

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

March 13, 2022



2nd Sunday
O F L E N T

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29


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 our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are so glad to experience and see the great response of everyone when we announced the appeal for the suffering people of Ukraine. Together with Pope Francis and Bishop David, we call for your continuous fervent prayers and generous support as the war is still ongoing. More and more people have died, been hurt, and displaced, and there's a lot of uncertainty for them. The whole world is watching, and thankfully other countries are so caring and compassionate for the refugees. In solidarity with those who offer humanitarian help, let us continue giving what we can offer in terms of money or in-kind. As we have announced, please call or email us, and we will be more than happy to answer you. And to those who have graciously given their support, we thank you so much.

The season of Lent is an excellent opportunity to be mindful of our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions. Everyone is busy, but we must exert extra effort, give our precious time, and come back to the Lord. Our parish is scheduled to hear confessions on Monday, at 4:30 P.M. and 6:00 P.M., and Tuesday at 4:30 P.M. (March 14-15). Our religious education students are with us for their Sacrament of Reconciliation on those abovementioned days. We have invited some priests to help us hear confessions and give absolution. We look forward to seeing you in the Church.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

A doctor once said to his patient, "You will pull through, but you are a very sick man." The patient replied, "Please, doctor, do everything you can for me. If I get well, I will donate fifty thousand dollars to the fund for the new hospital." Several months later, when the patient was entirely well, the doctor reminded him: "You said that if you get well, you will donate fifty thousand dollars?" The former patient replied, "If I ever said that, then I really must have been very sick."

Promises made in storms are often forgotten in the calm, even if it there were good intentions. Don't you find examples of this in your life? Yes, you and I, in challenging moments, in trying circumstances, when we find that even the most trusted ones cannot help us, make many solemn promises to God. But when we are out of trouble, when we experience peace and calm again, we quickly tend to forget our promises.

What about God's promises? Are they like human promises? No, not at all. God's promises are not like ours. He made a promise to Abraham that he would have many descendants and possess a land of plenty, and He did fulfill it. Ordinarily, the weaker partner in the contract must accept more obligations than the stronger one. But in the covenant with Abraham, God bore the brunt of the obligations, promising unconditional faithfulness. Faithfulness even in the face of our gross unfaithfulness.

Abraham had an earnest desire for something more precious than the comfort and security of his family life. Or else, he would have remained there when the Lord called him out. He opened his heart to the word of God and took it seriously. He was daring enough to be ready to sacrifice even his son, to be faithful to God. God rewarded him with an ever-vibrant faith and enabled him to experience His power and glory in the various events of his daily life. Moreover, he had a glimpse of the world beyond.

The transfiguration of Jesus has a message of great significance. It reveals the real meaning of Jesus' life and that of our own life. Here, on earth, Jesus lived an extraordinarily simple, humble life. But his life was the divine event towards which all creation had been moving and in which God was acting for the world's salvation. Peter, James, and John were given a simple glimpse of that reality. The real meaning of our lives here on earth is evident in the words of St. Paul when he says: "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Savior we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, And He will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of His glorious body." Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022

- Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Next Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

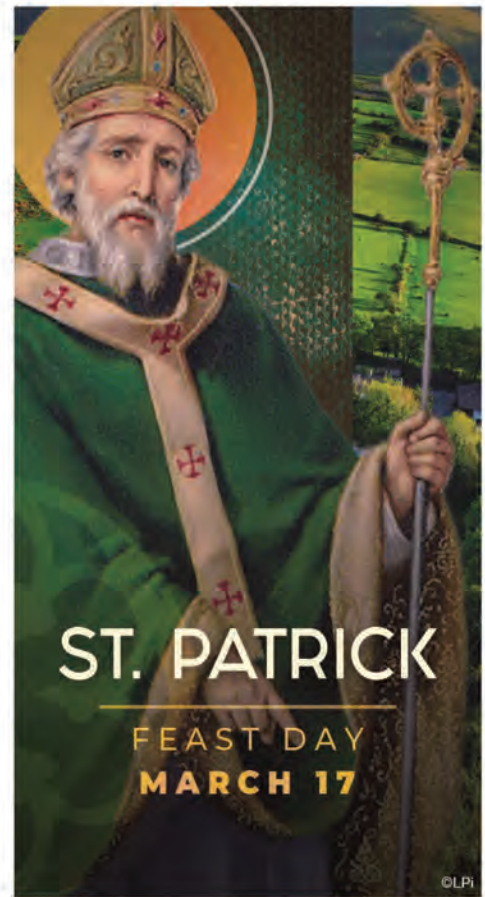
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
- Thursday:** St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
- Friday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

While we have to be cognizant of our societal and personal responsibilities in this world, we can never lose sight of where our true citizenship lies — heaven. When we become too immersed in earthly things and too preoccupied with our temporal responsibilities, we can actually become numb to our faith. Becoming ambivalent about our faith, our belief in Jesus Christ and the promises of heaven become more a source of agitation rather than a source of promise and hope. It is easy to become an enemy of Christ without even knowing it is happening. God has given us a very clear destiny. We are definitely not meant to conform ourselves to this world but to the transfiguration and glorification of our bodies to come. It is here where we can see clearly not only who God is but who we are. The way many conduct the daily business of their lives suggests that such a promise or hope is of little importance. What does the way you live your daily life say about you?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

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 • March 12

4:30 PM

† **Helen & George Steinecke, & son Arthur**

r/b Loving Sister, June

Sunday • March 13

8:00 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b The Randazzo Family

10:00 AM

† **Nicholas LJ Felicione**

r/b Loving Family

11:30 AM

† **Cailiosa Marie Cobbb**

r/b Rose Corsano

Monday • March 14

9:00 AM

† **Beth Zarraga**

r/b JoAnn Sos

Tuesday • March 15

9:00 AM

† **William Matthew Shave**

r/b Ray & Diane Cullmann

Thursday • March 17

9:00 AM

† **Eddie Kovalick**

r/b Loving Sisters

Friday • March 18

9:00 AM

† **Anne E. Ciafardini**

r/b Richard & Faith Fernandez



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

Bruno J. Kneucker

Elizabeth "Betty" Reuter

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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



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.

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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.

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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.

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 Boldt Family
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Serena**



**The Trace Family
Warren & Mary**

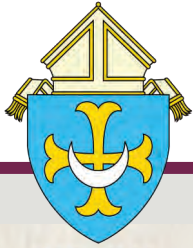
With Warmth and Prayers, We Welcome You to Our Family of Faith.

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.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Thank you to all who support the ACA!

PARISH UPDATE AS OF MARCH 7, 2022

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PAID: \$7,662.00

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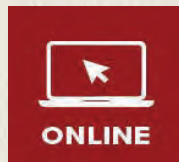
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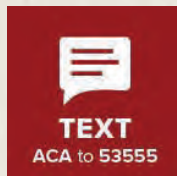
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MAIL to Parish Office or
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PHONE

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Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, March 5-6, 2022

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,150.00	95 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,861.00	110 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,515.00	118 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,106.00	95 People
Online Giving	\$4,611.00	
Total Weekly Collection	\$10,243.00	

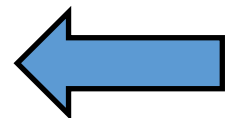
SECOND COLLECTION

Saturday/Sunday, March 5-6, 2022

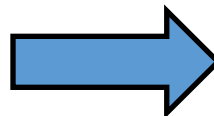
Black & Native American Home Missions	\$848.00
Ash Wednesday	\$3,507
Candle	\$348.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

MARCH 20, 2022
ENERGY & FUEL



MARCH 27, 2022
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A Note from the Office



Join us for Stations of the Cross at our Church
ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT 6 PM

March 18 March 25 April 1 April 8 April 15

MARCH 25 Lenten Simple Dinner

All are Welcome—Bring a Favorite Dish

Special Dispensation granted on March 25 for the
Annunciation of the Lord

Easter Flower Donations

Memorial



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Upcoming

Collections

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Our parish envelope company has informed us that our envelopes have been prepared for shipment, but they are experiencing shipping delays. We apologize any inconvenience. Temporary Envelopes are available in the Church Narthex. Here is the full schedule:

March 13

Weekly Offering

2nd Collection
Diocesan
Assessment

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

March 20

Weekly Offering
2nd Collection
Energy & Fuel

March 27

Weekly Offering
2nd Collection
Maintenance &
Repairs

April 3

Weekly Offering
2nd Collection
Chapel Restoration

April 10

Palm Sunday
2nd Collection
Diocesan
Assessment

April 15

Holy Land

April 17

Easter

2nd Collection
Energy & Fuel

April 24

Weekly Offering

2nd Collection
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Mission Appeal

May 1

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