

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



3<sup>rd</sup>

*April 23, 2023*

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"The Lord has truly been raised!"

- Lk 24:34

# 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

Church

Other days by Appointment



# A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Beginning next weekend, we will witness and see our young parish children receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first-time during weekend liturgies. There's a lot of joy, gladness and excitement on the part of the recipients together their parents, family members and friends, catechists and the whole parish community. Congratulations!

Many thanks and gratitude go to the parish's volunteer catechists and the Religious Education Program for their strong dedication, great leadership, perseverance and patience in forming and teaching these children the faith and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

We give appreciation to the parents and guardians of our young boys and girls as they respond faithfully and show their wonderful cooperation with our Religious Education Office, with great results in executing the ideas and concepts for the betterment of the program and curriculum. Please always remember that parents and guardians are first responsible for teaching the faith and imparting and sharing the doctrines of the Church. Our young children are the future of the parish and the church.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A creative artist wanted to depict these words of the Gospel: "I knock at the door." The painting shows Christ with His hand raised to knock. The painter's son looked at the picture and said: "Daddy, there is something wrong with the picture!" "What is that?" asked the father. "The door has no knocker, and that gentleman won't be able to get in." "My son, there is really nothing wrong with the painting. That 'gentleman' is God. The door is the door of the human heart, and the keys are inside. In order for the Lord to get in, it is necessary to open the door from within."

There are times when our sterile worries, futile pleasures, and vain preoccupations cloud our eyes so much that we are not able to recognize the Lord as we should. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were thoroughly distracted, unfocused, frightened and downhearted, as their conversation reveals.

They were despondent because their hopes in Jesus had been dashed. They had pinned their hopes on Him, believing He was the one to free the Israelites from the yoke of the Romans. They certainly expected a lot from Him. But contrary to their expectations, Jesus was crucified after a mock trial during which He did not do anything to defend Himself. Their hopes of seeing a new kingdom established were completely shattered.

They freely shared their sentiments with the stranger, whom they had failed to recognize as Jesus. How could they recognize Him when their hearts were full of sorrow and disappointment? They said, "We were hoping He would be the one to redeem Israel" (v21). Jesus replied, "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (v26).

After having done everything possible to make us worthy to receive Him, He patiently waits for us to invite Him in. He does not want to force His presence on us. He is too gentle and meek to break open the door of our heart to come in. If we invite Him, He will certainly come in and break bread with us and for us. Do we fail to recognize Him even at the breaking of the bread?

The Emmaus journey is a model of prayer as conversation and conversion. The disciples' prayer on the road moved back and forth between two realities: the reality of themselves and their feelings, the reality of the scriptures and the person of Jesus. It was prayer that increased their faith, their hope, and their love — sealed with the Eucharist. Their prayer on the journey made them not only 'hearers of the word' but also 'doers of the word'.

Jesus knew how to listen to their story. And as they were recounting their story in hindsight, they realized that their hearts were burning with joy. Jesus is the one present to us when we tell our story. Jesus cares, tell Him your story.

Lord, you were a good listener to the discouraged disciples of Emmaus; make me also a good listener to others when they most need it. Amen.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it."  
(Acts 2:23-24)

### Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. (1 Pt 1:17-19)

### Gospel:

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (Lk 24:30-31)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was — God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see.

## Observances for the week of April 23, 2023

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter  
**Monday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr  
**Tuesday:** St. Mark, Evangelist  
**Wednesday:** Administrative Professionals' Day  
**Friday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest; Arbor Day  
**Saturday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter



## Saint of the week

Venerable Maria Consuelo Soledad Sanjurjo Santos was a native Puerto Rican who served as Provincial Superior of the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick in the Caribbean in the mid-1900's. During her 62 years of consecrated life, she greatly expanded the mission of the congregation!

## Prayer

*Prayer for the Intercession of Venerable Soledad Sanjurjo*

Father of goodness, in Mother Soledad Sanjurjo Santos You revealed to us the treasures of grace of a "life hidden with Christ in God."

Grant us the unwavering faith that filled and transformed her life so that, like her, we may discover Your presence in our lives and dedicate ourselves in Your name to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need.

We ask You to glorify Your faithful servant and to grant us the grace we ask of you today through her intercession (here make your request) for your greater glory and the good of the Church.

Amen

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday • April 22**

**4:30 PM**

† **Anne Bracco**

*r/b Fred & Sally Sisbarro*

**Sunday • April 23**

**8:00 AM**

† **Frances D. Schmitt**

*r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy*

**10:00 AM**

† **Michael & Ann Phillips**

*r/b Richard Sowpel*

**11:30 AM**

† **Dinh Nguyen**

*r/b Loving Children & Wife*

**Monday • April 24**

**9:00 AM**

† **Leonard Angelo Valenzuela**

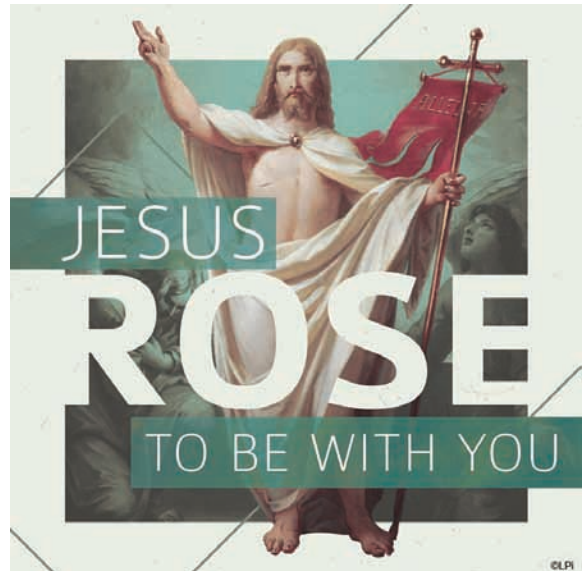
*r/b Valenzuela Family*

**Tuesday • April 25**

**9:00 AM**

† **Grace M. Shay**

*r/b Joseph P. Meagher*



**Thursday • April 27**

**9:00 AM**

† **Beth Zarraga**

*r/b JoAnn Sos*

**Friday • April 28**

**9:00 AM**

† **Anthony Pisani**

*r/b Ciaravino Family*



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.

And especially for:

**Anthony Di Siena**

**Joseph A. Balzarano**

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

# 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.

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

- Lk 24:33-35

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Peter's first public speech in Jerusalem focuses on Jesus' connection to King David. In other words, Peter spoke of God's fidelity to Israel in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. What would you like to know about Jesus' *Jewish roots*?

### Second Reading

Peter encourages his community to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (life on earth). How might you show respect to others this week?

### Gospel Reading

We hear how the two disciples on the road to Emmaus finally recognized the risen Jesus in the blessing and breaking of the bread. What helps you recognize the presence of Jesus in your life?



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- ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

# Liturgical Life

## Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

### Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
(11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

### Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn  
6:22-29

### Tuesday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

### Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/  
Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn  
6:44-51

### Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday:

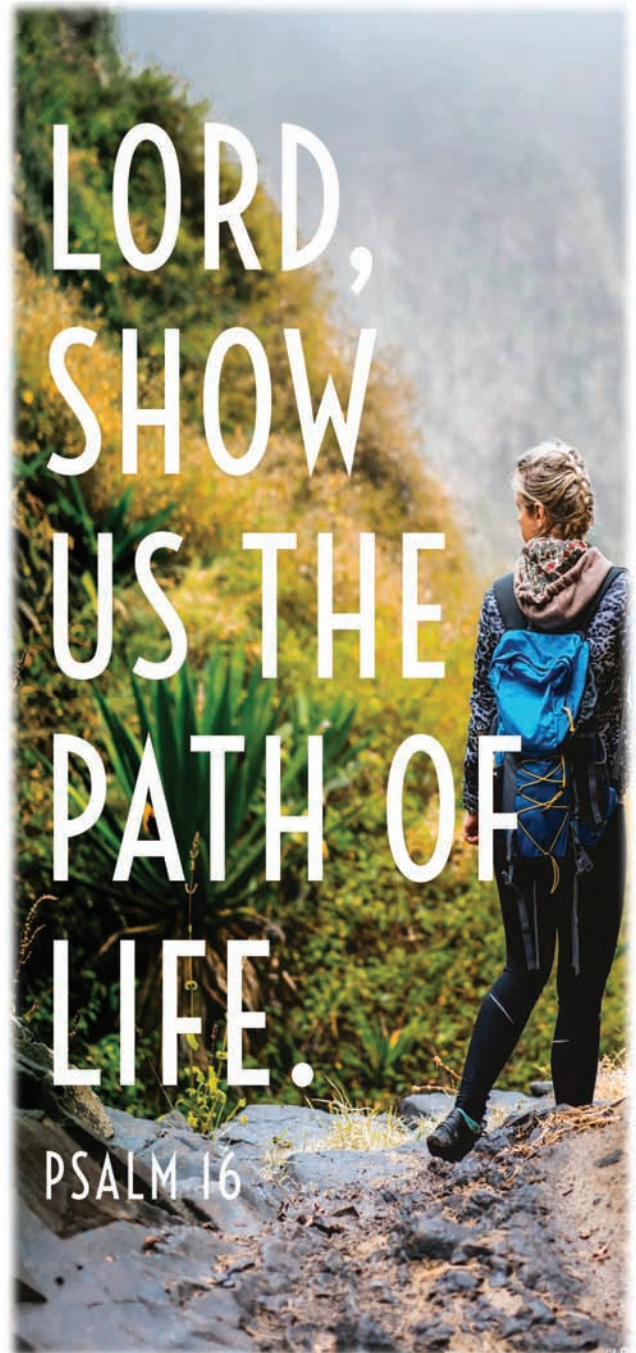
Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn  
6:60-69

### Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
(1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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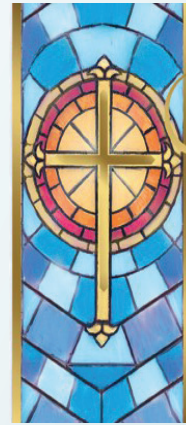
**You are Invited to be a  
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**2023-2024**

**Parish Religious Education Program**

ENRICH A CHILD'S LIFE: We are looking for volunteers for the 2023-2024 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Please consider becoming a catechist (teacher) or a catechist aide. You don't have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program. We will provide training and support along the way. If interested, please contact the Laura in the office at 732-938-5375.

*Our  
Parish Family*



St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
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**Andrew & Emily**

**The Hajjar Family**  
**Anthony & Victoria**  
**Nicholas & Eva**

With Warmth and Prayers,  
We Welcome You into  
Our Family of Faith.

# Kids Corner

## Prayer

Jesus, when I am sad or confused, help me to remember that you are alive and with me always.

## Mission for the Week

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.

## Sharing the Gospel

Even though he had risen from the dead, two of Jesus' friends had not seen him yet. These men were still sad and confused. Imagine their surprise when Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures about the Savior, and then broke bread for a meal. They saw him alive!

Unscramble the words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus  
talking  
Cleopas

Christ  
Moses  
Prophets

village  
bread  
Simon

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Mesos

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Please pray for our parish grade 2 students as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.



# Parish Support

# ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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4:30 PM Mass	\$1,318.00	110 People
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11:30 AM Mass	\$1,633.00	120 People
Online Giving	\$1,833.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,394.00</b>	
Second Collection		
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Thank you to all who generously gave to the Easter Collection. Because of your gifts, the parish collected \$17,620.00. May God continue to bless you and your family.

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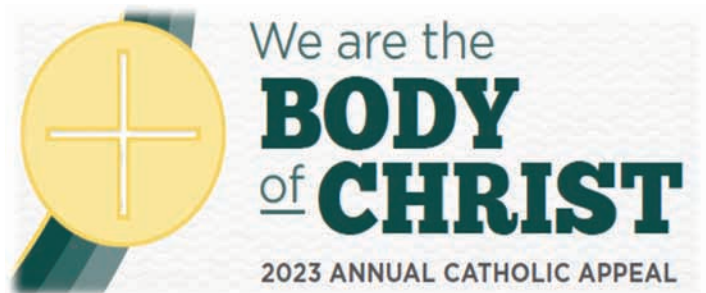
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

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Parish Goal: **\$40,000**

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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

### Parish Update

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