

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



*August 6, 2023*

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun and his clothes  
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

# Welcome



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## CONNECT WITH US

### CLERGY

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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

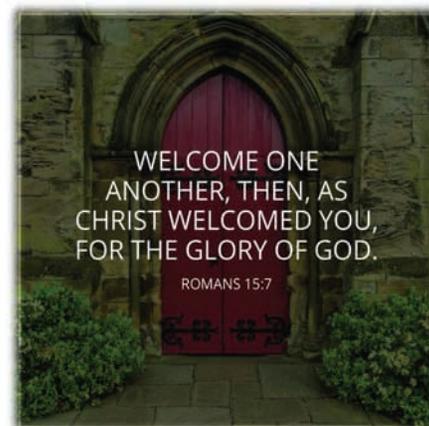
First Friday of the Month  
immediately following Weekday  
9 AM Mass at Chapel

## RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30—4:00 PM

Church

Other days by Appointment



# A Message from our Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

## FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Sometimes, without knowing it or even being aware of it, we can get locked down in our own world and our situation. We can forget about or lose sight of the fact that we are part of a much bigger world.

In the Gospel for today's feast, Jesus takes some of his friends away from the business of the village and marketplace. He invites them to travel with him as he makes his way up the mountain. This is not unusual. We know from the Gospels that Jesus often went off by himself to the mountains to pray. While they were there praying, something wild and wonderful happened. Jesus was transfigured. He was changed; his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. Imagine how shocked and taken aback those with Jesus were. Once composed, Peter utters the famous words: "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here." But more importantly than what was said, is what they heard, "This is my Son, the beloved, he enjoys my favor, listen to Him."

These words are as much meant for us today as they were for those who first heard them. Today, we are surrounded if not bombarded by news all the time. We now have twenty-four-hour news on our televisions, news from around the world arrives in seconds to us through the internet and there is no end to magazines and newspapers we can buy. They are filled with news, but not all of it good news, some of it may even be fake news.

The Transfiguration gives us a brief and fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all his glory. It is the taste of what is to come. It is offered to us to encourage and challenge us in our daily lives. It reminds us that our lives are far more than what we see, hear and experience every day. It is not just a matter of getting through the day. Being a follower of Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose and hope. The transfiguration not only offers us a glimpse of Jesus in all His glory, but it also offers each of us a foretaste of what God promises each of us in the fullness of the Kingdom.

Our experience may never be as powerful as the Transfiguration. But every day in countless and seemingly small ways, God does break into our world and our daily lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration both for ourselves and for those we help. Each time somebody shows care and concern for us is a moment when God reaches out to us.

This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our own ordinary daily lives. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

His clothing was bright as snow,  
and the hair on his head as white as wool;  
his throne was flames of fire,  
with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

### Psalm:

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.  
(Ps 97)

### Second Reading:

When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory,  
"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."  
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.  
(2 Pt 1:17-18)

### Gospel:

And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun  
and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

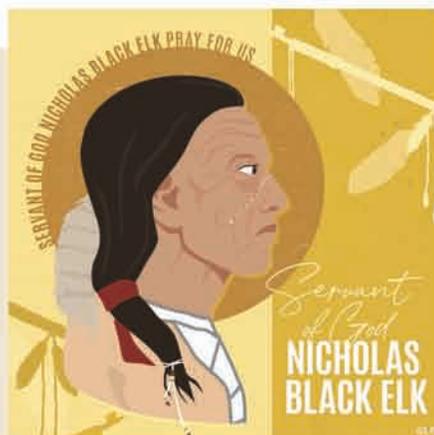
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.

## Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

- Sunday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord  
**Monday:** St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest  
**Tuesday:** St. Dominic, Priest  
**Wednesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr  
**Thursday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
**Friday:** St. Clare, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
**Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk was a Lakota convert to Catholicism at the turn of the 19th century. He led hundreds to Christ while also helping his community preserve their Lakota traditions. He's remembered fondly as a catechist, healer, and cultural leader.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, Great Spirit!  
Behold us, who stand before You, singing our song of thanksgiving for Servant of God, Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road and generously witnessed the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ among the Native American People. We humbly ask You to hear the prayers we plead through his intercession. We ask Holy Mother Church to recognize his sanctity by acknowledging his presence among the company of Saints as one to imitate in his zeal for the Gospel. Open our hearts to also recognize the Risen Christ in other cultures and peoples, to Your glory and honor. Nicholas Black Elk, Servant of God, Pray for us!  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/please-keep-the-canonization-cause-in-your-prayers/>)

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday • August 5**

**4:30 PM**

† **Sylvia Albrecht**

*r/b Loving Family*

**Sunday • August 6**

**8:00 AM**

† **Vincent D'Amico, Sr.**

*r/b Jim D'Amico*

**10:00 AM**

† **Margie Morris**

*r/b Loving Sister*

**11:30 AM**

† **Monica Ann Talcott**

*r/b Ben & Celeste Talcott & Family*

**Monday • August 7**

**9:00 AM**

† **Monsignor Fredrick Valentino**

**Tuesday • August 8**

**9:00 AM**

† **Emily C. Graham**

*r/b Loving Granddaughter, Janet*

**Thursday • August 10**

**9:00 AM**

† **Thomas F. Brady**

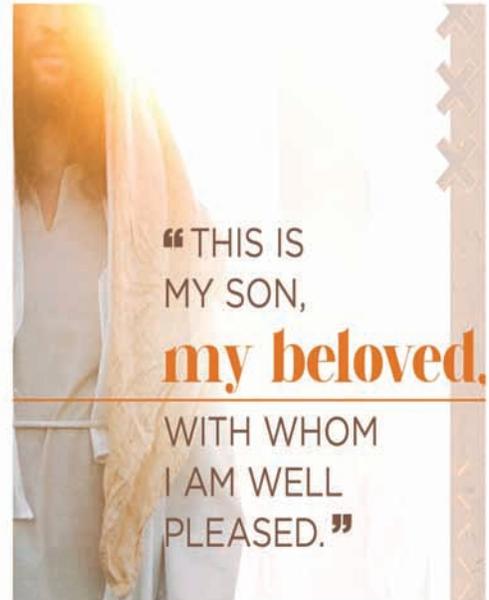
*r/b Terri Murray*

**Friday • August 11**

**9:00 AM**

† **Thomas F. Brady**

*r/b Pat & Kathie Lavin*



## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

### Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

*The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.*

# 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.

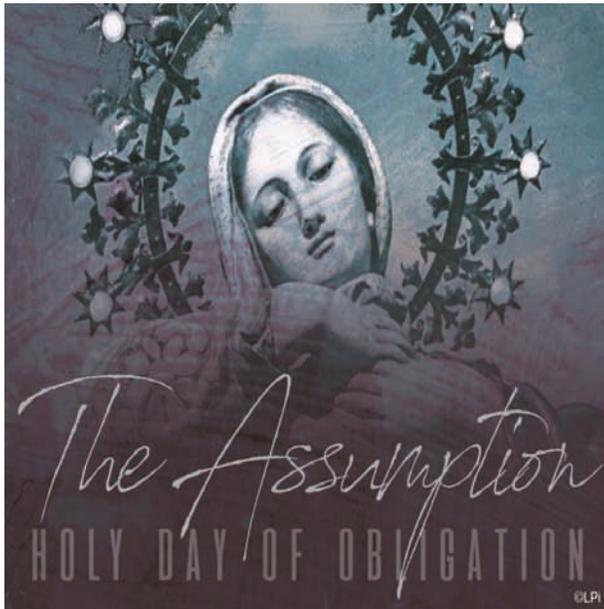
## **Low Gluten Host**

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



Celebrate

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Catherine of Siena Church

31 Asbury Road

9:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Mass

“We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (EV 86).

*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.*



## Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

### Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

### Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/ Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

### Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/ Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

### Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

# Our Parish Family



St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
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## 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. ©LPI

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- Glue sticks •Post it Notes (3'x3') •Pencil Cases
- Pocket Folders •1" Binders •Boxes of 24 Crayons
- School Scissors •Colored Pencils •Dry Erase Markers & Erasers
- Washable Markers •Colored Pencils •Colored Pens
- 3 Tab Dividers (for binders) •Loose Leaf Paper •Headphones or Earbuds
- Gallon Size Freezer Bag •Construction Paper •Tissues

## NEW ITEMS ONLY

### INFO:

Call the Parish Office at:

732-938-5375 Sunday through Thursday

Drop off: **Collection Bin in Church Narthex**



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## 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](mailto: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



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**Offerings at Francis House of Prayer**  
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Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!



**Fr. Pio Mandato FMHJ**  
**Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church**  
**in Lavallette**

**5:30pm Confession** with directives for an examination of conscience

**7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:15 Gospel Reading** followed by Fr. Pio's teaching on "**WHY DO WE FALTER IN OUR FAITH?**" Peter: "Lord Save me". Jesus put out His hand at once and held him. Jesus: "Man of little faith, why did you doubt". (Matthew 14:31)

**8:15 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**8:30pm Healing Service** individual healing prayer with St. Padre Pio's Relic Glove.

**Closing prayer and Dismissal**

**Music by Mark T. L. Matheiss** Encounter School of Ministry Second Year Student

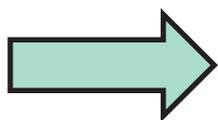
**All are welcome! For further info please contact [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com)**

# Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, July 29-30, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,421.00	132 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,062.00	99 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,064.00	113 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,102.00	89 People
Online Giving	\$1,470.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,119.00</b>	
Second Collection		
Sponsorship for Catholic Schools		\$755.00

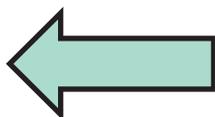
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## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS



AUGUST 13, 2023  
Diocesan Assessment

AUGUST 20, 2023  
Energy & Fuel



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- Catholic School Programs
- Professional Development for Educators

Total ACA Goal is  
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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

As of July 31, 2023

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

Paid: **\$35,227.00**      **88% of Goal**

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