

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

February 27, 2022



8th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

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,

The Lenten season's beginning is approaching soon; March 2 is ASH WEDNESDAY. Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Catholic Church. The distribution of Ashes occurs in each service/Mass. These ashes are from the palms we blessed and distributed from the previous year. One of the following formulas is used, and we don't have to say anything when it is imposed on us.

Repent and believe in the Gospel. Or Remember that you are dust, and to dust, you shall return.

Please be mindful that we will have special collection for each Mass/Service to benefit our in-house Good Samaritan Ministry that serves the less fortunate . Kindly be generous as your means allow.

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One Sunday, when I was on vacation, I attended the Holy Mass and listened to the Priest Presider's homily and shared this interesting story. A certain person came to the confessor and confessed to the sin of gossiping and spreading rumors about his neighbor. The confessor asked the person to take a bag of feathers and a pillow up to the top of the church tower and scatter the contents into the air; then, the person was to report back. The penitent dutifully carried out the confessor's instructions. When the person returned, the confessor told her to go out, collect all the feathers, and put them back into the bag. Somewhat stunned, the individual concerned pleaded that it was impossible, that the wind would have carried the feathers far and wide. The confessor then said that this happens when all the things the person had said about others: whether the remarks were actual or not did not matter, the damage to the other person could never be undone because one cannot take words back once they are spoken. True, we can apologize, say that we did not mean what we said, and claim that we have been misunderstood, but we can never fully retract the words as if we had never uttered them.

Please remember that if we enjoy listening to gossip about other people, the person telling us the fascinating details is likely to be talking about us to others in turn.

Listening to the Gospel this Sunday concentrates on how a person's speech reveals what character that person truly is. It presents us with a series of statements of Jesus that warn his hearers to be careful in their judgment of other people. The example of the plank and the splinter is an example of an exaggeration to make the point: being concerned about a minor shortcoming in someone else can blind us to our own, probably more significant failings.

As we reflect on the Gospel, we can get a good lesson about conversion and change. In the light of today's readings, it is not about changing the way we behave or the way we talk, but about the way we think. This is what humility is all about: being right-sized. It means having a proper appreciation of who we indeed are, with our good and strong points as well as our shortcomings. One of those posters caught my undivided attention: "Watch your thoughts; they become your words...your actions...your habits...your character...your destiny." That expresses well the influence that our thoughts can have on ourselves.

As we come to Church on any Sunday, we might remember that one of the essential elements in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist is table fellowship, which forms part of the background to Jesus' meals with other people. This often landed him in so much trouble with those religious people who were, in Jesus' view, overly concerned with what we might call respectability and who went and muttered or gossiped among themselves about him and his behavior. And we should all remember that the last few words we say before receiving Holy Communion are, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." 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 26

4:30 PM

† Joanne Ust

r/b The Ust Family

Sunday • February 27

8:00 AM

† Carmella DeLibero

r/b The Pondaco Family

10:00 AM

† Consolacion I. Anarcon

r/b Terri Murray

11:30 AM

† Frank Cheech Fontanarosa

r/b Pat & Kathie Lavin

Monday • February 28

9:00 AM

† Pauline Crepo

r/b Frank & Sylvie Neal

Tuesday • March 1

9:00 AM

† Christopher W. Meagher

r/b Joseph Meagher

Wednesday • March 2

9:00 AM

† Frank & Alma Quagliariello

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

Noon

† Philip Galle

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

7:00 PM

† John Napoli

r/b The Randazzo Family

Thursday • March 3

9:00 AM

† Danny Cadatal

r/b Dan, Marie & Alex

Friday • March 4

9:00 AM

† Walter Grzybowski

r/b Loving Daughters



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AT THE REQUEST OF HER LOVING FAMILY

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022

- Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
- Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022

- Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday
- Thursday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Casimir
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." What we say reveals so much about who we are. It discloses what is really going on within us: our integrity, priorities, depth of conscience, level of compassion and understanding of mercy. People whose speech is judgmental or overly critical usually reveal an interior life that is angry, unsettled, defensive, and shallow. Our speech communicates our sense of right and wrong, the strength of our relationship with God and how we feel about our fellow human beings. We are also quick to point out the faults of others, concentrating on their shortcomings and wrongdoings before our own. Only God fully understands what is going on inside the human heart. Only God can see the depth of a human soul. Perhaps it would do us well to consider what may be happening inside our brothers and sisters and temper our critical speech of what we see occurring outside. Looking within will also help us identify our own sins and weakness so that we can be better positioned to offer the type of wisdom and compassionate guidance that can really be of help to our friends.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

With a family like hers, it's no wonder that St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955) grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father's death, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. Mother Drexel, as she would become known as, established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

Let us Pray

An Ash Wednesday Prayer

"Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust."
You remind us today, oh Lord,
of our origin and end.
In the beginning, You fashioned
us in the Garden.
You dignified dust with the
Breath of Life.
You made us in Your image
and likeness.
You led Your people through
the dust of the Sinai wilderness
to the Promised Land.
You overcame temptation in the
dry desert.
You healed the blind with dirt
and clay.
Three times Your body stirred
the dust
as you fell on the road to
Calvary.
Hear the cry of Your people!
One day we will return to dust.
This Lenten season, stir our
minds to contemplate You, our
hearts to love You, and our
bodies to serve You in our
brothers and sisters.
May our prayer, fasting, and
almsgiving
be Your breath alive in us.
Amen.



March 2, 2022

St. Catherine of Siena
Church
31 Asbury Rd.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

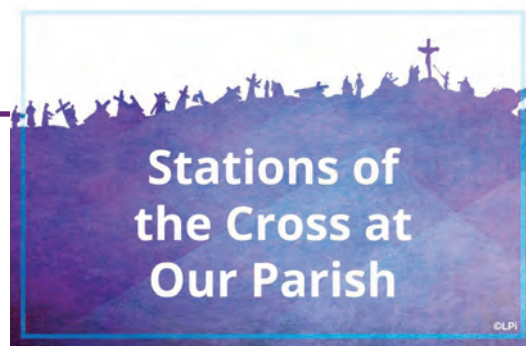
6:00 AM SERVICE

9:00 AM MASS

NOON MASS

5:00 PM SERVICE

7:00 PM MASS



Join us for Stations of the Cross at our Church
ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

6 PM

March 4 March 11 March 18 March 25
April 1 April 8 April 15



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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.

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

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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



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 4, 2022

Lenten Regulations

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 until Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. The pastor of a parish has the authority to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish. The Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5-6, 2022 to Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

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!

Eileen Lesch



*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome*

Our Newly Baptized.

Logan Daniel LaRocca

*May God bless this child
and his family.*

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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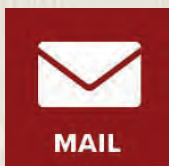
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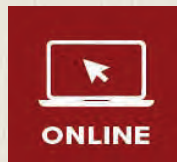
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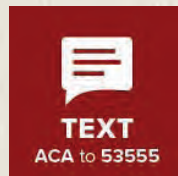
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For further information,
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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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 19-20 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,279.00	117 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,552.00	83 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,190.00	96 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,163.00	98 People
Online Giving	\$2,294.00	
Total Weekly Collection	\$7,478.00	

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 19-20, 2022	
Energy & Fuel	\$639.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

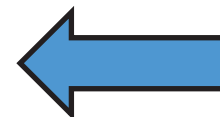


MARCH 2, 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6, 2022

BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN

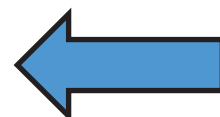


MARCH 13, 2022

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MARCH 20, 2022

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