

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

Welcome



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM — 12:45 PM

*The Church is open during
Parish Office hours
for prayer.*

WORSHIP WITH US

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ



WEEKDAY MASS

St. Catherine's Chapel

1 West Main Street Farmingdale

MONDAY 9:00 AM

TUESDAY 9:00 AM

THURSDAY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY 9:00 AM

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday's immediately following
Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

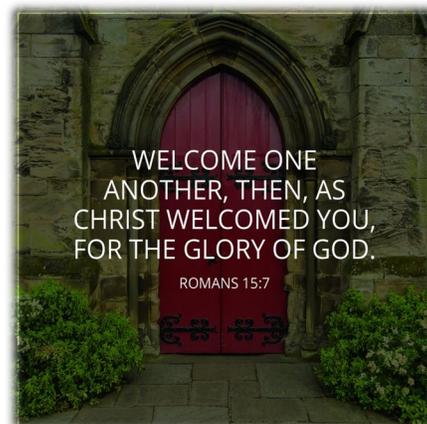
First Friday of the Month
immediately following Weekday
9 AM Mass at Chapel

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30—4:00 PM

Church

Other days by Appointment



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I guess the family, relatives, and friends of our newly-confirmed and first communicant who received what they aspire for are glad to witness the rites as they attended the Easter Vigil Mass a few weeks ago. The parish community of St. Catherine is delighted to welcome and receive with open arms our candidates, namely, Elizabeth Lesniewski, Jacqueline Grasso, Lee Ann Failla, and Holly Potochar, who are now in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Now that they are fully initiated, it's time for them to live up to the faith that they learned, believed, and put into practice every single day their Catholic faith. We will see them coming to Church on Sunday in the liturgies, joining the other ministries of the parish, and being active and participative in every event and activity that the parish is doing. They also must spread and defend the Catholic Faith. CONGRATULATIONS!

As we can see, this is the season for our young boys and girls to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Please, continue to pray for them as they take pride and honor in receiving Jesus. Congratulations to our first communicants and to their parents and guardians!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

It is hard to believe that nowadays, there is no scarcity of messiahs and saviors. But Jesus warns us emphatically, you will be 'despoiled' and 'destroyed', for people who make fantastic promises are only thieves and robbers. Such an absolute pronouncement comes as a rude shock to our modern minds which leave ample space for 'tolerance' and 'religious pluralism'. What makes Jesus different from 'all others'? Why does He insist on such exclusivism? What does He promise to his followers?

Jesus, in crystal clear terms, tells us that He is the One; yes, He is the only One who has come into the world to give us access to a new place, to a new 'vital place'... He has come to invite us to come out of our own little world's limited horizons, to an infinite and eternal world of peace, freedom and vitality. In Jesus we find God inviting man into his own 'space'. Here alone is our true liberty... Here alone we can breathe really and expand to the infinite...

This is an experience, an experience of God in Jesus Christ. This is the beginning of one consciously becoming a Christian. It is also the starting point of the activation of the life of baptism infused into us. As this life develops by means of personal appropriation of the salvation God worked for us in Jesus Christ, our experience of God becomes deeper and deeper. At the core of this experience stands Christ as the Good Shepherd.

Whatever Christianity may mean to us, without this pivotal experience, Christianity will remain a dreary thing. This experience is the core of the Good News, that is, that God loves and cares for us. Jesus equates this knowledge/experience with eternal life. "And eternal life means knowing You, the only true God, and knowing Jesus Christ whom You sent." (Jn 17:3). This eternal life begins here and now. To experience Christ as our Good Shepherd is to experience Him as our Savior. And Jesus means SAVIOR.

Jesus, my Good Shepherd, lead me into the heart of the Father, in order to experience the length and the breadth and the depth of Divine Love for me. Amen.

May God bless you,
Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:25)

Gospel:

"I am the gate.
Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."
(Jn 10:9)

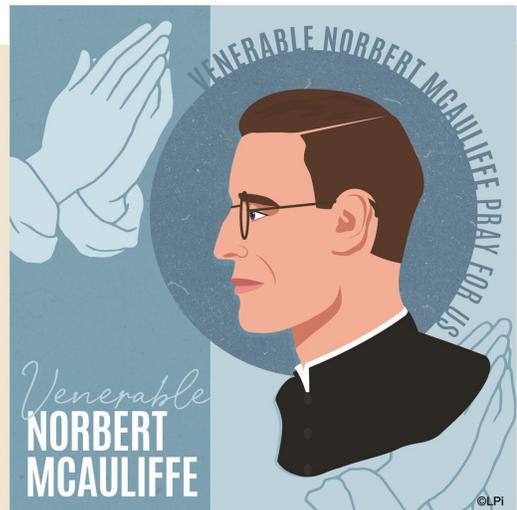
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We know the voice of our shepherd. We know he speaks a language of love, of patience, of long-suffering sacrifice. The voice of the thief will offer us freedom, but it is a freedom that ends in destruction. There is only one gate that leads to everlasting life.

Observances for the week of April 30, 2023

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
Tuesday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Thursday: SNational Day of Prayer
Friday: Cinco de Mayo
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

An American-born missionary known for his work in Uganda with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Venerable Norbert McAuliffe was nicknamed The Man Who Always Prays by those he served. His work continues to this day through the leadership of the many African Brothers he formed.

Prayer

Prayer for the Canonization of Venerable Norbert McAuliffe

Most Holy Trinity, you granted to Your servant Venerable Norbert McAuliffe the gifts of administration and of vision, that he should be a spiritual guide for all he met, a joyful herald of the Gospel, and a devoted servant of the one Church of Christ. For his love of everyone You put in his path, his formation of many young men, and his dedication to education and evangelism across the U.S. and Africa, we pray that he may soon be numbered among the canonized saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • April 29

4:30 PM

† Maryann Cullen

r/b Loving Aunt and Sisters

Sunday • April 30

8:00 AM

† Michael Gabler

r/b Conway Family

10:00 AM

† Joan Comp

r/b Dietze Family

11:30 AM

† Henry (Hank) Reilly

r/b Louise Donnelly

Monday • May 1

9:00 AM

† William Hanley

r/b Loving Niece

Tuesday • May 2

9:00 AM

† Michael Boyle

r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy

Indeed, goodness
and mercy will
pursue me all the
days of my life

-Psalm 23:6

Thursday • May 4

9:00 AM

† Peg & Bill Carter

r/b Dominick Pondaco

Friday • May 5

9:00 AM

† Roy Murray

r/b Loving Wife & Family



May the good Lord bless all the
faithful departed.

And especially for:

Peter V. Corallo

Marie J. Sangillo

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.

Liturgical Life

Readings for the week of April 30, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

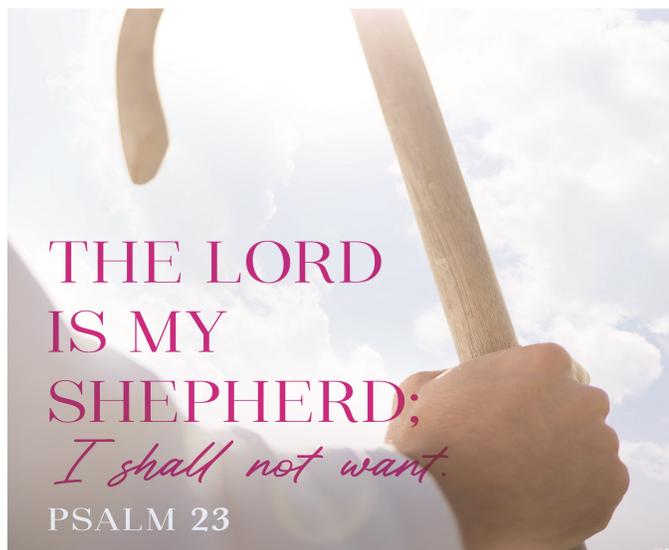
Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

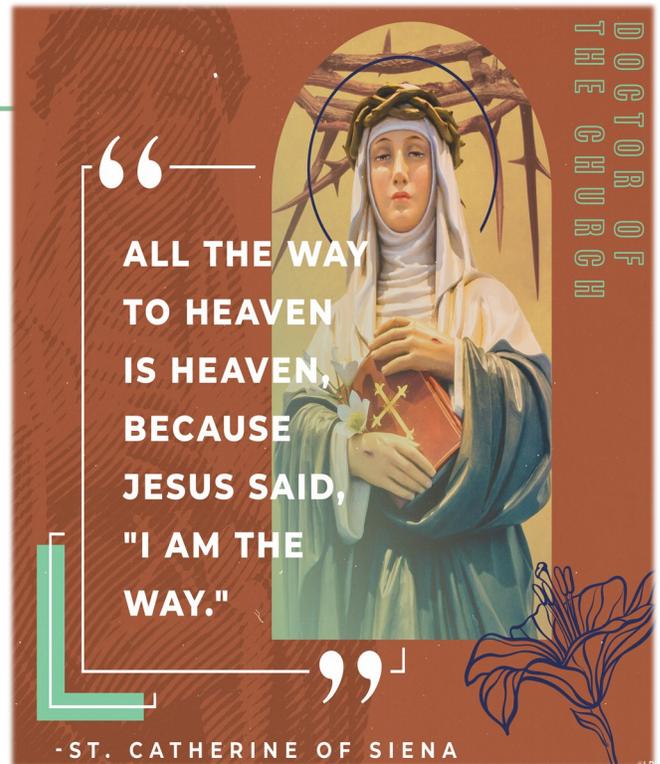
Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that that they might have life and have it more abundantly. " Jn 10:9-10



World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Saturday and Sunday April 29-30, 2023 also known as "**Good Shepherd Sunday**." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life – especially religious orders serving in our Diocese and societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



**You are Invited to be a
Catechist!**

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
Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

Giuseppe & Donna Benedetto

**The Butros Family
Ronald, Antonella
Jordan & Alexander**

Michael & Filomena D'Addario

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

First Eucharist

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.

-JOHN 6:35

Meghan Danielle Amador
Cortes

Maeve Elizabeth Killea

Taylor Michael Applegate

Adriana Ann Lanza

Kayla DaSilva Azevedo

Declan Christopher Marron

Sydney Michele Barton

Harper Dorothy Mitchell

Brenna Gabrielle Berg

Kylie Victoria Pelszynski

Benjamin Oliver Block

Matthew Francis Prime

Caroline Rose Brach

Cassandra Lynn Reed

Brody RJ Charles

Miguel Marco Rodriguez

Mariella Darcy Cohen

Lucianna Patricia Samarelli

Melayna Mae Diab

Gabriella Autumn Scano

Shane Daniel Duleavy

Lucas Julian Serafin

Cameron Jay Evans

Aubrey Madison Tabet

Abbie Claire Ferraro

Ryan Peter Tuosto

Griffin Patrick Ganley

Colin Joseph Woodle

James Christopher Golando

Mason Michael Woods

Maya Victoria Kaufmann

Gavin Nicholas Zapata

Jesus made you special and
you're unique in every way.
He loves you very much on this your
First Communion Day.

Congratulations!



Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping me follow God.

Mission for the Week

Make a sign for your bedroom door that says, "Jesus is the way to heaven."

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is the way for you to go to heaven. Through Jesus' love and forgiveness, you can be close to God. You can enjoy the many ways God takes care of you. God gives you people to love. God gives you food to eat. He gives you the Bible to read. Stay close to God through Jesus.

Now color the picture!



Find the lamb that is different!



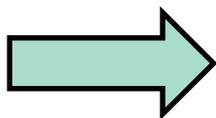
Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, April 22 –23, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,152.00	80 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,321.00	102 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,298.00	145 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,102.00	117 People
Online Giving	\$1,566.00	
Total	\$6,439.00	
Second Collection		
Diocesan Assessment		\$709.00

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.

Thank You for Your Generosity.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

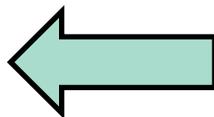


May 7, 2023

The Good Samaritan Ministry

May 14, 2023

Mother's Day



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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

ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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We are the **BODY of CHRIST**

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

EYES OF CHRIST

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

\$1,750,000

- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Catholic Social Services (Mount Carmel Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison Ministry, Respect Life, Grief)
- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

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.

\$2,500,000

- 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**

Your gift supports essential programs and ministries

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

As of April 24, 2023

Pledged: **\$36,046.00** 90% of Goal

Paid: **\$28,591.00** 71% of Goal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!