

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Trenton



27th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*
"From the beginning of creation, God made them
male and female." - Mk 10:6

OCTOBER

3

2021

RESPECT LIFE
MONTH

October 2021

Respectlife.org/celebrate



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God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child.

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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 THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

For the occasion of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4, there will be a Blessing of Animals at the parking lot of the Church at 6 P.M. - Weather permitting. Please bring your pets as we pray for them.

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary. We want to reinforce what we have announced earlier at our weekend Masses that we will pray the Rosary after the 10 A.M. Mass every Sunday for the entire month of October. Our parish Altar Rosary Society spearheads this endeavor; however, we invite all parishioners to take a few minutes and join the recitation of the Rosary. Aside from praying for our intentions, let us also dedicate our prayers and efforts to the Respect Life Program of the Diocese of Trenton. Keep in mind that life is sacred and the most precious gift that God has given us. Also, we encourage everyone attending the weekday Mass in the Chapel to recite the Holy Rosary after celebrating the liturgy. Remember, "The family that prays together stays together."

We are currently seeking two more volunteer catechists to help us teach the faith for our religious education school in the parish. We would truly appreciate your response to educate our children as they are the future Catholics of the parish. We thank you in advance as you respond to our plea.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME

Faithful monogamous marriage can be monotonous. Man's proneness for softness and ease, his penchant for being smug about sin make monogamous marriages not only tiresome but sometimes torturous. Divorce then becomes the easy solution. And it is the divorce that Jesus condemns in today's Gospel. "So they are no longer two but one" is true. The full import of this statement of Jesus becomes apparent when seen against the panoramic backdrop of today's first reading.

It is a superb poetic picture of the complementing and fulfilling relationship between husband and wife. Of all God's creation, only a woman touches a sympathetic chord in the heart of man, and in a sudden surge of the sense of fulfillment, he exclaims: "This, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh...." This masterpiece of God, the woman, puts an end to man's solitude, for better or worse. So, they are no longer two but one! What a powerful statement, pregnant with profound significance.

Monogamous marriage, instead of being monotonous, could be the most extraordinary adventure men and women are called to dare and live. It is the greatest challenge to their capacity to love. Loving is hard. It frequently would mean death to self for the life of the other.

Jesus gives us a lot to think about in today's Gospel. He speaks especially on behalf of married women and of children. Both were vulnerable in his society and had little value. Women of that time were too often seen as property, without social power to protect themselves from the whims of a husband's disloyalty or disinterest. Jesus defends women and speaks out for the protection of marriage. He seems to accept the reality of separation in some marriages. Still, the passage is less about the regulations for ordering relationships and more about a glimpse or vision of God's loving plan. Jesus' words urge us to see the importance of marriage rather than seeing commitment and love as fleeting.

Then Jesus rebukes the disciples who try to block children who their parents are bringing for his blessing. "Let the little children come to me," says Jesus, "do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." While the disciples see the small children as unimportant, with little economic or social power, Jesus wants to meet them, for they are precious and worthy of his blessing. To emphasize their value, he makes a claim, "I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Jesus blesses the children because he loves vulnerable people and has compassion for those whose innocence and powerlessness make them susceptible to abuse and exploitation.

So what does the deep concern that Jesus has for the welfare of women and children say to us today? Jesus gives women equality in the marriage relationship. Jesus implies that adultery involves more than violating the property rights of another man or woman. It concerns accountability to a partner, just as a marriage does. He highlights that every person, both men, and women, is made in God's image and likeness. Because of that, every person is worthy of respect. Every person has great dignity. Every person is worthy of love. No one deserves to be disregarded or betrayed by partners or, indeed, by people known to their family.

"Stripped to the bare, marriage is a human relationship in which each seeks fulfillment by being valued by someone, by being aided by someone, by being needed by someone, by being trusted by someone, by being oneself with someone, by being true to someone and by being able to share with someone." Albert J. Nimeth.

Lord God, grant us the grace to be faithful to our marital commitment through thick and thin. Amen.

May God bless you, — Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

PSALM:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

SECOND READING:

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 2:11)

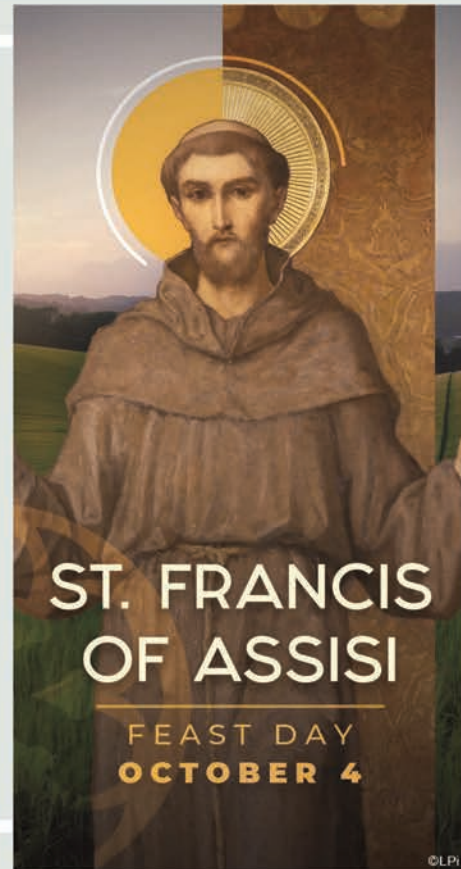
GOSPEL:

"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

- Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday: St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- Wednesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
- Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Saturday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the Week

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

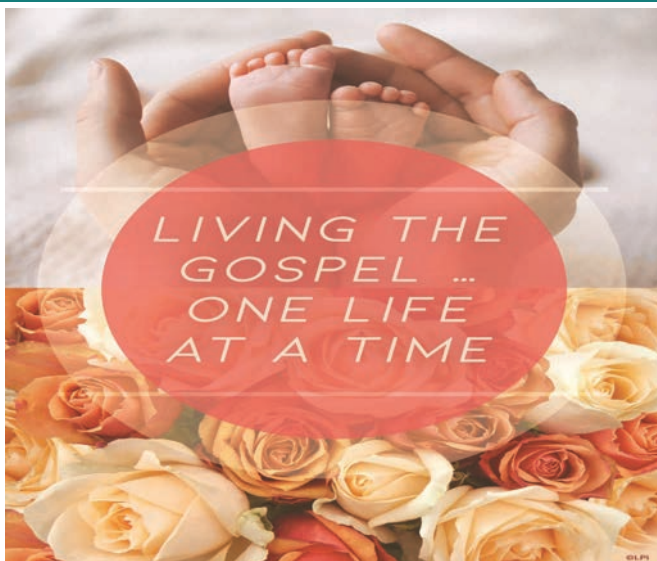
Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

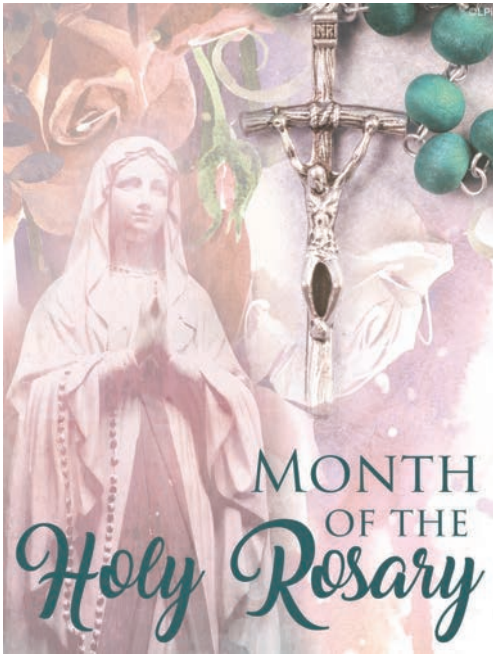
Blessing of the Pets
Celebrate the Feast Day by bringing your
pets for a special blessing.

October 4, 2021

6:00 PM 31 Asbury Rd Parking Lot

Weather Permitting





October 2021

Pray with Us

Recitation of The Rosary
After the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass

October 3 & 10

October 17 & 24

October 31

After the 9:00 AM Weekday Mass (M/T/Th/F) at
St. Catherine's Chapel

Prayer Intentions for Personal & Respect Life

Wrapped in Her Mantle

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • October 2

4:30 PM

† **Elinor Ann Alba**

r/b JoAnn Guido-Hankel

Sunday • October 3

8:00 AM

† **Lorraine Spencer**

r/b John & Stephanie Harakal

10:00 AM

† **Hannah Hanaway**

r/b Loving Daughters

11:30 AM

† **Terry Lee**

r/b Ted & Ninfa Gonzales

Monday • October 4

9:00 AM

† **Mary Godynick**

r/b JoAnn Sos

Tuesday • October 5

9:00 AM

† **Michael Grzybowski**

r/b Loving Sisters

Thursday • October 7

9:00 AM

† **Bernard Bernie Radigan**

r/b Ralph Owen Kuehmstedt

Friday • October 8

9:00 AM

† **Yola Bratti**

r/b Phyllis Hurley

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

Parish Life

YOU ARE
Welcome Here

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

The Balletto Family

**John, Sabrina
and John**

The King-Moraga Family

**Louis, Teresa
and Jett William**

With Warmth and Prayers,
We Welcome You into
Our Family of Faith.



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.

Newly
 **Baptized**

WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Logan James Castanheira

Matthew Gregory Freih

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

Parish Religious Education

News



Do you hear the Lord calling you to share your gift of faith? What's stopping you? Fear of not having enough knowledge of your faith to share. Doubts of whether you can find the time to make a weekly commitment. Wondering if you will be an effective teacher if you have no formal teaching experience? All legitimate concerns! But here's the truth: Teaching and sharing your faith is simple. There is only one requirement: the desire to help.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Opportunities to teach with **Grades 3 & 4** are available.

You do not have to have a child in the program to volunteer!

Please call the office for more information.

It is that time when school has started, and we begin to work out new schedules. Our priorities change from the relaxed summer pace to the hectic race that includes work, school, sports, and family commitments. The stores are already reminding us of winter and Christmas, and we begin to feel the pressure of getting everything done.

We get so busy and pulled in so many different directions that we sometimes fail to be still and let God love us. Our children have pressures that we, parents and grandparents, sometimes don't even know about. Once they leave the house and go to school, they are inundated with expectations. Friends want to plan activities; teachers assign homework and giving tests. We may lose patience at home, and our kids feel overwhelmed.

Our Religious Education Program will be starting on October 17, and we will once again have the privilege of bringing the Good News to the children of St. Catherine's. We offer an hour of peace, prayer, and the opportunity to wonder, question, and explore their faith.

We are all busy. The pandemic has added new pressures that we never imagined. Now is the time to incorporate family meals with grace said. Begin saying simple bedtime prayers. Try to have some one-on-one conversations with your kids to check and see how things are going for them. Come to Mass and be in the presence of the One who loves us more than we can ever know.

In the words of an old gospel hymn:

"When the world starts to push and shove us, gonna be still and let God love us."

Peace to you and all good things!

Kay Hetherington
Parish Catechetical Leader
Coordinator of Religious Education

Announcement from the Social Concerns Commission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

We are proud to partner with Catholic Charities in support of the Afghan Refugees Humanitarian Crises.

As you may have heard from various news agencies, Afghan refugees are being housed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix, Lakehurst NJ. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton has been asked to assist in this humanitarian crises by identifying and mobilizing legal representation for immigration, & helping to coordinate wellness activities for the children & their families.

We have been asked to assist with the collection of donations. Please bring donations to the collection bin located in the Church Narthex after each Mass or donations can be brought to the Parish Office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To volunteer with this collection, please email:
sociaconcernscommission@sienachurch.org OR call
 Laura Randazzo at 732-938-5375.

LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED

BEACH BALLS	BUBBLE WANDS	PLAYING CARDS
WHITEBOARDS	KIDS SCISSORS	JENGA
PERMANENT MARKERS	STUFFED ANIMALS	DOMINOS
DRY ERASE MARKERS	SOCCER BALLS <i>SMALL & LARGE</i>	JUMP ROPES
SIDE WALK CHALK	FORCE WIPES 220 CT.	CONNECT FOUR
WHITE SILKS	MICROBAN SPRAYS	PENS, PENCILS
FABRIC MARKERS	GARBAGE BAGS <i>13 GAL.</i>	PENCIL SHARPENERS
JOURNALS	HAND SANITZER	CONSTRUCTION PAPER
PUZZLES FOR YOUNG CHILD	MASKS	GLUE STICKS
PLAYDOUGH	TEA STATION	CRAYONS
LARGE LEGOS DUPLO	TEA KETTLES	WASHABLE MAGIC MARKERS, NON-TOXIC
HULA HOOPS	TEA BAGS	TOY CARS FOR CHILDREN
JUMP ROPES	SIGNAGE	CROCHET NEEDLES AND YARN
BUBBLE SOLUTIONS <i>LARGE</i>	SANDWICH BOARDS	ELECTRIC PENCIL SHARPENER

This list comes directly from Catholic Charities. All items donated are to be **new**, not used. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



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Announcements

40 DAYS FOR LIFE *THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION* SEPTEMBER 22 —OCTOBER 31, 2021

40 Days for Life is a campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion here in America. Since its inception in 2007, it has proven to be very effective: 19,198 babies have been saved, 221 abortion workers have quit, and 112 abortion centers have closed. 40 Days for Life also involves prayerful, peaceful witnessing in front of an abortion clinic (**Planned Parenthood facility at E. Newman Springs Rd in Shrewsbury**).



We have been asked to staff each Wednesday from Sept 22 to Oct 31. That would be 6 Wednesdays, Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, and 27. The hours are from 8 AM to 6 PM. Please visit the 40 Days for Life

web site <http://40daysforlife.com/Shrewsbury> for more information. Please consider helping in this life saving effort by spending just one hour on one or more Wednesdays. Call Hu or Joan Mador at **732-367-2565**, or send us an email at hmador@optonline.net to sign up.

ROSARY FOR LIFE OCT. 3 at 2 PM.

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PERSONAL RETREAT DAY IN PERSON ONLY
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM **Wednesday, October 13**

ONE WITH ALL Friday, October 15

IN PERSON ONLY 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM Wholeness comes from recognizing and celebrating the connection and union of all creation. We will spend time outdoors using *The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements* as a guide for our prayer and view a portion of Rohr's DVD: *Creation as the Body of God* for reflection and discussion.

ACA PARISH UPDATE

As of Sept. 27, 2021

GOAL \$40,000

Raised: \$42,225.24

Collected: \$40,677.66

Pledge Balance: \$1,422.58



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

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

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!**



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



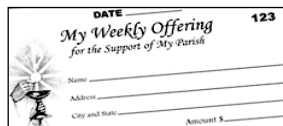
Annual Catholic Appeal

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



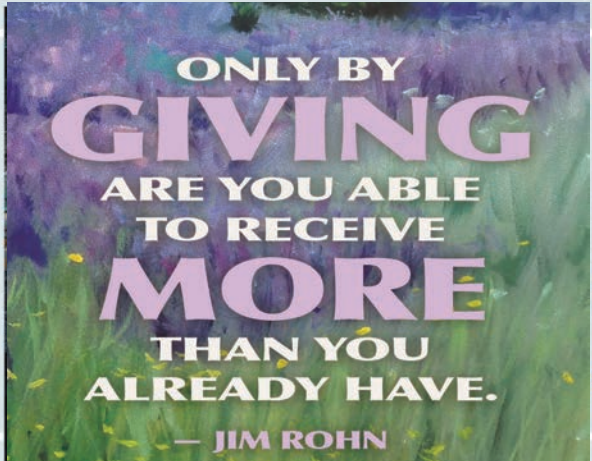
Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners and visitors the opportunity to make donations using your debit, credit cards, or savings account. It is safe, convenient and easy to use.



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, Sept 25/26 2021

4:30 PM Mass	\$850.00	74 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,243.00	94 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$972.00	62 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$746.00	86 people
IN MAIL	\$810.00	
Online Giving Sept 6—Sept 12	\$1,936.00	86 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,557.00	

Second Collection

The Good Samaritan Ministry

Total	\$1,714.00
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Upcoming Second Collection

October 10

Diocesan Assessment

Energy & Fuel

October 17

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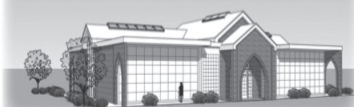
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