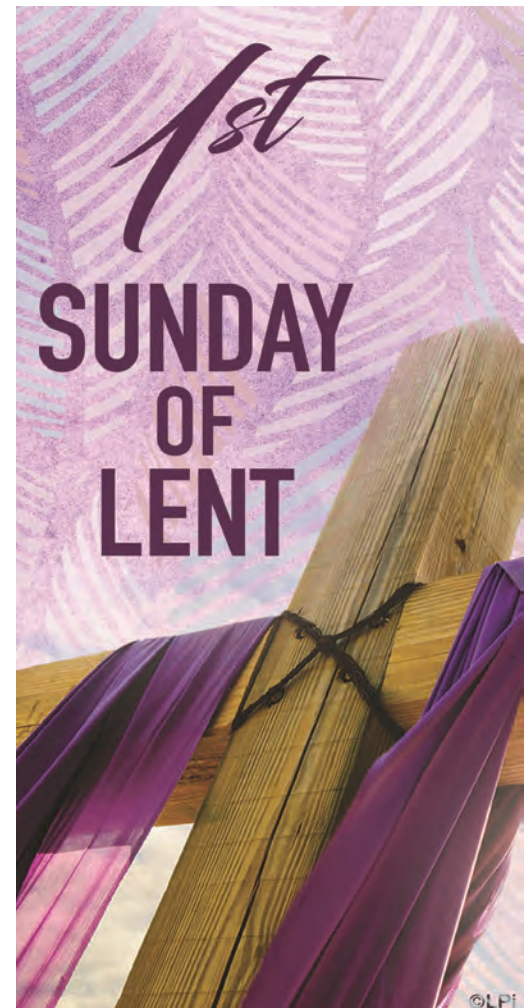
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Tuesday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent

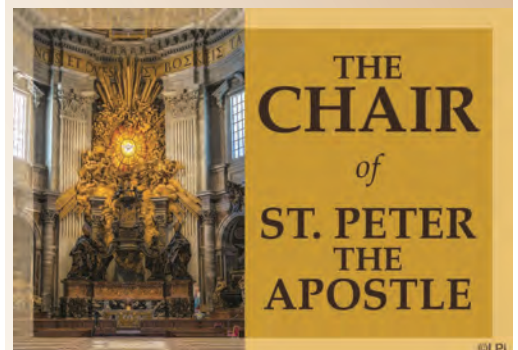
LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!



"And Jesus, Full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness..."
- Luke 4:1



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS 2021

You are invited to honor your loved ones this Easter by offering an Easter Floral Memorial.

Your name, along with the names of those you honor, will be published in our Easter bulletin.

To submit names, please use your Easter Flower Envelope
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Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.





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ANNUAL
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Appeal 2021

The theme for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Trenton is following the example of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who was known to have said: *"I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot; but TOGETHER we can do great things."*

Bishop O'Connell seeks the support of all the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA.

This year **St. Catherine of Siena's share of the goal is \$40,000.00**. As members of our diocesan family, we are called upon to love and serve all our brothers and sisters - both within our Catholic community and beyond. Together, we can help others see Christ working in our midst. As your pastor, ask you to take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. **We truly need everyone to participate.**

We are striving to do our parish fair share towards helping the Diocese reach the goal of \$6.5 million. When a parish collects funds equal to their ACA goal, they receive a 15% rebate. Funds collected in excess of the parish goal earn a 50% rebate. Because of your generosity to the **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, St. Catherine's Parish** received a **rebate check in the amount of \$10,377.00.**

I am always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. I thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family. Remember, your gift ensures the vital ministries, programs, and services of 99 parishes that make up the Diocese of Trenton will continue. Please make your pledge and help us meet our goal for this year. "Together we can do great things." – Father Angelito

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Laura Randazzo at 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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Baptism

Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Course prior to the Baptism.

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the Month.

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

In a time of COVID-19, please contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375 for an appointment.



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If you are new to the area and have questions regarding Parish Registration, please call the Parish Office.



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

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Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.

Thank you

2020 Tax Statements



Envelope Users:

If you would like a year-end tax statement for 2020, please email your request to taxstatements@sienachurch.org. In your email request, please include your name, envelope number and the mailing address. Requests are completed once a week and answered in the order received.

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