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Good
ground
yields
bountiful
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PSALM 65

July 16, 2023

Welcome



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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,

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The word of God comes to us through proclamation, through the challenge to live good lives in a sinful, secularized world, through the call to love selflessly and in many other ways. How do we receive it? Does the lure of more attractive but ultimately vain things of life choke the challenge of the word so that we produce nothing? Today's Gospel invites us to see how privileged we are to hear the word, to reflect on how well we receive it and how much fruit we bear.

The parable of the Sower is quite familiar to most of us. We know that the Sower represents God, who takes the first step in planting the seed of faith in the hearts of human beings. This seed is a gift God bestows on us gratuitously. The seed of faith is a free gift from God – a blessing, a grace completely unmerited. It is God above all who puts the seed of faith in our hearts and effects a thorough transformation. But each person is free to accept or reject this blessing.

In this parable, Jesus speaks of four responses to the Sower's generosity. The seed on the path represents one who lacks the moral disposition necessary for true conversion. He hears God's word without understanding it. And as the birds' feast on seeds, so does the devil snatch faith from this fickle heart. The second seed falls on rocky ground that has little soil. Here one may profess faith in the Lord, but such spirituality is as shallow as the superficial commitment.

The third seed fails to grow because thorns choke it to death. Here is one who cannot let go and let God rule his life. In his order of priorities, God does not rank very high. Prestige, power, possession, etc., take precedence.

The fourth seed sprouts and produces a rich harvest. The word of God penetrates into a person's entire being and permeates his whole existence. The yield is beautiful in love and compassion, in an honest simple lifestyle, and concern for the dejected and the downtrodden. Four seeds, one Sower. Jesus describes the reality He sees in His time, and He may as well be talking about the reality in us too. Four different responses of men and women throughout the centuries. Through it all, the Sower remains faithful. He patiently waits for our transformation from rocky and barren ground to fertile soil which will nurture the seed of faith that it may yield a harvest of total commitment.

Lord, help me transform my wayward, stony, superficial heart into a fertile farm fit for your word, to produce good fruits. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a
fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.
For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
"A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

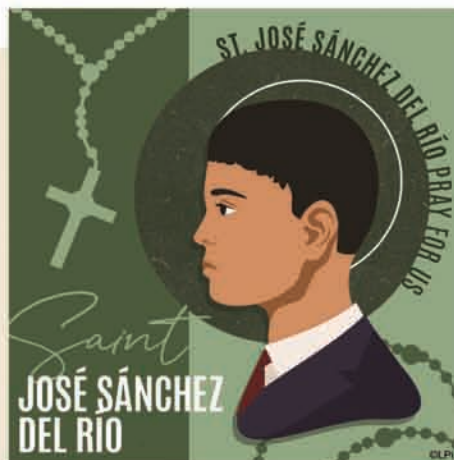
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our
money, our attention: these finite resources
are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we
scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that
will bear fruit for the kingdom?

Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Thursday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and
Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Saint José Luis Sánchez del Río was a 14-year-old boy when he was put to death by Mexican government officials trying to eliminate religious freedom locally. Despite continuous public torture and his eventual murder, he refused to ever renounce his Catholic faith.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help me to be courageous and steadfast in my devotion to You. Help me to identify causes and injustices in my day that are worth defending and standing up for. Give me perseverance and a desire to help others at any cost. Help me to revere Christ as the king of my life.

Saint José Sánchez del Río, pray for us.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <http://secretariat.synod.va/content/synod2018/en/youth-testimonies/saint-jose-sanchez-del-rio.html>)

Mass Intentions

Saturday • July 15

4:30 PM

† **Francis William Tampone**

r/b Sarisky Family

Sunday • July 16

8:00 AM

† **Vincent D'Amico, Jr.**

r/b Jim D'Amico

10:00 AM

† **Barry Barychko**

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

11:30 AM

† **Michael McGarry**

r/b Terri Murray

Monday • July 17

9:00 AM

† **Lucy Dugan**

r/b Eileen Neff

Tuesday • July 18

9:00 AM

† **Nancy Bourne**

r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi

Thursday • July 20

9:00 AM

† **Josephine Ciccone**

r/b Al & Sandy

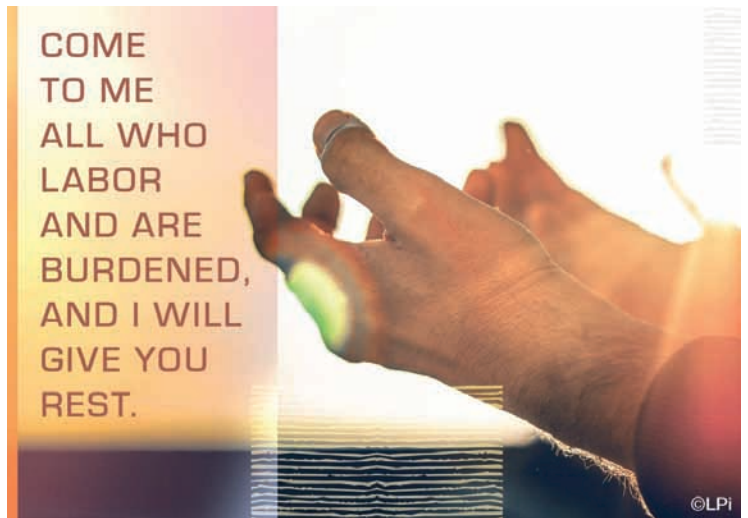
Friday • July 21

9:00 AM

† **Ronald Hoagland**

r/b Loving Daughter, Janet

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ALL WHO
LABOR
AND ARE
BURDENED,
AND I WILL
GIVE YOU
REST.



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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

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

Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday:

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt
10:34-11:1

Tuesday:

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt
11:20-24

Wednesday:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt
11:25-27

Thursday:

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-
27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,
17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
(5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or
13:24-30



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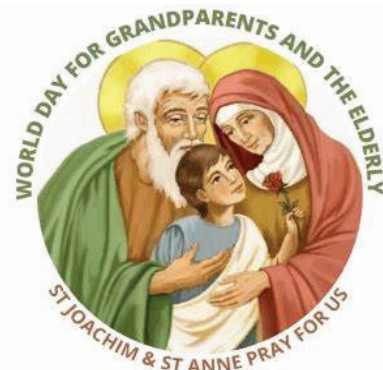


The Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated on July 26.

They are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as those who are aging.

Copies of the “Faith and Perseverance” novena to Saints Anne and Joachim are available at [Novena Card \(usccb. https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/upload/nfp-sts-anne-joachim-novena.pdf\)](https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/upload/nfp-sts-anne-joachim-novena.pdf)

You can pray the novena from July 17-25 in preparation for their feast day.



Our Parish Family



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Warmly Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:

Michael & Marotta

With Warmth and Prayers,
We Welcome You into
Our Family of Faith.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC IN NEED OF
COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?

If your answer is "yes," then our RCIA program may be just what you need. The process of spiritual and educational formation is open to any adult who would like to become a full member of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact the office at 732-938-5375.

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. GLPI



What is an Information Night?

This Information Night will provide you with all the information you need to help you decide if you would like to attend our 12-week program that will begin September 18, 2023 on Monday nights from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Chapel in Middletown.

A 12-WEEK PROGRAM FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

INFORMATION NIGHT
July 20, 2023
7:00-8:30 p.m.

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
SEATING IS LIMITED!

To Register/Email:
 The Monmouth Team
 healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com



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.

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



Interfaith Neighbors at the **Howell Senior Center** **Needs Volunteers** to Deliver Meals to Homebound Seniors.

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For more information, call Melanie Decker, Director of Senior Services at 732-938-4500 x 2550.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer
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 84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!



Fr. Pio Mandato FMHJ
Thursday, August 10th
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



On World Day for
Grandparents and
the **Elderly 2023 ...**

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., invites the faithful to show appreciation and care for their spiritual fathers and grandfathers through a gift to the second annual

Diocesan Retired, Elderly AND Infirm Priests **FUND**

*Collection to be held in all parishes
of the Diocese of Trenton*

July 22-23, 2023



**This year, there are 85 retired priests of the Diocese.
Please remember them in your prayers and be as generous as your circumstances allow.**

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, July 1-2, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,250.00	90 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,332.00	96 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,307.00	119 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,304.00	110 People
Online Giving	\$2,670.00	
Total	\$7,863.00	
Second Collection		
Peter's Pence		\$682.00
Diocesan Assessment		\$572.00

Thank You for Your Generosity.

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, July 8-9, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,266.00	101 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,314.00	91 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,148.00	121 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,374.00	114 People
Online Giving	\$2,431.00	
Total	\$7,533.00	

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON



We are the
BODY
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2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal: **\$40,000**

EYES OF CHRIST

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

\$1,750,000

- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Catholic Social Services (Mount Carmel Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison Ministry, Respect Life, Grief)
- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

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.

\$2,500,000

- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
- Religious Education for Children and Rite of Election of Adults
- Catholic School Programs
- Professional Development for Educators

Total ACA Goal is
\$6.5 Million

Your gift supports
essential programs and
ministries.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

As of July 10, 2023

Pledged: **\$39,416.00** 99% of Goal

Paid: **\$34,303.00** 86% of Goal

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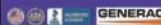
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