

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



## *The Epiphany* OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

January 3, 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,

No one has ever imagined that nobody has ever predicted that there will be pandemic COVID 19. It has changed the world, cost so many lives, the economy has been greatly affected, etc. Until now, it continues to challenge us and put so many lives in peril. A completely different new year we are going to have in 2021. Before, we constantly ask each other, "What's new? One thing for sure that we talk about would be the VACCINE. Yes, there's the light at the end of the tunnel. There's hope for all of us. Hopefully, it would change the world's atmosphere; the people's confidence and trust are coming back with the new normal. However, we have to be smart, following the CDC guidelines, listen to the experts, wear our masks, wash our hands, and maintain social distancing all the time. We have to adhere to and follow the above-mentioned protocols because we want to stay safe and healthy. Also, we don't want to spread the virus since it is deadly. We have to think and be mindful of other's well-being since this is a public health crisis. By the grace of God, we will be able to topple down this virus in God's time. We will be able to win over this virus, for this is only temporary.

Most of us would be celebrating the NEW YEAR, family gatherings, parties, get together, reunions, etc. It would be wonderful to continue doing what we have been used to. However, this time it is entirely different, but we can still have our New Year's resolution. And I suggest to look back and check if we were able to accomplish our resolution for 2020. It is equally important as well to be thankful for the past year. We have to lift our minds and hearts to God and express our gratitude for so many blessings we have received, including our lives, good health, family, career, employment., etc. They are countless gifts from the Lord God, including our age. We've become a year older, and there are several funny stories about aging. Allow me to share one with you. A man was telling his friend: "I've gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought diabetes, and I'm half-blind. I take 4 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. I can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. I have lost all of my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license." Keep in mind: "You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing." HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Matthew tells us the story of how some wise men arrive in Jerusalem asking where they can find the newborn king whose star they have followed from the east. The old-born king, Herod, is not exactly delighted at the news, perhaps because he fears his own star may lose its place in the firmament in the light of the new competition. He calls together the wise men from Jerusalem, who consult the scriptures to find that the leader will emerge from Bethlehem in the land of Judah.

The wise men from the east continue their quest and come to their journey's end in Bethlehem, where the star halts over a house. They enter it and see the child with his mother, Mary. They pay homage to the child, leave their unusual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and then quietly return to their own country without reporting to Herod. We wonder what the meaning of the story of the magi is! Matthew describes beautifully in a story of the same truth that Paul affirms in his letter: the truth, the truth that Jesus is for all peoples. The wise men are the Gentiles, non-Jews, like ourselves. We come from all over the world, and we can find Jesus and do him homage, most especially in these unprecedented and challenging times. Jesus is the infant king of the Jews, but he is not the exclusive property of any tribe or nation: he belongs to us all, as we can all belong to him.

He is the journey's end for all who seek the face of God, for all who seek meaning and purpose in their lives. He came not only for the chosen race but for the human race. He is for all of us. In a sense, the wise men are the ancestors of all of us who seek. We are all seekers: we seek love, acceptance, healing, and understanding. And we know that the journey towards wholeness and holiness is a journey without end. We do not have the stars in the sky to guide us, but even the wise men had to stop being stargazers and consult the scriptures to find out where Jesus was. We don't have the stars to guide us, but we do have the scriptures and each other in our journey to God.

To this place, we come here to this Church as seekers hoping to find Jesus again in the word of the scripture and the breaking of the bread. We believe that the scriptures will lead us to him again, and in that, we can commune with him in the breaking of the bread. In the word and the sacrament, we meet Jesus again. And we meet him in each other, in our frailty and brokenness. The Lord is present in each of us here. Amen. May God bless us.

Father Angelito

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

## PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

## SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generation as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)

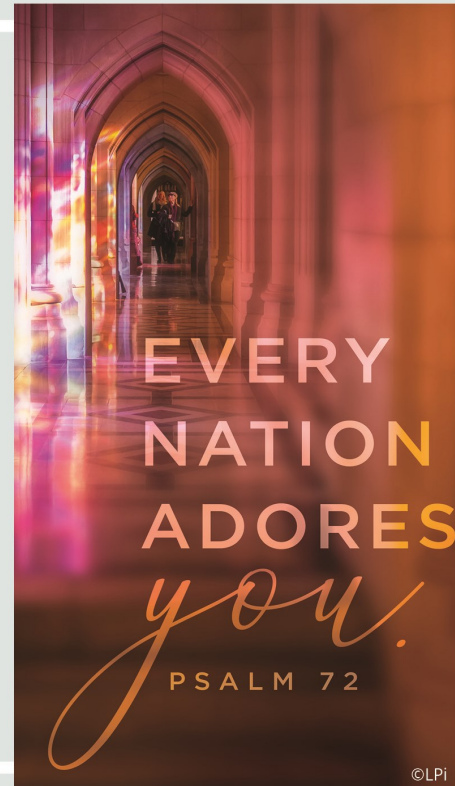
## GOSPEL:

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Mt 2:10-11)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week  
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop  
Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious  
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

In late 6th century BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. What message of hope does our nation need today?

### SECOND READING

Paul speaks of God's "revelation" to include Gentiles as "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to those you consider outsiders?

### GOSPEL READING

The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday • January 2**

**4:30 PM**

† **Andrew Daniele**

*r/b Anthony & Shelia Infante & Family*

**Sunday • January 3**

**8:00 AM**

† **Jacyln Cirasola**

Living Intention

*r/b Dad & Lula*

**10:00 AM**

† **Cathy DiMaria**

*r/b Ellen Wilezol*

**11:30 AM**

† **Roy Murray**

*r/b John & Stephanie Harakal*

**Monday • January 4**

**9:00 AM**

† For all our Faithful Departed

**Tuesday • January 5**

**9:00 AM**

† For all our Faithful Departed

**Thursday • January 7**

**9:00 AM**

† For all our Faithful Departed

**FRIDAY • January 8**

**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.**

**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 3, 2021

- SUN 1/03** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- MON 1/04** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE 1/05** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- WED 1/06** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- THR 1/07** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- FRI 1/08** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- SAT 1/09** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- SUN 1/10** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?



**SAINT  
ELIZABETH  
ANN SETON**

**FOUNDER OF AMERICAN  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

*© Come,  
Let Us  
Adore  
Him*



### **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.*

### **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.**

**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:

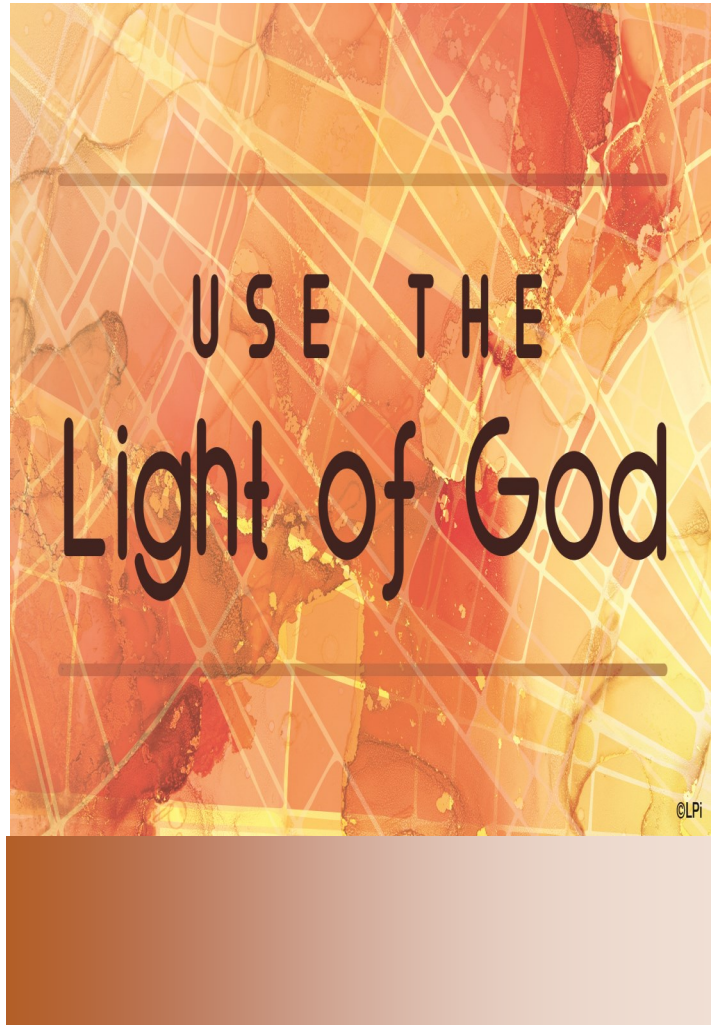
**The Mazzoni Family**  
**Ralph & Candice**

**The Sullivan Family**  
**Dennis & Irene**

With Warmth and Prayers,  
We Welcome You into  
Our Family of Faith.

The Parish is where the mission of  
Christ continues!

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



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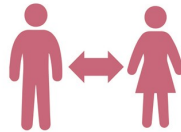


# LITURGICAL LIFE

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*They were overjoyed*

*at seeing the star,*

*and on entering*

*the house they*

*saw the child with*

*Mary his mother.*

*They prostrated*

*themselves and*

*did him homage.*

*Then they opened*

*their treasures and*

*offered him gifts of*  
*gold, frankincense,*

*and myrrh.*

- Mt 2:10-11

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DYC is our annual event for teens grades 8 - 12 to come together as a the young Diocesan Church for powerful day of dynamic presentations, fun events, breakouts and so much more!

This year DYC will look and feel different than the previous years but we are so blessed to have resources that can help connect us all.

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WELCOME BACK  
CATECHISTS AND STUDENTS

OUR VIRTUAL CLASSES RESUME on

Sunday January 3, 2021

Monday January 4, 2021

Tuesday January 5, 2021

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FEBRUARY 6, 2020

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ALL TEENS  
8TH-12TH GRADE  
(AND THEIR FAMILIES)  
WELCOMED!

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AT 3PM-5PM  
JOIN US...

REGISTER AT  
[WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC2021](http://WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC2021)

# Kids Corner

READ THE  
GOSPEL &  
COLOR



Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

## PRAYER

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

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