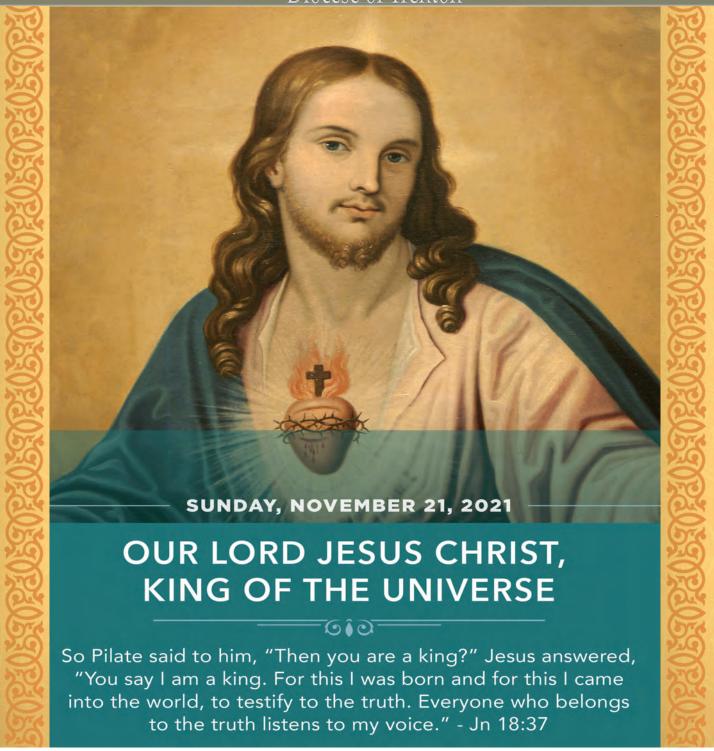
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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **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

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ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL

One West Main Street Farmingdale

Monday immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

#### FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today is a BIG DAY for our Religious Education students, their respective parents, and their dedicated catechists as we celebrate the MASS of the HOLY SPIRIT for all of them at 10:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Sunday Liturgy. Last year, we could not hold in-person classes due to the pandemic, but thankfully, we utilized the technology so the catechists could teach in the classrooms using the computer for a virtual classroom. We express our appreciation and gratitude to all, especially the catechist, as they went above and beyond to bring faith lessons to the students at home. This year, we received the green light to host in-person classes following all safety and health protocols, and we are happy to have the students return for in-person learning. Each one of us needs to pray and call on God at this particular solemn event, the Mass of the Holy Spirit. We invite the Spirit of God to be with us as we learn our faith. May our faith lead us to the right path as we continue our journey together with our parents, family members, and the parish community of St. Catherine. Let us ask the Advocate's assistance, as it came down on Pentecost Day to the Apostles of Jesus and the early Christians to bring peace, fortitude, truth, and wisdom.

#### FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today marks the end of the liturgical year in the Church's calendar as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

In John 18:36, Jesus says, "My kingship is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." His kingship is different from this world's as worldly kingdoms are built on power, power based on fraud and force, avarice, and ambition. Arms and armies support a worldly kingdom. For its defense or its arrogance, nature is polluted and destroyed innocent bloodshed, countless lives lost. Jesus' kingdom is different.

Jesus was born and came into the world to bear witness to the truth. Bearing witness to the truth has little to do with worldly kingship and kingdom. Jesus never claimed to be a king or talked of a Kingdom in terms of power and pelf. Jesus was arrested and handed over to Pilate on the trumped-up cause.

So He says, "I am to bear witness to the truth." And My claim is that My Kingdom is not of this world." If Pilate were just and truthful, there and then, he should have let Jesus go free. For he admitted, "I cannot find any reason to condemn Him."

However, Jesus did not rule our kingdom. He speaks of 'My Kingdom,' and the New Testament has several explicit references to Jesus as King and to His Kingdom. Jesus is called King of kings and Lord of lords. His kingdom will have no end, as we heard this in the readings.

What then is the style and substance of Jesus' Kingship and Kingdom? In Psalm 22, we get a good idea of Jesus' Kingship: The Lord is my shepherd. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has all the attributes of an ideal king as Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. Here we see the difference between the Kingship of Jesus and that of the rest.

The worldly kings demand that they be defended and protected, the cost of their servants' and soldiers' lives. In contrast, Jesus lays down His life to save the lives of His sheep. Jesus rebukes and stops Peter, who wants to defend Him when arrested. And He requests the soldiers who came to arrest Him to let His followers go free.

The kings of this world want to be served, and they have scores of servants to attend to them. But Jesus says, "Though I am your Master, I am among you as One who serves." Jesus is King, a servant/shepherd King. A servant who serves, a shepherd who dies for his sheep, King by service. No one loves more than the one who lays down His life for friends.

There was a story about a wounded soldier of Napoleon's. Surgeons removed several bullets from his heart. As they were searching, they heard the soldier whispering: "If you go deeper, you will find the emperor. For us, where is Christ, our King, located in us? Merely on our lips? Or in our hearts? Is Christ the King in our hearts? For our hearts are His Kingdom.

Jesus, my Lord, and God, I surrender to You all I am and all I have. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

#### PSALM:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

#### SECOND READING:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

#### GOSPEL:

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." (Jn 18:37)

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban,

Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

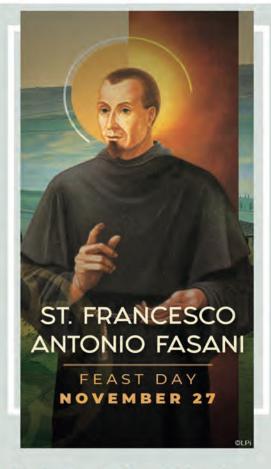
Wednesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Thursday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr;

Thanksgiving Day

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent





### Saint of the Week

St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (1681 – 1742) lived his whole life as a loving, devout, and atoning man. He entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695, and 10 years later taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary, and eventually became provincial minister. When his term of office ended, St. Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown of Lucera.

Known throughout his various ministries as being loving, devout, and penitential, he was also a well-known confessor and preacher. St. Francesco was a loyal friend of the poor and worked tirelessly to find ways to support them. He was a mystic with such a profound prayer life and supernatural gifts that he was known to levitate during prayer. He was canonized in 1986 by Pope John Paul II.



#### 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 20 4:30 PM

† Josephine Guiliano

r/b Loving Niece, JoAnn

Sunday · November 21 8:00 AM

**+ Mark Martini** 

r/b Anton & Maria Picinic

10:00 AM

\* Margie Morris

\*r/b Loving Sister

11:30 AM

\* Joseph P. Weir

r/b Tom Bolin

Monday · November 22 9:00 AM • Gerald Murphy r/b Jim & Virginia Piccolo

Tuesday · November 23 9:00 AM

+ Theresa MacMurdo

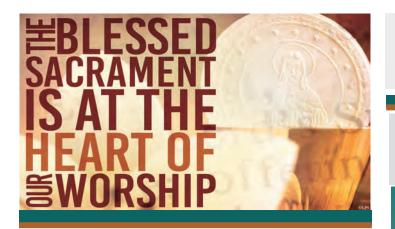
r/b Joanne Monroe

Thursday · November 25 9:00 AM • Lorraine Spencer r/b Mary Jean Tillett

Friday · November 26 9:00 AM

+ Angel Acevedo Jr. & Daniela Salles

r/b The Acevedo Family



# 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 <u>but now lives elsewhere</u>, he/she is not a member of this <u>parish</u>. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in <u>whose territory he/she resides</u>. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

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# WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

# **Anointing of the Sick**

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### **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 BENEDICTION SERVICE 6 PM

November 28 December 5

December 12 December 19



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary** 

**DECEMBER 8, 2021** 

9 AM MASS AND 7 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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# **Parish Life**



From the Parish Staff...



May the Beauty & Blessings of Thanksgiving bring Warmth & Peace to Your Home this Season.

Parish Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov. 24 open 9 AM to NOON Nov 25 & 26 CLOSED

The offices re-open Sunday, Nov. 28 at 9 AM.



# SIMBANG GABI IN MONMOUTH

BEGINS MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Simbang Gabi is the Filipino custom of offering a nightly Mass each day for nine nights preceding Christmas Day to help the faithful prepare themselves for the joyous, yet solemn, celebration of the birth of our Lord. The novena of Masses, which signifies the nine months our Lord was in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has become a beloved tradition and devotion to the Blessed Mother since the 1600s in the Philippines. Here in Monmouth County, and in every county that is covered by the Diocese of Trenton, an organizing committee is formed to ensure that all the faithful throughout the Diocese are given an opportunity to pray this novena. All are welcome to attend and participate. The Rosary will be prayed and confessions will be heard before every Mass. St. Catherine of Siena Parish will host Simbang Gabi on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14. 6:30 PM Rosary & Confession. Mass at 7:00 PM.

We welcome you to
St. Catherine of Siena Church to
experience the warmth of our parish family.

If you would like to
join the parish or if you
are not Catholic and would like to learn about
the Catholic faith, please call the
Parish Office.

# 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.



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THE CHURCH NARTHEX COLLECTION BIN

LABEL DONATIONS/GIFT CARDS CHRISTMAS PROJECT JOY

RETURN GIFT CARDS NO LATER THAN DEC 5



# New and Announcements

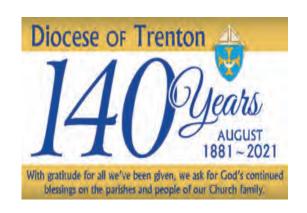


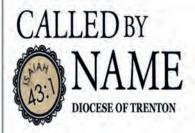
On November 30, 2021, Catholic schools from across the Diocese of Trenton are participating in Giving Tuesday, the global day of charitable giving that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday, & Cyber Monday.

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.





#### LAST CHANCE:

Today, place you CALLED BY NAME response card in the collection basket or return it to the parish office.

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Remember in prayer those men of our parish who have been nominated, that they may appreciate their giftedness and respond to Christ's call.



#### Prayer for the Success of the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.





#### **Offertory**

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.

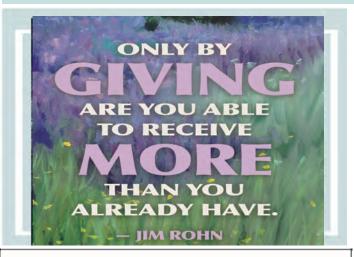
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Please call the Parish Office to learn more about our online giving and envelope program.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**



#### **Weekly Collections & Attendance**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
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# Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Nov 13/14 2021

Saturday/Sullday, NOV 15/14 2021		
4:30 PM Mass	\$997.00	120 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,144.00	93 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,153.00	86 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$569.00	128 people
IN MAIL	\$430.00	
Online Giving	\$1,821.00	80 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,114.00	

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**Upcoming Second Collection** 

Nov 28

**Maintenance & Repairs** 

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