

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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14th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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We the People

July 4, 2021

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
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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.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION TIMES

3:30 p.m. Saturday's
St. Catherine of Siena Church–Parish Hall
Narthex

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

Unless otherwise announced

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL

1 West Main Street 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'S CHAPEL

31 Asbury Road Farmingdale

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL

One West Main Street Farmingdale

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY, AMERICA!

This Sunday, the 4th of July, the United States, our beloved nation, observes a federal holiday in honor of the Declaration of Independence. This holiday commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence signed on July 4, 1776, by delegates from 13 American colonies in declaring independence from British rule. Since July 4 this year falls on Sunday, the observed federal holiday is on Monday, July 5. The Declaration of Independence is America's revolutionary Charter of Freedom, and the document established our nation's founding principles.

Thomas Jefferson originally wrote the document, but Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, along with Jefferson, then worked together to make changes. The final draft of the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, but the actual signing of the final document took place on August 2, 1776. While we celebrate with fireworks, barbeque, and other entertainment, let's not forget the freedom that our founding fathers declared to the world over two centuries ago. Let's not forget our history and be thankful to the great men and women who offered their knowledge, gifts of time, and experience, as well as the incredible dedication they contributed to justice, freedom, and democracy. Let us emulate and imitate their loyalty, faithfulness, and bravery for their outstanding achievement for the country and the whole world.

On a personal note, I was sent by the Bishop of Trenton, David O'Connell, to this beautiful parish of St. Catherine of Siena on July 1, 2011. My predecessor retired, and the parish community required a Pastor, so I gratefully succeeded him. Time has flown by rapidly. And believe it or not, I cannot believe that it has been a decade now since I came to St. Catherine. I must be honest and admit that there are so many challenges that I have encountered, and I learned so much. They say that "you should bloom where you are planted," which has always been my guiding line, but most of all, it's my genuine faith in Jesus, the High Priest and Good Shepherd. It takes time, special effort, patience, and endurance to build a solid working team. It takes a village to establish a wonderful group of people who could work together with the same vision and one goal. Allow me then to express my most profound word of THANKS to all, most especially to the group of parishioners who serve in their respective ministries, to my generous parishioners who are always there to support the parish and the diocese financially. And most of all to my dedicated parish staff for their hard work, diligence, care, and love for the parish as they make things happen and get the job done! Finally, a special thanks to my brotherhood, the clergy, for they are always there serving the faithful people of the parish as they preach and minister them wholeheartedly. To the whole parish community, let's continue to work together with joy, compassion, and love. Let us untiringly build the Kingdom of God as the Lord has called us to do. God loves you.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Today's Gospel, we see Jesus being misunderstood, scorned, despised, and rejected. The rejection is total, covering His teachings and miracles, and His country people abandon him. How can this simple village carpenter, son of Mary, companion of ordinary men like James and John, have so much wisdom and power! They stumbled on the "how can" and not on the fact that Jesus already has them. The facts were plain enough and were staring them in the face, but they still could not understand the "how." One could accept that only in faith, which they lacked. So Jesus marvels at their lack of faith.

Jesus and St. Francis of Assisi enjoy perfect joy (Resurrection and stigmata respectively) through intense suffering. Another form of suffering is the experience of one's weakness. Weakness debilitates us. And we try to overcome it by whatever means necessary. Prayer is one of the means. St. Paul, in the second reading, prays to the Lord to deliver him from his weakness. The Lord answers his prayer with a negative reply containing a positive response. Paul's weakness remains, but God grants the strength to bear it. "My grace is sufficient for you." Once Paul is assured of the sufficiency of grace over his insufficiency and deficiency, he too begins to rejoice in his weakness, hardships, insults, persecutions, etc.

We can trace the same line of thought in the life of the Little Flower. Once, she used to be impatient over her imperfections and minor infidelities. But as she grew mature like Paul, she too realized, "When I am weak, then I am strong." Remember, a child's strength is its parents' strength. The child by itself has no strength. The secret of perfect joy is not the absence of suffering and hardship. Neither is it Buddhist equanimity or stoic willpower. Jesus was a broken man and cried out in agony. Even in His brokenness, He believed in His Father. God is the source and secret of man's joy, his perfect joy. Lord, teach me to accept with faith setbacks and struggles. Amen.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!
And whether they heed or resist
— for they are a rebellious house —
they shall know that a prophet has been among them.
(Ez 2:4-5)

PSALM:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
(Ps 123)

SECOND READING:

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
(2 Cor 12:9)

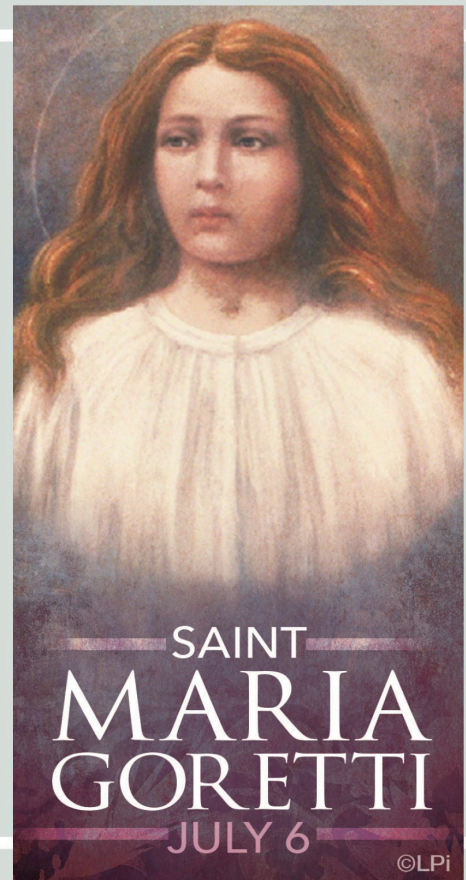
GOSPEL:

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and among his own kin and in his own house.” (Mk 6:4)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Today's reading is an excerpt from the prophetic call Ezekiel received while in exile in Babylon (Ez 1:1-3:27). The Lord commissioned Ezekiel to go and confront the “rebellious house” of Israel. How do you imagine the Israelites received Ezekiel's message?

SECOND READING

Paul learned that the “thorn in his flesh” taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus was “amazed” at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus expected a different response. Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth “took offense” at Jesus?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • July 3

4:30 PM

† **John & Mary Kruse, & daughter Maryann**

r/b Patty & Stephanie

Sunday • July 4

8:00 AM

† **Cyril Elias**

r/b wife, Lois

10:00 AM

† **Beatrice Murday**

r/b June Hankel

11:30 AM

† **Roy Murray**

r/b Terri Murray & Family

Monday • July 5

9:00 AM

† **Joseph Lipari II**

r/b Maryann & Joseph Aulisi & Family

Tuesday • July 6

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Thursday • July 8

9:00 AM

† **Daniel Cherellia**

r/b The Sardone Family

Friday • July 9

9:00 AM

† **Michael Monica**

r/b Ellen Wilezol



The Altar Flowers are donated in loving memory of

Roy Murray

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

MASS 
INTENTIONS

REQUESTS

2022 Book Now Open

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR 2021-2022 CATECHETICAL YEAR!

The Religious Education of our youth is important to our parish community. We have dedicated staff, catechists and aides who are committed to sharing our faith to the youth enrolled in the Religious Education Program.

JOIN OUR TEAM! Opportunities to teach with **Grades 1, 3, and 6** are available. Please call the office for more information

Our Parish Religious Education Program provides catechesis for Grades 1 through 8., October through May.

PROGRAM SESSIONS:

Sunday–10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
Monday– 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Tuesday–4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.



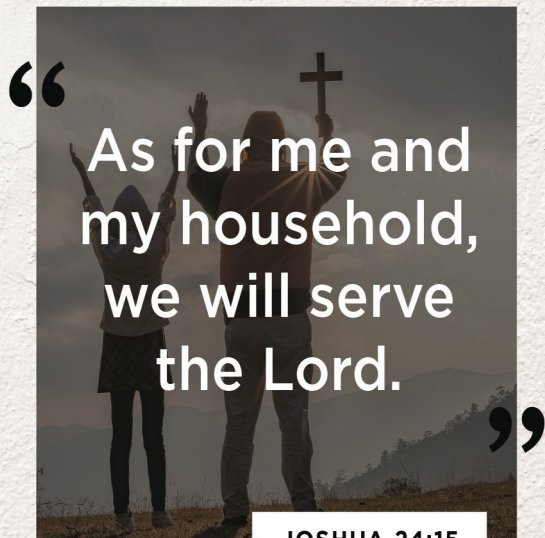
ONLINE PORTAL FOR FAMILIES TO REGISTER OPENS **JULY 15**.

Visit www.sienachurch.org to register.

All new students are required to submit a Baptismal Certificate, and any other Sacramental Certificates, and transfer records prior to being placed in a class.

We are looking to another great year!

** There is a discount on tuition for volunteering as a Catechist. Please call the office for more information.



JOSHUA 24:15



Martha's Ministry of St. Catherine of Siena Church

Like St. Martha—the worker for God, the Martha's Ministry of St. Catherine of Siena Church is dedicated to supporting the upkeep of the church environment and the interior housekeeping of our parish complex.

This ministry plays an essential role in the preparation of our liturgies and the daily life of the parish.

We **WELCOME** you to join our current ministry members as many hands make for light work!

This ministry meets daytime, on a rotating schedule, Monday–Thursday. The hours are flexible. **BIG THANKS TO THOSE WHO ALREADY SIGN-UP. GOD BLESS YOU.**

For more information, please call Laura Randazzo at **732-938-5375** or email passociate@sienachurch.org.



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- Martha's Ministry The Good Samaritan Ministry
- Money Counters Ushers
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- Women's Bible Study
Walking with Purpose
- Youth Group

To learn more about Ministry Opportunities and volunteer, please contact Laura Randazzo, at passociate@sienachurch.org or 732-938-5375.

Thank You!



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. Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

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

3:30 p.m. Saturday -Parish Hall Narthex

Confessionals will not be used due to lack of ventilation. Masks and sanitizer available for priest and penitent.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5. and will reopen on Tuesday, July 6.



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

The McBride Family
Jason, Victoria
Kaelynn & Gavin

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



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

Upcoming, in person, session for new parents:

Wednesday, July 7, 2021
 7:00 p.m.

For more detailed information and to register, visit our Parish Website, www.sienachurch.org.

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.

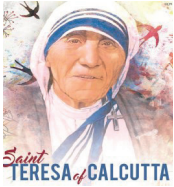
If you are new to the area and have questions regarding Parish Registration, please call the Parish Office.



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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON HELP OTHERS

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Building maintenance, upkeep of the parish grounds, landscaping, snow removal, security improvements to name a few. We are so grateful for reaching 99% of goal to date. For those who have not submitted a pledge, kindly prayerfully consider. Remember, if we reach 100 percent of goal or higher, the parish directly benefits with a rebate check. Thank you for your support.

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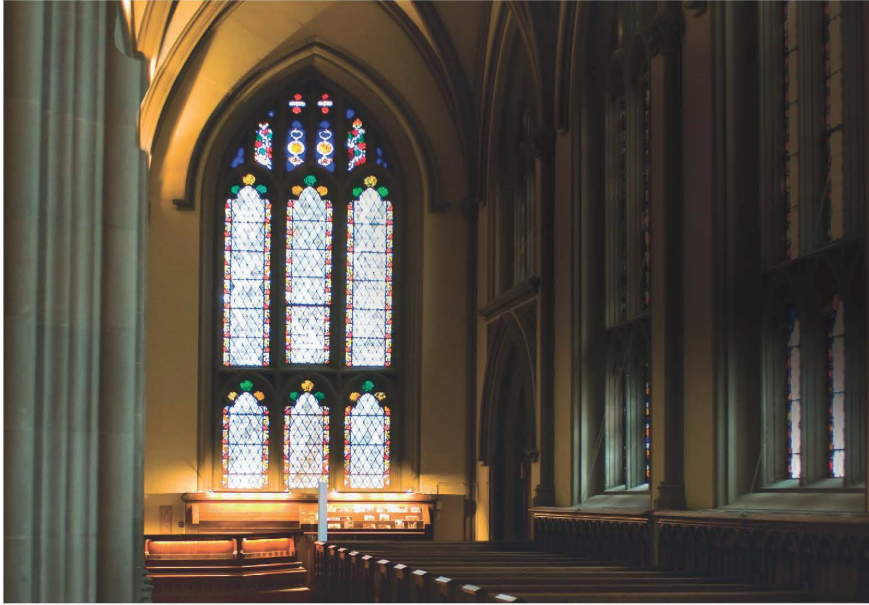
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Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.

thank you

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St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESE of TRENTON

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ACA PARISH UPDATE

GOAL \$40,000

As of June 29, 2021

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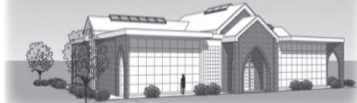
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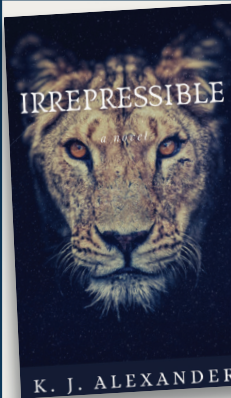


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