

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*January 15, 2023*



**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



"Now I have seen and testified that he is  
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

# 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,

Ordinary Time of the Church's calendar began on Tuesday, January 10, and continues through Tuesday, February 21, the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, May 29, the day following Pentecost.

We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. Every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the foundation of the Church Year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community, which comes together remembering that on the first day of the week, the Lord of Life was raised up, and creation came at last to completion. Sunday is a day of play, and worship is a sacrament of redeemed Time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed Time now and forever. Ordinary Time is when the mystery of Christ himself is honored in its fullness, most especially on Sundays.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him, he recognized him and cried out: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" The verse should probably be interpreted in the light of several references in John. Where it is said that Jesus "appeared to take away sins," that he will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, that he is the expiation of our sins, and ... "for the sins of the world" that his blood cleanses us from all sin.

Besides, there is the picture of the suffering servant "as a sheep led to the slaughter, as a lamb dumb before the shearers... whose soul was made a guilt-offering... and who bore the sins of many". There was also the symbol of the paschal lamb commemorating the deliverance of Israel from its slavery. When the Gospel was written, such concepts had long been used in the language of Eucharistic devotion. The dominant idea was removing the infection of sin so that we could enter into communion with the holy God.

One thing is certain from these texts and several texts: Jesus takes away sins. Only God can forgive sins. So rightly, God sent his son, the Lamb of God, and God from God, to take away sins. The Old Testament sacrifices of lambs have been replaced and transcended. God now offers the fullness of pardon to Israel and the whole world. As we invoke in the Eucharistic celebration, "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world..."

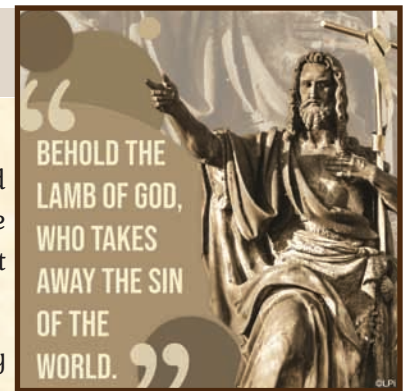
Through Jesus, God re-establishes union and communion between him and his people. Jesus is thus our peace and reconciliation, for this is the power of the precious body and blood of Jesus.

When we feel oppressed by our sins, experience the excruciating agony of brokenness and alienation from God, others, and ourselves, ardently long for wholeness, and cry out for help, Jesus comes. He comes to forgive our sins and fill us with the joy and peace he won for us with his precious blood. The experience of so many who, once enmeshed in sin, are not freed of it by the death and resurrection of Jesus, stands before God, all clean and blameless, spotless, singing hymns of thanksgiving to God—is it not a powerful testimony to Jesus' power to take away sins? St. Peter reminds us: "Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you... it was not paid in silver or gold, but in the precious blood of a Lamb without spot or stain, namely, Jesus Christ."

O my Jesus, my heart overflows with joyful praise and profound gratitude, for you have redeemed me with your precious blood. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day

**Tuesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot

**Wednesday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Friday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

**Saturday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

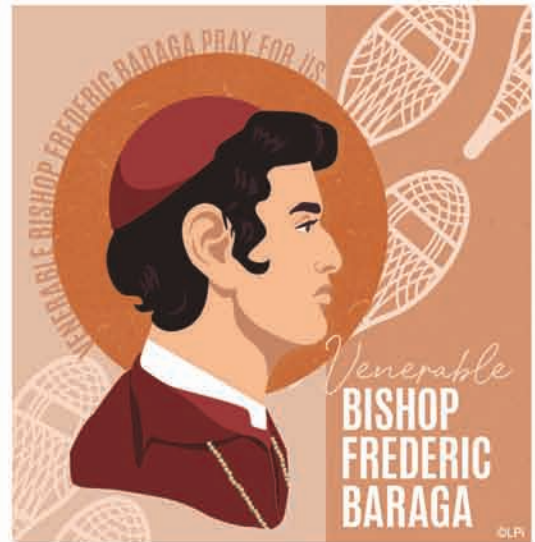
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

John the Baptist had been told that he would see the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He listened, he believed, and he kept his eyes open. He was ready when God revealed the truth. Let's ask ourselves: are our eyes open? Are we ready?

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" - Jn 1:29-30



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Known as the Snowshoe Priest, Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, was a lifelong missionary to the Native American people of the upper Midwest. He loved the people he served, knew their languages, and even published the first Ojibwe-English dictionary!

## PRAYER

Prayer for the Cause of V. Frederic Irenaeus Baraga

O God, thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Frederic Baraga.

I pray you will honor him by the title of Saint. He dedicated himself completely to missionary activity to make you known, loved, and served by the people who you love. As a man of peace and love, Baraga brought peace and love wherever he traveled.

Lord, grant Venerable Bishop Baraga the grace of beatification.

We ask this in Christ name.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://bishopbaraga.org/cause/>)



Our desire  
for God  
can only  
grow when  
we place  
ourselves in  
His presence.

-Pope Francis



# Mass Intentions

**Saturday • January 14**

**4:30 PM**

† **Joseph Stephen Foti**

*r/b Anthony & Shelia Infante*

**Sunday • January 15**

**8:00 AM**

† **Salvatore & Francesca Ciaravino**

*r/b The Ciaravino Family*

**10:00 AM**

† **Matthew Phillip Battiato, Sr.**

*r/b Doris Ramme*

**11:30 AM**

† **Filomena Parisi**

*r/b Betty & Rocco Ferranti*

**Monday • January 16**

**9:00 AM**

† **Kathy Berning**

*r/b Palmie Cummins*

**Tuesday • January 17**

**9:00 AM**

† **Andrew J. Kornas**

*r/b Jim, Marian & Richard Ferris*

**Thursday • January 19**

**9:00 AM**

† **Dominick Pondaco**

*r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family*

**Friday • January 20**

**9:00 AM**

† **Gregory D'Costa**

*r/b The Gomes Family*



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

**Charles D. Dietsch**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

# Liturgical Life



On **Jan. 20, 2023**, 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 a *Mass for Life*

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## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

### Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

### Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Parish Registration

#### Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

#### Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish.

Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Please call the parish office to sign up.

## Our Parish Family

*With Joyful Hearts, We  
Welcome  
Our Newly Baptized.*

**Audriana Rose Lisi**

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



**WELCOME TO  
OUR FAMILY!**



Our next Baptismal  
Class for new or  
expecting parents, is

**February 1, 2023**

7 PM

Call the parish office  
to learn more.



# 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.

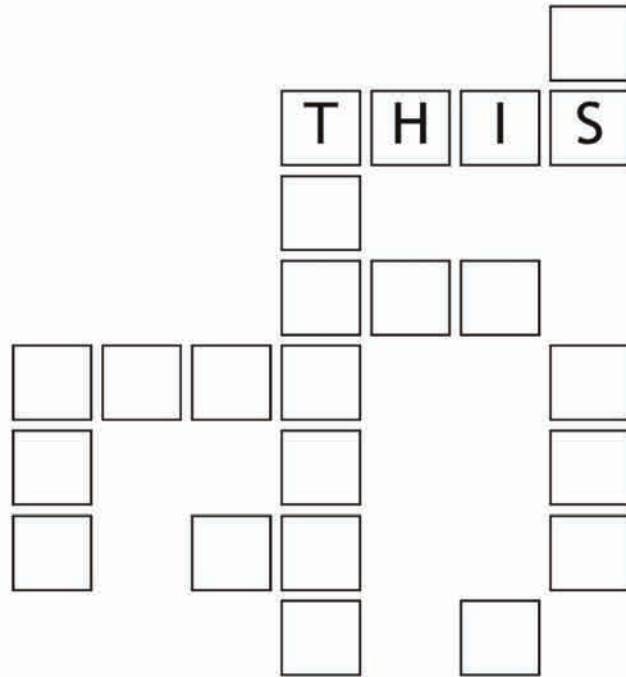


# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

I testify that this is the Son of God.



### SHARING THE GOSPEL

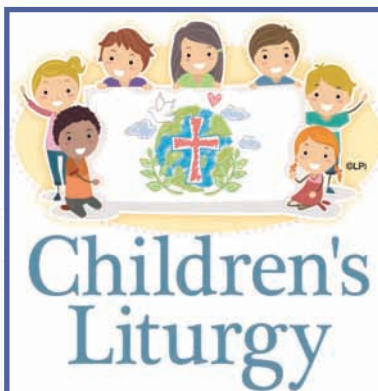
Imagine how excited John the Baptist must have felt after he baptized Jesus. He knew without a doubt that Jesus was God's Son. The very next day John told the crowds that Jesus would take away the sins of the world. God's people had eaten a Passover lamb every year to remember how God saved them from death in Egypt. Jesus was the Lamb of God. He frees you from your old sins and offers you new life with God.

### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to take away my sins.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Read the story about the very first Passover, when God saved the Hebrews from the Angel of Death (Exodus 12).



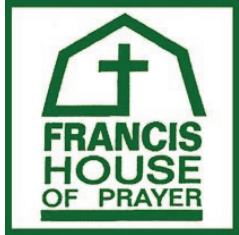
**At Sunday Mass**

2nd & 4th Sunday's  
Monthly

Next Session is  
Sunday,  
January 29 at  
11:30 AM

**REMINDER: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE CLOSED FOR  
MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY: JAN. 15, 16, 17.**

# Around the Community



## Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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directions and for our other offerings!  
All programs will be offered online and in-person  
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### STOKING THE FLAME WITHIN

Friday, January 20 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

It's clear, isn't it, that Light matters? The physical reality of short days and long nights teaches us the spiritual importance of tending our inner fire so it will never peter out. On this day, give yourself the time, space and quiet to be present to the fire of God's love for you!

Donation: \$20


### LOVERS OF THÉRÈSE

Wednesday, January 18 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

St. Thérèse of Lisieux is a masterful teacher of living ordinary life with extraordinary love. We will use *The Little Way for Everyday* by Francis Broome, CSP, to help us listen to St. Thérèse's message. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and book; Zoom: \$20.

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Friends,

We again are so grateful for the support and generosity you have shown our less fortunate families. Together, we were able to make a difference this Christmas Season.—  
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*Thank You.* 

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Parish,

We thank you for your kindness and generosity to our school this Christmas. It means a lot to us and our families. Thank you for continued support.—Farmingdale Schools



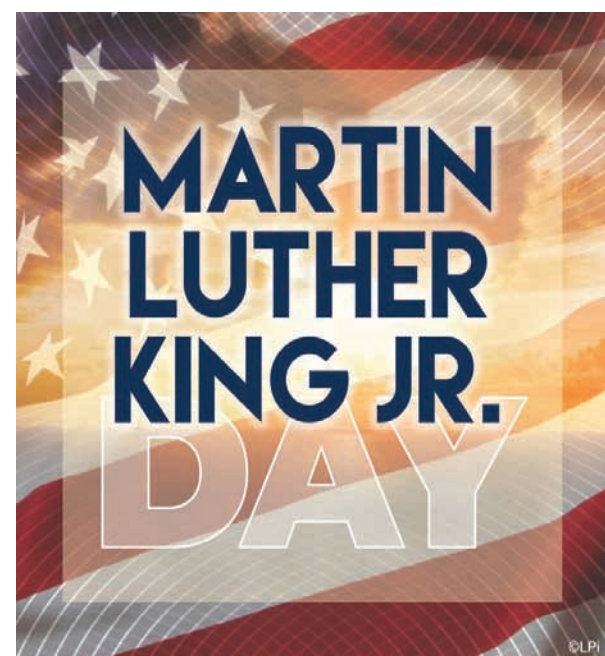
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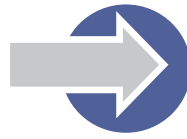


**MARTIN  
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**DAY**



# Parish *Support*



## Ways to Give

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### Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 7-8, 2023

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,120.00	100 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,324.00	85 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,768.00	134 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,947.00	163 People
Online Giving	\$2,419.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,578.00</b>	

*Thank You for Your Generosity.*

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Diocesan Assessment	\$603.00
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## *God's Greatest Gift*



Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift and thank you to all who celebrated Christmas with us and generously contributed to the parish.

Our Christmas collection was \$16,141.00

Thank you.



#### 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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