

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,  
who will trust you with true wealth?” - Lk 16:11

# Welcome



## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 Fr. Angelito

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today is Catechetical Sunday, an opportune time for us to realize and reflect on the fact that each person plays a vital role, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on our faith and being a witness to the Gospel. We invite our catechists and volunteers to the 11:30 AM Mass for a special blessing, and there's a small hospitality for them after Mass. We will commission the catechists as they serve our parish as teachers and leaders of the faith. A big word of thanks as they generously share their talents, efforts, and time spreading the Good News to our young people.

This year's Catechetical Sunday theme is: "This is my Body given for you." The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving. When we celebrate the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present --- body, blood, soul, and divinity - under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead, this is what the Eucharist is all about; the Church speaks of this - the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's first reading, in the Book of Amos, as well as the Gospel, address issues of wealth and approach it in two different ways. Amos is blunt and aggressive, while the Gospel is indirect and thought-provoking. In both instances, we are startled, either by the direct speech that hits us between the eyes or by the baffling praise for the dishonest and ingenious steward and by the mystifying one-liners at the end of the Gospel, which entails privacy and space to think and pray. Amos spoke frankly and critically and confronted his contemporaries. He called the people back to the wholeness of life and solidarity as one people under God. He reminded them of the futility of their fancy liturgies and solemn assemblies as long as they kept exploiting the poor.

Jesus tells an unusual parable that appears to support dishonesty. But the message is clear. The steward is praised not for his dishonesty but for his ability to cope with an emergency situation with great speed to ensure his own future. If a dishonest man can use his employer's money to ensure that there will be people to welcome him when he is sacked, how much more should honest people use their money so that they will be welcomed into the kingdom of God!

Jesus reminds us that the use of money should always be related to social justice and personal responsibility. Our worship of God has influenced the way we behave. Our dealings with our fellowmen ensure our fellowship in God's kingdom. He uses the parable of the unjust steward to remind us of the need to be more zealous for heavenly things. It is the steward's resourcefulness and ingenuity that Jesus commends, not his dishonest methods, for ensuring his future. Worldly people go to far greater trouble to secure wealth than devout spiritual men do to obtain spiritual wealth.

Allow me to share Christ's teaching for us in today's Gospel on three levels:

1. **Crisis:** In a crisis, act resolutely and resourcefully. The manager was faced with an crisis. But he acted promptly and prudently. An encounter with Christ, either by hearing his Word or by some events in life, is a moment of crisis. The temptation is to postpone any action. But Christ counsels us to act resolutely and resourcefully.
2. **Trustworthiness:** When we require a friend or someone to do business with, the first quality we look for is trustworthiness. This is also the purpose of demanding a certificate of good moral character. How happy we are when we find a faithful friend or a loyal colleague, and how it saddens us when our trust is betrayed!
3. **Wholeness:** Divided loyalty leads to divisiveness, the disintegration of one's personality, and mammon as our god. Anything or anyone that prevents us from loving and serving God wholeheartedly can become our idol. And Christ emphatically says: "You cannot serve God and mammon." How do we measure up to Christ's requirement?

"Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value." - Albert Einstein

May God bless you.-Father Angelito



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
- Monday:** Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Tuesday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest, and Paul Chōng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Friday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Human beings are often very clever when managing money and making a profit. Sometimes, we place so much of our sense of security in money that we lower ourselves to deceit and fraud. Our need to produce a profit can easily lead to economic injustice and exploitation. Money is necessary to conduct the business of our lives. However, it cannot become the god we serve. Being smart, savvy, and creative with financial wealth can be good. Being smart, savvy, and creative with living out our relationship with God is even better. Our hearts have to find a home somewhere. Jesus reminds us of a choice we must make: God or mammon. We need to be cautious about “selling our souls” to what cannot fully satisfy us and falling into the traps of lust, gluttony, pride, and greed. Instead, we can better direct our efforts and our talents to the management of God’s kingdom, which in the end is the only thing that matters. Any ideas on how we can use the talents and skills God gave us to make for a better world?



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or “Pio” in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God’s will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him “St. Pio of Pietrelcina.”

# 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 • September 17**

**4:30 PM**

† **Arthur Butch Bitz**

*r/b Patty & Stephanie*

## **Sunday • September 18**

**8:00 AM**

† **Gloria Volpe**

*r/b Lulu Claro & Michael Cirasola*

**10:00 AM**

† **Ron Snyder**

*r/b Ed & Maggie Lempka*

**11:30 AM**

† **Jack Kehoe**

*r/b Cathy Keegan*

## **Monday • September 19**

**9:00 AM**

† **Daniel Moyer**

*r/b Cathy & Jan*

## **Tuesday • September 20**

**9:00 AM**

† **Laurette Meyer**

*r/b Cathy & Jan*

## **Thursday • September 22**

**9:00 AM**

† **Dorothy McInerney**

*r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family*

## **Friday • September 23**

**9:00 AM**

† **Lisa Marie Snow**

*r/b Sandy & Margie*



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# Liturgical Life



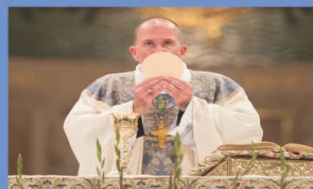
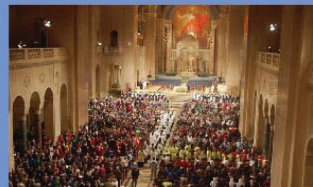
The Diocese of Trenton invites you and your family to:

## In Communion with Jesus

*A Pilgrimage to Mary's House*



**Bishop David M. O'Connell, CM** invites you and your families to journey with him to this holy site, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC.



*Save the Date*  
**November 12, 2022**  
Saturday

The day will include special activities for children.  
More information will follow.



We are organizing a bus for our parishioners who are interested in attending the Pilgrimage to Mary's House on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

For more details, please contact Laura in the Parish Office.



## **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.

**For sponsor requests from St. Catherine', you must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request, showing participation in the life & support of the Church.**

*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.*

## **WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS**

### **Low Gluten Host**

An extremely low-gluten host (37 micrograms) is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest prior to the beginning of Mass.

## **Anointing of the Sick**

**Please call 732-938-5375.**

## **Baptism**

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to scheduling the Baptism.

Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

Please call the Parish Office for 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 Reed Family  
Foster & Allison  
Cassandra**



**The Reitano Family  
Jenna, Joanna & Matteo**

**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 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.

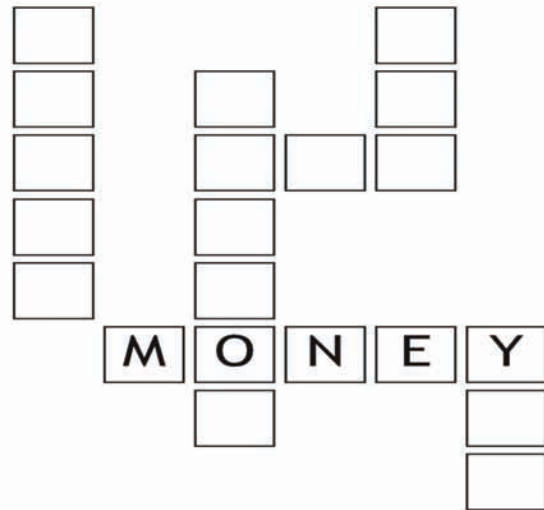


# Religious Education News

**READ THE  
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Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**You cannot serve God and money.**



## SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus wants you to be honest. When you tell lies, your friends will not be able to trust you. Tell the truth. If you find a wallet, bring it to the police station. If you see someone drop some money, pick it up and give it back to them. If someone left a jacket or toy on the playground, don't take it. Turn it in to "lost and found." When you are honest with small things, people will see that you can be trusted with bigger things, too.

### PRAYER

Dear God, help me to be honest.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your parents to tell you ways that they choose to be honest with their work, their money, and with God.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- September 21 @ 6 PM Catechist Meeting
- September 28 @ 7 PM Home study Meeting
- October 2 @ 10 AM Mass–Special Blessing for Rel. Ed Students / Welcome Breakfast
- October 2 @ 11:30 AM Mass–Special Blessing for Rel. Ed Students / Welcome Breakfast
- October 16, 17, 18 Welcome Back! Program Opens

# A Note from the Office

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Holiday Bazaar**

**On Saturday November 5, 2022  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with our NEW parish initiatives, programs & events. Please call Laura in the Parish Office for more details or return the card below to the office.

Thank you.

**Discover Ways To Serve In Our Parish**

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PARISH UPDATE AS OF September 12, 2022

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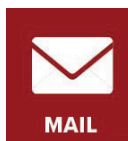
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### Ways to Donate



MAIL to St. Catherine of Siena

Parish Office or

Diocese of Trenton Department of Development

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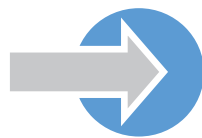
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For further information,  
please contact  
Laura Randazzo at  
732-938-5375.



# Support St. Catherine of Siena Parish



## Ways to Give

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, Sept. 10-11, 2022		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,163.00	72 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,130.00	93 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,138.00	124 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,428.00	76 People
Online Giving	\$2,316.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,175.00</b>	



### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Drop your envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or mail directly to the Parish Office.

To receive envelopes, please register in the parish. Please call the Parish Office to check your status.



### ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.

### HOW TO CREATE YOUR ONLINE GIVING ACCOUNT

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Click on the collection you wish to donate to.

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## SECOND COLLECTION

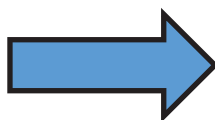
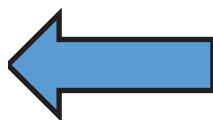
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## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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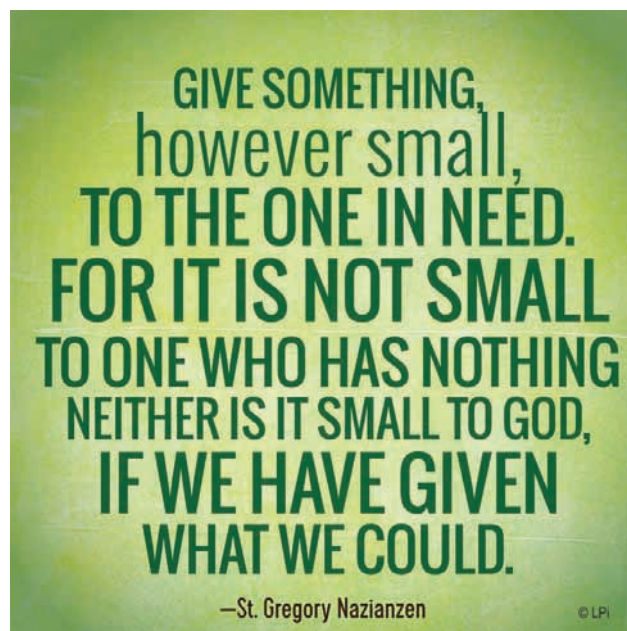
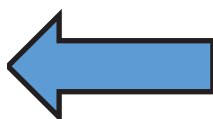


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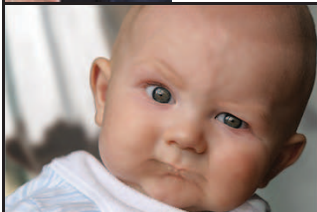
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