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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,

As we prepare for the opening of our Religious Education Program, come Sunday, October 17, we continue to announce and call your attention to volunteering. We need catechists, aides, and hall monitors to lend us a helping hand. Please consider sharing one's precious time as we move forward to form and educate our children about their faith. They are the future of the Church. Parents, most especially. In the Gospel of today, Jesus speaks about hell. When the mothers, are supposed to be the first and primary he does that, he uses a word that does not appear in teachers of the child's religion, as the Blessed Virgin the text because it was translated into English. He uses Mary had shown to us through Jesus when he was a the word Gehenna, one of the words for hell. Because child. Would you please heed our call and respond to Jesus used that word, the Jews and others in Jerusalem our pleas? In advance, we would like to express our who listened to him knew what he was talking about. most profound appreciation and immense gratitude to They had seen that place, and they had smelled it. all who listened and responded to the call of Jesus, our Maybe they were even standing in its smoke while He Master and Teacher.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Death is inevitable, but we need not die as sinners. Or felt when we think of hell. Death need not always be tragic, but the death of a sinner is always tragic. This is what Jesus says in today's Gospel. A cup of water offered in the name of Jesus will not go unrewarded. We appreciate the delicacy and refinement of this thought. But His following statement jolts us out of our spiritual smugness. Jesus says, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the same breath, to boot.

from entering into and enjoying the Kingdom of God. says that fire is eternal, And he suggests that all the In the Kingdom of God, physical deformities and useless items will be burned to ashes in that fire. This is material deprivations do not matter. It is no use to have so close to the culture of other nations where one tries all material comforts and the best physical form and to destroy and wipe out the memory of an evil person shape but, perhaps because of them, to be deprived of who dies to ward off one's influence. So we should be enjoying eternal happiness. This explains Jesus' severe useful and helpful, well-functioning cells or organs in and stern stand against sin.

These days most people do not like to hear anything Loving Father, make us an active and responsible about hell. Many even try to deny the existence of hell. member of your Kingdom. Amen. Preachers are often hesitant to preach about hell for May God bless us. -Father Angelito fear of being called old-fashioned, pre-Vatican.

No matter if we like to hear about it or not, the message of today's Gospel comes to us loud and clear. It is true that when we desire to hear something sweet and pleasant, we are not interested in hearing about sin and hell. But the words of Jesus are never old-fashioned or irrelevant. If we do not want to be thrown into the rubbish dump, we need to give special attention to these words of Jesus.

spoke. They had seen the worms crawling through that part of the place where the fire had not yet reached. We think of something we never saw, smelled, heard,

Gehenna was the ever-burning rubbish dump of Jerusalem where the city council workers emptied all the trash of the town. Knowing this, we might understand better Jesus' message. You know what in trash: uneaten spoiled wrappings, empty bottles, cans, cartons, rubbish, garbage, all things we cannot use, broken and nonfunctioning items.

sea." Gone are the fine sentiments and delicate That is why Jesus said: "If you are not useful in the feelings. Here it seems to be a violent cry for hot building of the Kingdom ----human life, the human vendetta-both issuing from the mouth of Jesus, at the family, human community---- you are going to end up in the rubbish camp or Gehenna."

Why this fierce attack on sin? Because it prevents one Jesus does not say one will burn there eternally. He His Kingdom, in whatever we do or decide not to do.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

But Moses answered him,

"Are you jealous for my sake?

Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten.

your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)

GOSPEL:

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Tuesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and

Companions, Martyrs

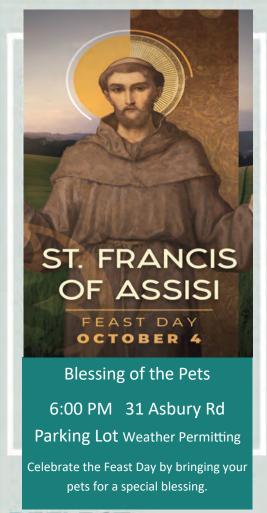
Wednesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Thursday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday





REFLECT

FIRST READING

Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

SECOND READING

James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · September 25 4:30 PM

† Lenore Sears

r/b Loving Daughters

Sunday · September 26 8:00 AM

+ Tessie Haligowski

r/b The Conway Family

10:00 AM

† Thomas & Angela Magnano

r/b The Natilli Family

11:30 AM

+ William O'Doherty

r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel & Family

Monday · September 27 9:00 AM

+ Millie D'Amico

r/b John & Helen Cyrus

Tuesday · September 28 9:00 AM

+ John & Concetta DeGrande

r/b Leon & Pam Davison

Thursday · September 30 9:00 AM

+ For all our Faithful Departed

Friday · October 1 9:00 AM

+ Rachel Pennetti & Family

r/b Libby Miller



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 <u>but now lives elsewhere</u>, he/she is not a member of this parish. 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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beginning of Mass.

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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.

Parish Life



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

The Gioe Family

Frank & Debbie
Frankie, Andrew, Santino, & Luca

The Gill Family
Michele
Alexa, Michael & Amanda

Rosalyn Misiak

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.



Jack Edgar Comuniello
Anthony John Comuniello III

Ada Mario Millor

Kane Joseph Holtz

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

From the HEART of a Volunteer ...

Ministry Spotlight: Catechist

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.

I am a religious education teacher. I do not have a formal teaching certificate. But I love my faith which is all I need to be effective in my role as catechist. All the material I require for preparation of my lessons are provided. The catechist's books are simple to understand, and the lesson guide provides more than enough material for each class.

I have learned a lot over the years about my religion, but I find that teaching has helped me to learn even more. As the saying goes, "The teacher becomes the student"!

The best part of being a catechist is I get to share my love of Jesus with others. I want my students to get to know Him on a personal level: Include him in their daily lives; Turn to him in good times and bad; Tell Him their desires, joys sorrows, concerns. Get to know Him on a personal level - pictures of Him, where He lived, His family life. Take Him out of Scripture and place Him before them to talk to.

Right now, students have a lot on their plates, as we all do. Helping them to focus on what's important in this life is difficult but so important! I pray that if my students don't remember a word I say now, maybe someday when, they need Him the most, they will remember He's there!

I love being a catechist, you will too.

by Joan Pekar

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 return 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: socialconcernscommission@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 ANIMAS	DOMINOS
DRY ERASE MARKERS	SOCCER BALLS SMALL & LARGE	JUMP ROPES
SIDE WALK CHALK	FORCE WIPES 220 CT.	CONNECT FOUR
WHITE SILKS	MICROBAN SPRAYS	PENS, PENCILS
FABRIC MARKERS	GARBAGE BAGS 13 GAL.	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 LARGE	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.



Annoucements

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

SEPTEMBER 22 —OCTBER 31, 2021

40 Days for Life is a campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion here in Since its inception in 2007, it has proven to be very America. 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 at Our Lady's Grotto

OCT. 3 at 2 PM.

by ST. VERONICA CHURCH RECTORY. 4215 Rt. 9 Howell ALL WELCOME

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKEND IN PERSON ONLY

7:00 PM Friday to 1:00 PM Sunday Oct. 1-3

MONDAYS WITH MERTON 4 Mondays 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Sept 27 Oct 18 Nov 15 Dec 20

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EARTFELT 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. 20, 2021

GOAL \$40,000

Raised:

\$42,225.24

Collected: \$40, 601.66

Pledge Balance: \$1,498.58

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!





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.

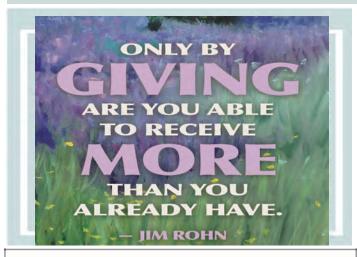
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STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Collections & Attendance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, Sept 18/19 2021

4:30 PM Mass	\$844.00	84 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,003.00	91 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,191.00	81 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$701.00	51 people
IN MAIL	\$715.00	
Online Giving Sept 6—Sept 12	\$2,138.00	90 donors
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,592.00	<u>Candles</u> \$329.00

Second Collection

Energy & Fuel		
Total	\$535.00	

Upcoming Second Collection

October 3

Maintenance & Repairs

Diocesan Assessment

October 10

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