

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Roman Catholic Church

Diocese of Trenton



33rd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday 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 and
other day's by appointment.**

**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

One 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

One West Main Street 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 OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The month of November is dedicated to remembrance and prayer to the faithful departed who have gone ahead of us, particularly our loved ones whose loss we feel. As we did the Mass for our deceased faithful parishioners on November 2, we placed their photographs in the Narthex and also wrote down their names in the Book of Remembrance. The list of names that we also submit on our offertory envelopes will stay on the altar for the entire month of November to make sure that their souls are prayed for and included in our special intentions as we celebrate the Eucharist.

Our beloved Holy Father Pope Francis has said: "The remembrance of the dead, the care of the grave and prayers of repose are a witness of the confident hope, rooted in the certainty that death is not the final word on the human fate, since man/woman is destined to a life without limits which has its roots and its God."

We have to keep in mind that from the earliest days of Christianity, the Church has honored the memory of the dead with great respect. The month of November is the proper and interesting time of prayer as it is filled with many hearty feasts, and it includes the days on which we commemorate all holy men and women, all the saints, and all the faithful departed. It is pretty remarkable and perhaps equally ironic that these beautiful days are celebrated when we see plants, grasses, and trees going dormant, appearing to be dead. At the same time, we know that they will reemerge to a vast growing season next spring. Isn't it amazing to see that the annual growing cycle in nature is a visible sign to us of new life emerging after what appears to be certain death?

Friends, may I invite you to take some important time this month to remember all our faithful departed loved ones in a particular way. In Baptism, they were promised the joy of receiving everlasting life in heaven with God, our Father, at the conclusion of their life here on earth. We recognize and acknowledge the sadness of them no longer being physically present amongst us, and yet, let us hope and trust as our faith teaches that: "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, when this earthly dwelling turns into dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven." (Preface 1 for the Dead, Roman Missal).

Our Christian faith challenges us to have hope, trust, and believe in the teachings of our Lord Jesus, who came down from heaven and lived among us to show to us the way that leads to everlasting life.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Allow me to share with you a story. A few years ago, in my own country, the Philippines, there was a drive to inoculate the population against dangerous and highly infectious diseases. A particular mother had been so reluctant to have her children

vaccinated and, tragically, two of them subsequently died of the illness. When the nurse asked why she had not had them protected by a simple injection, she replied that she heard that it was dangerous and likely to produce severe side effects. When questioned where she had gained the information, she responded, "On social media." This unfortunate but not unusual case led to a campaign against this type of misinformation.

Undoubtedly, the rise of social media has brought so many benefits, easing communication to such an extent that we can speak or exchange messages instantly to family members, relatives, and friends on the other side of the world. But, as often happens, there is a negative and dark side to it. Genuine mistakes may be accepted and spread as accurate. Worse is the intentional encouraging negative attitudes, the spreading of false reports, the cynical manipulation of the truth to secure a specific result. It can be challenging to tell what is true and what is not sometimes. Just a simple misunderstanding on a person's part can have unforeseen consequences.

Our Gospel passage for today is of the writing most easily misunderstood in the Bible: known as "apocalyptic," and the last book of the Christian scriptures is often called "Apocalypse," which means revelation. It is set as the end of time and describes the natural and human upheavals which will accompany the second coming of Christ and the establishing of God's eternal kingdom. This particular literary genre has a definite purpose: to encourage the community to stand firm in the face of persecution. The main difficulty with this type of writing is that people can take it literally. Some will say, "it's the word of God; therefore, it must be true."

A second and more severe misinterpretation of apocalyptic writing is thinking that we can hasten, or at least facilitate, the coming of the kingdom. In fact, some of the fundamentalists Christians, who take the biblical context literally, see in natural disasters and some political movements and developments clear signs of the kingdom's arrival.

Brothers and sisters, we are approaching the end of the Church's year, and our scripture readings have encouraged us to reflect on the end of time. This is not so that we will become morbid, but we will take seriously what time we have. Jesus tells us that 'as far as that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven nor the Son, no one but the Father.' I suggest that we reflect on that teaching, for with the final appearing of the Lord comes judgment. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we pray, "thy kingdom come." These readings are put before us to remind us of our responsibilities towards one another and our world, so he will find us ready and widely awake whenever the Lord comes to us. Amen.

May God bless you, — Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"But the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:3)

PSALM:

You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

SECOND READING:

For by one offering
he has made perfect forever those who are being
consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

GOSPEL:

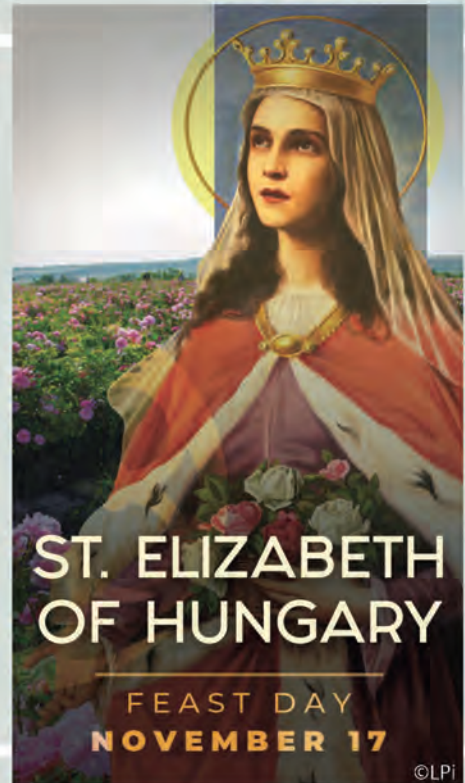
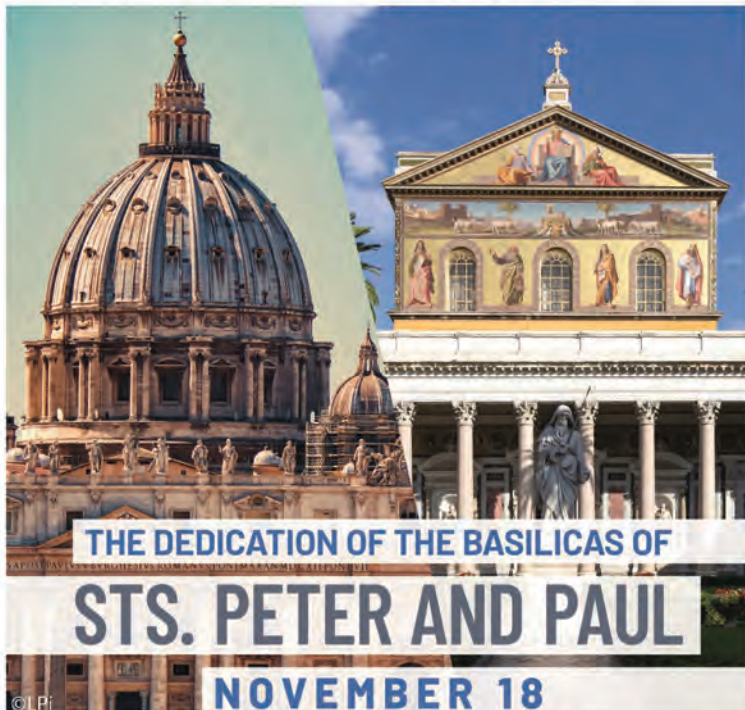
"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds'
with great power and glory,
and then he will send out the angels
and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the end of the earth to the end of the sky."
(Mk 13:26-27)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

- Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Saint of the Week

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the "commoners" she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.



Let Us Pray

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization.

We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire men of our parish here at St. Catherine's to seriously consider vocations to the priesthood. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you have blessed with a priestly vocation and are calling to serve and lead the Church in the future.

Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocation to the priesthood. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.



In the Catholic tradition, during the entire month of November we especially remember all who have gone before us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · November 13

4:30 PM

† **Cathy Taylor Attara**

r/b The Sardone Family

Sunday · November 14

8:00 AM

† **June Stohr**

r/b Catherine Woodle

10:00 AM

† **Michael Monica**

r/b The Ust Family

11:30 AM

† **Sal Remigio**

r/b The Martinez Family

Monday · November 15

9:00 AM

† **Vittoria Koziar**

r/b Joanne Monroe

Tuesday · November 16

9:00 AM

† **Mary E. Dale**

r/b Palmie Cummings

Thursday · November 18

9:00 AM

† **James Otten**

r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi

Friday · November 19

9:00 AM

† **Anthony Gaughan**

r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy



SPONSORS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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).

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letters of Eligibility

In St. Catherine's Parish and in all Catholic Parishes in the U.S.

- 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.

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.

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
Other days by appointment.

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

Save the Date ...



Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 25, 2021

All parishioners, families & friends are invited for a Family Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 AM at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Thanksgiving Day.

Worship at
St Catherine of Siena Church



**ADVENT BENEDECTION
SERVICE 6 PM**

November 28 December 5

December 12 December 19



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

DECEMBER 8, 2021

9:00 AM MASS AND 7:00 PM MASS

St. Catherine of Siena Church

You are invited to honor your loved ones this Christmas by offering a

Christmas Floral Memorial.

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

To submit names, please use your Christmas Flower Envelope OR call Parish Office. Information is due no later than

December 6, 2021

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join the parish or if you
are not Catholic and would like to learn about
the Catholic faith, please call the
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did you know?

REASONS WHY TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong.

Registration is a commitment to community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish. Registration shows you belong.

It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a Sponsor/Godparent Certificate and Letter of Eligibility, and donation statements for your income tax returns.

Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission .

Registering a parish is simple. It just requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself by contacting the Parish Office. Young adults 18 and over who are still living at home with their parents, or attend college, are recommended to register in their own name.

WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Alessia June Bocchino

Siena Rose Velto

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

November 14, 2021

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DIOCESE of
TRENTON

News and Announcements

#GIVING TUESDAY

On November 30, 2021, Catholic schools from across the Diocese of Trenton are participating in Giving Tuesday, the global day of charitable giving that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday, & Cyber Monday.

Giving Tuesday is a day of charity that fosters connection & generosity which helps you bring real change to your community. 100% of the monies raised through this campaign will go directly to the Catholic school that you specify in your donation.

Help support our Catholic schools this Giving Tuesday by sharing your resources; a donation to the Catholic School of your choice, pledging to volunteer at a school, or sharing a prayer in support of Catholic education.

VISIT www.LeadinFaith.org to learn more and show your support.

CALLED BY NAME

DIOCESE OF TRENTON



REMINDER: Today, please submit names of men ages 16-40 who you think would make a fine priest by placing your CALLED BY NAME response card in the collection basket. You may also drop off the card at the parish office. Please continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish and our diocese, especially during these weeks of prayer for vocations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEARTFELT RESPONSE TO THE 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Our Parish has reached **100%** of goal thanks to your generosity & support!

ACA PARISH UPDATE

As of November 8, 2021

GOAL	\$40,000
Raised:	\$42,315.24
Collected:	\$41,184.66
Pledge Balance:	\$980.58

Remember, your continued support of this year's ACA also helps St. Catherine's Church at home. When a parish collects funds equal to their ACA goal, they will receive a 15% rebate. Funds collected in excess of the parish goal earns a 50% rebate.

We use this rebate for building maintenance, upkeep of the parish grounds, landscaping, snow removal, & security improvements to name a few. **THANK YOU!**

November 14, 2021



Offerory

Whether given weekly or monthly, the offertory supports the parish's mission and ministries.



Second Collection

Provides income for the running expenses of the parish – maintenance, repairs, energy, diocesan assessment. It also supports the work of the Church worldwide in addition Diocesan-wide support such as Catholic Education



Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a combined effort of all the parishes that make up the Diocese of Trenton to support a vibrant Catholic Community through the ministries and services.

WAYS TO GIVE



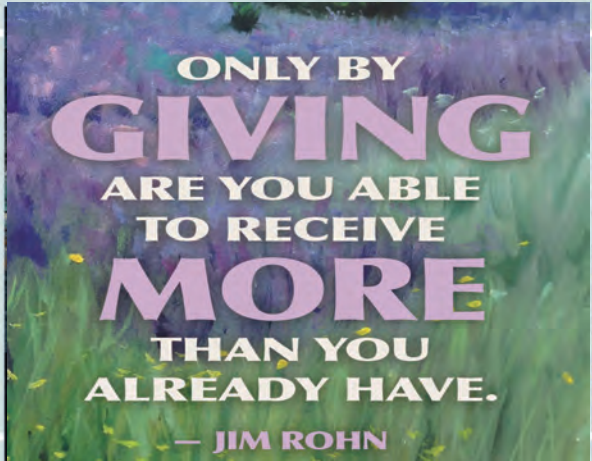
Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners and visitors the opportunity to make donations using your debit, credit cards, or savings account. It is safe, convenient and easy to use.



Offertory Envelopes are traditional and effective way to submit your parish donation for cash or checks. We send Offertory Envelopes directly to your home.

Please call the Parish Office to learn more about our online giving and envelope program.

STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Collections & Attendance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Nov 6/7 2021

4:30 PM Mass	\$986.00	116 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,658.00	85 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,195.00	115 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$893.00	119 people
IN MAIL	\$135.00	
Online Giving	\$4,105.00	106 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$8,972.00	

Second Collection Maintenance & Repairs

\$773.00

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Upcoming Second Collection

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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