



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you.”

- Jn 14:27a

May 22, 2022

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 Fr. Angelito



Dear Friends in Christ,

May 26, 2022, Thursday, is an ordinary Easter weekday Mass, not a holy day of obligation, as the Bishops of New Jersey have decided that the Feast of the Ascension will be on May 29, 2022, Sunday. Kindly take note of this significant change on our Church's calendar as this is a permanent change.

Our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will have their Reconciliation -Confession on May 26, 2022, Thursday at 5:30 PM in Church. We have invited some priests in the area to assist us in hearing confessions and giving them absolution. Following this event is the rehearsal of the confirmands as they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 31. We ask our parishioners to offer special prayers for our young people so that they may be strengthened in their faith as they will be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit on that given day.

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Today's readings all contain teaching for us as individuals but much more for us as the body of Christ in the world. The early Church struggled to discern between true and false teaching and preserve the community from all attempts to divert attention from Jesus' unequivocal teaching about welcoming sinners into the kingdom. While we must continue to discern where we are being led in Spirit and truth, Pope Francis has been equally unequivocal in his insistence that we cannot turn the Church into a private member's club, where those inside wear their virtue like a medal. In the early Church, sinners would be excluded from the community for years, their penitent status evident for all to see. Every attempt we make to separate those we consider sinners from participation in the gathered community is similar in Spirit to this excluding attitude.

The 1st reading, from Acts, gives us an illustration of this. It tells of an argument in the early Church about whether those who were not of the Jewish faith should have strict rules about membership imposed upon them. This quarrel about admitting pagans to the early Church is the first of many attempts throughout the Church's history to control and exclude access to grace. We see it today in arguments about admittance to the sacraments. The Church is a field hospital, not a fortress. The sacraments are medicine for those who are sick, not a reward for virtuous ones. We are called to the freedom of the children of God. But we repeatedly prefer the security of slavery to the responsibility of such freedom.

It is part of the challenge of discernment that we have to try to balance the teaching of the Church with Christ's call to freedom, mercy, and compassion. One of the Synods on the Family wrestled with these thorny issues. It looked at the exclusion from the sacraments of divorced and remarried people or those in same-sex relationships. There is no easy answer to these questions, but the teaching of the Gospels is quite straightforward, as is Pope Francis' stated preference for a "bruised, hurting and dirty " Church.

The story from Acts, like the vision of John in the Apocalypse, from which we heard in our 2nd reading, reminds us that we are guests at Christ's table at the Eucharistic feast, not hosts or bouncers, controlling who is welcome. Christ himself is the feast and the one who issues the invitations. Every member of the Church is a sinner, welcomed by his compassion and mercy. The Spirit, whose coming Christ promises in the Gospel, brings peace and drives out fear. But it is the fear that drives human attempts to exclude and control, whether in society's many prejudices like racism, sexism, and homophobia or within the Church when we judge others to be "outsiders." The challenge to us is to look at the root of judgments and overcome prejudice with courage and fear with freedom. Keep in mind in God's house; All are welcome. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
- Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26

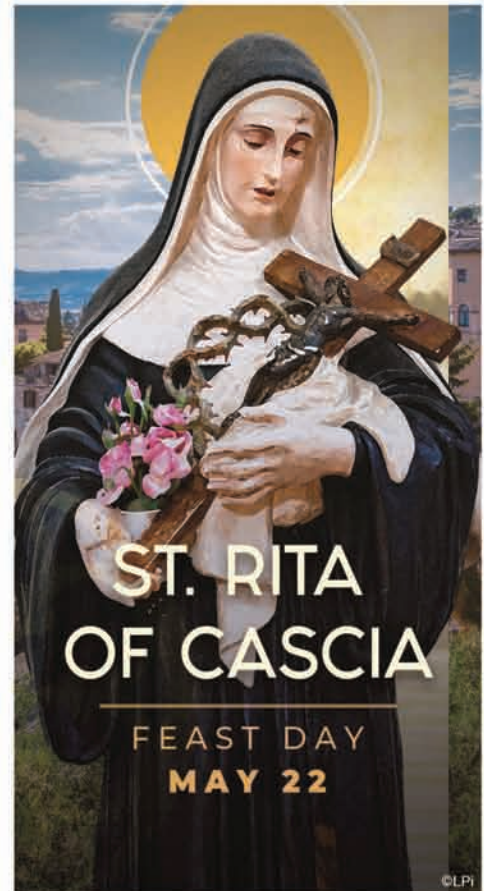
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Friday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communications Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Everyone wants to experience peace. When we look to the world to provide this for us, we can easily get disappointed. We associate peace with an absence of war and conflict, good relationships between neighbors and coworkers, the achievement of success and even the absence of noise! While all of these are worthy endeavors, pursuing them exclusively as a path to experiencing peace sets us up for failure. When we look for peace outside of ourselves, it will never be found. True and lasting peace is something that comes from within and not something we can produce on our own or receive from others. Peace is discovered when we experience an inner wholeness and harmony. It is born of a sense of connectedness with a God who is larger and greater than ourselves, gifting us with His presence. It is the only the peace offered by the Risen Christ that can settle our hearts and calm our fears. Regardless of the degree of turmoil around us, this sense of completeness that Jesus gives anchors our boats and prevents us from sinking.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

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 • May 21

4:30 PM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b Patricia LaCoste

Sunday • May 22

8:00 AM

† **Sebastiano Basile**

r/b Kristin & Phillip Natilli

10:00 AM

† **Kathleen & Henry Kurzenberger**

r/b Janice & Rich Kehoe

11:30 AM

† **Manuel P. Pineiro, Sr.**

r/b Terri Murray

Monday • May 23

9:00 AM

† **William Hanley**

r/b Niece, Janet

Tuesday • May 24

9:00 AM

† **Roy Murray**

r/b Wife, Terri

Thursday • May 26

9:00 AM

† **Antoinette Pennetti & Family**

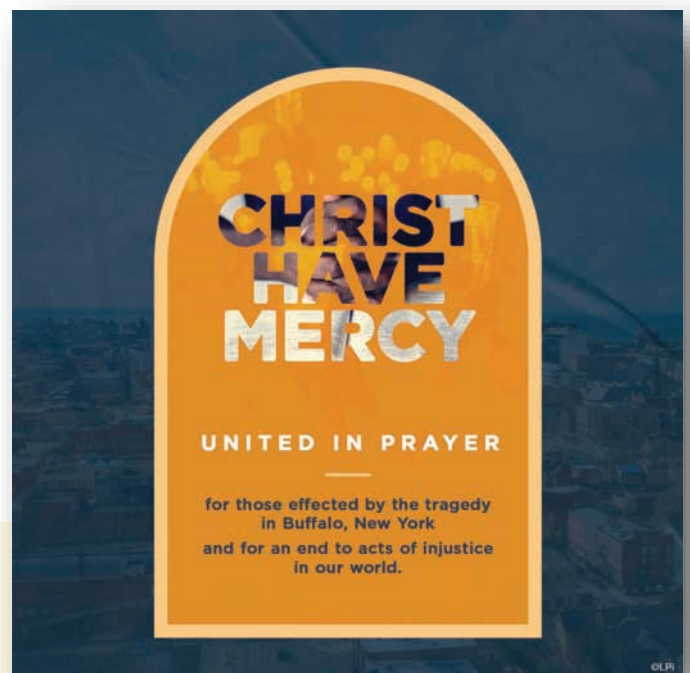
r/b Libby Miller

Friday • May 27

9:00 AM

† **Juliet Shamah**

r/b Anne Hilker



Pastor's Note

The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ("CDF") recently issued a letter on the proper care for bodies of the deceased and providing guidance that the care of the bodies of our Catholic deceased loved ones must align with Church teaching. The letter, sent to Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., and signed by the Prefect, Cardinal Luis F. Ladaria, SJ, follows below. This letter offers guidance on the care for the bodies of the dead in light of new techniques promoted for ecological benefits. Cardinal Ladaria's letter may also be viewed on our Diocesan Magazine, The Trenton Monitor, <https://trentonmonitor.com/Content/News/Latest-News/Article/CDF-Care-for-bodies-of-deceased-must-align-with-Church-teaching-/4/38/30466>.

December 22, 2021
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Prot. N. 99/1918 86794

Your Excellency,

In accordance with civil laws, new techniques for treating the bodies of the deceased as alternative practices to cremation, presented as preferable because they are more ecological, are spreading more and more often in Western countries.

These techniques aim to dispose of the bodies of the deceased in a way that is presumed to be rapid and hygienically safe, as well as respectful of the environment, since the residues of the treatment would be released into nature, with the intent of fertilizing the soil. However, this practice implies an approach which, in fact, tends to eliminate any trace of a sense of the sacred and of effective pity for the mortal remains of the deceased.

In this sense, I would like to point out the following:

1. The Church insistently recommends the burial of the bodies of the dead, as noted in n. 3 of the instruction ***Ad resurgendum cum Christo***, published on 25 October 2016.
2. Cremation, chosen for reasons not contrary to Christian doctrine, is not forbidden, but the ashes of the dead must "be kept in a sacred place", for the reasons referred to in the aforementioned Instruction (cf. nn. 4 and 5).
3. "To avoid any kind of pantheist, naturalist or nihilist misunderstanding, the dispersion of the ashes in the air, on earth or in water or in any other way is not permitted" (n. 7).
4. In the cases of new techniques for treating corpses, the same criteria mentioned above are to be applied: what remains after the treatment of corpses must be "kept in a sacred place" intended for burial and not simply in a place blessed by the clergy.
5. Furthermore, if, in the implementation of a new technique for treating corpses there was nothing left [of the body], such a practice would not be acceptable from the point of view of Catholic doctrine.

To face the spread of such unacceptable practices, the Pastors of the Church of this Bishops' Conference are called to explain to the faithful the incompatibility of these practices with the teaching of the Catholic Church. At the same time, it is good that they reaffirm this teaching with special reference to the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the soul, the respect due to the bodies of the faithful departed and the communion between the living and the dead, rejecting any materialistic, naturalistic approach, pantheistic and nihilistic that often underlies these techniques of treating corpses.

Finally, I turn to you with the kind request to make the contents of this letter public.

Most devotedly yours in the Lord,

Luis F. Cardinal Ladaria, SJ
Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith



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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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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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 in the 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.

Volunteer Today

RESPECT LIFE NO TAX PAYER ABORTION

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years.

Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion.

The following tools can be used within your networks, to raise their awareness and urge Catholics to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

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A Note from the Office

Save THE Date! Sunday, May 29 and Saturday, June 4 & 5 are special days for the parish family. We welcome our 2nd Grade Students, together with their families as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the weekend Masses. Please keep them close in prayer.

Additionally, on May 31 at 4 PM, we welcome His Excellency, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish 8th Grade Students who are ready and open to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit.



We Remember

ALTAR FLOWERS

Parishioners are invited to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, baptism, or another special family occasion. Flowers are used during the weekend Masses and remain on the altar all week. Please call the Parish Office for cost & to place an order.



The 2023 MASS BOOK

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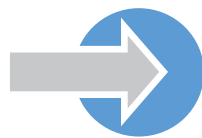


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For further information, please contact
Laura Randazzo at
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Saturday/Sunday, May 14-15, 2022		
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10:00 AM Mass	\$1,422.00	108 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,292.00	109 People
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Total Weekly Collection	\$7,285.00	

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Saturday/Sunday, May 14-15, 2022	
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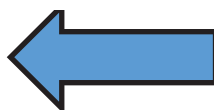
Click on the collection you wish to donate to. Click Recurring Donation, enter your amount & frequency. Your account is now created. It's that easy! Questions? Call the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS



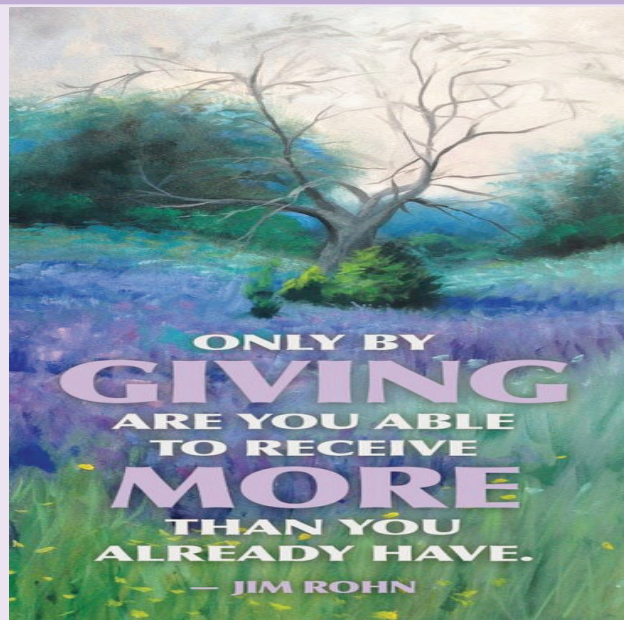
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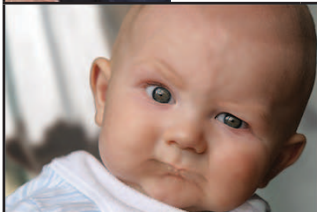
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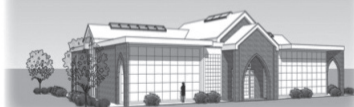
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