

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Trenton

23rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34



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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday/Sunday 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,

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Tomorrow, Monday, September 6, marks the unofficial end of the summer season as everyone in the nation is supposed to be back in the reality of things. However, we have to live a new normal life due to the public health crisis that is still with us. Kids are going back to school following the guidelines and restrictions imposed by the authorities. People are going back to work accordingly. Parish life has to continue as we abide by the health protocols provided to us. Let us continue to be mindful of God's presence in our lives as we express our gratitude and thanks to Him, helping and supporting one another, loving and forgiving each other. Let us inspire and try to motivate others as we express it in thoughts, words, and actions. We believe that in God's time, everything will be fine.

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings offer us some thoughts that are so relevant to our day-to-day lives as we have the interest and desire to live our Christian faith as Lord God has called us.

In the readings, the riches of the kingdom of heaven are offered to those who are poor, deaf, and blind, who are chosen to remind us that God does not have a preference of culture, class, or race. We might say, and it is easy for us to say that God only views us through one lens, the lens of the heart. We are being asked to look beyond external appearances and see the holiness and beauty within the heart of others. It is not always evident at first sight, but we are called to look through God's lens, God's eyes. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks of a time of joy to come, when "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed" and the tongues of those without words will "sing for joy." It would seem that the Lord is offering everything to those who, having little or nothing in this world, still cling to the faith and hope; to these, the prophet proclaims the words of God, "Courage! Do not be afraid... your God ... is coming to save you."

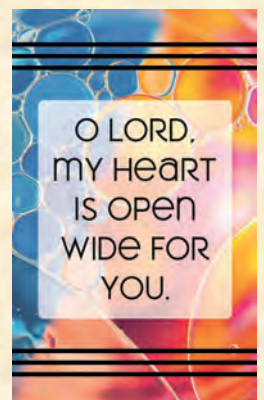
In today's second reading, it is apparent that St. James does not feel that faith in Christ Jesus is compatible with making distinctions between classes of people. We are offered an obvious example of preferential treatment being given to a rich man, while a poor man is ignored, left to "stand over there" or to "sit on the floor." Our partiality may not be as evident, though it can just be as authentic. We are reminded that those who are poor by the standards of our world whom God chooses to be rich in faith and to be beneficiaries of God's kingdom.

It is pretty interesting to see that Jesus in the Gospel goes by Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee. Taking this route brings Jesus into the world of the Gentiles, people regarded as being outside the love and care of the God of Israel. Jesus chooses to open the ears and give back the voice to a deaf man who has an impediment in his speech. Jesus is showing his love for this man, an outsider in the Jewish society of his day, by touching his ears and tongue. Jesus is giving this man back his dignity as a beloved child of God, his Father. The man has faith, as Jesus can cure him. We know from other healing stories in the Gospels that faith and trust would seem to be hallmarks of those chosen by God, those poor by the world's standards.

As we reflect on these readings, our minds and hearts offer us the opportunity to open our ears to God's call to have courage, to open our eyes to the living presence of God in all people; and to open our hearts to respect the inner beauty in every human soul. And from our hearts without borders and walls, we will then be able to offer and give the unconditional love of God to all we meet. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

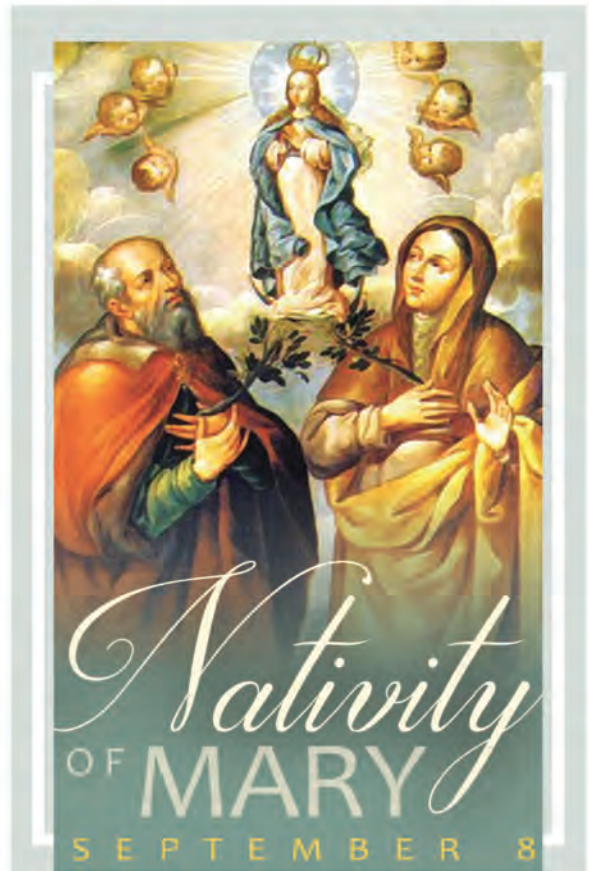
GOSPEL:

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Saturday: BVM; Patriot Day
Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time' Grandparents' Day



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the importance of being strong of heart when it comes the ways of God. Why do you think this is such an important virtue?

SECOND READING

James encouraged believers to view the rich and poor from God's perspective. Why do you think people struggle with this divine point of view?

GOSPEL READING

In today's reading, we hear how Jesus healed the deaf man with a speech impediment at the request of the "people" close to this man. Who do you know in your life who needs healing from Jesus?



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Please call the Parish Office
to make a donation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · September 4
4:30 PM

† **Mary & John Kruse & daughter, Maryann**
r/b June Hankel

Sunday · September 5
8:00 AM

† **James R. Giannetta**
r/b Talcott Family

10:00 AM

† **John McGovern**
r/b Virginia & Jim Piccolo

11:30 AM

† **Anita Dorey**
r/b Christopher & Karen Dorey

Monday · September 6
9:00 AM

† **Theresa Hobday**
r/b sister, Marie

Tuesday · September 7
9:00 AM

† **Deceased Members of the
Pasterak Family**
r/b John & Helen Cyrus

Thursday · September 9
9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Friday · September 10
9:00 AM

† **Pasquale & Fortuna Di Bello**
r/b Lou & Peggy Di Bello



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.

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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

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Warmly Welcomes the Following
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The Garcia–Wing Family

William, Josephina

William, Zachary, Samantha, & Zoey

The Congiusta Family

Christopher, Meghan

Connor, Paisley, & Emmett

The Napolitano Family

Anthony, Annmarie

Alyssa & Anthony

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
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IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Lector/Readers

Money Counters

**Teacher/Catechists for
Religious Education Program**

Social Concerns Commission

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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

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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
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2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**Our Parish has reached 100% of goal
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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!

ACA PARISH UPDATE

GOAL \$40,000

As of August 30, 2021

Raised: \$42,200.24

Collected: \$40,285.66

Pledge Balance: \$1,814.58



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.



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