

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

January 17, 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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

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,

My friends, please allow me to share with you the insights and quote from Pope Francis, "Worshipping the Lord means giving Him the place that he must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing - not only by our words - that he alone truly guides our lives; worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before Him that He is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history." Given this unprecedented time, I find it interesting that the Church's law distinguishes the "church" and the "parish." The church is a sacred place and space where we worship. The parish is a "certain community of the Christian faithful. For most Catholics, the two are often indistinguishable.

After three months of lockdown due to the public health crisis, authorities gave us the green light to open the church, following and observing all the protocols necessary to be safe. In effect, some of our faithful who really felt the need to come to church to pray and worship are satisfied and happy. Experience shows that coming to church is an essential element of our lives, especially during these challenging times. Similarly, the parish started to provide the faithful's spiritual and sacramental needs as we have the Masses and the congregation's sacraments. We opened the parish office to take care of the faithful and the parish's communication as we respond to the faithful's needs.

As your Pastor, I must repeat my appreciation and give a big word of thanks to every parishioner of our parish. I am most grateful to our parish personnel who, from day one of opening our church and parish, are so committed and diligent with their responsibility, consistently doing their job tirelessly to maintain the safety of all. Kudos to our parishioners who dedicate their time and are extremely generous with their offerings and donations. Without this support of monetary gifts, time, experience, and talent, we could not keep the parish open, vibrant, and active. To all of you, my dearest people of God, my utmost gratitude and immense appreciation. God loves you, as I do.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings are quite fitting for all of us as they are about the importance of hearing properly and listening with the heart. Upon reading and listening to the first reading, the boy Samuel mishears as he lies on his bed. When the Lord calls him, he mistakenly believes it is his guardian Eli calling him. Only after the 3rd call does Eli finally understand that what Samuel is really hearing is the call of God. Samuel's response, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" indicates the prerequisite for the perfect disciple: a commitment to listening to the voice of God and carrying it out.

In the Gospel, the two disciples of John the Baptist are also in the listening mode. They have committed to following John in response to an inner call from God. And yet now, in effect, John sends them away to listen to the voice of another - Jesus, "the lamb of God." John knows that a deeper listening is needed, that there is someone better to listen to, someone - as John would go on to say - more powerful than he, someone filled with God's Holy Spirit. The two disciples go home with Jesus at about 4 PM and spend the rest of the day listening to him.

It is important to ask how do we become good listeners to the Lord? How do we allow ourselves to become transformed by God's word - by Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh? Most importantly, perhaps, like those two disciples, we need to spend time with the Lord. In doing so, we will find out that it is not a skill; it is simply a commitment, a discipline. However, ordinary human skills can help us tune in to God's voice and allow it to change us. As with listening to another human being, when we listen to the Lord, we need to get rid of distractions, the sound of TV and radio, switching off the phone, etc. The best listening happens when we are alert but attentive. Please keep an open mind and try to set aside preconceived ideas or expectations because it is easy to mishear and misunderstand, imposing our own meanings. And do not interrupt—listening means exactly that.

Remember that communicating with God is not the same as holding a two-way conversation with a human being, but the essentials are the same. It is about the relationship, trust and openness, quality time, and listening with the heart to what is really being communicated. God's word is ultimately a person - Jesus Christ. When we listen to the Lord, when we encounter the Messiah, our lives are changed. Amen.

May God bless you.

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

When Samuel went to sleep in his place,
the LORD came and revealed his presence,
calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"
Samuel answered, "Speak, for you servant is listening." (1
Sm 3:9-10)

PSALM:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

SECOND READING:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of
Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit
with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

GOSPEL:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,
and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

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Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Eli was the priest of the temple in Shiloh. He raised Samuel and helped Samuel to hear God's voice in his life. Who have you taught to hear God's voice?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Corinthians that believers should "glorify God in your body" by avoiding immorality. What do you think is needed to live a good, moral life?

GOSPEL READING

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, Jesus poses the question, "What are you looking for?" In your own spiritual journey, how do you know you have found Jesus?

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • January 16

4:30 PM

† **Maryann Cullen**

r/b Mary Sears

Sunday • January 17

8:00 AM

† **Laura Conway**

r/b The Conway Family

10:00 AM

† **Norma Jean Hall**

r/b Shelia Infante

11:30 AM

† **Roy Murray**

r/b Dot Gratton

Monday • January 18

9:00 AM

† **Dominic Pondaco**

r/b Dominic Pondaco & Family

Tuesday • January 19

9:00 AM

† **Diane Powell**

r/b John & Cathy McKee

Thursday • January 21

9:00 AM

† **Colin Casey–Living Intention**

r/b Lou DiBello

FRIDAY • January 22

9:00 AM

† **George Casazza**

r/b Joan Pekar



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.

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 JANUARY 17, 2021

- SUN 1/17** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
- MON 1/18** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
- TUE 1/19** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
- WED 1/20** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
- THR 1/21** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
- FRI 1/22** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
- SAT 1/23** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



*The time is
always right
to do what
is right.*

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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TRENTON

JAN 22, DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING TO END ABORTION . . .

On Jan. 22, the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, the Diocese of Trenton will join the other New Jersey (arch) dioceses in observing a Day of Fasting and Prayer to end abortion.

On this day, parishes throughout the Diocese will celebrate the Mass for Legal Protection of the Unborn. In a letter issued Jan. 5, the New Jersey bishops write:

As we mark this tragic event in our nation's history, we remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and pray for the mothers and fathers left to suffer the tragic effects. The Catholic Church is committed to protecting all life from conception to natural death. We will work vigorously to ensure the laws of our state and country protect and defend the intrinsic dignity of all people.

Signed by the bishops of the five Roman Catholic arch(dioceses), as well as two Eastern-rite dioceses, the letter concludes with a prayer:

We humbly implore our Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn, to intercede on our behalf that these efforts to end abortion are guided by mercy, compassion, and above all charity.

IN LIEU OF MARCH FOR LIFE

In keeping with public health recommendations to avoid crowds and closed-in settings due to COVID-19 infection risk, the Diocese and its parishes will not sponsor or organize travel to Washington, D.C., for the National March for Life Jan. 29.

Instead, the Diocese encourages the faithful to keep a **local focus by participating on that day, Jan. 29, in a Mass of Thanksgiving to God for the Gift of Human Life, celebrated by Bishop O'Connell, which will be available online beginning at 11 a.m.**

For more information and links to these observances, visit TrentonMonitor.com as well as youtube.com/trentondiocese.

Novena to St. Joseph to End Abortion

January 14, - 22, 2021

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Guardian of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, the Son of God whom she carried in her Immaculate womb: intercede for us, we pray, that all recourse to abortion might cease in our nation and our world.

As you cared for Mother and Child, care for all women who bear the gift of life in their womb.

May no harm ever endanger them, and may no choice ever threaten the blessing of human life that God has created within.

Guard them with your loving protection, at every moment, until His will has been fulfilled.

St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster father of the Lord, help us build a culture of life that yields a civilization of love among us.

Amen.

*Say Our Father, Hail Mary,
Glory Be.*



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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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.

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.



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

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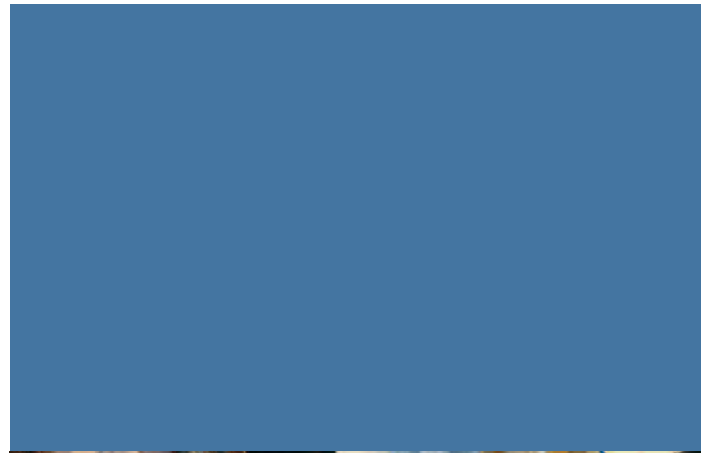
Donald Smith

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Christ continues!**

A parishioner is one who is committed through participation in the life of the Parish Community 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. We are happy to speak with you.



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Tatum Marilyn Worster

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



RESPONDING *to the Call*

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

CHRISTMAS PROJECT JOY

What we thought was impossible became possible because of your donations!

This Christmas, many of our local children and seniors awoke to a happier Christmas morning because of your generous support to the parish Christmas Project Joy Gift Card Collection.

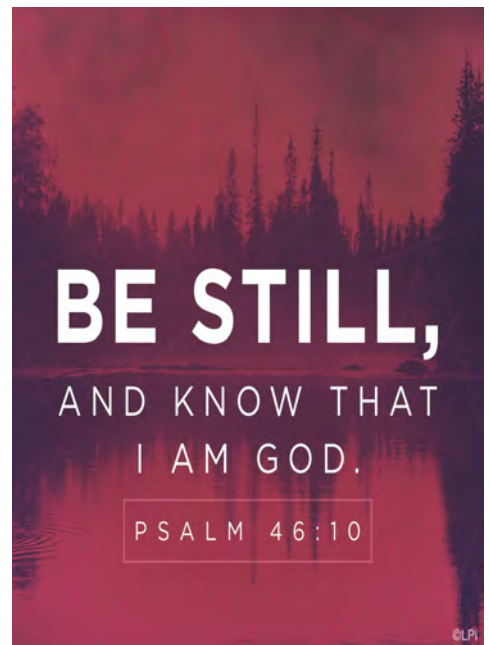
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May God continue to bless you!

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Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



In observance of Martin Luther King Day, the Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday, January 18, 2021.

The Parish Office will **reopen** on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

2021 PEW MISSALS NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Please contact the parish office if you would like to purchase a 2021 Pew Missal.

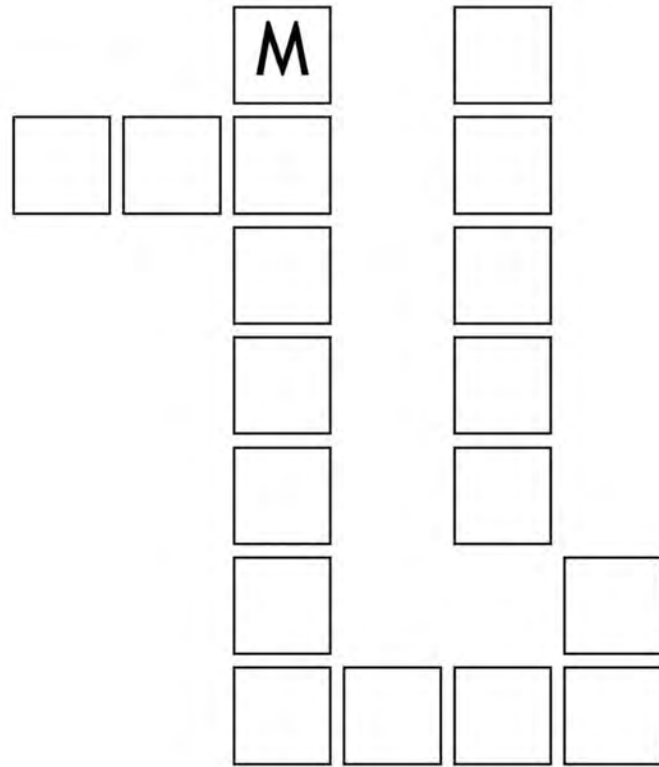
In keeping with Bishop O'Connell's directives, we will not have missals available in the pews.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

We have found the Messiah.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

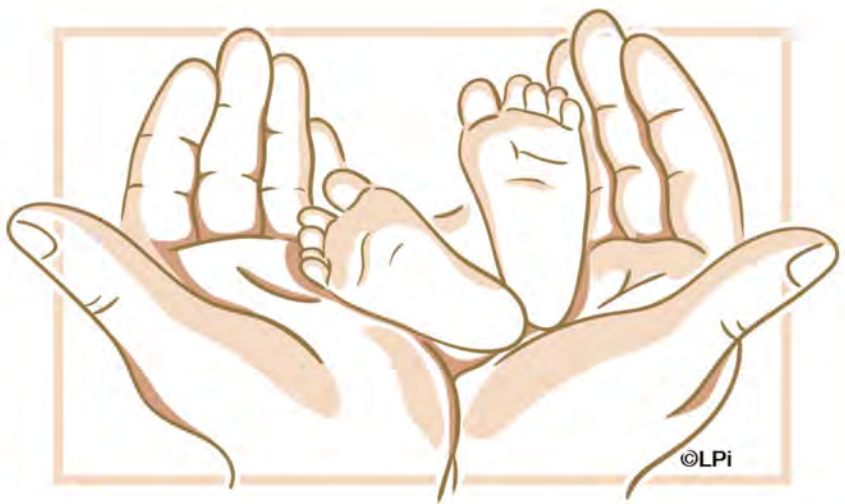
Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.



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