

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY  
*of Advent*



*December 10, 2023*

# 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,

As one community and family of God in Christ, we are happy to have our Simbang Gabi (Novena Mass in the evening) in our Church on December 14, 2023. The event will start with the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:30 PM; there will be an opportunity for confessions and absolutions, and Holy Mass will begin at 7 PM. Our parish has hosted this celebration and Mass in the past, and we are happy to have it return to the parish. Please come and be a part of this beautiful devotion as we prepare for the coming of the Messiah in our midst. For further information, kindly read the Bulletin.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The prophets Isaiah and John the Baptist said it poetically: Mountains and hills, they said, were to be levelled, rough ways flattened and straightened out. The Mountains, with their soaring heights, symbolize pride. The ways into human hearts choked with egoism should be cleared and opened before God can lead His people to salvation.

John the Baptist was one of the prophets or messengers who prepared the way. The real cure for the ills of his society was proclaimed by John the Baptist: 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. The origin of non-violence was not Jerusalem, the center of government and religion, no, it was at the river Jordan, near Jericho.



John the Baptist lived in the wilderness, with unkempt hair, clothed in a set of skins. Yet, he knew well the miserable situation of his contemporaries. He knew how much they suffered in a world without uprightness, honesty and integrity. It seemed really a hopeless situation. Into such a world John came, powerfully proclaiming the dangers of sin, the impending disaster if they did not repent. People listened to his words attentively. They trembled and felt the need to mend their ways. Yet we must not forget that John was essentially the harbinger of good news. John preached hope to those who were discouraged. He told them they did not have to remain enslaved by negative circumstances but could overcome them by discovering the hidden power within them to prepare the way to welcome the Savior.

In this world of ours, John's message gives us great hope because he points out that it is possible for us to build a new humanity by preparing ourselves to accept Jesus, God's gift of love. He is our hope.

*Dear Jesus, please teach me the supreme wisdom of humility. Amen.*

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
(Is 40:3)

### Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your  
salvation. (Ps 85)

### Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth  
in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

### Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

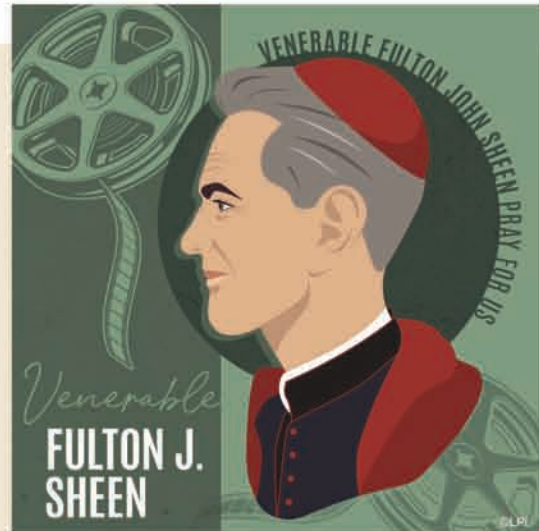
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts  
this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way.  
Make straight the path. Invite him in.

## Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** St. Damasus I, Pope  
**Tuesday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Wednesday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
**Thursday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent



## Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://celebratesheen.com/prayers-2/>)

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday • December 9**

**4:30 PM**

† **Maryann Cullen**

*r/b Kenneth & Susan Baehny*

**Sunday • December 10**

**8:00 AM**

† **Eric James O'Doherty**

*r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel*

**10:00 AM**

† **Peter Corallo**

*r/b Leon & Pam Davison*

**11:30 AM**

† **Andrew Martucci**

*r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi*

**Monday • December 11**

**9:00 AM**

† **Michael Burke**

*r/b The Zienter Family*

**Tuesday • December 12**

**9:00 AM**

† **Keith Curven**

*r/b Anne Hilker*

**Thursday • December 14**

**9:00 AM**

† **Michael Burke**

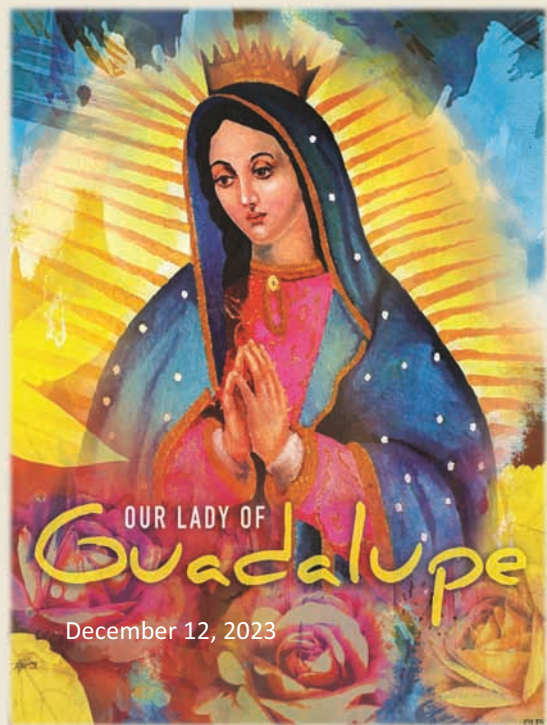
*r/b John & Kitty Mandica*

**Friday • December 15**

**9:00 AM**

† **Barbara Jean Gambale**

*r/b John & Kitty Mandica*



*Always Remember*

**Christmas Flower Memorials**

Sponsor a poinsettia in your family's name or in honor of a deceased loved one this Christmas. These poinsettias will grace the altar & sanctuary & add to the beauty of our liturgical celebration.

*Suggested donation is \$15.*

Payments can be brought to the parish office, placed in the collection basket or paid through our online giving platform. Also, an envelope is located in the Narthex. Return **no later than**

**DECEMBER 10** for

inclusion with names printed in the parish Christmas bulletin.

Please write legibly. Thank you.

# 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 for Church & Chapel

Please call the Parish Office to order. Flower orders are not permitted during Lent.

# Worship & Meditation



Saint Catherine of Siena Church

Worship with Us

## Christmas Schedule

### DECEMBER 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 PM • 6:00 PM • 10:00 PM

Overflow Mass • 4:00 PM • Parish Hall

### DECEMBER 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 11:30 AM

### ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL WEEKDAY MASS • 9:00 AM

DEC 26 • DEC 28 • DEC 29 • JAN 2 • JAN 4 • JAN 5

### The Feast of the Holy Family DECEMBER 30 • 4:30 PM MASS

### DECEMBER 31

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 11:30 AM

### JANUARY 1

### The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 AM Mass at Church

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. This means every Catholic is **obliged to attend Mass twice** between Saturday afternoon, 12/23 and Monday morning, 12/25, once for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and once for the Christmas obligation.

#### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent:**

Saturday, December 23 at 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 24 at 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

The Solemnity of Mary on January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will have our 9:00 AM Mass in the Church, not at the Chapel.

# Our Parish Family



## ADVENT

Evening Prayer Exposition  
Adoration & Benediction

6:00 PM

Sunday, December 10 & 17

Come and prepare your heart for the Lord.

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

## Baptism

We gladly welcome the following children into the family of God and into the faith community of St. Catherine of Siena Church, who were baptized.

**Kendall Reese Clifton**

**Nina Gaudioso**

**Daniel Gross**

**Emily Grace Sanner**

**Daniel Sanner**

We congratulate and pray for them and their families.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

## Angel Tree of Giving

Help us provide Christmas Joy to children and seniors in our Church and local community.

**Pick a Gift Tag off the tree and help someone in need.**

**How to Return:**

- \* Bring with the **GIFT TAG attached**, your Gift Card and **UNWRAPPED** item to the Narthex.
- \* **VERY IMPORTANT: Return Gift Cards & Items by the Due Date on your tag.** Return Dates are **DEC. 3, DEC. 11 or DEC. 18.**  
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Monetary donations are accepted. Please send in to the Parish Office in a labeled envelope or donate online by scanning the QR Code:



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St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Welcomes the Following  
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**Linda Ryan**

**Remi Ryan**

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# Children's Liturgy of the Word



Sunday Morning  
at the 11:30 AM  
Mass  
Ages 4—8



Children are called forward after the opening prayer, and follow our CLOW Leader to the gathering room to hear the Gospel at their own level. They return for Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Just sign-in with the CLOW Leader before the start of Mass.

## Sharing the Gospel

John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

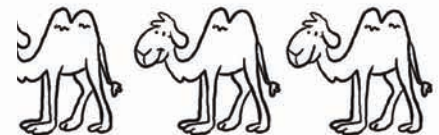
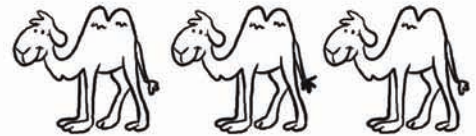
## Prayer

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

## Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings. Ask them to forgive you.

## Find the 2 identical camels.



**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.

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## Upcoming Events

On Friday Jan. 19, 2024, the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton will come together in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life! All are invited to an 11 a.m. **Mass for Life** celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold. No registration is needed for the Mass, seating is first come first served. Mass will be livestreamed on [Youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese).

The Mass will be followed by a **Lunch & Seminar** in the Co-Cathedral's Dentici Hall. A panel of local expert speakers will offer practical, actionable, ideas and resources to take back to parishes where they can be immediately applied to build a culture of life in a spirit of inter-ministry collaboration and radical solidarity with vulnerable pregnant women and families. Advanced registration to attend the **Lunch & Seminar** is required by Jan. 10, 2024. Full details for the day's events, including a registration link for the **Lunch & Seminar** can be found here: [dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life). Questions, contact Belem Perez 609-403-7133 [bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org)

2023 Monmouth County



## Simbang Gabi



6:30 p.m. Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration | 7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12, at Saint James, Red Bank

Wednesday, December 13, at Saint Ann, Keansburg

Thursday, December 14, at Saint Catherine, Farmingdale

Friday, December 15, at Holy Innocents, Neptune

Saturday, December 16, at Holy Family, Union Beach

Sunday, December 17, at Saint Dorothea, Eatontown

Monday, December 18, at Saint Benedict, Holmdel

Tuesday, December 19, at Saint Clement, Matawan

Wednesday, December 20, at Saint Mary, Middletown



Inherited by the Filipinos from the Spaniards, the Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) is a Catholic devotion of offering a Mass each night for nine consecutive days in joyful anticipation of Christmas Day. All are welcome to this festive Novena of Masses.

# Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, December 2-3, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,265.00	107 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,481.00	135 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,351.00	188 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,645.00	128 People
Online Giving	\$2,732.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,474.00</b>	
Second Collection		
Parish Maintenance & Repairs		\$721.00

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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

### Parish Update

As of December 4, 2023

**Pledged: \$40,891.00**      **102% of Goal**  
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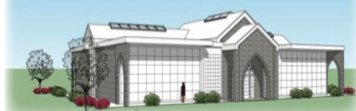
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