

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

May 30, 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.

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

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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,

The holiday we celebrate this last Monday of May is Memorial Day, formally known as Decoration Day. It is the day that we commemorate all men and women in uniform who have died while serving in the military for the United States. It is a time of honor and remembrance. Throughout the country, it is common to visit cemeteries, particularly military ones, and decorate graves of the deceased with flowers, miniature flags, and wreaths. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the usual parades held annually will have some restrictions and observance of the health protocols. With Memorial Day comes the unofficial beginning of the summer season. We are looking forward to these blessed days ahead of us as we pray for the nice weather conducive and comfortable for our summer gatherings and celebrations.

The parish community is happy to congratulate our young children as we start to have their First Communion on June 5 and 6 during our weekend liturgies. Once again, we are profusely thankful to our catechists, parents, and the program staff for their diligent preparation of these First Communicants. Amid this unprecedented time, we are blessed and fortunate to make things happen as we genuinely provide the necessary steps for our children to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Congratulations, FIRST COMMUNICANTS.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The greatest mysteries of Christianity are also its summary and epitome. The Holy Eucharist is one of them and the Blessed Trinity is another. Being an absolute mystery, Trinity is beyond human capacity to fathom its depth. However, a deeper understanding of Christianity reveals that in its center stands the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Like a door on its hinges, Christianity rests and revolves around the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. Remove Trinity from Christianity, and what is left? How impoverished Christianity becomes without the Trinity.

The way we approach and appreciate the Holy Trinity is the way Christianity should be approached and appreciated. The Trinity shows us in an eminent way that naked faith is the appropriate approach for the proper appreciation of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity is not an object for rationalization; it is a subject for prayerful contemplation. The Trinity does not yield to proud intellectual dissection; it is for humble adoration.

Assiduous study and constant reflection on the sacred scriptures that lead to profound personal prayer reveal the mystery of the Trinity as three divine persons bending down lovingly to embrace each of us. Their embrace is as gentle as it is firm, constant, but invisible. The seeming aloofness and coldness of the Trinity then vanishes, yielding place to closeness and warmth, intimacy and affection.

The core of Christianity is love. Understanding love, we can, to a certain extent, understand the Trinity. Trinity, Father, Son, Spirit is loving, sharing, giving. It is community. Trinity within itself is mutual loving, mutual sharing, and giving. It is communion, and it is One. Trinity, outside itself, is loving, sharing, and giving and is communion with us. We know this from the actions of the Trinity towards men revealed in the Bible and from the experience of saints. The keyword to understand the Trinity is LOVE. Love is communication, sharing, communion. The most evident action of the three Divine Person is communication, internal and external.

The Trinity communicates itself to us in creation, redemption, and sanctification, which correspond to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, respectively. The Father denotes the source of life and fount of love that is shared and communicated. Jesus Christ is the greatest and the most important communication of the Father. God so loved the world that He sent His only Son. God the Son communicates in love. No one loves more than the One who lays down His life for His friends, says Jesus. He did that for us.

And He gave us His own Spirit. Another powerful communication. The Holy Spirit is again communication of and in love. Himself called the gift of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit is also the Giver of gifts. His seven gifts are His seven modes of communication. God is love, and God gives of himself. And shares spontaneously for love has to be shared. A self-enclosed love is not genuine. Because God the Father loves, the result is God the Son. The Son loves the Father, and the product is the Holy Spirit. The Blessed Trinity is the best proof that God is unconditional love. O Holy, Blessed Trinity, Blessed Communion in love, lead me to deeper communion with You. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

This is why you must now know,
and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God
in the heavens above and on earth below,
and that there is no other. (Dt 4:39)

PSALM:

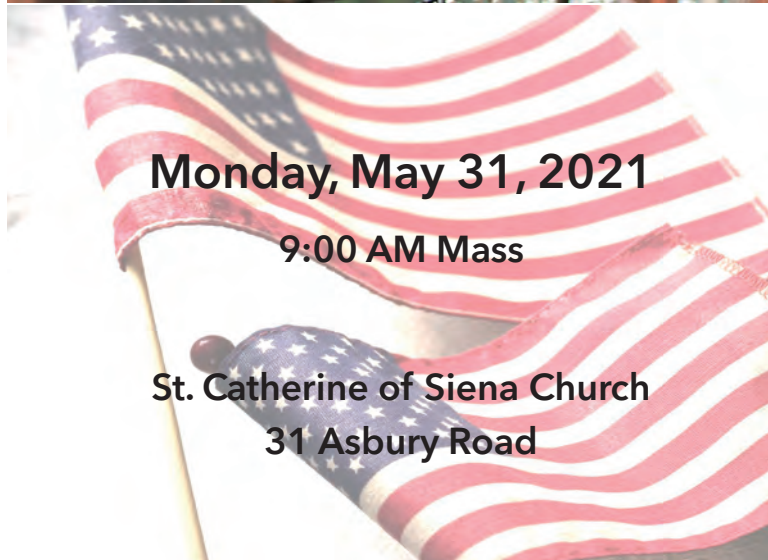
Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

SECOND READING:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a Spirit of adoption,
through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:14-15)

GOSPEL:

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:16)



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In the closing remarks of the speech delivered to the Israelites in the desert, Moses reflects on God's fidelity and love for them. In return for God's favor, the Israelites are instructed to keep God's statutes and commandments. Why do you think so many people are resistant to this divine expectation?

SECOND READING

Paul sees the Holy Spirit as integral to our identity as "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." How do you sense our Triune God at work in your life?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today the closing words in the Gospel of Matthew — Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to evangelize and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What insights to the nature of God does this divine relationship offer?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · May 29

4:30 PM

† **George Casazza**

r/b Ellen Wilezol

Sunday · May 30

8:00 AM

† **Frances Marino**

r/b John & Bella Kennedy

10:00 AM

† **Stephen B. Weidlich**

r/b Terri Murray

11:30 AM

† **Arnold Carpenter**

r/b Mary Snyder

Monday · May 31

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Tuesday · June 1

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Thursday · June 3

9:00 AM

† **Leonard Angelo Valenzuela**

r/b Valenzuela Family

Friday · June 4

9:00 AM

† **Richard DiBello**

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello



Let us Pray

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away
our tears, that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely into your kingdom of
justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

—from [Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers](#)

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

- SUN 5/30** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
- MON 5/31** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
- TUE 6/01** Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
- WED 6/02** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
- THR 6/03** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
- FRI 6/04** Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
- SAT 6/05** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
- SUN 6/06** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
- Monday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day
- Tuesday:** St. Justin, Martyr
- Wednesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The immensity, scope, intimacy, and pervasiveness of God's presence is too intense for the human mind. We often limit God by our expectations of Him and have a hard time just letting God be God. Some people all too easily lose faith because God does not meet their expectations. Worse still, the idea of faith is rejected altogether by others because of polarities and experiences they have that don't square with who they need God to be. The Holy Trinity is one of those teachings that is best encountered rather than dissected. It is only through being present with the Trinity that we can experience both the immensity and otherness of God's presence as well as the intimacy of the God who wants us to call Him "dad." We feel the loving guidance of a God who wants to take us from fear and give us confidence. Our God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow is a God of all ages whose three-fold Presence invades all senses, seasons, and times. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is much more than any of our expectations if we simply let God be who God is.



*"Go, therefore,
and make
disciples of all
nations."*

— MATTHEW 28:19 —



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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY BISHOPS

Reinstating the General Obligation to Attend Mass

At this time, due to the observance of public safety protocols and the increase in the availability of vaccines, we have begun a return to some sense of normalcy in various sectors of our society.

Therefore, we the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning on Saturday, June 5, 2021, and Sunday, June 6, 2021, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith (cf. Code of Canon Law canon 1247 and Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2180).

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).

Finally, safety protocols (such as wearing masks, social distancing, etc.) and liturgical directives in each New Jersey Diocese remains in place until modified or revoked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

Given on May 20, 2021, the memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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Bishop, Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan
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Most Reverend James F. Checchio
Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen

Most Reverend Kurt Burnette
Bishop, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic

Most Reverend Yousif B. Habash
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Diocese of Paterson, Diocese of Trenton, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic and
Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese



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.

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
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Frank, Madison, Macie & Dean

The Fonseca Family
Eric, Erika & Hunter

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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.

PARISH Announcement

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.

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



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
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NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Pasquale David Alderman
Rita Marie Alderman

*We ask God's blessings on these
children and the family
every day of their lives!*



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Your continued support of the parish is always gratefully appreciated.

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St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

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