

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

O Lord,

COME

TO MY

AID!

AUGUST 14, 2022

PSALM 40

Welcome



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OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS
9:00AM — 2:00PM

SUNDAY
9:00AM — 12:45PM

*The Church is open during
Parish Office hours
for prayer.*

WORSHIP WITH US

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 4:30PM

SUNDAY 8:00AM
10:00AM
11:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation
9:00AM & 7:00PM

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ

WEEKDAY MASS

St. Catherine's
Chapel
1 West Main Street Farmingdale

MONDAY 9:00AM
TUESDAY 9:00AM
THURSDAY 9:00AM
FRIDAY 9:00AM



DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday's immediately following
Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month
immediately following Weekday
9 AM Mass at Chapel

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30—4:00PM

Other days by Appointment



A Message from Fr. Angelito

Dear Friends in Christ,

Tomorrow, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although the Church's hierarchy mentioned that it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we are all encouraged to come to Church to honor and praise Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus. The celebration of the Mass is for 9 in the morning at the Church.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We won't be surprised that there are several stories in the history of the Church. Some unmistakably prove that Jesus came to set people on fire and create division. He has set people on fire with Christian love, a desire to bear witness to him, and the courage to give up their life so that others might live. John the Baptist said Christ would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Those who accept Christ will be filled with the Holy Spirit, purified of their sins, and filled with the fire of divine love. Jesus' coming inevitably brought division. His message caused dissension and strife even in the same household. That was one of the reasons why the Romans hated Christianity. Repeatedly, one had to decide whether one loved one and kin more than Christ. The most important thing in Christianity is that loyalty to Christ must take precedence over the dearest of loyalties on earth. One must be prepared to give up everything for the sake of Christ.

God, who created the world, has ingenious designs for the world. That is the good news for the world. But men who rule the world have plans for the world that often do not align with those of God. Time and again, God chooses some to be his voice to announce and remind men of the good news. But men systematically oppose, persecute, and even kill the prophets of God because they 'demoralize' people. This was the accusation leveled against Jeremiah as we heard in the first reading. In the Church's life, Jeremiah's drama is repeated in countless men and women.

When Christians are authentic, they are a challenge and threat to the established order. And so, the vested interests will oppose and try to do away with him. That is what happened to Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. Even Mother Teresa was accused of indulging in conversion, and that too through foul and forcible means. What crime did they commit? The apostles of the Good News will meet with opposition and rejection precisely because they carry the good news, which for the wicked men is terrible news. A Christian like Christ is not just for any peace. The political expediency of any kind cannot bring lasting peace. All those who confuse or compromise true peace with expediency will stand condemned at the tribunal of history and humanity's conscience.

Today's Gospel tells us, "I have not come to bring peace on earth." He did not come to swim along with the current of this world but to swim against the current. And he adds, "I come to bring division!" Jesus Christ is the great dividing line, the divinely appointed sign of contradiction.

When it mattered, Christians, even those with clerical collars, turned out to be cowards and compromisers! But we have many who proved their mettle and stood by their Master. So great a cloud of witnesses thus surrounds us.

Lord, please disturb and chastise me when I deviate from your ways. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

PSALM:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

SECOND READING:

Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. (Heb 12:1-2)

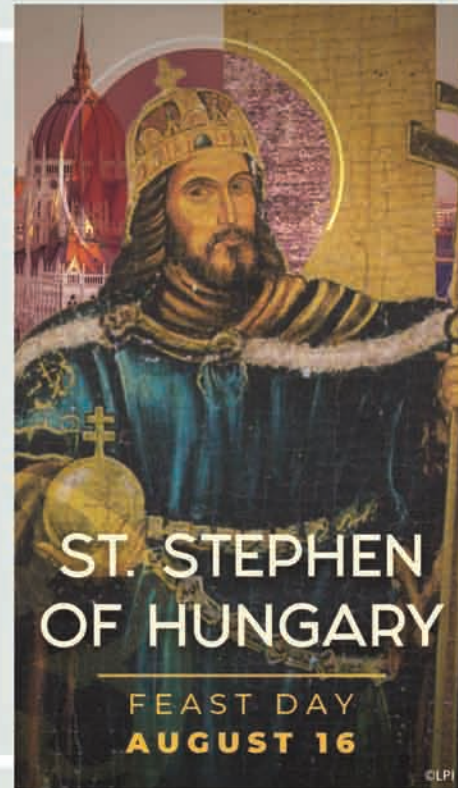
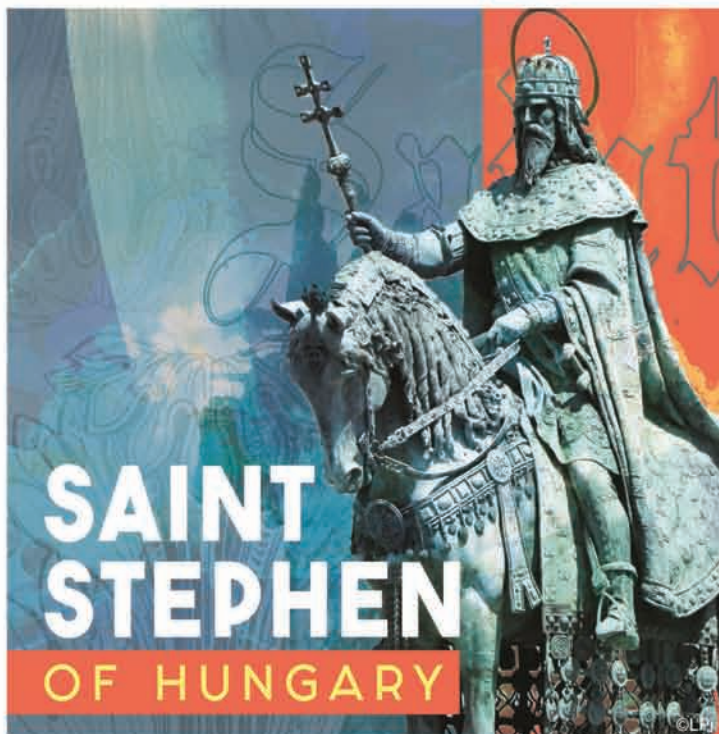
GOSPEL:

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Lk 12:51)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

- Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Friday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Saturday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Pius X, Pope



Saint of the Week

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims. Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.

Mass Intentions



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let us pray for those who have passed away and call on God's love and mercy to grant them eternal rest in Heaven.

Saturday • August 13

4:30 PM

† **George Hankel**

r/b Loving Wife, June

Sunday • August 14

8:00 AM

† **Frank Percaccio**

r/b Loving Wife, Maryann

10:00 AM

† **Helen Janssen**

r/b Carol Jamieson

11:30 AM

† **Aileen Hillermeier**

r/b The Lindon Family

Monday • August 15

9:00 AM

† **Truat & Nguyet Nguyen**

r/b Trinh & Family

Tuesday • August 16

9:00 AM

† **John Keegan**

r/b The Keegan Family

Thursday • August 18

9:00 AM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Loving Husband, Joe

Friday • August 19

9:00 AM

† **Joyce Sowpel**

r/b Fran & Phil Scandaglia



The Altar Flowers this weekend are donated in loving memory for :

George Hankel

At the request of his loving wife, June.

Liturgical Life

Question:

What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Answer:

Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us.

In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever-greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.



August 15, 2022

The Assumption: A Sign of Hope

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recited in the Nicene Creed. Heaven, we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven.

The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder.

Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in – complete joy in heaven with our God, body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom.

Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us!



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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).

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letters of Eligibility

In St. Catherine's Parish and in all Catholic Parishes in the U.S.

- 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.

For sponsor requests from St. Catherine', you must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request, showing participation in the life & support of the Church.

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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Baptism

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to scheduling the Baptism.

Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

Please call the Parish Office for 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.

Join Our Parish Family



We welcome you to St. Catherine of Siena Church to experience the warmth of our parish 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.

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REASONS WHY TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong.

Registration is a commitment to community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a Sponsor/Godparent Certificate and Letter of Eligibility, and donation statements for your income tax returns. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission.

Registering in the parish is simple. It just requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself by contacting the Parish Office. Young adults 18 and over who are still living at home with their parents, or attend college, are recommended to register in their own name. Thank You.

Volunteer Today



If you're interested in helping those in need, your family, and serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

St Catherine of Siena Council 15703 will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on August 20 & 21 2022. Please consider joining our council.

For more information, visit kofc.org, or contact any of the Knights as you leave Mass.

St. Catherine of Siena

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Donations accepted through August 20th, drop items in the bins in the gathering space.

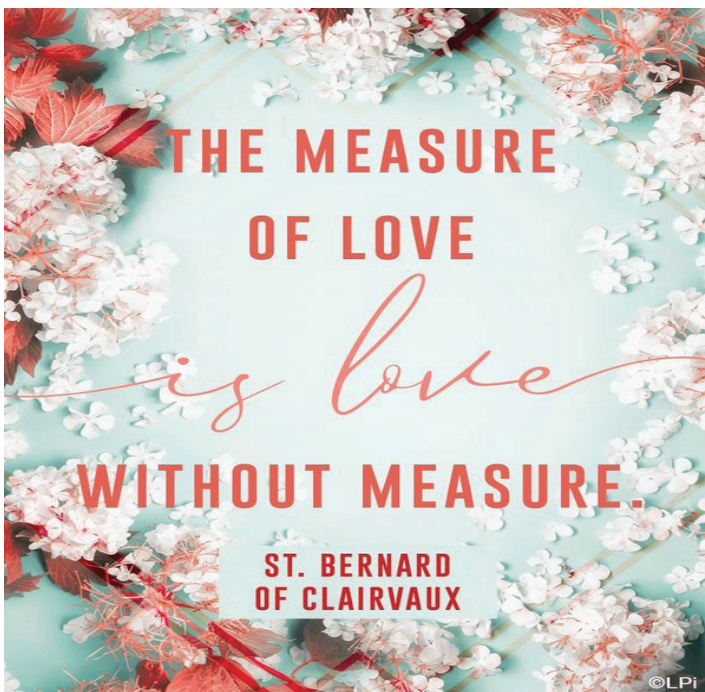
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For further information, please email Mary Vitale at cmmktb@optonline.net.



A Note from the Office

Religious Education: Helps to build a strong foundation

BECOME A CATECHIST

We are still in need of catechist volunteers for our Religious Education Program. A catechist is a person willing to share our faith and love of God with the children of the parish.

Men and women, from older teens to retirees, are welcome to serve in our Religious Education Program.

Stop by the office for information on how to volunteer.

REGISTRATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2022-2023

Registration for our Religious Education Program is now open. Classes begin October 16, 17, 18, 2022.

Register online at www.sienachurch.org or stop by the Parish Office to register in-person.



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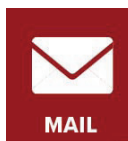
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Ways to Donate



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Parish Office or

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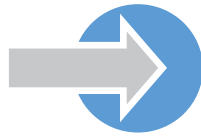


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For further information,
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Laura Randazzo at
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Support St. Catherine of Siena Parish



Ways to Give

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, August 6-7, 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,201.00	106 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,114.00	88 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,119.00	74 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,586.00	88 People
Online Giving	\$3,504.00	
Total	\$8,524.00	



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Drop your envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or mail directly to the Parish Office.

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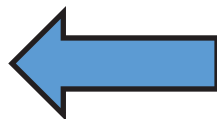
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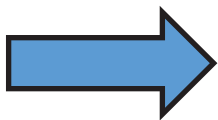
Click on the collection you wish to donate to. Click Recurring Donation, enter your amount & frequency. Your account is now created. It's that easy! Questions? Call the Parish Office.

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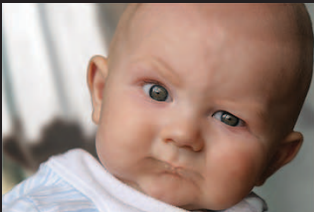
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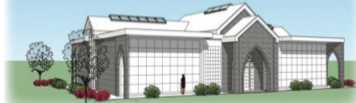
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