

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 20, 2023

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Welcome



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

31 ASBURY ROAD ▪ FARMINGDALE, NJ ▪ 07727



frontoffice@sienachurch.org



732-938-5375



www.sienachurch.org

CONNECT WITH US

CLERGY

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon Pastor

E: pastor@sienachurch.org

Deacon Daniel Sakowski

E: deacondan@sienachurch.org

PARISH STAFF

Laura Randazzo Pastor's Associate

E: passociate@sienachurch.org

Janet Amato Office Assistant

E: officeassistant@sienachurch.org

Charles Clarke Music Director

E: frontoffice@sienachurch.org

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,

In all the readings of today, we encounter and are made aware of the great truth that salvation is for all, irrespective of one's caste, creed, nationality or race. The salvation that God our Father offers His children is for all, of every nation and all ages. This is emphatically reiterated by Paul in our second reading, when he tells us that "God's gift and his call are irrevocable."

Our lives are oriented and ordained towards realizing and experiencing the 'image and likeness' in which we are created. Our receptivity to God's grace releases us from the slavery of self-deception and we freely share in the divine life, something which we can never achieve by ourselves.

In our first reading today, Prophet Isaiah brings home to us the message that all people will be drawn together in worship of God. The prophet's call does not leave out anyone but includes everyone, whether one is an Israelite or not. Everyone is invited to join and have communion with the Lord.

In today's Gospel, Matthew presents us with a radical, dynamic, and persevering example of faith. The Canaanite woman, an outsider apparently rejected by Jesus who does not heed her plea, continues persistently in her prayer. She knows whom she is talking to and what He can do for her. The woman trusts in Jesus in the depth of her heart and surrenders herself to His mercy. She waits in persevering faith for Jesus to act.

The persistent and trusting faith of the Canaanite woman teaches a great lesson.

In faith, there is always room for mystery. As we do not know, the seed strikes root, shoots up and bears fruit, we need to patiently wait, letting God

act in His time, on His own terms and conditions. Faith presupposes trust and surrender, and this is what the woman so beautifully demonstrates. The willingness to surrender to God holds the promise to connect us with our true selves and with the reality of God in our lives and in the world.

The woman's trust in the Lord enables her to enter and enjoy the deepest realm of life itself. Her self-surrender helps her to believe Jesus is both able and willing to heal her daughter. Here is a woman who refuses to believe her pleas are 'going to the dogs'. She deeply believes in the Lord, and it is through perseverance that she obtains her request.

By this incident, Jesus candidly brings home the powerful challenging message that one's status of 'son' by itself does not assure the availability of salvation. The 'dogs' are also entitled to be counted among the sheep and are raised to the status of children to inherit the redemption that Jesus will obtain and make available to all.

Lord Jesus, help me to believe in you, to pray for you in faith and make me faithful in Labors of love. Amen.

Be gracious
to us, O Lord,
for we are
in distress.

PSALM 31:9

God, bring
consolation
and relief

to Mary



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer (Is 56:6-7)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"O woman, great is your faith!" The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered.

Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius X, Pope
Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Celestina Bottego was born in Ohio. She went on to be the foundress of the Xavier Missionaries Sisters of Mary in Italy. The Sisters rejected the traditional habit commonly worn by religious women in favor of wearing the same clothing styles as those they served.

Prayer

Almighty and merciful Father, You placed in the heart of Mother Celestina Bottego the ardent desire that Your Kingdom spread throughout the world and made her capable of giving all of herself for the creation of a missionary Family. We humbly ask You to allow us to imitate her holiness of life and, through her intercession, to grant us the grace that we confidently ask of You.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.fondazioneantiac.org/venerabile/celestina-bottego/bottego-celestina/>)

Mass Intentions

Saturday • August 19

4:30 PM

† **Wayne Sos**

r/b Loving Wife, JoAnn

Sunday • August 20

8:00 AM

† **Ruth D'Amico**

r/b Jim D'Amico

10:00 AM

† **James Stephen Napolitano**

r/b St. Catherine's RCIA Team

11:30 AM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Loving Husband, Joe

Monday • August 21

9:00 AM

† **Josephine Ciccone**

r/b Carol & Drew Gross

Tuesday • August 22

9:00 AM

† **Frank Pondaco**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family

Thursday • August 24

9:00 AM

† **Monica Ann Talcott**

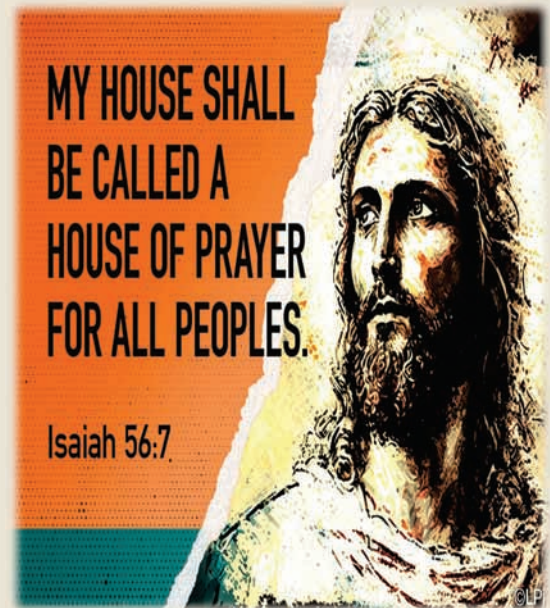
r/b Ben & Celeste Talcott & Family

Friday • August 25

9:00 AM

† **Maria Evangelista**

r/b Sigfrido Evangelista



The Altar Flowers this weekend
are
donated in
loving memory of:

Wayne Sos

at the request of
of his wife, JoAnn.

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
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.

Worship & Meditation



*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome
Our Newly Baptized.
Teresa Marie Mazzoni*

*May God bless this
child and the
family always.*

“God’s love—individual, real,
unchanging—is the true source
of our worth, identity, and dignity.

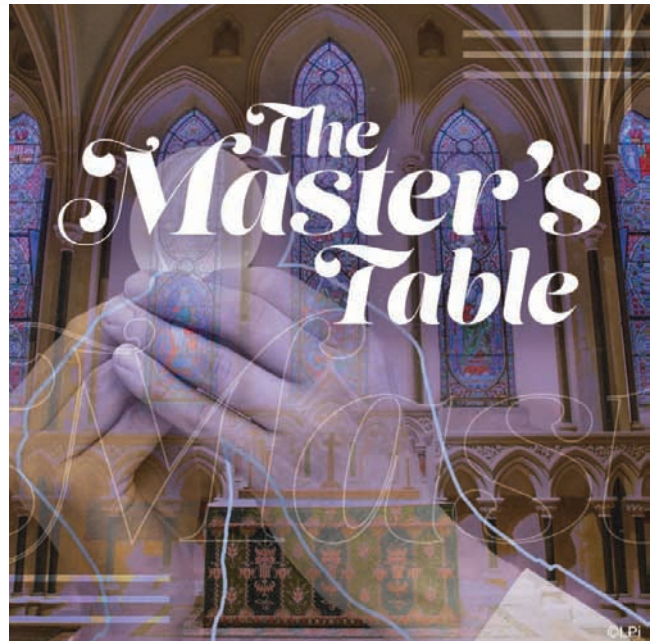
It really is not a
question of who we are, but rather *whose*
we are.

Because his love will never change,
nothing can reduce our God-given dignity,

and nothing can
diminish the
immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of
Pro-Life Activities

“How to Build a Culture of Life”



Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom
11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt
19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn
1:45-51

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Our Parish Family



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

The Aquino Family
John, Jessica
Grace & Hannah

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC IN NEED OF
COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?

If your answer is “yes,” then our RCIA program may be just what you need. The process of spiritual and educational formation is open to any adult who would like to become a full member of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact the office at 732-938-5375.

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

St. Catherine of Siena Religious Education Program (PREP)
registration for the 2023-2024 year is Now Open!

Weekly in-person classes for:

- Elementary Grades 1-5
- Middle School Grades 6-8
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation

In-person
Classes start

September 18 - May 6

Family Faith Formation Home Study Program:

- Elementary Grades 3-6

Home Study Parent Meeting
September 12

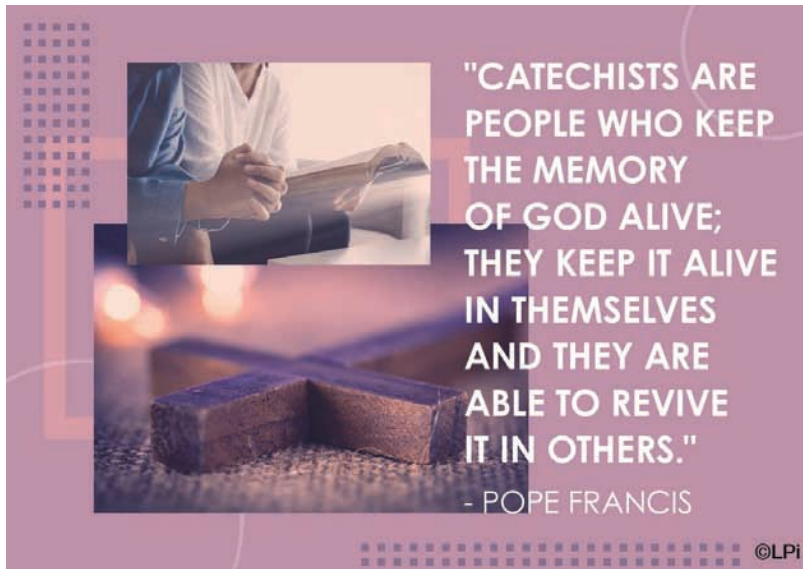
Register Online

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/2b0c9c46-acf2-4b6d-a56d-f996492b43f1>



OR STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO PICK UP A REGISTRATION PACKET. GLPI

Volunteer in the Parish Religious Education Program



- Do you love to work with children and youth?
- Are you interested in helping your Church?
- High School students—Are you looking for service hours?

Join our team for the
upcoming program starting in September.
No experience needed to help. We provide
training and support along the way.

Ways to help:

- Catechist
- Catechist Aide
- Hall Monitor
- Arts & Crafts
- Office Help

Our classes meet as follows:

Sunday 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

Monday 6:00 PM—7:15 PM

Tuesday 4:30 PM—5:45 PM

If interested, please contact the parish office at:

732-938-5375 or email passociate@sienachurch.org

As part of the Diocesan safe environment program, volunteers are required to be fingerprinted and attend a Virtus workshop. This is a requirement for any adult - clergy, staff, and volunteers - working with children within a Catholic parish or school.

DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER



Share a Memory. Hold a Hand. Lend an Ear. Touch a Heart.
Visiting Nurse Association Health Group will provide you with training and support to enhance your gifts of compassion, commitment and companionship to those nearing end of life.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Monday: Sept 21th, 28th, and October 5th 2023

10:00am - 3:00pm

23 Main St. Holmdel, NJ 07733 Suite D1

Advanced registration is required. Volunteers must attend all three sessions.

We encourage volunteers to wait one year following the death of a loved one.

Interested in becoming a volunteer: Contact: Pauline DePalma, BSW Director of Volunteers at 732-224-6933
Pauline.depalma@vnahg.org



THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Around the Community



Interfaith Neighbors at the
Howell Senior Center
Needs Volunteers
to Deliver Meals to
Homebound Seniors.

DELIVER A DIFFERENCE



For more information, call Melanie Decker, Director of Senior Services at [732-938-4500](tel:732-938-4500) x 2550.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer
Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House
84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

HEALING MINISTRY TO THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

INFORMATION
NIGHT

August 23, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Good Shepherd Room
Behind the Parish Center
building
50 Hurleys Lane
Lincroft 07738

WE DO NOT ASK YOU IF YOU ARE CATHOLIC,
WE ONLY ASK YOU IF YOU NEED TO BE HEALED.



IT IS A CATHOLIC PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HEAL
EVERYONE THAT COMES TO IT!

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!**

<https://stleothegreat.com/divorced-separated>

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, August 12-13, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,321.00	111 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,130.00	90 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,213.00	114 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,291.00	92 People
Online Giving	\$1,894.00	
Total	\$6,849.00	
Second Collection		
Candle		\$539.00
Diocesan Assessment		\$690.00

Thank You for Your Generosity.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

**Missionary Appeal weekend of
August 26-27th.**

Help us support the work of the Diocese of Kumbo, Northwest region, Cameroon, Central/West Africa.

The Catholic Diocese of Kumbo (Latin: Dioecesis Kumboensis) in the Ecclesiastical Province of Bamenda, Cameroon, was erected by Pope St John Paul II on Thursday, 18 March 1982, with territory taken from the then Diocese (now Archdiocese) of Bamenda. It is a diocese of the Roman rite of the Catholic Church. It is a suffragan diocese of the Metropolitan See of Bamenda along with the Catholic Dioceses of Buea, Mamfe and Kumba.

For further information, visit
www.dioceseofkumbo.org.

We thank you for your kind generosity to the missions who serve throughout the world.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON



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 August 14, 2023

Pledged: **\$39,466.00** 99% of Goal

Paid: **\$35,599.00** 89% of Goal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Any parish rebate received, the proceeds will benefit our Parish Religious Education Program. Donate today.

Clayton & McGirr

FUNERAL HOME

Serving the community since 1860

Robert C. McGirr • Owner & Manager • NJ Lic. 3273
100 Elton-Adelphia Rd., Freehold Twp • 732-462-0101
Visit us at www.claytonfuneralhome.com

CRUZ GOLF

Public Course
No Tee Times Needed
732-938-3378
www.cruzgolfcc.com
BIRDSALL ROAD • FARMINGDALE, NJ

BREAKFAST CLUB

Good Food At
Great Prices!!

732-751-1191

NEXT TO SHOP-N-BAG ★★ OPEN DAILY



Hackensack
Meridian Health

HMJ Jersey Shore
University
Medical Center
and
Riverview
Medical Center
are hiring for
all positions!



818 16th Ave • Belmar
732-280-6530

All Around Handyman Services

"Much More than
a Handyman!"

Insured
NJ Lic # 13VH01176200

HOLY ROOF?

"Call a Reliable Family Business for 30 Years!"

All Around Roofing & Siding

INSIDE & OUTSIDE REPAIRS
OUTSTANDING WARRANTIES

2nd Generation / Insured • NJ Lic # 13VH01176200



Weichert REALTORS

Edith and Scott Rubinson, Realtor Associates
Cell 732.406.6961 • Office 732.536.4400
Edithrubinson@gmail.com
www.Rubinsonhomes.com

Invite us in...We bring results



Ely Funeral Home

Rt. 33, Neptune, NJ

(732) 918-6650

Toll Free: (888) 775-0567

Michael J. Ely, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4279

James M. Moriarty, Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 5080

Locally owned and operated by the
Ely Family for four generations.



Convenient to Rt. 33, Rt. 18 & G.S. Parkway

www.ElyFuneralHome.com

MAZZA CLEAN OUT SERVICES JUNK REMOVAL 848-480-8522



ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATES, INC.

TANK REMOVALS,
TANK INSTALLATIONS,
MOLD TESTING
& SOIL TESTING

Call & Ask How!

732-919-0595

www.emaenv.com

READY.GOV

Don't be afraid...Be Ready

We Service & Install the Brands You Trust!
NO JOB IS TOO BIG OR SMALL!

Free Estimates (Yes, Free!)

- ✓ Affordable Pricing
- ✓ Experienced Technicians
- ✓ 24/7 Emergency Service
- ✓ Special Financing Options Available
- ✓ Satisfaction Guaranteed

We Offer Discounts for Parishioners



732-749-3596

www.mmhomeservice.com

209 W Sylvania Ave • Neptune City

Complete generator installation from start to finish!

The first year of maintenance on us!



GENERAC

TANGO Handyman Service

NO JOB TOO SMALL

732-759-5897

St. Gabriel's Mausoleum Expansion

St. Catharines Mausoleum named after the Holmdel Church,
formally the Mission Church of St. Gabriel's

549 Route 520 (Newman Springs Road) • Marlboro, New Jersey



SPECIAL PRE-CONSTRUCTION PRICES

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE
OVER 24 MONTHS WITH
NO INTEREST CHARGES.

Phase III Construction
has begun.



www.stgabrielsmausoleums.com • 908-208-0786



ONLY YOU
CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES

ROOFING • CHIMNEYS MASONRY • GUTTERS

We Find & Fix Leaks!



Family Owned and Operated • Over 20 Years Experience
License #13VH0934200, Bonded & Insured

732-589-9967 Serving All of New Jersey

\$800 OFF
Any New Roof Replacement

15% OFF
Any Roof, Chimney, Gutter,
Masonry Repair & SENIORS