ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16, 2021

"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." - Jn 17:18-19

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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,

I believe that most of us are tired of the COVID-19 pandemic. Not to mention all the casualties, fatalities, positive cases, and ongoing issues we have experienced due to this public health crisis. One of the questions we hear is when is this going to end? Our parish is blessed to have beautiful grounds and a fantastic building complex. We have announced in this past weekend Masses that we as a parish will tentatively collaborate with the state government and Catholic Charities to be the site for a vaccination center. This partnership is for our parishioners and the greater community considering that we are centrally located in the Western Monmouth area of the state.

A lot of support and help is expected from us as a parish community by spreading the word and promoting the campaign to those who are not yet vaccinated for several reasons. Some people are hesitant to get the shot as they are not sure of the side effects. It is not surprising that some are a bit scared of the needle. The government, the church, and all other institutions are doing their best to achieve herd immunity. We have to do our part by being an agent and instrument for the goal that everyone is looking forward to. That is to call us back to normalcy–what a beautiful opportunity to show our strong desire to overcome this virulent virus.

Prayers and good intentions are of utmost importance; however, we also have to abide by the existing protocols since we are not there yet, as the virus is still in our midst. Let us manifest in our words, actions, and lifestyle; there is hope, and we can defeat this deadly evil if we are together firmly and determined. Again, the dates are tentative, and there will be more upcoming announcements as we move forward.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS

Do we live our lives with the feeling of being locked in? Do we fail to have an accurate picture of the vast horizon and the infinite possibilities that Jesus has opened up for us? The Feast of the Ascension is an open invitation to see everything from a broader perspective. Christ, our brother and savior, lived like anyone of us, surrounded by the various things of the world. But, unlike us, He always maintained a broad perspective. He was sure of the place He came from and the place he would be going. That is why He said the night before He died: "It was from the Father, I came when I entered this world: now I am on my way back to the Father." (Jn. 16:28)

No doubt Jesus had His share of fears, doubts, and uncertainties. There were times when He found it hard to see His way or find meaning in His life and work. But He would make it a point to seek promptly and earnestly for the light, and soon He would see things in the correct perspective. The glimpse of the glorious life beyond gave Him the necessary strength to encounter difficulties and trials.

When the time came for Him to leave this world, he took His apostles up to the top of Mount Olive so that they too could have a glimpse of the glory towards which He was going. He promised such glory would one day be theirs too if they remained faithful to what He had taught them. They were so fascinated by the sight that they kept gazing into heaven. Finally, a voice called them back to reality: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?" They came back to the world with new insight, purpose, and direction.

Have we noticed that often enough, we live like ants, and details overcome our lives? We often get caught up in problems and weighed down by difficulties. We tend to lose our direction and find it difficult to see things from the correct perspective. We need to recall the vision our faith gives us regarding the goal and meaning of our lives. The celebration of the Feast of the Ascension reminds us of the commission given to us: "Go out into the world and preach the Good News to the whole creation." We need not shudder at such a responsibility, for we are not left alone to do this job.

Jesus has promised to be with us throughout our life. It is a very close collaboration that the Lord asks from us. Jesus has entrusted us with a twofold responsibility: the task of proclaiming the Good News to those who have never heard it and to be heralds of Jesus. He also entrusted us with a healing task, which means being concerned with all bodies and all minds, for He wished to bring health to the body and the soul.

From Your Ascension, Lord, let me draw strength to continue the mission You entrusted to me. Amen.

May God bless you, Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles. (Acts1:26)

PSALM:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103) Or Alleluia.

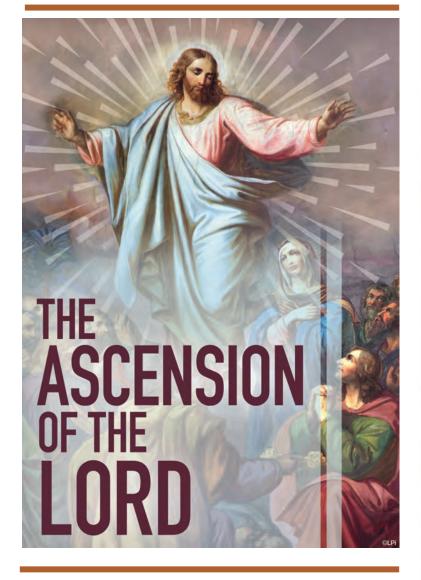
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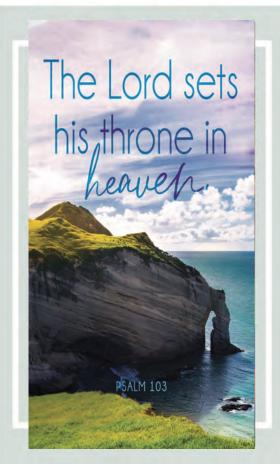
Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. (1 Jn 4:11)

GOSPEL:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,

so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11b)





REFLECT

FIRST READING

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' ascension, and as a means for healing within the group, Peter and the apostles discerned Matthias as the replacement for Judas. What are some areas in your faith life that need healing in order to feel whole?

SECOND READING

John testifies that his community has "come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." Do you think your faith community shares a similar conviction of faith in the love of God?

GOSPEL READING

We hear Jesus' prayer to his Father for the protection of the disciples, especially against "the evil one" in the world. Where do you personally experience evil in the world today?

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · May 15 4:30 PM + Joanne Ust r/b Terri Murray

Sunday · May 16 8:00 AM • Marion Fitzgerald r/b Catherine Woodle

10:00 AM + Arnold Carpenter r/b Ed & Maggie Lempka

11:30 AM + Aggie Rottkamp r/b Martinez Family

Monday · May 17 9:00 AM • Cathryn Onufrey r/b Mary Genovese

Tuesday · May 18 9:00 AM • Frances Marino r/b Jim & Marian Ferris

Thursday · May 20 9:00 AM

+ Stephen McKee r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy

Friday · May 21 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 as well as all priests of the Diocese of Trenton.

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



Kathleen Geraghty

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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

SUN 5/16	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19				
MON 5/17	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33				
TUE 5/18	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a				
WED 5/19	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/ Jn 17:11b-19				
THR 5/20	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26				
FRI 5/21	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19				
SAT 5/22	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25				
SUN 5/23	<i>Vigil</i> : Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Extended Vigil</i> : Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day</i> : Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15				

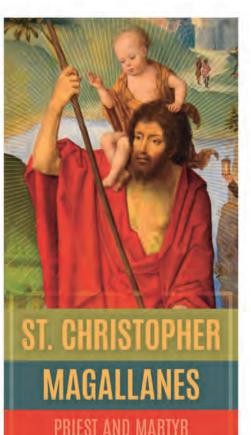
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; 7 th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day		
Tuesday:	St. John I, Pope and Martyr		
Thursday:	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest		
Friday:	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs		
Saturday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious		
Next Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday		
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LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.



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- JOHN 17:17 -

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ELIGIOUS/EE/EDUCA NEWS • NEWS

Religious Education at St. Catherine's Parish **Completes Another Year!**

In the words of Queen Elizabeth, "this has not been a year filled with undiluted pleasure but we give thanks to our God for all that we have learned."

If you know one of our catechists, make sure to thank them for their faithful service to our families and parish! This year we presented our Religious Education Program virtually, with live, catechistled classes each week. We met through our computers to pray, teach and prepare for the of Holy Communion sacraments and Confirmation.

We had a great year together and we thank our students and families for their active participation.

We thank our parish catechists for sharing the greatest gift that can be given to children. The gift of FAITH. The gift of KNOWLEDGE. May they always know that they are loved by an awesome God who will never leave them or turn away from them.

The gift of HOPE and PEACE. Let us share the message that we can "be still and know that He is with us." We are never alone even in challenging times.

Thank You. G

OUR CATECHISTS

FIRST GRADE

Christine Doucette Cochise Doucette Pat Moffitt

SECOND GRADE

Kay Hetherington Lucrezia Tranchina

THIRD GRADE

Maxx Boyle Kerri Finnegan Jessica Verney

FOURTH GRADE

Amparo Garcia Joan Pekar **Fatima Tavares**

FIFTH GRADE

LeeAnn Failla **Tom Randazzo** Sandy Reher

SIXTH GRADE

Megan Aiello **Tom Randazzo** Lauren Tuosto

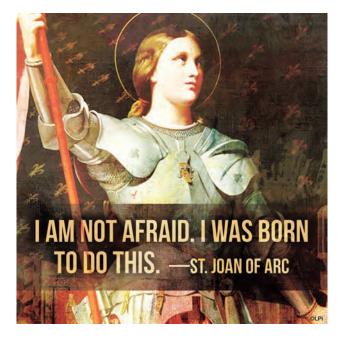
SEVENTH GRADE

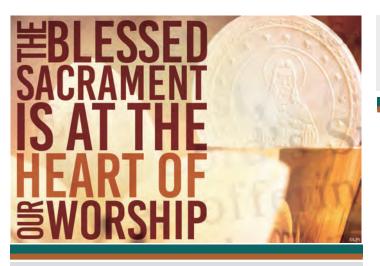
Michele Cerisano Kay Hetherington Adelaide Sangiorgi

EIGHTH GRADE

Michele Cerisano Nicholas Felicione Sandy Reher

If you are interested in volunteering in the Religious Education Program, please call the Parish for information regarding the 2021-2022 program. Class Registrations for Grades 1 – 8 begin July.





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:

The Castanheira Family Eric, Danielle and Baby Logan

Mr. Roman Barrantes

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.



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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

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





WITH JOYFUL HEARTS, WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Luca Wolf Simonetti

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





"I can do things you cannot; you can do things I cannot; but TOGETHER we can do great things."



Each of us has a vital part TOGETHER in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a gift to the ACA.

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

HOW YOU CONTRIBUTION HELPS THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON HELP OTHERS

EVANGELIZATION—Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults

Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be his disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization take place. Together in Mission is a tool to support these evangelization efforts. Your gift promotes individuals and family life. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, Ministry to separated and divorced persons are just a few of the services offered.

HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH AT HOME:







Building maintenance, upkeep of the parish grounds, landscaping, snow removal, security improvements to name a few. We are so grateful for reaching 90% 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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You can designate your donation to the following ministries

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- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
 Catholic Social Services (The Guild)
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 - 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

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Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.

ACA PARISH UPDATE

GOAL \$40,000							
As of May 10, 2021							
Raised:		\$3	5,924	1.99			
Collected:		\$32	2,488	8.99			
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for your generosity

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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