

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A photograph of a wooden cross and a crown of thorns. The cross is on the left, and the crown of thorns is draped across the center. The background is a solid purple color. The text "FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*February 26, 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

Dear Friends in Christ,

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

As we know Lent is the time of the year when we reflect most deeply on where we have been and where we are heading. This self-reflection is not always easy, as it compels us to dig down to those aspects of our lives that are most difficult to consider.

God created Adam and Eve, gave them powers superior to those of all other creatures, and expected from them in return obedience and reverence. But the first man and woman, because of their pride in the gifts given them, refused that obedience, with disastrous results for themselves and their descendants. We have every reason to regret that our first parents acted so foolishly and so ungratefully. But what about us right now? Daily we see many manifestations of God's goodness to us. Yet often do we disobey God and act even more foolishly and ungratefully than our first parents! Is it not a great cause for shame and regret for each one of us?

In the second reading, Paul speaks of some of the immediate effect of salvation Christ won for us. He has conquered sin and death and won eternal life for all who follow Him. All those who are prepared to die with Him are given the assurance that they will rise with Him to an everlasting life of glory. They become children of God, entitled to call God 'Father, Abba.'

The temptations to which our Lord allowed himself to be submitted are for us a source of encouragement and consolation. If our Lord and Master underwent temptations, we cannot and must not expect to live a life without experiencing similar tests and trials. Our basic temptation in life are the same, namely, bodily comfort and pleasure, the empty esteem of our fellow human beings, wealth and power.

There are millions of men and women on earth today ----- many of them, unfortunately, are only nominal Christians ---- who have given in to these temptations and are wasting their lives chasing after these unattainable shadows. But even should they manage to catch up with some of them, they soon find out that they are empty bubbles. They will have to leave them very soon.

Somebody said: "Temptation can bring a service to us. It may be a burden, but it may bring us humility and teach us good lessons. All of the saints experienced their share of temptations and trials, and they grew as a result."

During this Lent, Lord, draw me to you closer in mind and heart. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

### Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

### Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

### Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

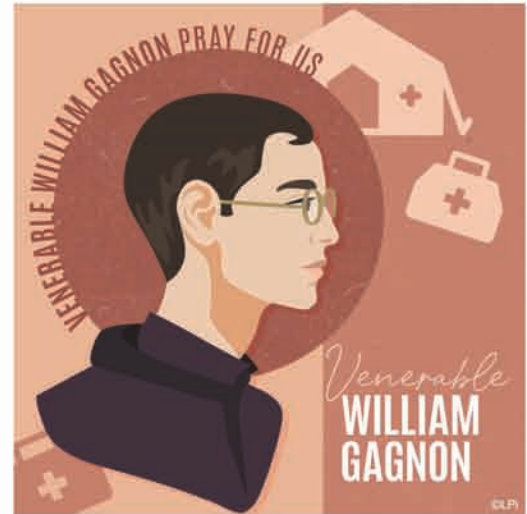
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: "I am stronger than you."

## Observances for the week of February 26, 2023

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
**Friday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Casimir  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent



## Saint of the week

Venerable Brother William Gagnon cared for every victim of war who entered his hospital regardless of military affiliation. A missionary to Vietnam between 1952 and 1972, he is remembered as a true servant leader who loved Jesus and his fellow man.

## Prayer

*Prayer for Venerable Brother William Gagnon's intercession*

Lord, Jesus, your mercy inspired the Venerable William Gagnon, O.H., to live hospitality with the ill, the refugees and the poor. Grant that we may always minister to all suffering people with charity, as did this son of St. John of God. Lord, hear the prayer that we address to you [personal intention] by the intercession of the Venerable William Gagnon, in order that we may be affirmed in our faith and that your glory and the joy of the Church be proclaimed.

Amen.





### Readings for the week of February 26, 2023

- Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday • February 25

4:30 PM

† **Robert Poiani**

*r/b Sheila Piegaro*

### Sunday • February 26

8:00 AM

† **Allen Baumeister**

*r/b The Ciaravino Family*

10:00 AM

† **Audrey Dorothy Rapp**

*r/b Mary McGrath*

11:30 AM

† **Dinh Nguyen**

*r/b Loving Wife & Children*

### Monday • February 27

9:00 AM

† **Carmella DeLibero**

*r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family*

### Tuesday • February 28

9:00 AM

† **Christopher W. Meagher**

*r/b Joseph P. Meagher*

### Thursday • March 2

9:00 AM

† **Frank & Alma Quagliarello**

*r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello*

### Friday • March 3

9:00 AM

† **Maria So T. Ly**

*r/b Trinh Nguyen & Family*

# Worship & Meditation

What are  
you planning  
on doing  
for Lent?

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## Parish Lenten Reconciliation

St. Catherine of Siena Church  
31 Asbury Road

Monday, March 13  
4:30 PM & 6:00 PM

Saturdays'  
3:30 PM

Tuesday, March 14  
4:30 PM



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

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

Sponsor A



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### YOUTH/TEEN BAG

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FEMININE PRODUCTS  
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LOTION  
UNDERWEAR ALL SIZES  
BRUSHES  
COMBS  
HAIR TIES  
HAIR ACCESSORIES  
PAJAMAS ALL SIZES  
SOCKS ALL SIZES  
JOURNAL & ART PENS  
BACKPACK

### CHILD BAG

SOAP  
SHAMPOO  
TOOTHPASTE & BRUSH  
LOTION  
UNDERWEAR ALL SIZES  
DIAPERS SIZE 5 AND 6  
PULL UPS SIZE 5 AND 6  
HAIR TIES/ACCESSORIES  
PAJAMAS ALL SIZES  
SOCKS ALL SIZES  
STUFFED ANIMALS  
COLORING BOOK  
CRAYONS  
BACKPACK

## Return by March 19

To the Parish Collection Bin in the Narthex or to the Parish Office. Call the Laura in the Parish Office for questions or other ways to help.

*Thank you for your generosity and for making a difference this Lenten season.*





# Parish Support

## Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Feb. 18-19 2023

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,186.00	98 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,496.00	99 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,298.00	101 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,350.00	133 People
Online Giving	\$1,993.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,323.00</b>	

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Parish Maintenance & Repairs	\$618.00
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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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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.

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Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

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- Finding and Forming Priests (Vocations Recruitment & Seminary Preparation)
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- Support of Religious Women and Men

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Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

**Pledged: \$9,695.00**

**24% of**

**Paid: \$9,039.00**

**Parish Goal**

As of February 20, 2023

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