

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Trenton • December 18, 2022



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” - Mt 1:21

Welcome



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

31 ASBURY ROAD ▪ FARMINGDALE, NJ ▪ 07727

 frontoffice@sienachurch.org

 732-938-5375

 www.sienachurch.org

CONNECT WITH US

CLERGY

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon Pastor
E: pastor@sienachurch.org

Deacon Daniel Sakowski
E: deacondan@sienachurch.org

PARISH STAFF

Laura Randazzo Pastor's Associate
E: passociate@sienachurch.org

Kay Hetherington PCL/CRE
E: cre@sienachurch.org

Janet Amato Office Assistant
E: officeassistant@sienachurch.org

Doris Ramme Music Director
E: frontoffice@sienachurch.org

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,

A quite interesting musical instrument is the flute, a simple piece of reed with a few holes. It might be the cheapest musical instrument. The wealth and worth of a flute is its poverty; all its merit is in its worthlessness. A reed becomes a flute when it allows itself to be fashioned according to the plan of the craftsman. And a flute produces sweet music when it surrenders itself to the touch of the flutist. It allows itself to be used. It readily yields to the movements of the musician. All its usefulness is its emptiness and hollowness. It has to be empty to receive the breath of the flutist. The moment it refuses to be used, the moment it gets filled, it becomes useless.



Brothers and sisters, Mary was used as the reed of God. God, the Divine Flutist, breathed into her his breath, his Spirit, and she brought forth Jesus of Nazareth, music the most divine and melody the sweetest. Mary said: “Yes.” This was her surrender, her emptying so that the father could fill her with himself, could form in her his own Son. She was filled with grace only after she had emptied herself.

Mary was given a son only after she had freely relinquished her right to have a son – a thing considered abominable by Jewish women of that time. To be childless or barren was a dreaded curse every Jewish woman prayed to be spared of. Their inability to bear a child would make them a no-person, no-woman, nobody, nothing. It is from the nothingness of Mary that God brings forth his own Son. It is from the flesh of Mary, who had been willing to forgo having an offspring of her flesh, that the Divine Offspring sprang forth.

To be nothing, to have nothing to claim for oneself is the most radical form of poverty, self-emptying, and humiliation that fruitfulness, self-fulfillment, and exaltation come forth. Mary offered God her empty, virginal womb, which God filled with himself so that Mary became the womb of God. Mary was a perfectly docile instrument in the hands of God.

When Joseph, a ‘son of David’, exercised his right to name the Child, he became the legal father of Jesus. Through Joseph, Jesus also became a ‘Son of David.’ The Child was conceived without the intervention of a human father; through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is the Son of God. Mary. A perfectly docile instrument in the hands of God was filled with the Holy Spirit and conceived Jesus in her womb; thus, Jesus is the ‘Son of Mary.’

Mary, my Mother and the Mother of my God teach me to empty myself for and before my God. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel. (Is 7:3-4)

PSALM:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

SECOND READING:

The gospel about his Son, descended from David
according to the flesh,
but established as Son of God in power. (Rom 1:15)

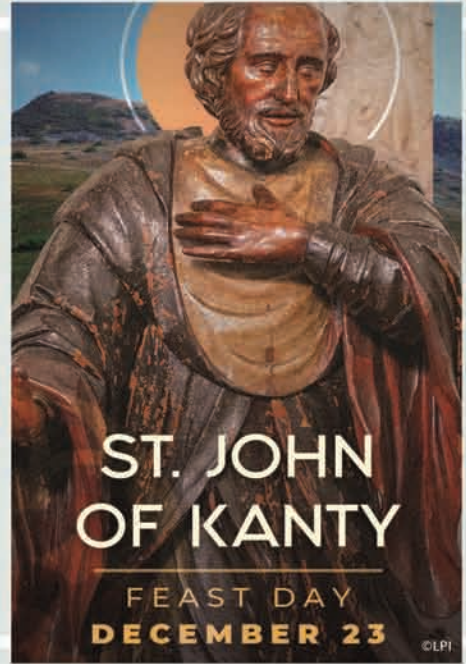
GOSPEL:

The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her. (Mt 1:20)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International
Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Saturday: Christmas Eve
Next Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord



Saint of the Week

Saint John, sometimes called John Cantius, was born in the Polish town of Kanty in 1390. Not much is recorded about his early life, however, he was a bright young man who did well in his studies at the university in Krakow. He earned his doctorate in philosophy and went on to be ordained and earn a doctorate in theology as well.

He began teaching at the university immediately following the conferring of his doctorate in philosophy. Unfortunately, his popularity worked against him, and he was dismissed from his post on false charges. Saint John was reassigned to a post as a parish priest in the town of Olkusz, Bohemia. His parishioners did not receive him with open arms, and he was unsettled in his new position. But John did not give up, his honest care for the people of his parish eventually endeared him to them.

After a time, he was invited back to the university and he returned to teaching, filling leadership roles in the philosophy and theological areas until the end of his long life. Saint John deeply cared for the poor, giving everything but only what he needed to survive away. He lived an aesthetic life but was such an engaging man that he often dined with nobility. Saint John of Kanty died on December 24, 1473. He was canonized in 1767, by Pope Clement XIII. In 1998, a new religious community chose the saint for their patron and the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius, was formed in Chicago, Illinois.

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 • December 17

4:30 PM

† **Maryann Cullen**

r/b Loving Aunt & Sisters

Sunday • December 18

8:00 AM

† **Agnes D. Hargrave**

r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel & Family

10:00 AM

† **Larry Stall**

r/b Loving Daughter & Family

11:30 AM

† **Connie Gersbeck and her sister,
Rosemarie Lanzarone**

r/b Joe Gersbeck

Monday • December 19

9:00 AM

† **Julia Pondaco**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

Tuesday • December 20

9:00 AM

† **Constance Elkner**

r/b Jim & Marian Ferris

Thursday • December 22

9:00 AM

† **Jordan Hayes & The Hayes Family**

r/b Joseph Meagher

Friday • December 23

9:00 AM

† **Theresa MacMurdo**

r/b Joanne Monroe

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

“ TO YOU GOD ENTRUSTED HIS ONLY SON;

IN YOU MARY PLACED HER TRUST;

WITH YOU CHRIST BECAME MAN.

OBTAIN FOR US GRACE, MERCY

AND COURAGE. AMEN. ”

- POPE FRANCIS



Advent Season



ADVENT PRAYER

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a wonder at
the wisdom and power of
Your Father and ours.

Receive my prayer as part
of my service of the Lord
who enlists me in God's
own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a hunger for
peace: peace in the world,
peace in my home,
peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a joy
responsive to the Father's
joy. I seek His will so I can
serve with gladness,
singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me the joy and
love and peace it is right to
bring to the manger of my
Lord. Raise in me, too,
sober reverence for the God
who acted there, hearty
gratitude for the life begun
there, and spirited
resolution to serve the
Father and Son. I pray in
the name of Jesus Christ,
whose advent I hail.
Amen.

Advent Evening Prayer With
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Sunday—December 18—6 PM

**Come and prepare your heart for the
celebration of the birth of Jesus!**

**We begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
continue with Evening Prayer with a short homily and
time for silent adoration.**





SPONSORS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

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.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

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.



*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome
Our Newly Baptized*

Alice Egloff



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.

Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

God brought Jesus into the world as a tiny baby. Jesus was God's Son. He was so powerful that he could have gotten anything he wanted. But Jesus did not come to earth to be a rich, selfish ruler. He did not need a palace or fancy clothes. Jesus came to show you that God is with you all the time. He was born to be the king over your life. He gave up his own life to rescue you from your sins, so that you could be close to God forever.

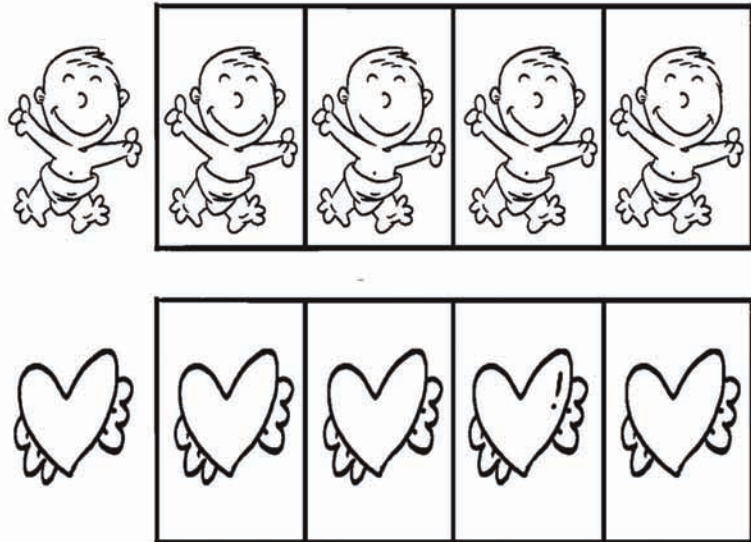
PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to rescue me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Tonight after dinner, ask your family to light some candles, turn off the lights, and sing some of your favorite Christmas songs about Jesus.

In each series color the image within the box that is identical to the one outside the box. Make sure to notice all the details.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Religious Education News

Last Class Before Christmas Break :
Open Dec. 18, 19, 20
Classes Return Jan. 8, 9, 10

©LPI

Saint Catherine of Siena Church

Worship with Us

Christmas Schedule

DECEMBER 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE
MASSES

4:00 PM • 6:00 PM • 10:00 PM

Overflow Mass • 4:00 PM • Parish Hall

DECEMBER 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY
MASSES

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 11:30 AM

ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL

WEEKDAY MASS • 9:00 AM

DEC 26 • DEC 27 • DEC 29 • DEC 30 • JAN 2 • JAN 3 • JAN 5 • JAN 6

DECEMBER 31 • 4:30 PM MASS

JANUARY 1 • SOLEMNITY OF MARY

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 11:30 AM



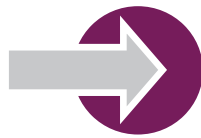
2022 Monmouth County SIMBÁNG GABÍ

*O come, let us adore Christ the Lord,
here with us in the Eucharist!*

Rosary, Confessions, and Eucharistic
Adoration at 6:30 p.m. Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 12, at St. Clement Church, Matawan
Tuesday, December 13, at St. Dorothea Church, Eatontown
Wednesday, December 14, at St. Ann Church, Keansburg
Thursday, December 15, at Holy Family Church,
Union Beach
Friday, December 16, at Holy Innocents Church, Neptune
Saturday, December 17, at St. Mary, Mother of God
Church, Middletown
Sunday, December 18, at St. Mary of the Assumption
Church, Deal
Monday, December 19, at St. Benedict Church, Holmdel
Tuesday, December 20, at St. James Church, Red Bank
(with dinner immediately following this Mass)

Support St. Catherine of Siena Parish



Ways to Give

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, December 11-12, 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,242.00	105 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,208.00	100 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,348.00	140 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,421.00	143 People
Online Giving	\$2,325.00	
Total	\$7,544.00	

SECOND COLLECTION	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,516.00



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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

To receive envelopes, please register in the parish. Please call the Parish Office to check your status.



ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.

HOW TO CREATE YOUR ONLINE GIVING ACCOUNT

VISIT: www.sienachurch.org



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.

This Advent, join the Diocese of Trenton Chapter of Catholic Relief Services in helping families around the world. CRS is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States and provides assistance to people in need in over 100 countries. Support the Church's mission of serving people in need by contributing to our Giving Tree. Please go to our Giving Page:

[Diocese of Trenton CRS Chapter - Fundraising For Catholic Relief Services \(donordrive.com\)](http://Diocese of Trenton CRS Chapter - Fundraising For Catholic Relief Services (donordrive.com))

to learn more about how you can help and to make a donation or use the QR Code below. Thank you for your compassion and generosity, and for making a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world. If you would like more information about our Chapter or would like to join us, please contact Bruno Multari at bmultari@aol.com. Wishing you a blessed Advent of waiting and preparing through prayer and charity!



Thank you for your generosity!

ACA Update

**104% Percent
of Goal**



ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022



Thank you to all who contribute to the ACA!
What does

LOVE

Parish Goal: \$40,000

have to do with it...

everything!

PARISH UPDATE AS OF December 12, 2022

PLEGGED: \$41,686.00 PAID: \$41,236.00

Clayton & McGirr

FUNERAL HOME

Serving the community since 1860

Robert C. McGirr • Owner & Manager • NJ Lic. 3273
100 Elton-Adelphia Rd., Freehold Twp • 732-462-0101
Visit us at www.claytonfuneralhome.com

DELUXE DESTINATIONS VACATIONS

From Land to Sea
Inspiring Destinations
Within Your Reach



Family, Couples & Friends Vacations

Barbara Howarth • Parishioner

888-581-0302 FOLLOW ME

www.dluxdestinations.com



All Around Handyman Services

"Much More than a Handyman!"

818 16th Ave • Belmar
732-280-6530

Insured
NJ Lic # 13VH01176200

CRUZ GOLF

Public Course
No Tee Times Needed
732-938-3378
www.cruzgolfcc.com
BIRDSALL ROAD • FARMINGDALE, NJ

Support Our ADVERTISERS
They Support Our Parish

BREAKFAST CLUB

Good Food At Great Prices!!

732-751-1191

NEXT TO SHOP-N-BAG ★★ OPEN DAILY



HOLY ROOF?

"Call a Reliable Family Business for 30 Years!"

All Around Roofing & Siding

INSIDE & OUTSIDE REPAIRS
OUTSTANDING WARRANTIES

2nd Generation / Insured • NJ Lic # 13VH01176200



Ely Funeral Home

Rt. 33, Neptune, NJ

(732) 918-6650

Toll Free: (888) 775-0567

Michael J. Ely, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4279

James M. Moriarty, Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 5080

Locally owned and operated by the Ely Family for four generations.



Convenient to Rt. 33, Rt. 18 & G.S. Parkway

www.ElyFuneralHome.com



Weichert REALTORS

Edith and Scott Rubinson, Realtor Associates
Cell 732.406.6961 • Office 732.536.4400
Edithrubinson@gmail.com
www.Rubinsonhomes.com

Invite us in...We bring results

Help your loved ones regain access and mobility



JERSEY SHORE LIFTS

A MM Home Service Company
HIC License #13VH11927700

Custom Indoor & Outdoor Chair Lifts

\$100 Donation to the Parish with purchase of Chair Lift.

732-556-6899

www.JerseyShoreLifts.com

*One Year Interest Free Financing Available



TANK REMOVALS, TANK INSTALLATIONS, MOLD TESTING & SOIL TESTING

Call & Ask How!
732-919-0595
www.emaenv.com

READY.GOV

Don't be afraid...Be Ready

GOD BLESS AMERICA

St. Gabriel's Mausoleum Expansion

St. Catharines Mausoleum named after the Holmdel Church, formally the Mission Church of St. Gabriel's

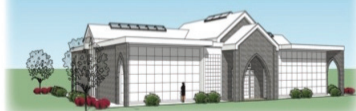
549 Route 520 (Newman Springs Road) • Marlboro, New Jersey



SPECIAL PRE-CONSTRUCTION PRICES

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE OVER 24 MONTHS WITH NO INTEREST CHARGES.

Phase III Construction Coming Soon



www.stgabrielsmausoleums.com • 908-208-0786

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Call Tom Zukofski

732-236-4251 • 800-883-4343 x95

MAZZA

CLEAN OUT SERVICES

JUNK REMOVAL

848-480-8522

PLEASE!



Only you can prevent forest fires

ROOFING • CHIMNEY • GUTTER • SIDING

We Find & Fix Leaks!



ROYAL PRO CONSTRUCTION

\$600 OFF Any New Roof Replacement

15% OFF Any Roof, Siding, Gutter or Chimney Repair

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED • OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

732-338-0620

www.RoyalProRoofing.com

LIC # 13VH0934200
Serving All of New Jersey
Licensed, Bonded & Insured