

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2021

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

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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,

Interestingly, there are few developments we are doing in the Church despite the pandemic. Printed bulletins are now available as we pick them up in the Narthex. Please take your own copy as we are not distributing them due to the public health crisis. Moving forward, we will provide you with some good news, like having our traditional palms on Palm Sunday, and Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday celebrations. We are blessed as we can continue with our Church's events and activities despite the COVID-19. However, keep in mind that the virus doesn't discriminate, and there's more surge than we can ever imagine. Thus we have to be vigilant with adhering to the directives and protocols. The parish is doing its best to serve and provide you with the services you need, but please continue to cooperate and support us because our top priority is to keep you safe and healthy and away from any illness or trouble due to the virus. Let's keep our fingers crossed and pray fervently that we will get over this crisis.

The Diocese has already sent us some communication in preparation for the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2021. Given the pandemic we are experiencing right now, we won't be surprised that there's a greater need to support and contribute to the project. Let us be aware of the numerous blessings we receive and manifest our gratitude to God by giving back in terms of our monetary contributions as we reach out to the less fortunate and to the people who are experiencing hardships by supporting the programs of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Let us remember that in giving, we receive. The more we give, the more we receive. Let us always keep this in mind.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Perfectly healed! You mean, I am well?" "That is what I mean."

This was a telephone conversation between Mary Johnson and her physician, confirming her healing, which defied medical science. Mary was bedridden for more than three years with TB in both lungs. Three years of physical struggle was a light matter compared to her intense spiritual battle, during which her faith was severely tested, purified, and strengthened. In the process, she learned to believe in the healing power of Jesus.

She learned to believe firmly, yes. But faith is not faith unless one believes blindly without compromise and rationalization, with child-like trust and simplicity. All this had to occur in Mary's case before the above telephone call could come with its good news. When we blindly believe in Jesus, incredible things happen to us.

In today's Gospel, St. Mark shows Jesus as God's goodness in action. Jesus heals a possessed person, a demoniac. In today's world, we are so modern and advanced that we believe in miraculous healings. We consider ourselves to be scientifically so enlightened and theologically so emancipated that it goes altogether against the grain to believe in demons, and it gives us intellectual itching even to imagine that the devil could possess human beings! The ghost stories are kid's stuff told by doddering nannies!

As we listen to today's Gospel, we are tempted to think: "This is a clear instance where the Bible requires demythologization. Can the Catholic Church expect a modern and post-modern man, to come of age, and accept her teachings on the Devil?" However difficult it may be for us to believe in such teachings, the answer is clear as crystal. If we are Christians, we should believe in them. Our greatest difficulty in believing in them is our fear that we may become superstitious in doing so. This fear is, in turn, caused by our lack of a real working faith in the resurrection of Christ. For our faith in the healing power of Jesus ultimately is a logical consequence of our faith in the resurrection of Christ. By rising from the dead, Jesus conquered all forms of evil by defeating all agents of evil.

The name that describes Satan is malefactor or evildoer because he is the personification of evil. And Jesus is called the Holy One, the Savior. Whenever Jesus saves us, it is always from the evil one. Do devils exist? Do they influence human beings, and does their influence enslave them? Consequently, can there be genuine cases of deliverance from the Devil?

The late Pope Paul VI says: "What are the greatest needs of the Church today? Do not let our answer surprise you as being over-simple or even superstitious and unreal: one of the greatest needs is defense from that evil which is called the Devil." Therefore, it is contrary to the teaching of the Bible and the Church to refuse to recognize the existence of such a reality. The Devil's question and the influence he can exert on individual persons and communities, whole societies or events, is an essential part of Catholic doctrine, which is given a little attention today. Amen.

May God bless you.

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

SECOND READING:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

GOSPEL:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

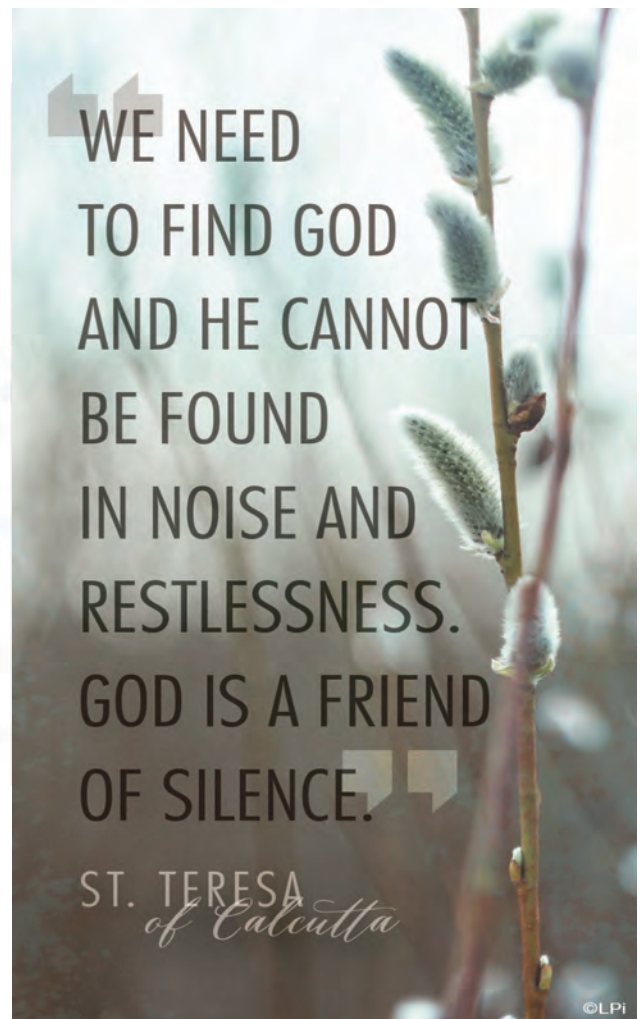
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2021 PEW MISSAL NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to purchase a 2021 Pew Missal.

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

Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

GOSPEL READING

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • January 30

4:30 PM

† **Kenny Barychko**

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

Sunday • January 31

8:00 AM

† **MaryJo Coppola**

r/b Anthony & Sheila Infante

10:00 AM

† **Joseph Antice**

r/b John & Cathy Keegan

11:30 AM

† **Roy Murray**

r/b Carol Jamieson

Monday • February 1

9:00 AM

† **Carol Bogdan**

r/b Andrea & Frank LaMond

Tuesday • February 2

9:00 AM

† **Kathy Fitzgerald McGarry**

r/b Michael & Marie McGarry

Thursday • February 4

9:00 AM

† **George Casazza**

r/b Luis Quinto

FRIDAY • February 5

9:00 AM

† **Anthony Morro**

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 as well as all the priest of the Diocese of Trenton.



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

Frank J. Fiore

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



• 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 31, 2021

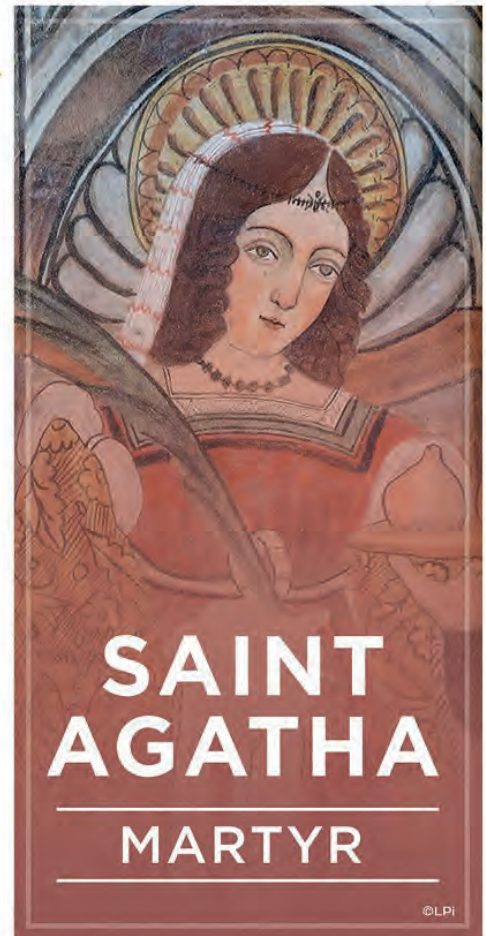
SUN 1/31	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
MON 2/01	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
TUE 2/02	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
WED 2/03	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
THR 2/04	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
FRI 2/05	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
SAT 2/06	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
SUN 2/07	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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday:	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
Wednesday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Friday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sunday:	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?



*Everything and
everyone is won
by the sweetness
of our words
and works.*

— ST. JOHN BOSCO



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.

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 / Service prior to the departure of the faithful.

Memorial of St. Blaise

**Prayer to St. Blaise for protection,
particularly from afflictions of the throat.**

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise,
bishop and martyr,
may God deliver you from ailments of the
throat and from every other evil.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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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Parishioners or visitors who wish to provide financial support of the parish, can leave their offertory envelopes at the collection bin in the Narthex of the church or they can be mailed in directly to the parish office.

Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.



2021 Tax Statements

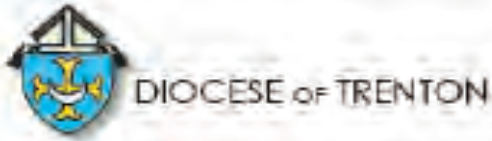


Envelope Users:

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.

Online Giving:

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.



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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- Pastoral Care (Prison, Respect Life, Grief)
 - Special Events and Programs

Teaching the Faith

- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
- Religious Education, Rite of Election of Adults and Children
 - Catholic School Programs
 - Tuition Assistance
- Professional Development for Educators

If you wish, you may designate your gift as follows by visiting www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal



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.

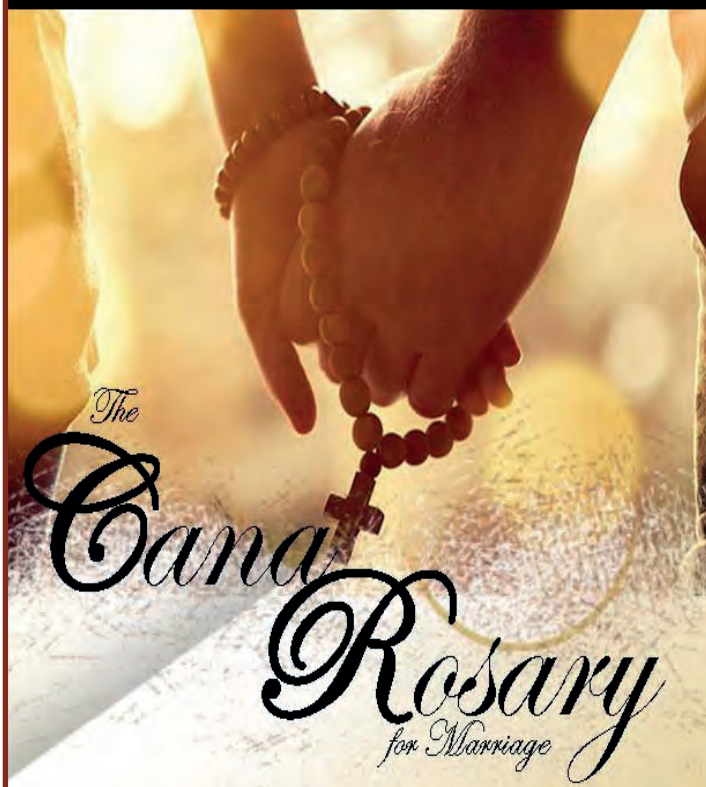
St. Catherine's parish is a vibrant, community of faith. A parishioner is one who is committed through participation in the life of the Parish Community with participation in our ministries and with presence and support with attendance at Mass and also through the regular use of offertory envelopes or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



In observance of President's Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021.

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

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>

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord:

Amen.

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