

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30-32b

11TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

June 13, 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.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION TIMES

By Appointment–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,

The parish community is so glad to welcome our First Communicants, who received Jesus for the first time last weekend. There are eight of them who were well prepared and eager to be united with Jesus. We expect to see them with their respective parents and their families coming for the Sunday liturgies as they receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Similarly, this weekend, eight First Communicants will be excited to receive Jesus after careful preparation through our Religious Education Department. We thank them profusely, along with the parents and catechists who are so admirable and commendable for the time, skills, and experience they shared to make this a truly memorable day for our young boys and girls. Let's continue praying and asking God for his special blessings that our first communicants may see the importance and value of what they received, and that is our Lord Jesus.

Our parish family is happy to CONGRATULATE our CONFIRMANDI, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 10-11, 2021. As your pastor, I am honored and humbled that Bishop David O'Connell delegated me to administer the sacrament. I know that our students have prepared well for this special day. They have studied and practiced the faith, prayed, and served those in need. So many people worked hard to make the Confirmation a lovely event. And it was truly wonderful, something extraordinary, something one will never forget. However, let us remember that Confirmation is not graduation. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, says, "Confirmation is not the sacrament of GOODBYE!" Goodbye to the Lord and the Church, goodbye to the Mass and the sacraments. Instead, I truly believe it is the sacrament of "HELLO," a new beginning and not an end, more like a commencement than graduation. After all, Confirmation perfects one's Baptism, your initiation into the Church. It is meant to make one fully a member of the Church, not a part-time member.

Let us give a warm welcome to our Confirmandi. Continue to pray for them so that they may genuinely experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit manifested through their words and actions, praying and serving God's people with joy, love, and peace. As a parish, let us show them that being confirmed means we are sent on a mission to proclaim and live the Kingdom of God on earth.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One of the things I enjoy during my leisure time is taking care of the grounds in the priest's residence. On the grounds, I came across a creeper plant with a cluster of pink flowers. It was the first time I had seen such a plant. So, out of curiosity, I collected a few seeds and planted them in a pot. Within a couple of days, tender shoots sprouted up; soon enough, pairs of tiny leaves appeared.

As I watched it, a silent, slow, and sure growth process is taking place—nature's marvelous creativity. A sow of a few, tiny black seeds, and up come tender green tendrils. I can only wonder in silent admiration. The Kingdom of God, Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, is similar to that. Good seed and good soil will result in a sure abundant harvest. Good seed is God's word. Good soil is an uncluttered and welcome human heart. Healthy growth and plentiful harvest are assured. Seed is sown on earth, plants blooming in paradise—another parable of the Kingdom of God.

The parable highlights passivity and surrender, the farmer sleeps, but even when awake, he knows nothing of the mystery of growth and fruition. He only sows and reaps. Between sowing and reaping, only patient waiting is necessary. Hopeful, optimistic waiting. Waiting, trusting in the goodness of nature, the providence of the Lord of nature. My cooperation consists of free response, expressed more in silent surrender to the Master of Life.

The mystery and marvel of human life, a seed, is sown in childhood. Freedom and response determine its destiny. So with a tiny seed comes inspiration, what incredible possibilities are open. It is a part of growth, smooth or tortuous, soon or delayed or never? So a seed of repentance matures and will produce a saint! A miserable sinner Augustine is transformed into a glorious saint. A sinner Judas dies an unrepented sinner. A Peter, rendered spineless before a maid, is now blooming as a bold witness before the powerful.

The life of most of our mothers is uneventful: unending daily chores, unglamorous life. But a life of faith, hope, and love. Another homely but beautiful parable of the Kingdom of God. Lord, help me to be sensitive to the presence of Your Kingdom around me. Amen.

May God bless you.

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

SECOND READING:

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

GOSPEL:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the
largest of plants
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."
(Mk 4:31-32)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Flag Day
Saturday: St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day;
Father's Day



**WE JUDGE
ALL THINGS
ACCORDING
TO THE
DIVINE TRUTH.**

ST. AUGUSTINE

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JUNE 13

REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Ezekiel's image of God growing Israel into a mighty majestic cedar tree bearing fruit, with birds nesting in its branches was intended to be words of comfort for the exiled Israelites in Babylon. How do you find God's comfort in times of distress?

SECOND READING

Paul encourages the believers in Corinth to be courageous in knowing one day all will appear before "the judgment seat of Christ." How confident are you in reflecting on judgment day?

GOSPEL READING

Mark tells us that Jesus often spoke in parables to the crowds about the kingdom of God. Today's parables speak to the often unseen and subtle growth of the kingdom of God in our midst. How might you better observe the kingdom of God at work in your life?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · June 12

4:30 PM

† **Anthony Grosso**

r/b Wife & Children

Sunday · June 13

8:00 AM

† **Laura Conway**

r/b Conway Family

10:00 AM

† **Dorothy Weydig**

r/b Jim and Marian Ferris

11:30 AM

† **Angelo DiVirgilio**

r/b Doris Ramme

Monday · June 14

9:00 AM

† **Gerard Bradshaw**

r/b Christopher, Renee & Noah Cullmann

Tuesday · June 15

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Thursday · June 17

9:00 AM

† **Nancy Baehny**

Living Intention

r/b June Hankel

Friday · June 18

9:00 AM

† **Concetta Pondaco**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



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

Michael F. Monica DMD



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

2022 Mass Book OPENS June 15th

Mass Intentions for 2022 – Those wishing to schedule a Mass for the intention of someone who has died or for any special intentions may contact the Parish Office to do so by calling at 732-938-5375. Masses will be scheduled on a first-come basis.

There is one intention open for each Mass. Individual intentions are limited to the names of up to two persons or family names (i.e., “John and Jane Doe,” or “John Doe and Jane Smith,” or “The Doe and the Smith Families.”) If a person wishes to have intentions for more than two persons or family names, they will need to choose another day/time for the additional names.

Open dates for Mass intentions are still available in the **2021 Mass Book**. Please contact the Parish Office with any requests that you may have.

REVISION OF CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Information

- All doors may be utilized for entrance and exit of church.
- Barriers, tape, cords to maintain social distancing are removed.
- Hand sanitizers will continue to be made available at the entrance of the Church & the Altar.
- All restrooms will be available.
- Blessed Water will be placed in fonts.
- Pew Missals will be available.
- Bulletins will be distributed.
- Face masks are no longer mandatory but remains an option for those who wish to do so.

Celebration of Mass

- Liturgical ministers are invited to resume their ministry.
- All ministers of Holy Communion **will** wear masks while distributing the Holy Eucharist.
- Receiving Holy Communion in the hand continues to be strongly encouraged although Holy Communion may be received on the tongue well.

Celebration of Mass Continued

- The procession for Holy Communion (lines in aisle) will resume.
- The usual procession of ministers to and from sanctuary will resume.
- Music Ministers and choirs are invited to return to their usual ministry.
- Ushers may take up collection as in the past.
- The Presentation of the Gifts (bread & wine) by the faithful will resume.
- The use of separate chalices for concelebrants and deacons is maintained.
- Reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice is not permitted at this time.
- Sharing chalices for the faithful is not permitted as Holy Communion will continue to be distributed by the sacred host only.
- The Sign of Peace will resume.
- Greeting people at the church door will resume.
- Washing the sacred vessels with warm water and soap after each Mass will continue.
- Offering envelopes will also continue to be placed in a receptacle at the entrance/exit.
- Online giving is encouraged.
- Church and common areas **will be sanitized** after each Mass.

Welcome Back

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

3:30 p.m. Saturday—Parish Hall Narthex by appointment. Call Parish Office. *effective 6/12/21*

Confessionals will not be used due to lack of ventilation.

Masks and sanitizer will be available for priest and penitent.

ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL NOW OPEN *effective 6/14/21*

Weekday Mass—9:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

All Baptisms must be scheduled in advance. Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

More than 1 infant may be baptized at the same ceremony. *Schedule:*

Sat. at 11:30 a.m.

Sun at 11:30 a.m.—*at request.*

Sun. at 1:00 p.m.



First Eucharist

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.

-JOHN 6:35

*First Communion Blessings
to the following children:*

Shay Allard	Luke Norkus
Nicholas Barton	Marcus Onulak
Selena Bento	Lucas Pawelek
Liam Blanchfield	Justin Pypiak
Rachel Block	Nicholas Pypiak
Evangeline Dietz	Charlize Rizzo
Matthew Fross	Nolan Siller
Jossalyn Kuhi	Robert Sullivan
Joseph Leone	Grayson Tabet
Gio Madzin	John Woodle
Edward Major	Max Woods
Declan McDonough	Cayden Zapata

Congratulations! May you always know how much Jesus loves you and may you come often to receive his precious gift.

God Bless 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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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.

Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before Baptism 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
Please contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375 for an appointment.
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CONFIRMED
in the
FAITH

*Congratulations to the
following Confirmation candidates on
receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation
on June 10, 2021 & June 11, 2021.*

Haley Alexander Hope	Abigail Evans Louise	Cole Pedersen Peter
Luke Allard Dominic	Avary Ferrarese Gemma	Dante Petrocelli Thomas
Sophia Batista Ester	Charles Ferrera Patrick	Emma Rubinson Hermione
Morgan Brady Rose	Alyson Finnegan Gabrielle	Angelina Runfolo Ann
Kathryn Buczynski Elizabeth	Nicholas Giordano Patrick	John Santulli Sebastian
Isabella Cardillo Elizabeth	Olivia Gravatt Catherine	Olivia Shaughnessy Margaret
Isabella Ciano Faith	Theresa Jardim Mary	Rosemarie Sivilli Catherine
Saige Ciarcia Mary	Chase Knutson Francis	Nicholas Tedeschi Joseph
Katherine Clark Rose	Christian LaSalle Anthony	Nicholas Turturro Sebastian
Frank Curreri James	Isabella Le Catherine	Johnny Wallace Christopher
Michael Dietze Cataldo	Anthony Moriano Joseph	Christy Zacharczyk Mary
Julia Earnest Monica	Sofia Murray Veronica	Nicholas Zazza James

*God bless the young men and women who
celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and
were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
May you use these gifts to love and serve one
another. Know parish family holds you close in
prayer.*

God Bless You



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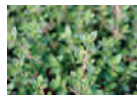
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HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON HELP OTHERS

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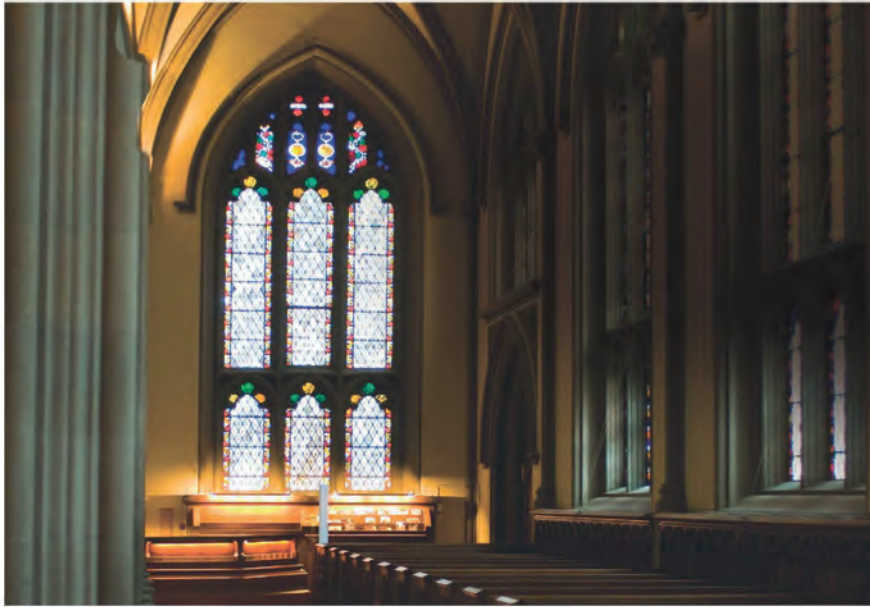
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but **TOGETHER**
we can do great things."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESE of TRENTON

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