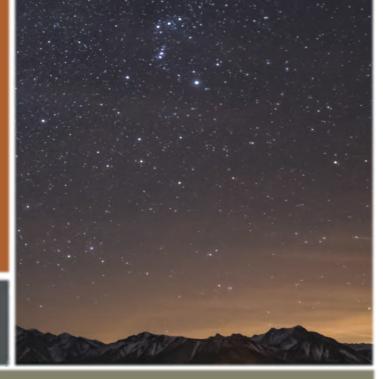
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose I have come." -Mk 1:38

February 7, 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.

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Thursday-9:00 a.m.

Friday-9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

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

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Monday immediately following the

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners.

One of the biggest challenges of our time is no other than being sick. It is frustrating, depressing, discouraging, and, quite frankly, mind boggling. The truth is nobody is exempt from it. No matter who you are, what age level you have, illness doesn't discriminate. COVID-19 has affected all of us, and it continues to wreak havoc in different aspects of life. The month of February, specifically on the 11th, the Universal Church has declared it the World Day of the Sick. More than ever due to the public health crisis we presently experiencing, it is a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and a great reminder for all of us to see in our infirm brethren the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising achieved the salvation of mankind. Thus let us all be mindful and pray for the sick, especially those who are still suffering due to the virus. Let us ask the intercession of the Blessed Mother, the Lady of Lourdes, to deliver us from all kinds of infirmities as we believe in the healing power of Her Son Jesus, the Divine Physician.

"Love One Another" is the theme for World Marriage Day, which the whole Church is going to celebrate next weekend, February 13-14. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It honors and salutes the value of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges, and joy in married life. The theme is the commandment given by Jesus in the Gospel of John, 15:12. As if the verse speaks to us quite simple and yet a challenging way of how our Father in Heaven wishes us to live. Based on our own experience in life, loving one another is a daily decision. Let us pray for married couples and their families that through their healthy and resolute communication, they may become the living signs of God's love and a sign of unity in the name of Jesus. Amen.

As your Shepherd, I am reaching out to you to remind you that next weekend is Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal throughout the Diocese of Trenton. We know that each year the Bishop seeks the support of all the diocese members to further the work of our ministries. We should never forget that each of us has a vital role 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. As the Diocese people, you have an opportunity to help others see Christ working in our midst. I ask you to take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. We truly need everyone to participate. This year we again are striving to help the Diocese to reach its goal of \$6.5 million. 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 as well.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Brokenness is too pervasive to be elusive. How can humans face it? Confronted with it, the faith of many has fumbled and faltered. Unable to bear it, not a few have committed suicide. So here comes the Good News: The Lord heals the broken-hearted. This response to the psalm must have come from experience because he is no stranger to suffering, betrayal, and despair. Basically, if the Lord does not heal the broken-hearted, He is not what He claims to be. If He is not what He claims to be, there is no good news for mankind, and Scripture is at best a fine fairytale, at worst a colossal deception.

Over the past two Sundays, we contemplated Jesus as the manifestation of God's goodness and love in-person and action. Similarly, in today's Gospel, Jesus acts coherently, vindicating then age-old claims made by and for God. In curing the sick, comforting the sorrowful, and freeing the possessed, Jesus is healing the broken-hearted. Thus Jesus is what God has said He is, and He shows that He will do. Jesus thus mirrors His Father's goodness and love in the murky areas of our life unmistakably. To be His Father's perfect image and to mirror Him clearly to men, Jesus has to be in communion with His Father. Thus we find Him, a great while before day, alone at prayer. To be all to all, Jesus has to be first with the Father of all, the source of goodness, love, and comfort. In oneness with humans, Jesus is not merely the healer; He is the broken, wounded healer. With His stripes, we have been healed. This is the Good News, and this is Jesus in person and action.

The primary mission of every Christian is the mission of Jesus Christ, whose followers they are. What was Jesus' mission? He himself answers, quoting the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He has anointed Me to preach the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Lk. 4:18-19). His mission was to proclaim the good news of salvation and to work out man's salvation. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk.1:15) "God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him" (Jn. 3:17). Jesus accomplished His mission both by His words and deeds by preaching and working miracles. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

PSALM:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)

GOSPEL:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. (Mk 1:34)

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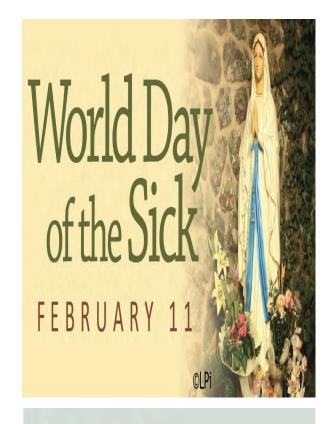
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Due to COVID protocols, we will not have missals available in the pews, but you are invited to order one or more copies for your personal use.

Please call or email the Parish Office to place an order.





REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear how Job struggled to find meaning and hope in his life. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the "gospel" (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

GOSPEL READING

We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · February 6
4:30 PM

+ Kim & Deborah Foreman r/b Loving Family

Sunday · February 7 8:00 AM

+ Kathleen Molinari

r/b Anthony & Shelia Infante

10:00 AM + Terry LaBruno

r/b John & Cathy Keegan

11:30 AM + Roy Murray

r/b John & Anna Williams

Monday · February 8 9:00 AM

+ Carol Hughes r/b Mary Anne Frasier

Tuesday · February 9
9:00 AM
• Danilo Belicena
r/b The Reyes Family

Thursday · February 11 9:00 AM • Anthony Pennetti & Family r/b Libby Miller

FRIDAY · February 12 9:00 AM

+ Joseph Gangemi-Living Intention

r/b Joann Sos



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 7, 2021

SUN 2/7 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/

Mk 1:29-39

MON 2/8 Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk

6:53-56

TUE 2/9 Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

WED **2/10** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

THR 2/11 Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

FRI 2/12 Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

SAT 2/13 Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

SUN 2/14 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk

1:40-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.



PRAY FAST GIVE ALMS



At St. Catherine of Siena Church

February 17, 2021

6:00 A.M. SERVICE

9:00 A.M. MASS

4:30 P.M. SERVICE

NOON MASS

7:00 P.M. MASS

Ashes will be imposed at the conclusion of the Mass or Service prior to the departure of the faithful.



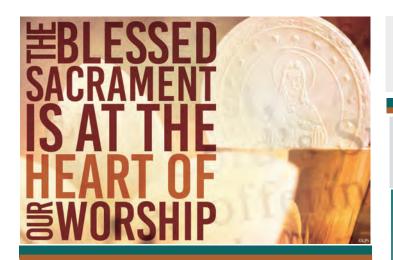


Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

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.



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 <u>but now lives elsewhere</u>, he/she is not a member of this parish. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in <u>whose territory he/she resides</u>. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

Low Gluten Host

An extremely low-gluten host
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Please notify the Priest prior to the
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Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

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.



The Parish is where the mission of Christ continues!

St. Catherine's parish is a vibrant, community of faith. A parishioner is one who is committed through participation in the life of the Parish Community with participation in our ministries and with presence and support with attendance at Mass and also through the regular use of offertory envelopes or support through online giving.

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

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Office Hours:

Monday 9-2 / Tuesday 9-2 / Wednesday 9-2 Thursday 9-2/ Friday CLOSED Sunday 9-12:45.

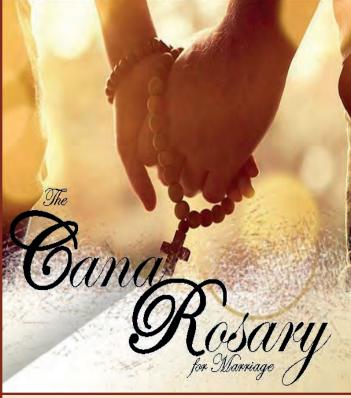
Parishioners will be seen by appointment only. Call 732-938-5375 to make your appointment.

All visitors are required to wear a mask and must maintain social distancing for **your protection, as well as the protection of the clergy and parish staff.**

Please give a call to the Parish Office to register in the parish and to request Mass Cards, Sponsor Certificates, and Sacramental Certificates.

We ask that you <u>call ahead</u> for the ease of pick up. Thank you.

A Livestreamed Nightly Reflection for Married Couples



Sunday

Feb. 7 through Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021

7:00–8:00 pm each evening

A Livestreamed Nightly
Reflection and Recitation of
the Rosary for Married
Couples to celebrate
National Marriage Week
(Feb. 7-13)

Reflections are based on the book by Christopher Ebberwein,

The Cana Rosary, A Couple's Prayer

The link for livestreaming will be found at

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-couples, and
on Facebook—https://www.facebook.com/dotfamilylife



In observance of President's Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021. Rel. Ed. Monday Classes are not in session.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.





KICK-OFF Weekend February 13-14, 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."

In a world where fewer people believe in God and his Church, our mission to share our Faith has never been more critical. By reaching out to our brothers and sisters and responding to their temporal and spiritual needs, we give witness to the power of God's love.

When we work together through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are able to educate young children about Jesus Christ and the Gospel; provide spiritual guidance and support to teens and young adults trying to find their way; assist families and individuals across the generations who are dealing with a myriad of life's challenges, and help those with such fundamental needs as food, clothing and shelter.

Your Appeal gift helps the Diocese to find and form seminarians who will serve this Church as priests for decades to come. Through special evangelization programs and our network of Catholic media, your generosity makes it possible to reach those who are hungry for God's word; who seek inspiration and welcome in the Catholic Church.

There are so many ways that the Church can be present to people in real and meaningful ways. You can be part of this effort by supporting one or all of the many essential ministries and programs that lift up the lives of believers and non-believers alike.

This year each of us is asked to consider making a pledge, keep in mind that gifts may be pledged and paid through December 2021. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide directly to the ministries supported by the appeal.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. Together, we can do more than any one parish can do alone. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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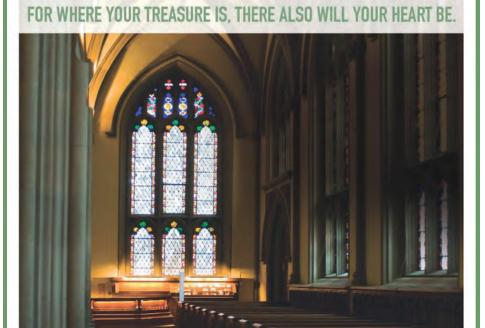
Community Outreach

- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
 - Catholic Social Services (The Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison, Respect Life, Grief)

Teaching the Faith

- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
- Religious Education, Rite of Election of Adults and Children
 - Catholic School Programs
 - Tuition Assistance
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Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.



2021 Tax Statements

Tax Refund

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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If you contribute through online giving by WeShare, the year-end tax statement is provided by WeShare and statements will be sent directly to the email address provided in your WeShare account. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

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