

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 30, 2023

I LOVE YOUR
COMMANDS,
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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,

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us the parables of the kingdom of God. In the first of the three parables, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a buried treasure. A treasure is found merely by luck. The one who finds the treasure sells all that he/she has in order to purchase the field where it is buried.

Symbolically, this implies that becoming a member of the kingdom of heaven is a sheer gift from the Lord. He decides who will receive the treasure. The treasure is given not just for one person's benefit, but the recipient must share it with others so that the kingdom can grow. There must be total detachment from all that one has in order to attach oneself to the kingdom and to its values.

Secondly, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a merchant searching for the finest pearl. The search will be over only when the best pearl is found. When the merchant finds the finest pearl, he sells all he has to possess it. He does not hesitate to sell and do away with all he has in order to own that prized possession. The kingdom of God is not a mere substitute for something. It is the finest possession— that gives life — and it is worth spending and selling all that one has, because it is the only real possession that will give us eternal joy.

Thirdly, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a net cast into the sea. When the net is drawn back, the fishermen pick up and choose what they think will be useful and the rest is thrown back into the sea.

Jesus says that it will be like that at the end of time. He will pick those who kept His word and lived accordingly, and those who did not will be thrown away.

Jesus allows everyone to come to the net, but many choose not to, not because of Jesus' unwillingness or partiality, but because they prefer to follow their own path, and they reject Jesus and His kingdom. They are busy building their own kingdom to gain immediate and instantaneous riches, name and fame for themselves.

The three parables describe three different ways in which people find the kingdom — not by chance, by diligent search and by careful discernment. No matter which one finds it, what is important and necessary is the wisdom to recognize the surpassing worth of the kingdom and be part of it.

A truthful way to find out what you are searching for in life is to write your own epitaph.

Heavenly Father, grant me the wisdom to prefer you to everything else, including my own life. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Because you have asked for this—
not for a long life for yourself,
nor for riches,
nor for the life of your enemies,
but for understanding so that you may know what is
right—
I do as you requested." (1 Kgs 3:11-12)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a
field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and
buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

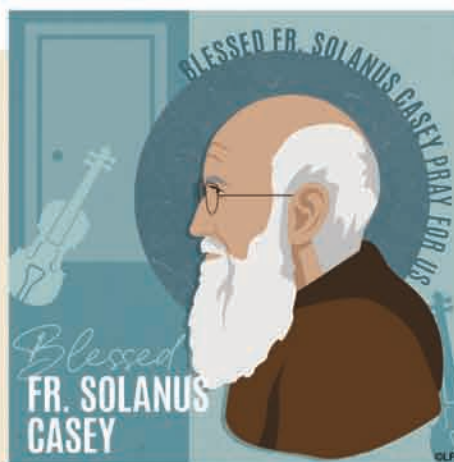
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Following Christ will take everything we have.
Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our
lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we
sold all we had in order to purchase the field
which contained the great treasure.

Observances for the week of July 30, 2023

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Friday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord



Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey would have up to 200 people a day visit him for prayer and counseling while he worked as a doorkeeper at his various postings. He also co-founded the Capuchin Soup Kitchen during the Great Depression. It still serves people in Detroit to this day.

Prayer

"Let us, therefore, not weaken. Let us hope when darkness seems to surround us. Let us thank Him at all times and under whatever circumstances. Thank Him for our creation and our existence. Thank Him for everything — for His plans in the past, that by our sins and our want of appreciation, have so often frustrated — and that He so often found necessary to change. Let us thank Him for all His plans for the future — for trials and humiliations as well as great joy and consolations; for sickness and whatever death He may deign to plan; and with the inspired Psalmist let us call all the creatures of the universe to help us praise and adore Him Who is the Divine Beginning and the everlasting Good — the Alpha and the Omega."

(Prayer Source: An exhortation by Fr. Solanus Casey)

Mass Intentions

Saturday • July 29

4:30 PM

† **John Williams**

r/b Patricia Lacoste

Sunday • July 30

8:00 AM

† **Carol Layne**

r/b Jim D'Amico

10:00 AM

† **Richard & Hannah Hanaway**

r/b Loving Daughter

11:30 AM

† **Manuel P. Pineiro, Sr.**

r/b Loving Wife and Family

Monday • July 31

9:00 AM

† **Josephine Ciccone**

r/b the Dubils

Tuesday • August 1

9:00 AM

† **Muriel DiBello**

r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

Thursday • August 3

9:00 AM

† **Louis DiBello**

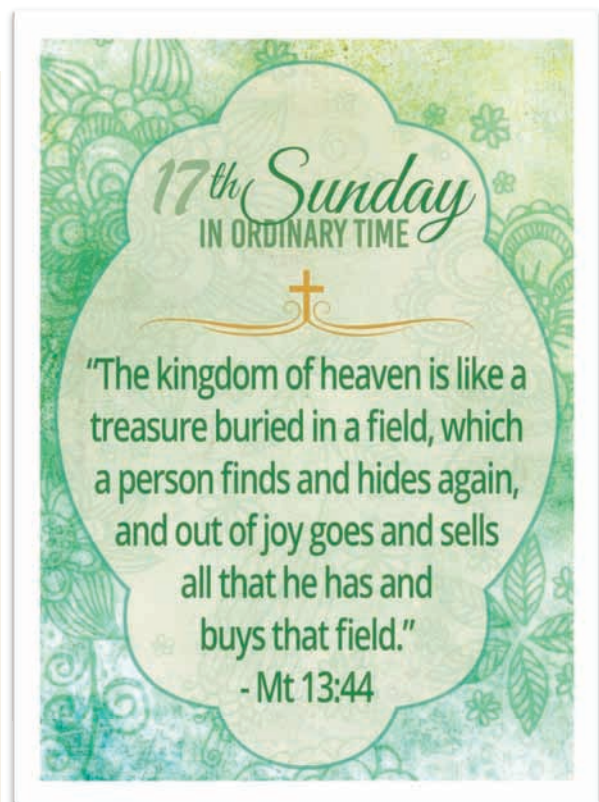
r/b Lou & Peggy DiBello

Friday • August 4

9:00 AM

† **Sherman Nelson**

r/b Misha & Michael Kazmierczak



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donated in
loving memory of:

Manuel P. Pineiro, Sr.

at the request of
of his loving wife & family.

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

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

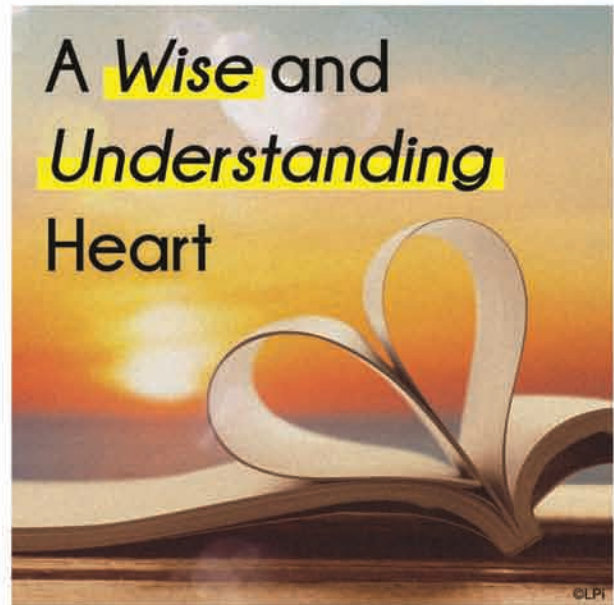
Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1382-1383).



Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Our Parish Family



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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>



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St. Catherine of Siena Church

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- School Scissors •Colored Pencils •Dry Erase Markers & Erasers
- Washable Markers •Colored Pencils •Colored Pens
- 3 Tab Dividers (for binders) •Loose Leaf Paper •Headphones or Earbuds •Gallon Size Freezer Bag •Construction Paper •Tissues

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INFO:

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732-938-5375 Sunday through Thursday

Drop off: **Collection Bin in Church Narthex**



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10:00am - 3:00pm

23 Main St. Holmdel, NJ 07733 Suite D1

Advanced registration is required. Volunteers must attend all three sessions.

We encourage volunteers to wait one year following the death of a loved one.

Interested in becoming a volunteer: Contact: Pauline DePalma, BSW Director of Volunteers at 732-224-6933
Pauline.depalma@vnahg.org



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
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Offerings at Francis House of Prayer
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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

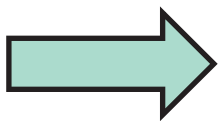
All are welcome! For further info please contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, July 22-23, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$995.00	87 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$916.00	98 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,073.00	111 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,156.00	95 People
Online Giving	\$1,684.00	
Total	\$5,82400	
Second Collection		
Priests' Retirement Fund		\$1,045.00

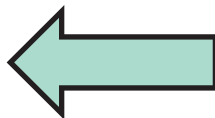
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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS



AUGUST 6, 2023
Maintenance & Repairs

AUGUST 13, 2023
Diocesan Assessment



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON



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

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- 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

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essential programs and
ministries.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

As of July 24, 2023

Pledged: **\$39,466.00** **99% of Goal**
Paid: **\$35,227.00** **88% of Goal**

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