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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

March 27, 2022



4th Sunday
OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

Welcome



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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,

As I write this column, I cannot fathom the level of support and help we are getting from many people, not only from the community but from all over the state, for the people of Ukraine. As we can see in the news, they need medicine and first aid for those who have been hurt, and for those victims of the ongoing conflict who have gotten different kinds of ailments, etc. We cannot thank you enough for your thoughts, prayers, time, and effort you have shown to be in solidarity with the Pope and our Church for the innocent people of Ukraine. Many thanks, and may God bless and reward you for all you've done.

We commend the parents and volunteer catechists for the beautiful job of preparing the 2nd graders to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Let us be mindful that these young boys and girls need our sincere prayers as they will have their retreat on April 7, 2022.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Allow me to share with you an interesting story about an old mother who kept a candle burning at the window of her home every night for ten years. Late one night, a poor, wretched woman from the street knocked at her door. The aged woman said to her, "Sit down by the fire" "Why do you keep that light in the window?" asked the stranger.

The old woman replied, "That is to light the path for my wayward daughter when she returns. I have kept that light on ever since she ran away from home ten years ago. Since then, my hair has turned gray. Folks often criticize me for worrying about her, but I am her mother; sometimes, half a dozen times in the night, I open the door, staring into the darkness, and cry, "Criselda, Criselda!" But I must not tell you any more of my troubles, for I guess you have enough of your own from the way you are weeping."

Then, as she looked more closely in the semi-darkness of the room, she cried, "How can it be? Yes! You're Criselda, my lost child. You're home again!" And there was much repentance and rejoicing in the home that night. Do we wonder what comes first, justice or mercy? You might think that mercy comes first because you must do something wrong before you can be shown mercy. That might be true for people, but it is not valid for God. That is because God always knows what God intends to do. So even in God's creation of us, there is mercy, which St. Thomas Aquinas thought. Mercy is the desire for the happiness of someone else. God makes no one to be unhappy, but we have our choices. Justice is, therefore, never an end, but people get stuck with justice because they won't accept mercy.

The story of the prodigal son is a parable about mercy, but it is not human mercy. Human mercy needs something to forgive, whereas God does not. Human mercy also comes from our sinfulness, which is not the case with God. God's mercy comes into this world as forgiveness, but that is passed down to us and our human behavior. God does not need us to sin to show us, love. So, in the parable, the elder son is loved perfectly by the Father, but somehow, he loses sight of that. Interestingly, some words of the Father to the elder son are very similar to the words of Jesus to his heavenly Father in the Gospel of John. The words of the Father to the elder son in the parable, "you are with me always, and all I have is yours," can be compared to Jesus' words to the Father in the Gospel of St. John, "all I have is yours, and all you have is mine." The mercy of God is the love of the persons of the Trinity for each other, shared with humanity. Mercy is the most godlike of all virtues.

Mercy starts with prayer because mercy starts with God. It is the fundamental purpose of God for all God's creation, so we cannot be merciful without prayer. In a family, friendships, and workplaces, we need to be merciful, which means having power from God alone. Gestures and actions help, but we will fail unless we are convinced we are carrying out God's work in being merciful.

That is why forgiveness is at the heart of the Lord's prayer. And why a life of prayer is always a life of mercy. To put it in another way, we might start from our own heart in committing ourselves to a course of action, but if we wish to commit ourselves to mercy, we must start from the heart, from the life of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

God bless you. –Father Angelito

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
- Friday:** April Fools' Day
- Saturday:** St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an "ambassador for Christ?" An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and his message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are operative in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God's ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who not only recognize their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness but also their tendency to be over self-focused and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can then extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in their shoes. Can God count on you to deliver this message?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Rupert of Salzburg is also known as the "Apostle of Bavaria and Austria." Although mostly legend, it is believed that he was born sometime around 660 in Gaul, which is now part of France. It is possible that he is a descendant of the Merovingian royal line. Not much is known about the saint's early life.

We do know that Rupert was first appointed as Bishop of Worms in present-day Germany and despite many good works there, the pagan population eventually beat him and forced him from the city. Rupert retired to Rome for a time until Duke Theodo of Bavaria asked him to come to help establish the Church more firmly in Bavaria. Rupert agreed and brought with him a group of priests. Rupert traveled the region, effecting conversions, miracles, healing.

Eventually Rupert chose to settle at Juvavum an old Roman city mostly in ruins. He renamed the city Salzburg or "Salt Castle," and established there a great cathedral and monastery under the Rule of St. Benedict. His niece became abbess of the Benedictine convent he founded nearby. Rupert was the first bishop of Salzburg, serving also as abbot of the monastery.

St. Rupert is usually portrayed carrying a vessel of salt, as he helped establish the salt mining industry for which he named the city. It is said that Rupert died on Easter Sunday though sources disagree on the year, which could have been around 710 or possibly as late as 718.

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 26

4:30 PM

† **Frank H. Kuziemski**

r/b Alex & Barbara Ust

Sunday • March 27

8:00 AM

† **Henry J. Reilly Jr.**

r/b Sal & Amy Straniero

10:00 AM

† **Caila Cobb**

r/b Carol & John O'Shaughnessy

11:30 AM

† **Mary Reed**

r/b The Randazzo Family

Monday • March 28

9:00 AM

† **Veronika Bober**

r/b Diane & Ray Cullmann

Tuesday • March 29

9:00 AM

† **Steve Merzena**

r/b Loving Friends

Thursday • March 31

9:00 AM

† **Leonard Borer**

r/b John Riehl

Friday • April 1

9:00 AM

† **Samantha Cartagena**

r/b Mom & Dad

IN LOVING
MEMORY 

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

Francis Joseph Gabriel

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

Announcements



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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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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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Nicole**



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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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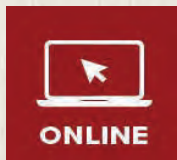
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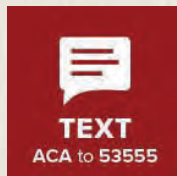
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PHONE

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BAPTISM



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Peter John Manto

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Wednesday, April 6 2022 at 7 PM

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Weekly First Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, March 19-20, 2022

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,157.00	107 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,288.00	85 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,530.00	102 People
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SECOND COLLECTION

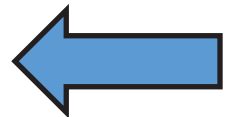
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MARCH 27, 2022

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April 3, 2022

Chapel Restoration

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April 1

April 8

April 15



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To make print,

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