

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

February 20, 2022



7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

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

Parish Hall Narthex

Other days by Appointment
Confessionals will not be used
due to lack of
ventilation. Masks will be worn
by priest and penitents.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I suppose that many of us know that this weekend is the launching of the Annual Catholic Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton. Please watch and listen to the video footage of Bishop O'Connell as he presents to us the appeal for this year, 2022. As you receive the pledge cards, kindly reflect and pray for the sacrificial gifts you will offer. As your Pastor, I seek an appeal for prayers and your strong support so that as a Diocese we will reach the goal of \$6.5 million. Please be mindful that our goal for St. Catherine is \$40,000. In the past two years, as a parish we not only reached the goal but exceeded it; thus, we received a rebate of more than \$7,000 for last year's efforts. We will use and utilize those monies for the everyday upkeep and maintenance of our facilities, and pay our bills. Words are not enough to express my utmost gratitude and heartfelt thanks for your generous response. Let us continue to pray for each other as we go and take care of ourselves and our parish community. Thank you so very much.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Soren Kierkegaard said: "Never cease loving a person, and never give up hope for him, for even the prodigal son, who had fallen most low, could still be saved. The bitterest enemy and he who was your friend could again be your friend; love that has grown cold can kindle again."

Loving one's enemies is indeed a challenging job. But that is love's greatest triumph. In his Sermon on the Mount, Christ urges us to love our enemies. This was a complete surprise to the people of his time. It was utterly contrary to the Law of Retaliation as found in the Old Testament. This New Law gives an entirely different slant on love.

Jesus explains why love for our enemies is so important. He says it is proof that we are children of our Heavenly Father, who lets the sunshine and the rain fall on both the good and the bad, the just and the unjust. Loving our friends, those whom we naturally love, and those who do us good is an effortless thing. It proves nothing about our Christian attitude. Tax collectors and pagans do the same to one another. Christ does not say that the love of those dear to us is not real love. But remember, the actual proof is in the love we have for the repulsive, those who always seem to hurt us, and those who never show any appreciation. It is here that we offer our love that is firmly based on God.

You and I need to meditate on this passage (Lk. 6:27-36) not only once but through all our days. The loftiness of the challenge that Jesus presents here gives a glimpse of God's glory and our utter inability to measure up to the ideals he sets for us.

In Jesus' summary of the great commandments of the law, he tells us that each of us is to love our neighbor as himself. To love ourselves means to want for ourselves the best that life can give us. The best that life can provide us consists of those things which God wants us to have. Now, loving our neighbor, in the same way, implies regarding him is worthy of all the best things in life that God can help us make available to him.

Jesus' command to love one's enemies was startling at the time when Jesus said it. The age-old theory: "A man is not a man unless he has avenged himself of his enemy." Even today, it is startling because most people in the world still passionately cling to their grudges and resentments. By our efforts and strength, we cannot do this. With God's goodness and grace, we can and should. It is still a command that human nature cannot fulfill without divine grace. To love one's enemy means to return him good for evil.

God can never be outdone in generosity. If we are generous towards others, God will be infinitely more generous towards us. If we act meanly and miserly, we cannot expect generosity on the Day of Judgment. Lord, please enable me to turn my enemies into friends. Amen.

May God bless you. –Father Angelito

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 • February 19

4:30 PM

† **Donna Rossi**

r/b Loving Dad and Sister

Sunday • February 20

8:00 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b The Infante Family

10:00 AM

† **Joseph Miller**

r/b Carol Jamieson

11:30 AM

† **William J. Schultz Jr.**

r/b Anne Hilker

Monday • February 21

9:00 AM

† **Christopher W. Meagher**

r/b Joseph Meagher

Tuesday • February 22

9:00 AM

† **Florence Thiebault**

r/b Rowell & Gloria Reyes

Thursday • February 24

9:00 AM

† **Pauline Crepo**

r/b Frank & Sylvie Neal

Friday • February 25

9:00 AM

† **Donald & Jeanne Douglas**

r/b The Ust Family



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burn in loving
memory of:

Albino Bola

At the request of:
Manuel & Lidia
Afonso & Family

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HEART OF MARY**

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

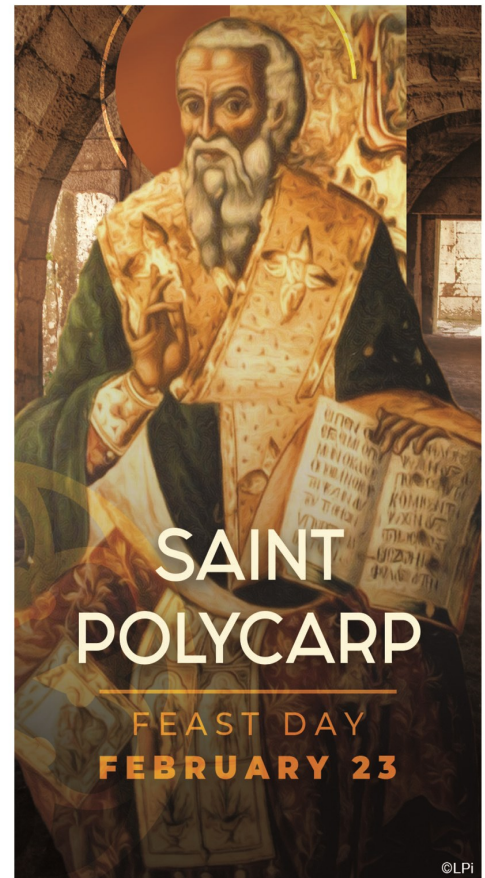
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
- Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk
6:39-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Presidents' Day; St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

"Love your enemies and do good to them." We have such a hard time with this teaching! But it doesn't end there. Jesus continues with turning the other cheek when struck, giving to everyone who asks, doing to others as you would have them do to you, being merciful, stopping our judgment of others, forgiving, and giving. We are okay when God does these things but get a little anxious when we realize that God really wants us to do them too! Secular justice and Gospel justice are definitely not the same. We need to remember that we are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian is called to act like Christ even in those situations where a more assertive or defensive response may seem more justifiable. In order to live up to this call we have to leave our resentment and need for retaliation behind, lose our defensiveness and bring into our mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. We are not here to satisfy or promote our own well-being and agenda. We are here for God's. That's a hard nut to crack especially when it comes to loving and forgiving people who do hurtful and violent things.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the *Letter to the Philippians*, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr.

Let us Pray



“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

- Lk 6:38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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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.

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

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Course prior to scheduling 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 will be worn by priest and penitent.

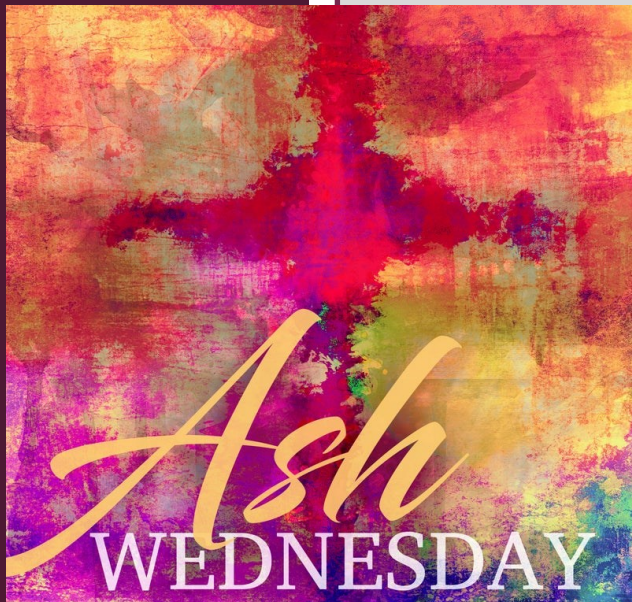
Announcements



The Parish Offices will be **closed** on **Monday, February 21, 2022** in observance of **PRESIDENTS' DAY**.

The offices will reopen on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Our Weekday Mass at St. Catherine's Chapel for 9:00 AM will be held on Monday, February 21, 2022..



St. Catherine of Siena Church

31 Asbury Rd.

Schedule

6:00 AM SERVICE

9:00 AM MASS

NOON MASS

5:00 PM SERVICE

7:00 PM MASS

March 2, 2022



Remember that You are Dust, and to Dust You Shall Return.

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.

WELCOME

NEW PARISHIONERS!

The Napier Family

David, Judith and
Robert



The Montalvo Family

Jamie & Gilda

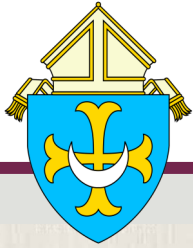
With Warmth and Prayers, We Welcome You to Our Family of Faith.

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 a 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.



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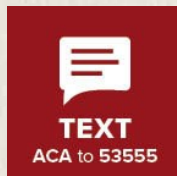
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PHONE

For further information,
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Laura Randazzo at
732-938-5375.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



If you wish to receive a tax statement for your 2021 contributions to St. Catherine of Siena Church. Please email taxstatements@sienachurch.org.

In your email include your full name, address, phone number, and envelope number.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, February 12-13, 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$977.00	102 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$805.00	56 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,051.00	82 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$937.00	78 People
Online Giving	\$1,966.00	
Total Weekly Collection	\$5,736.00	

Online Giving

Our Online Giving Program assists you and the parish at the same time. You can avoid having to write checks, or gather your cash week after week, by simply signing up for WESHARE. The process is simple, safe and secure.

Please visit <https://sienachurch.churchgiving.com> to set-up your donations. Call the Parish Office for more information.

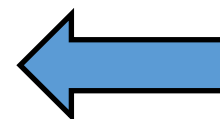
SECOND COLLECTION Saturday/Sunday, February 12-13, 2022	
Diocesan Assessment	\$607.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS



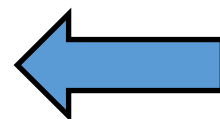
MARCH 2, 2022
ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6, 2022
BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN



MARCH 13, 2022
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

MARCH 20, 2022
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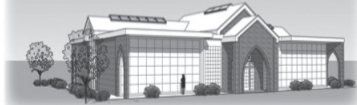
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