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3rd Sunday
O F L E N T

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

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,

You must know what I truly feel about the outpouring of support from wonderful people, not only from the parish community but from all over parts of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, for our parish initiative of the Humanitarian Aid for the people of Ukraine. The donations received incredibly show the living presence of God. We appreciate the time and effort that the many volunteers are providing with the sort and boxing of goods. Equally important are the prayers and intentions are offered for the suffering refugees, the victims of the conflict, and especially for those who have died. A big word of thanks to all who are helping us. May God continue to bless all your good works.

Our parish Religious Education Grade 8 students, the candidates for Confirmation, will have their spiritual retreat on Thursday, March 24. Please offer special prayers and intentions for them as they are getting ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May.

This Friday, March 25, is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. Bishop O'Connell has given us the dispensation for abstinence; therefore, we can eat meat even if it's Friday in Lent. Following the 6 P.M. Station of the Cross in the Church, we will have our Lenten Supper in the Parish Hall. Everyone is encouraged to call the office and sign-up to bring a favorite dish to bring.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Usually, life offers us various choices or possibilities. But there are only two choices or options regarding our real life, our Christian life. Either we repent, or we perish, either we produce fruits of repentance, or we live in sin and suffer eternally.

Some of us may feel that we have not committed many serious sins. If we think like this, such feelings are mere illusions, and we are refusing to admit the truth, the reality. St. John confronts us thus: "If we say we have no sin in us, we are deceiving ourselves and refusing to admit the truth; but if we acknowledge our sins, then God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and purify us from everything wrong" (1 John 1:8-9). If we cannot find any stain of sin in ourselves, something may be wrong with our diagnosis, our self-knowledge. Using the imagery of the Exodus experience, St Paul warns us today not to indulge in doing bad things. The Israelites were baptized with Moses in the cloud, which guided them. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink. Despite this, most of them failed to please God. Let us not presume that our baptism and our participation in the Eucharist will automatically give us a free pass to enter heaven if we are negligent in the other areas of our Christian life.

By presenting before us some of the natural and political disasters of his time, Jesus illustrated the fragility of our life and the need for repentance. Through the fig tree example, he highlights God's patience with us. In this patience, we need to find precious opportunities to be saved. The call to repentance is not merely a call to turn away from our sinful ways but a call to produce fruits of good living and holiness. We need to realize that, like the barren fig tree which was tested and found wanting, we too may be judged and found wanting because of what we have failed to do. What is a fig tree for if not to produce figs? What am I for, if not to produce fruits which befit the kingdom of God?

We can say to ourselves; God has chosen me to be a member of his Church. I must never forget that he has a definite purpose for my life. He wants that each day we should try to do better –by thinking better, praying better, sharing, caring, loving more, living better, more maturely and responsibly than yesterday. Each day, my heavenly Father challenges me to become more creative and productive in spreading his redemptive love. Amen.

St. Ambrose says," The Church has water and tears, the waters of baptism and the tears of repentance."

My God bless you,

Father Angelito

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

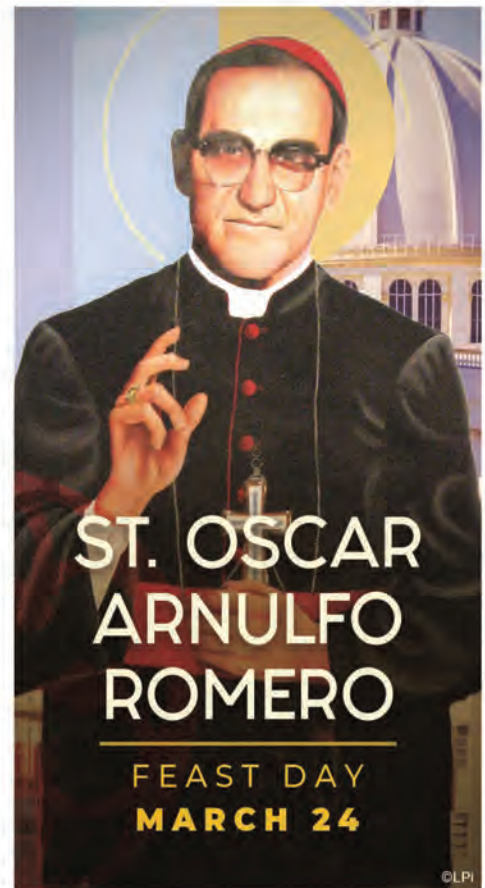
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Wednesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Friday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

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 19

4:30 PM

† Sammy & Angela Guido

r/b June Hankel

Sunday • March 20

8:00 AM

† Philip Pondaco Sr.

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

10:00 AM

† Cornelius Meagher

r/b Joseph Meagher

11:30 AM

† Keith Bowyer

r/b Terri Murray

Monday • March 21

9:00 AM

† Teresita Arbatin

r/b Dan, Marie & Alex Reyes

Tuesday • March 22

9:00 AM

† Lidia Fara Vitale

r/b Mary Jean Tillett

Thursday • March 24

9:00 AM

† Irene Cummings

r/b Diane & Ray Cullmann

Friday • March 25

9:00 AM

† Olympia & Joseph DeMeo & Family

r/b Libby Miller



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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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.

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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Philip & Ellen**



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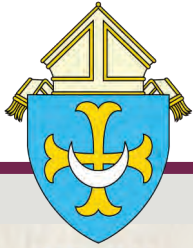
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REASONS WHY TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH

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 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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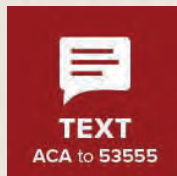
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PHONE

For further information,
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BAPTISM



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The first step toward the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants for new parents is our
Baptismal Preparation Class. Classes are:

Wednesday, April 6 2022 At 7 PM

Sign up at www.sienachurch.org



Weekly First Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, March 12-13, 2022

4:30 PM Mass	\$970.00	91 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,082.00	46 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,035.00	128 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,058.00	139 People
Online Giving	\$2,071.00	
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,216.00	

SECOND COLLECTION

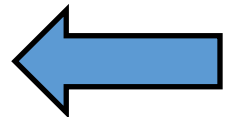
Saturday/Sunday, March 12-13, 2022

Diocesan Assessment	\$464.00
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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

MARCH 27, 2022

MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS



April 3, 2022

Chapel Restoration



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A Note from the Office



Join us for Stations of the Cross at our Church
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