# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton





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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,

Today at 2 a.m. begins DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. Please do not forget to move forward your clocks.

During these challenging times, many positive things are going on everywhere, and that is true for our own parish family of St. Catherine of Siena. It is so encouraging and inspiring to see new faces in the celebration of our Sunday Liturgies. Most of them are young families with their kids who seem to be so excited to come to Church. Given their young age, it is noteworthy that they are well behaved and follow the Church and the government's protocols and directives. I credit their parents as they put a lot of effort and time into their young children as they learn to worship and give thanks to God in the Holy Eucharist. Just a quick reminder that if you have not been enrolled or registered in the parish, please give us a call or get in touch with us. We are just a phone call or e-mail away. Our parish staff would be more than happy to welcome you as we get to know you more as you become one of us in our Christian parish family.

#### ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 19, 2021, is the Feast Day of St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared this year as the "Year of St. Joseph," the Blessed Mother's spouse and the foster-father of the Lord Jesus. In his apostolic letter entitled "Patris Corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), marking the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as "Patron of the Universal Church." The apostolic letter aims to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtue and his zeal," the Holy Father noted that after Mary, the Mother of God, no other saint is mentioned frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse.

The Holy Father wrote "Patris Corde" against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played an "incomparable role in the history of salvation."

The Holy Father describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender, loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a creatively courageous father, a working father, and a father in the shadows. The Vatican has announced that a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who commemorate St. Joseph throughout his special year with "prayer and good works." The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confessions, Eucharistic Communion, and a prayer for the Pope's intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph. The plenary indulgence is also granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer or take part in a Spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. "St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us" to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will."

The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences so that "all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate union, love, and prayer that was in the Holy Family." Amid the ongoing Covid -19 health crisis, the plenary indulgence gift is also extended to the sick, elderly, the dying, and all those who, for legitimate reasons, are unable to leave their homes. Our diocese, the Diocese of Trenton will have special opportunities to celebrate all the Universal Patronage of St. Joseph throughout the year.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" we read it in today's Gospel. The Son stooped down to our sinful state and elevated us to be God's children, infusing into us His own Spirit, the Spirit of love. The sheer grace saves us, the free gift of our Father's love, as St. Paul says in the 2nd reading.

God loves and loved us with such a mad love. And Jesus is the fruit of such tremendous love. St. Paul's words in today's second reading are breathtaking: "God loved us with so much love that He was generous with His mercy: when we were dead through our sins, He brought us to life in Christ." God revealed Himself in Jesus. In Jesus, especially in the suffering and death of Jesus, we get a glimpse of the extent and depth of God's love. And so, our fate depends on our attitude towards Jesus. Remember Jesus, who did not come to condemn, but to save us. If we adopt a negative and critical attitude towards Jesus, it is we who condemn ourselves.

Jesus is the light of the world. And if we turn our backs on Him, we are lost. Our ancestors preferred darkness to light. In the past, we, too, have done the same. But the essential point is: What is our present attitude? Loving Father, may I appreciate ever more deeply Your saving and unconditional love. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

#### SECOND READING:

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

#### GOSPEL:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)



### PALM SUNDAY

March 27 – Mass 4:30 p.m. March 28 – Masses at 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

### **MONDAY & TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

March 29 & March 30 – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

April 1 – Mass at 7:30 p.m. No 9 a.m. Mass. Church is open for prayer from 11 a.m.–Noon

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 2 – Service at 3:00 p.m. No 9 a.m. Mass. Church is open for prayer from 11 a.m.–Noon

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

April 3 – Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m. Church is open for prayer from 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 4 – Masses at 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Overflow Mass at 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reciliation is by appointment, please call the Parish Office.

 WE NEED

 TO FIND GOD

 AND HE CANNOT

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 GOD IS A FRIEND

 OF SILENCE.

 St. TERESA

# REFLECT

### FIRST READING

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

### SECOND READING

Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

### **GOSPEL READING**

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday · March 13 4:30 PM + Nicholas L.J. Felicione r/b The Felicione Family

Sunday · March 14 8:00 AM + Roger Brian Nash r/b The Ortega Family 10:00 AM

+ Paul F. Heim r/b The Kulick Family

11:30 AM + Deceased Members of **The Croddick Family** 

r/b Edward & Maggie Lempka

Monday · March 15 9:00 AM + Jesse Pelacios r/b The Fitzpatrick Family

**Tuesday** · March 16 9:00 AM + Primitivo Bellicena r/b Dan, Marie, & Alex

Thursday · March 18 9:00 AM + For all our Faithful Departed

FRIDAY · March 19 9:00 AM + Philip Pondaco Sr. r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



May the good Lord bless all the faithful



### **Dinh Nguyen**

May his soul and the souls of

all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR PROTECTION

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God,

I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart.

Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

> St. Joseph, patron of departed souls pray for me. Amen

# WEEKLY PRAYER

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021**

| SUN 3/14 | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn<br>3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/<br>Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 |
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| MON 3/15 | Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54  |
| TUE 3/16 | Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16   |
| WED 3/17 | ls 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30   |
| THR 3/18 | Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  |
| FRI 3/19 | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-<br>18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  |
| SAT 3/20 | Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53  |
| SUN 3/21 | ler 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/In 12:20-33  |

or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-

### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021**

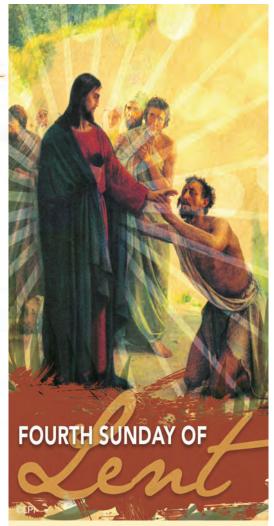
45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

| Sunday:    | 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins         |
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| Wednesday: | St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day                  |
| Thursday:  | St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| Friday:    | St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary           |
| Sunday:    | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent                          |

### LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.



### ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop O'Connell has **issued a diocesan-wide dispensation** from the Lenten obligation of abstinence from meat on **Friday**, **March 19, 2021,** in honor of the Solemn Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, during this special "Year of St. Joseph."

He encourages the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton who wish to take advantage of this dispensation, if possible, to transfer the Lenten abstinence from meat to another day that week, to attend Mass on March 19 OR to do some special act of penance instead.

### **EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS 2021**

You are invited to honor your loved ones this Easter by offering an Easter Floral Memorial.

Your name, along with the names of those you honor, will be published in our Easter bulletin.

To submit names, please use your Easter Flower Envelope **OR** call the Parish Office.



### Information is due no later than

### March 14, 2021

Donations begin at \$15. Please make check payable to

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH** 

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

# AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Please join us all Fridays in Lent | 6 p.m.

# FEBRUARY 19 | FEBRUARY 26 March 5 | March 12 March 19 | March 26 | April 2

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# 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.





### THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL-IN ACTION

### **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT**

### **Evangelization**—Teaching the Faith

Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 40,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 600 adults in various stages of formation were brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese last year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS





### THE POWER TO CHOOSE

You can designate your donation to the following ministries

### **Priests, Deacons & Religious**

- Finding & Forming Priests
- (Vocations recruitment & Seminary Preparation)
- Retired Priests Care Preparation of Deacons
  - Support of Religious Women & Men

### **Community Outreach**

- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
  Catholic Social Services (The Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison, Respect Life, Grief)
  - Special Events and Programs

### **Teaching the Faith**

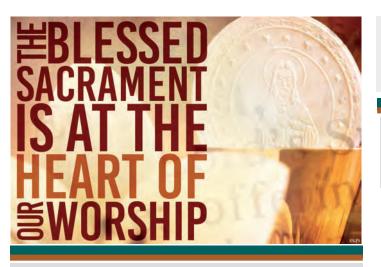
- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
  Religious Education, Rite of Election of Adults and Children
  - Catholic School Programs Tuition Assistance
    - Professional Development for Educators

### WAYS TO DONATE

Visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal

catholicappeal to 609-403-3323 Checks or money orders made payable to **Annual Catholic Appeal** 

For further information please contact Laura Randazzo at 732-938-5375.



## 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 <u>but now</u> <u>lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of this</u> <u>parish. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in</u> <u>whose territory he/she resides</u>. 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:

# **Michael Pereira**

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

# 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 through or support online giving.

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



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS, WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED.

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# MADDEN ANGELO ERBECK

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



### 2021 PEW MISSAL NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

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

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but



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### **PARISH SUPPORT**

Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners and visitors the opportunity to make donations, payments and pledges electronically from any location at any time.

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.

### **ACA PARISH UPDATE**

### **GOAL** \$40,000

As of March 8, 2021

**Raised: Collected:** 

\$27,123.99 \$23,631.99



Visit our website, www.sienachurch.org to view Bishop O'Connell's video and to make a gift/pledge. Remember to note St. Catherine's!



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