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Kind and  
merciful  
is the  
*Lord*

Psalm

103

*February 19, 2023*

# Welcome



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## OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS  
9:00AM — 2:00PM

SUNDAY

*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

Other days by Appointment



# A Message from our Pastor

My Friends in Christ,

This weekend is launching the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish. Our parish goal assigned to us is Forty Thousand Dollars, the same as last year. To receive a rebate, we should be able to collect payments that equal or exceed our goal. We are pleased that we exceeded the goal last year and received a rebate of \$6,750. We use this rebate for the parish's upkeep and maintenance, including the chapel and the parish's complex grounds. We encourage you to support and make your donations to the appeal as your means allow and help the diocese's ministries and our parish. Thanks so much for your kind-hearted and generous gifts as we move forward and help each other promote the appeal.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This is what God reminds us of and commands us in today's readings. "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy" (1st reading). "Surely you know that you are God's temple and God's Spirit lives in you!... God's temple is holy, and you yourselves are His temple!" (2nd reading). "You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Gospel).

Many feel, "This holiness talk is for priests and religious. I am an average Christian struggling to make ends meet." We feel at home with the lifestyles of the rich and famous. Holiness is a subject that numbs our minds and blurs our vision. It leaves us more frustrated than inspired. And we wonder, "How can we become holy?"

Holiness is an inside job. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "Are you not aware that you are the temple of God?" Holiness is not something like a hat that we put on our heads. It is living the life of the One who fashioned us. We must be cautious about godmen and godwomen who offer salvation like instant coffee without taking any trouble. God is the standard of Christian conduct and the apex of Christian holiness. In pursuing moral perfection, a Christian should not ask: "How much further can I go without committing mortal sin?" Instead, his concern must be: "How much do I resemble my heavenly Father?"

FEBRUARY 22 is Ash Wednesday, which marks the liturgical season of penance in preparation for Easter. During the forty days that begin with ASH Wednesday and conclude on Holy Thursday, we, as the faithful, are encouraged to engage in penitential acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to heighten our spiritual life and draw us closer to God. Though often associated with the avoidance of food and drink, fasting can be the voluntary avoidance of anything valued and enjoyed. The two obligatory food fast days during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On those days, persons between 18 and 60 should have only one full meal, though smaller amounts of food may be taken in the morning and at noon. Everyone 14 years and older is to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. Please check the website and the parish bulletin for our schedule of Masses and Services for Ash Wednesday. Thank you so much.

May God bless you, –Father Angelito.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

I am the LORD." (Lv 19:18)

### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

### Second Reading:

All belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.  
(1 Cor 3:22-23)

### Gospel:

"You have heard that it was said,

*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*

But I say to you, love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:43-44)

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## Live The Liturgy

### Inspiration of the Week

Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.

## Observances for the week of February 19, 2023

**Sunday:** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Presidents' Day

**Tuesday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday

**Thursday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent



## Saint of the week

Venerable Félix Varela was a thought leader, professor, scholar, political leader, and cultural champion for immigrant families. Originally from Cuba, he served in Spain and in the United States as a pastoral luminary in every community he engaged.

## Prayer

*Prayer for Venerable Félix Varela y Morales's intercession*

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image.

Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and make no peace with oppression.

Help us, like your servant Venerable Felix Varela,

to work for justice among people and nations, to the glory of your name,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: -Adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), page 60

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# Mass Intentions



## Saturday • February 18

4:30 PM

† **Donna Rossi**

*r/b Loving Dad & Sister*

## Sunday • February 19

8:00 AM

† **Wanda McCaffrey**

*r/b The Ciaravino Family*

10:00 AM

† **William O'Doherty**

*r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel & Family*

11:30 AM

† **Frank DeLibero**

*r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family*

## Monday • February 20

9:00 AM

† **Annella Matto**

*r/b Anne Johnston*

## Tuesday • February 21

9:00 AM

† **Christopher W. Meagher**

*r/b Joseph P. Meagher*

## Wednesday • February 22

9:00 AM

† **Michael Gaughan**

*r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy*

Noon

† **Immaculate Galante**

*r/b Vincent & Catherine Kuczinski*

7:00 PM

† **Rev. Joseph J. Miele**

## Thursday • February 23

9:00 AM

† **Charles Dietsch**

*r/b Gary Conte*

## Friday • February 24

9:00 AM

† **Gerald G. Broxmeyer**

*r/b Ben & Celeste Talcott*



# Worship & Meditation

What are you planning on doing for Lent?

**LENT**



**REMEMBER...**

UNTO ASHES YOU SHALL RETURN

*Ash Wednesday*

February 22, 2023

**St. Catherine of Siena Church**

**Mass:**

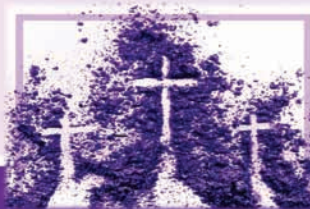
9:00AM • Noon • 7:00PM

**Service:**

6:00AM • 5:00PM

Distribution of Ashes will take place during Masses and Services.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
—Psalm 51:10



JOIN US FOR THE **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

All Friday's During Lent

**6 PM** at the Church

February 24

March 3

March 10

March 17

March 24

March 31

Good Friday

April 7

Lenten Soup & Salad Supper *You Are Invited*

Friday, March 3

Immediately following Stations of the Cross

Sign up to volunteer.

Call Laura in Parish Office or email

[passociate@sienachurch.org](mailto:passociate@sienachurch.org)





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 1, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, until Holy Thursday morning, April 6, 2023** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

**The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.**

**The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.**

**Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat): this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 25-26, 2023, to Trinity Sunday, June 3-4, 2023**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.

Bishop of Trenton

# 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.



# New Parish Event



## Create for Christ Art Ministry of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Calling all creative youth of the parish! Our NEW Art ministry is a place for all to come together and create art that shows God's creation in a beautiful way and lets us share our unique God-given talents with others.

Join us on **Tuesday, February 28** for our first **Random Acts of Art Opportunity**.  
3:45—4:30 PM

**More dates and  
times to be  
announced.**



Many opportunities to serve.

Weekend sessions forming.

Ages 10 and up. All artistic abilities welcome.



Interested? Call Laura in the Parish Office for more information and to sign-up.  
Call 732-938-5375 or email: [passociate@sienachurch.org](mailto:passociate@sienachurch.org).

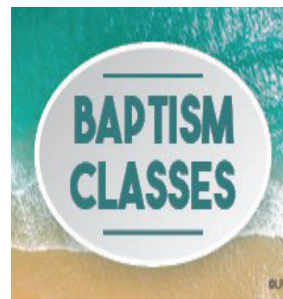
## Our Parish Family

*With Joyful Hearts, We  
Welcome*

*Our Newly Baptized.*

*Brayden Lukas Safranek*

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



Our next Baptismal Class for new or expecting parents, is

**March 1, 2023**

7 PM

Call the Parish Office to learn more.

### 2022 Tax Statements

To request a Tax Statement, please email [taxstatements@sienachurch.org](mailto:taxstatements@sienachurch.org).

## Prayer

God, show me ways to help all people who love you.

## Mission for the Week

Together as a family send a care package to a missionary family.

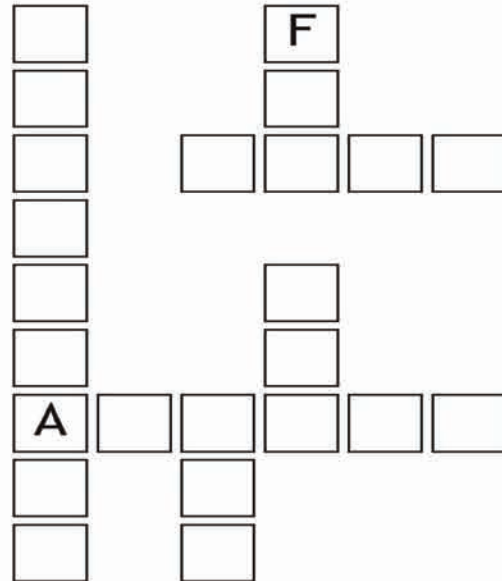
## Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to love your family and friends. But God wants you to love him even more. Be kind to your mom and listen to her. Help your dad with chores and have fun with him. But also remember to help people who are not in your family. God gets excited when you share his love with others.

Now color the picture! →

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Pray for anyone who mistreats you.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

At Sunday Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday's  
Monthly

Next Session is Sunday,  
February 26 at 11:30 AM

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
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Religious Education Classes are closed for  
President's Day Weekend:

Sunday, February 19

Monday, February 20

Tuesday, February 21

# Parish Support

## Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Feb. 11-12 2023

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,079.00	85 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,172.00	80 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,138.00	120 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,298.00	128 People
Online Giving	\$1,391.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,978.00</b>	

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Diocesan Assessment	\$500.00
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Thank You for Your Generosity.

## ➔ Ways to Give

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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

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#### ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.



#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Drop your envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or mail directly to the Parish Office.

To receive envelopes, please register in the parish. Please call the Parish Office to check your status.

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- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

THE POWER TO CHOOSE:

#### 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.

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