

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Trenton



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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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,

It took me a little bit of time to concentrate and focus on my writing in the Parish Bulletin, as I must admit that I was genuinely affected by the passing of my dearest one and only mother. Please allow me to say something about her as she was an effective instrument of God's magnificent creation as she has given birth to my six other siblings. She was born March 13, 1931, in the Philippines from humble beginnings. She lived life to the fullest as she had many learning experiences about how to live the beauty and goodness of life no matter what the roadblocks areas she had tremendous faith and trust in God. I must admit that my parents are the effective vessels of my calling to the priesthood, especially my mother. She wouldn't ask too much about my vocation while I was still in the seminary for being a loving mother as she could sense and feel what I am going through. Back in my seminary days, whenever I was not feeling good and seemingly sick, I would ask my Prefect of Discipline or my Rector to allow me to go home and be with my mother, and soon enough, I would feel better and quickly get healed. She would make me some chicken soup with veggies as she knows what kind of food my physical body needs and the tender loving care of a birth mother that would immediately have an impact on my whole system; hence, I would be cured of my physical or psychological illness and eventually be back to my normal life as a student in the seminary.

Due to the pandemic, I could not see her personally when her health started to deteriorate, but thanks to the technology, I would always see and speak to her online. She was bedridden for a while, and I credit my younger sisters, who took good care of her up to her last breath on October 19, 2021. She died through natural causes and did not have a positive result when they administered a Covid test on her. Since I was not able to go home for her funeral in the Philippines, the parish will have a Memorial Mass on her behalf on November 12 at 4 P.M. in the Church. We apologize for the limited invitation as we are not out of the woods yet, and we have to abide by the health protocols.

On behalf of my entire family, allow me to express my heartfelt thanks and utmost gratitude for the expression of sympathies, condolences, thoughts, and prayers during the difficult times because of our loss. Let us continue to pray for the eternal and happy repose of the His daughter, Consolacion, and may the Heavenly Light of the Father shine upon her as she is welcomed into His Kingdom, Amen.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME

The woman's gesture in the Gospel is one of the loveliest and most touching scenes in the whole of the Bible. Here comes a woman, a poor widow, insignificant in herself, she is lost in the big crowd. Her situation is all the more pathetic as she is among many

rich and pompous people keen on making a show of themselves, bent on exhibiting their wealth, eager to practice their virtues in public.

In clear contrast, all blatant ostentation comes along with humility our poor widow and gently drops in two coins. A miserable mite! But someone with a better yardstick of values evaluates it differently and makes a solemn declaration: "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all the others . . ."

Do we wonder what makes her small contribution so great? It is the heart that makes the difference. The rich who gave fat contributions did not give up anything, as their gifts were superfluous and attached strings. This woman gave up all that she had with no strings. Her heart was in her gift, while in the gifts of the rich was their ego, not their hearts.

In a generous gift, cheerfully given, a person reveals his superiority over material clay from which we are all formed. In a gift, the spirit of man asserts its freedom from matter; the spirit is neither suppressed under nor shackled by the weight of the matter. In its spirit plays leisurely, sings joyfully, and soars freely. In a free gift, the soul smiles radiantly.

Look at this woman with wrinkled skin over a worn-out frame, materially of little value and weight. And watch the milling opulent and affluent crowd who vie with one another to parade their pride in the temple, house of prayer, and worship! True worship is in spirit and truth. Themselves vulgar, with their rude behavior, they desecrate the temple. The spirit of them is crushed, crabbed, and caged. They are walking corpses; how can they worship in spirit and truth?

On the other hand, this woman, thin and emaciated, is a triumph and temple of the spirit. While her body fasts, her spirit feasts. Her small contribution is a beautiful act of religion, prayer, petition, thanksgiving, praise, and adoration. This is a concrete expression of her faith, hope, and love. She is the living and lively illustration of the first beatitude. Only the poor can receive the good news, and only they will be happy.

We have to keep in mind that every gift is a self-gift. In it, the spirit of man reaches out to another in love to share and care. Of all the gifts, the best gift is a self-gift to God, the highest expressions of religion and morality, liturgy, and worship. The Holy Eucharist is a self-gift: from God to man, man to God, man to man, and all creation.

Here is an excellent thought to think about from someone: "We are rich only through what we give, and poor only through what we refuse to give." Amen.

May God bless you. —Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

She left and did as Elijah had said.
She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well;
the jar of flour did not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry,
as the LORD had foretold through Elijah. (1 Kgs 17:15-16)

PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
or: Alleluia

SECOND READING:

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages
to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)

GOSPEL:

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more
than all the other contributors to the treasury.
For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth,
but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had,
her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends
Tuesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Wednesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Friday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the Week

You may recognize the name St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) as the first United States citizen to become a saint. Known for her deep trust in God, she was a courageous woman doing the work of Christ.

Her life of service began when she was first refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. Not one to take things face value, she instead focused her charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, and in 1877, professed vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. However, she had a dream she was determined to fulfill. Since her early childhood, she had dreamed of being a missionary in China. Pope Leo XIII, however, urged her to see the need in the west. She traveled with six of her fellow religious sisters to New York City, where they worked with the thousands of Italian immigrants residing there.

Although she experienced many disappointments during this time, she persevered. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. Rather than come back to Italy and the order she oversaw, she instead found a way to establish that orphanage elsewhere — plus a few more. Throughout her life, she is known for founding 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.



Let Us Pray

In Loving Memory

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

Rafella Scotti Devaney

James Galantucci

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



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • November 6

4:30 PM

† **John & Mary Kruse & daughter Maryann**

r/b Patty & Stephanie

Sunday • November 7

8:00 AM

† **William Smith**

r/b The Sardone Family

10:00 AM

† **Arnold Carpenter**

r/b Loving Wife

11:30 AM

† **Consuelo Remigio**

r/b The Martinez Family

Monday • November 8

9:00 AM

† **Wesley Textores**

r/b Loving Aunt & Family

Tuesday • November 9

9:00 AM

† **Michael Grzybowski**

r/b Loving Sisters

Thursday • November 11

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Friday • November 12

9:00 AM

† **John T. Dale Sr.**

r/b Palmie Cummings



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.

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 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

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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.



Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks to our Parish
Knight of Columbus Councilmen who
help keep us safe by disinfecting all of our
worship space after every Mass
(Weekend and Weekday).

This level of dedication and commitment is greatly
appreciated. God's blessings are abundant!

WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Nicolette Ryan Farrell
Jonah Alexander Scott

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

**The Altar Flowers are donated
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**At the request of the
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November 7, 2021

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DIOCESE of
TRENTON

News and Announcements

CALLED BY NAME



DIOCESE OF TRENTON

All the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton are participating in CALLED BY NAME, a program of vocations awareness that begins this weekend.

This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in the priesthood.

Perhaps you know a man (high school age or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest.

Please recommend this person by filling out the response card found in the pews. Put the card in the collection basket either this weekend or next weekend. You may also drop off the card at the parish office.

#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.

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 1, 2021

GOAL \$40,000

Raised: \$42,315.24

Collected: \$41,109.66

Pledge Balance: \$1,055.58

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 7, 2021



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



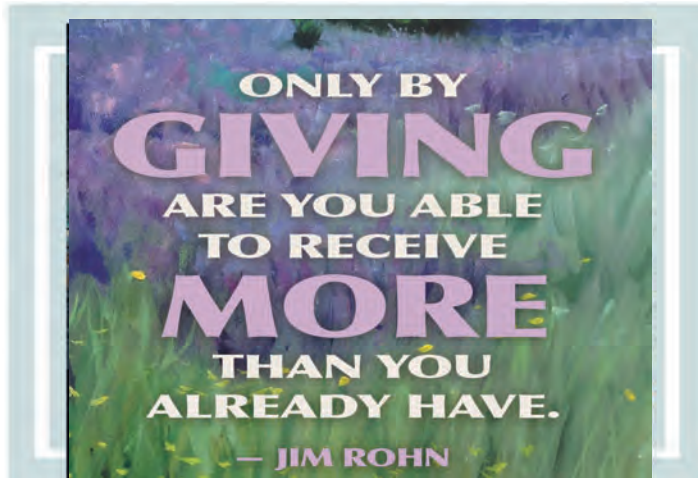
Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners and visitors the opportunity to make donations using your debit, credit cards, or savings account. It is safe, convenient and easy to use.



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, Oct 30/31 2021

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,052.00	93 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,068.00	103 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,086.00	113 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,116.00	80 people
IN MAIL	\$790.00	
Online Giving	\$1,546.00	85 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,658.00	

Second Collection Chapel Restoration
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Upcoming Second Collection

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Diocesan Assessment

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Nov 21

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