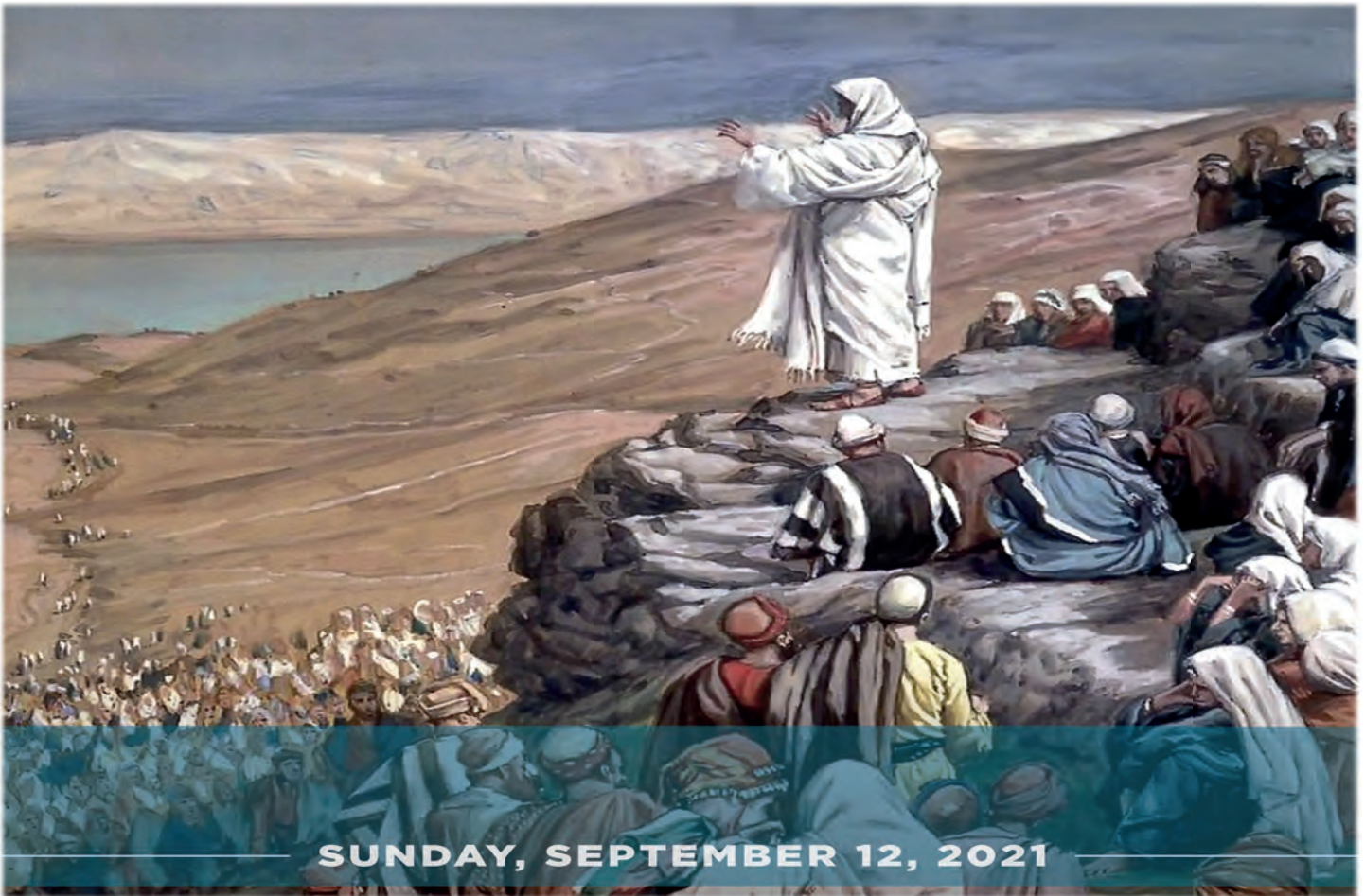


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

1 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

31 Asbury Road 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,

There is no doubt that most of us remember where we were on the morning of September 11, 2001. For me, I was the celebrant for the 9 AM Mass in the parish. When I returned to the parish rectory, my Pastor asked me to turn on the TV, and we watched in horror as images of the terrorist attack flooded the news media. Thousands perished in the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon, and in an open field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The victims were Americans and citizens of 77 other nations.

Houses of worship like churches, synagogues, and mosques opened their doors as many people tried to find meaning and answer their questions. These people who worship ONE TRUE GOD entered with a wide range of emotions such as grief, fear, anxiety, shock, rage, uncertainty, and insecurity. As I preached, I believe other preachers too struggled to formulate the proper and correct words to say.

Some thoughts, however, came to us. Jesus came to bring peace, but he also brought the sword. Our God is full of mercy and compassion, yet, he is a just judge. Jesus said to love our enemies, but the question is, could we love so despicable an act? Could we forgive as God has forgiven us? We are firm and strong believers; we should find comfort, strength, and challenge in prayer, whether we are old or young. As your Pastor, together with our parish family, we will commemorate the day with Mass this Saturday at the Vigil Mass at 4:30, September 11, 2021.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I guess it is our nature to crave instinctively for what is soft. We prefer soft mattresses though they are unhealthy. Highly cushioned executive chairs have become status symbols. The soft-drinks business continues to have a strong market. This penchant for the soft is not limited to material comforts: why not have a soft religion too? Desiring a soft religion, man consciously or unconsciously fashioned soft gods, yielding and undemanding false gods.

Many Christians prefer a soft Christianity. But Christianity is far from being soft. Today's readings, stern and forthright, make it very clear. There is no saccharine sentiment or soft

emotionalism in them. To drive home to the disciples who is the essential Christ and what it means to be a Christian, Jesus asks them: "Who do you say that I am?" Their answers carefully avoid any hint of suffering. Jesus declares that "The Son of Man will suffer many things, be rejected by the elders and be killed." This statement shocks them to the core. The impulsiveness of Peter gets the better of him, and he blurts out irrelevancies. Peter wants a soft Christ and easy religion. But what would be contrary to what Christ wants? So Jesus treats him harshly to the point of rudeness and tells him: "Get behind me, Satan." And Jesus explains, "You are not on the side of God, but of men" --- men having a penchant for the soft and the sweet and the smooth.

It is in the valiantly and voluntarily suffering Christ that these lines from the 1st reading find fulfillment: "I gave my back to those who beat me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." Then, to clarify all the harsh demands of Christianity, Jesus call to Him the crowd and speaks out: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

There is no trace at all of any soft sentimentality here. Authentic Christianity is not an easy religion. The God of Christians, though comforting, is not comfortable. It is God who sacrifices His own Son for the redemption of the world. The Founder of Christianity was not born in a palace to somehow attain eternal bliss without suffering. The Son of Man did suffer many things, was rejected, and killed.

Christianity is a religion that demands that we lose our life to save a life to keep our life. As St. James in the 2nd reading is ruthlessly blunt towards Christians who limit their Christianity to acceptable words and sweet sentiments. He is straightforward: "Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead!" Somebody said: "We cannot discover new oceans unless we dare to lose sight of the shore."

Lord, teach me the wisdom of suffering and how it is intimately linked to Your discipleship. Amen.

May God Bless you,

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

PSALM:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

GOSPEL:

And he asked them,
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today?

SECOND READING

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?



Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy,
in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist those around us
who may need our assistance.
Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on
United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11,
United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77,
and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart
thankful for those who gave their lives
as first responders, as did the men and women
who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One
who first responded to our need for a savior,
Jesus the Christ.

Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · September 11

4:30 PM

† **Thomas Mack**

r/b Robert & Lois Hradil

Sunday · September 12

8:00 AM

† **Angelina & Patsy Percaccio**

r/b Mary Ann Percaccio

10:00 AM

† **John McGovern**

r/b Virginia & Jim Piccolo

11:30 AM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Joseph Gersbeck

Monday · September 13

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Tuesday · September 14

9:00 AM

† **Dinh Nguyen**

r/b The Randazzo Family

Thursday · September 16

9:00 AM

† **Roy & Frances Wujcik**

r/b Lou & Peggy Di Bello

Friday · September 17

9:00 AM

† **Anthony DeLibero**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



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 Miller Family

**Brian, Kaitlyn
and Ada**

The McCarthy Family

**Brendan, Abby
and Maizey**

The Reck Family

**Kevin, Patricia
and Meghan**

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.



The first step for Infant Baptisms at
St. Catherine of Siena Parish is our
Baptism Preparation Class.

Upcoming, in person, session for new parents:

Wednesday, October 7, 2021

7:00 p.m.

For more detailed information and to register,
visit our Parish Website,
www.sienachurch.org.



YOUR TALENT IS GOD'S
GIFT TO YOU.

HOW WILL YOU USE
IT FOR HIM?

Volunteer in Ministry!

at

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Whether you are new to St. Catherine's or an active parishioner, we invite you to become involved in the life of the parish.

Help us to meet the need of our parishioners and the community by considering the many ways to serve.

Join our community of volunteers to enhance the experience of St. Catherine's to all who walk through our door.

SOME OF THE BLESSINGS FROM VOLUNTEERING:

- **Strengthens our relationship with Christ**
- **Making a difference by helping others**
 - **Discovering the gifts that God wants me to share**
 - **Fellowship /friendship**

**Did you know that we have
more than 30 ministries
to serve in?**

**To learn more about
the opportunities, please contact
Laura Randazzo, at
passociate@sienachurch.org or
call the Parish Office at
732-938-5375.**

IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Lector/Readers

Money Counters

**Teacher/Catechists for
Religious Education Program**

Social Concerns Commission

Ushers / Greeters

Thank You!

**to all who volunteer at
St. Catherine's.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR 2021-2022 CATECHETICAL YEAR!

The Religious Education of our youth is important to our parish community. We have dedicated staff, catechists and aides who are committed to sharing our faith to the youth enrolled in the Religious Education Program.

Our Parish Religious Education Program provides catechesis for Grades 1 through 8., October through May.



REGISTRATION CLOSES
SEPTEMBER 20TH.

Please register online by visiting our
website, www.sienachurch.org.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Opportunities to teach with
Grades 1, 3, and 6 are available.

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

Please call the office for more information.

From the HEART of a Volunteer ...

Ministry Spotlight: Lector/Reader

Being a reader, is far from just reading. For me, it is proclaiming my faith through an understanding of God's word in Scripture.

By practicing each week with the Workbook, I get a greater understanding of what the reading is about, how to pronounce certain words, when to pause. These are the mechanicals of reading. More importantly, the real purpose of reading is hopefully that when I proclaim Gods word the stories come alive for the congregation and they can see the situations are the same now as they were long ago and how God continues to guide us through these human failings.

It's my prayer each week that the congregation, through the proclaiming of Scripture, experiences an increase of their faith and opens their hearts more fully to the Lord.

All readers are carefully trained in one session. The commitment can be as little as once a month or every week depending on your schedule.

We are all called to do something in service to the Lord. Could being a Lector be your calling?

by Lois Hradil



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Announcements



Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2021; October 10, Ocean/Monmouth

All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary** during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing.

Anniversary couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on **Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3 pm**. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but both events will be livestreamed.

Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2021**.



Alumni, Neighbors & Friends!

St. Rose Grammar School

100 Year Gala Celebration !

Friday October 8th, 2021

5:00pm - Mass of Thanksgiving w/ Bishop David M.

O'Connell, C.M. – St. Rose Church, Belmar

6:30pm - Gala Celebration To Follow – Spring Lake GC

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EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church

St. William of the Abbott Parish welcomes you to a teaching & exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 will be shown, some as old as 2000 years.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 6:30 PM

Held in Church 2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd

Howell 732-840-3535



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 Sept. 6, 2021

GOAL \$40,000

Raised: \$42,200.24

Collected: \$40,285.66

Pledge Balance: \$1,814.58

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!**



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



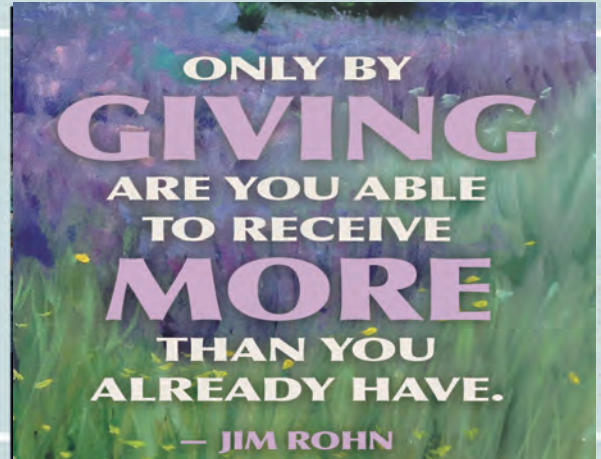
Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners and visitors the opportunity to make donations using your debit, credit cards, or savings account. It is safe, convenient and easy to use.



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, Sept 4/5 2021

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,145.00	73 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,434.00	62 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,010.00	82 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$429.00	46 people
IN MAIL	\$570.00	
Online Giving Aug 30—Sept 5	\$4,582.00	117 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$9,170.00	

Second Collection

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