

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS
9:00AM — 2:00PM

SUNDAY

*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



WELCOME ONE
ANOTHER, THEN, AS
CHRIST WELCOMED YOU,
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

ROMANS 15:7

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, Palm Sunday, the entire Christian World starts off with the holiest days of the year as Holy Week is ordered to the commemoration of Christ's Passion beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem. We have blessed our Palms at the Saturday Vigil Mass so please take them home after the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy today.

Kindly pick up a copy of today's Bulletin to follow and observe all of our Holy Week Services and activities in the Church. A friendly reminder that Good Friday is "paschal fast" and if it's possible we continue until Holy Saturday. As a result, we the people of God will receive the joy of the Lord's resurrection with uplifted and responsive hearts.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

In spiritual life, what matters is not what I do but what I allow the Lord to do in and through me. If I can be useful to the Lord as a donkey, I am ready and totally willing to be His donkey. My only concern is to be His best donkey.

Jesus appreciated small things. Among the throng of rich people making a display of their wealth by their large contributions to the temple treasury, Jesus had eyes to see and praise the insignificant offering of a poor widow. He also assured us that even a cup of cold water offered in His name would have its reward.

It is the Lord who is in need of a donkey for His royal procession and solemn entry into Jerusalem! What a rich and revealing irony and paradox! The Lord will dramatically and graphically demonstrate the paradoxical and even revolutionary nature of Lordship on Holy Thursday. After washing the feet of His disciples, Jesus asks them a very pointed question: "Do you understand what I have just done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and it is right. You do so, because that's what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet" (Jn 13:13-14).

Tis is an egoless service. Our ego is the number one obstacle preventing us from doing humble service. Our ego wants to be the lion, the king of the forest, and not a dumb donkey. Jesus was an egoless person. So, He could comfortably sit on a donkey and enter Jerusalem triumphantly.

A true disciple of Jesus has no problem being a donkey or being a lion. He/she makes himself/herself available to the Master, disposing his/her self at the feet of the Master. Not only to be His donkey, but even the cloaks and branches strewn on His path, so that even a donkey can trample on them.

Lord, teach me the sublime beauty of humility and the wisdom of littleness. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

The centurion and the men with him who were
keeping watch over Jesus
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake
and all that was happening, and they said,
"Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

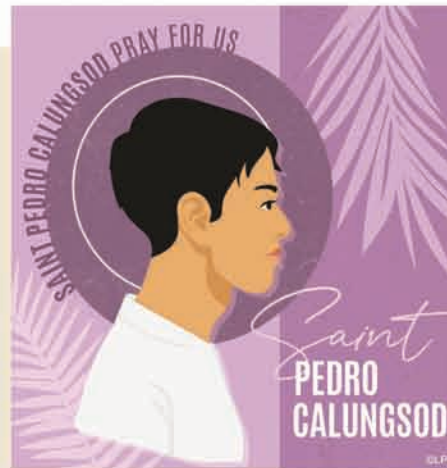
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our relationship with Christ should leave us mesmerized — "shaken," like Biblical Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should leave our jaws hanging. If it does not, we should ask ourselves: what needs to change?

Observances for the week of April 2, 2023

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



Saint of the week

Saint Pedro Calungsod, a teenaged Filipino missionary to Guam, was murdered by the chief of Tumon after baptizing his children at the request of his Christian wife. He remains an inspiration of unwavering faith and loyal friendship to young Catholics everywhere.

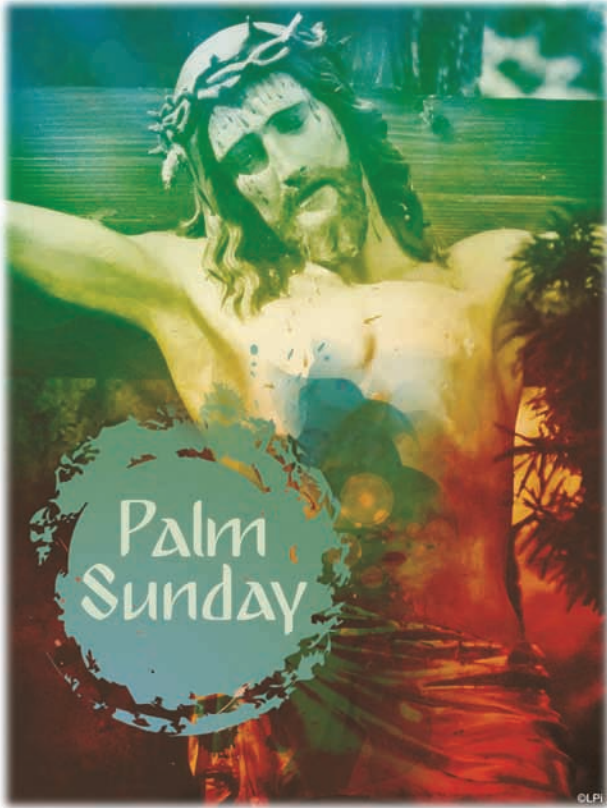
Prayer

Prayer for St. Pedro Calungsod's intercession

Saint Pedro Calungsod, student, catechist, young migrant, missionary, faithful friend, martyr, you inspire us by your fidelity in time of adversity; by your courage in teaching the Faith in the midst of hostility; and by your love in shedding your blood for the sake of the Gospel.

We beg you, make our cares and troubles your own [here mention the special intention you are asking him to bring to the Lord] and intercede for us before the throne of Mercy and Grace, so that as we experience the help of Heaven, we may be encouraged and strengthened to proclaim and live the Gospel here on earth.
AMEN.

Mass Intentions



Saturday • April 1

4:30 PM

† **Richard Giordano**

r/b Fred & Sally

Sunday • April 2

8:00 AM

† **Anthony & Rachel Pennetti & Family**

r/b Libby Miller

10:00 AM

† **John Keegan**

r/b Loving Family

11:30 AM

† **Salvina Ruschmeier**

r/b Kathy Russo

Monday • April 3

9:00 AM

† **Philip Galle**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

Tuesday • April 4

9:00 AM

† **Carl Mulkeen**

r/b Fay Stall

Thursday • April 6

9:00 AM

† **Sandra Koziar**

r/b Joanne Monroe





Weekday Mass

St. Catherine's
Chapel

Monday

April 3

9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday

April 4

9:00 AM Mass

Parish Office is closed
on Holy Thursday &
Good Friday &
Easter Monday.

Join Us for Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY April 2

8:00 AM/10:00 AM/11:30 AM

~ *Blessing of the Palms* ~

April 1 ~ 4:30 PM

Palm Distributed at all Masses



HOLY THURSDAY April 6

~ *Mass of the Lord's Supper* ~

7:30 PM

No morning Mass

Church open for prayer ~ Noon ~ 7:00 PM



GOOD FRIDAY April 7

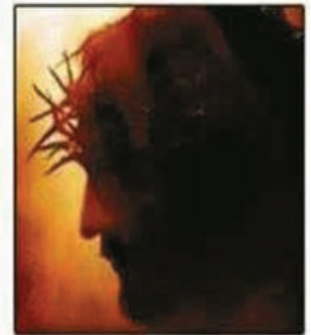
~ *Commemoration of our Lord's Passion* ~

3:00 PM

No morning Mass

Church open for prayer

9:00 AM—3:00 PM



Stations of the Cross ~ 6:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY April 8

~ *Easter Vigil* ~

8:00 PM

Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Foods

9:00 AM



EASTER SUNDAY April 9

8:00 AM/10:00 AM/11:30 AM





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 1, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, until Holy Thursday morning, April 6, 2023** --- 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. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan 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.

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, February 25-26, 2023, to Trinity Sunday, June 3-4, 2023**. 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 who are 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

We Celebrate the Sacraments

SPONSORSHIP 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's, 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.***

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.

Matrimony

Engaged Couples should contact our parish at least one year in advance of the proposed date of marriage and before making other arrangements.

Ministry to the Homebound

For Homebound requests, please call the Parish Office.

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.

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.

Altar Flowers

Floral pieces start at \$50 and can be ordered except during Lent. Please call the Parish Office.

Our Parish Family

All are Invited

Palm Sunday

Pancake Breakfast

April 2

Parish Hall

After the 8 AM Mass

&

After the 10 AM Mass



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Thank you to all who participated with our first sessions. Together, the Art Ministry made close to 100 handmade cards for our parish donation of Care Bags to benefit youth/teens in foster care. Much appreciation for sharing your AMAZING talent.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to treat you like my king.

Mission for the Week

Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle (but not all the way through) for leaves.

Sharing the Gospel

Many years earlier, God's prophets had written about the Savior. He would heal the blind, he would raise the dead, and he would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey as a gentle king. The people knew Jesus was the Savior they had been waiting for. They treated him like a king.

Now color the picture!



Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, March 25-26, 2023

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,146.00	112 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,459.00	110 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,093.00	120 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$970.00	110 People
Online Giving	\$1,498.00	
Total	\$6,166.00	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Maintenance & Repairs	\$739.00
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- Catholic Social Services (Mount Carmel Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison Ministry, Respect Life, Grief)
- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

THE POWER TO CHOOSE:

FEET OF CHRIST

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

\$2,250,000

- Finding and Forming Priests (Vocations Recruitment & Seminary Preparation)
- Retired Priest Care
- Preparation of Deacons
- Support of Religious Women and Men

HANDS OF CHRIST

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

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- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
- Religious Education for Children and Rite of Election of Adults
- Catholic School Programs
- Professional Development for Educators

Total ACA Goal is **\$6.5 Million**

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

Pledged: **\$33,661.00**

84% of Goal

Paid: **\$25,733.00**

64% of Goal

As of March 26, 2023

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