

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 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,

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The story of raising Lazarus is the climax in the series of important signs we find in the Gospel of John. It throws light on the supreme gift of Jesus to all human beings. After having presented Jesus as the fountain of the living water, as the light of the world, as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is now presented before us, with the amazing story of raising Lazarus, as the Resurrection and the Life.

When Lazarus fell sick, Martha and Mary immediately sent word to Jesus, saying: "Lord, he whom you love is ill." After informing Him, with confident loyalty and expectant faith they waited for Jesus. They knew He would certainly come. They knew His nature well. However busy He was, He would not turn away anyone who approached Him for help.

They hoped that, knowing their sore distress, He would put everything aside and rush to help. They kept on waiting and waiting. Those loving hearts were in fact tortured by that futile waiting. Slowly, slowly, the flickering flame of Lazarus' life sank lower and lower and finally went out. To their great dismay, even then Jesus did not come. Oh, not even for the funeral!

At last, He came. When? When everything was over. Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. What would have been our reaction if we were in the place of Martha and Mary? But look at the behavior of Martha! When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him with a mild reproach for his failure to come on time. In the case of Mary, we are told she "got up quickly and went to Him." From her came only that sad, heartrending, wistful, wishful lament, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." She knew that Jesus had the power to prevent her brother's death.

Later, that strongly trustful confession of Martha, "And even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give you." She knew that Jesus was still capable of doing something about it. What did she mean by that? Did she expect Jesus to raise him from the dead? Probably she herself hardly knew. Yet her attitude was one of total trust in Jesus. She was not sure what she ought to ask Him, or what He would think it right to do. But she was completely sure of His interest in them, and His power to do something that no one else could do for them. In our prayers, do we have such an attitude of trust and self-surrender?

Martha and Mary were deeply aware that Jesus had great love for them and their brother Lazarus. On their part they loved Him perhaps much more than they loved their own brother. Jesus also knew the depth of their love and trust in Him. And then came that august and authoritative declaration of Jesus: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

Brothers and sisters, do we find other statement anywhere in the world so profound, so majestic and mysterious, so unfathomable and incomprehensible? Who will ever succeed in grasping the deep meaning of this statement? Is any human being competent enough to comment on this passage adequately? Martha did not understand all the implications of these words of Jesus. But she believed them. She knew that He was not a liar or out of His mind, but the Lord. She believed. And Lazarus was raised from the dead.

Grant me, Jesus, that I may live, love, die and rise with you. Amen.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of
redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead
dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will
never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

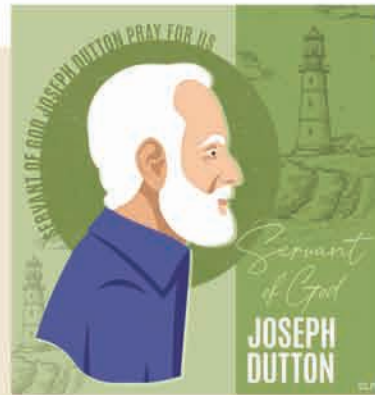
Though weighed down by grief, Martha
rushes out to meet Jesus. She may not
understand why he was absent upon the
death of her brother, but her faithfulness is
undeterred. In the hour of her heartbreak,
she knows her only solace is in the embrace
of the Lord.

Observances for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday: April Fools' Day

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,
Holy Week begins



Saint of the week

Servant of God Joseph Dutton served as a lay missionary alongside Saint Damian and Saint Marianne of Molokai. Upon his 40th birthday he converted to Catholicism, dedicated his life to service, and spent the rest of his days joyfully ministering inside a Hawaiian leper colony.

Prayer

Prayer for Servant of God Joseph Dutton's intercession

God our Father, by the grace of conversion you raised your servant, Joseph Dutton, from the darkness of war, and despair. Wounded by the shock of battle and chained by addiction, he searched for You and found Your abundant mercy. In Joseph Dutton we see Your providence in his conversion from darkness to the light of the Gospel. May his total submission to Your purifying will encourage us on our own way of conversion. Hear our prayer now as we thank You for the gift of his life and the wonder of his witness. If it be for Your glory and the growth of Your Church in holiness, may he be counted among Your saints for all eternity.

Joseph Dutton, please intercede for us and present our requests to God through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



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

All Friday's During Lent

6 PM at the Church

Friday March 31
Good Friday April 7

Mass Intentions

Saturday • March 25

4:30 PM

† **The Greiner Family**

r/b Marianne Cocuzza

Sunday • March 26

8:00 AM

† **Olympia & Joseph DeMeo & Family**

r/b Libby Miller

10:00 AM

† **Rose Kehoe**

r/b Angela & Gerard Iapicca

11:30 AM

† **John Williams**

r/b Anne Hilker

Monday • March 27

9:00 AM

† **Elizabeth "Betty" Giardine**

r/b Ralph & Jean Kuehmstedt

Tuesday • March 28

9:00 AM

† **Irene Cummings**

r/b Diane & Ray Cullmann

Thursday • March 30

9:00 AM

† **Arnold David Kurmin**

r/b The Ust Family

Friday • March 31

9:00 AM

† **Anna Lombardi**

r/b Loving Family



Weekday Mass

St. Catherine's
Chapel

Monday

April 3

9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday

April 4

9:00 AM Mass

Parish Office is closed
on Holy Thursday &
Good Friday &
Easter Monday.

Join Us for Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY April 2

8:00 AM/10:00 AM/11:30 AM

~ *Blessing of the Palms* ~

April 1 ~ 4:30 PM

Palm Distributed at all Masses



HOLY THURSDAY April 6

~ *Mass of the Lord's Supper* ~

7:30 PM

No morning Mass

Church open for prayer ~ Noon ~ 7:00 PM



GOOD FRIDAY April 7

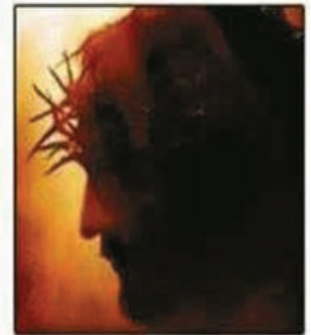
~ *Commemoration of our Lord's Passion* ~

3:00 PM

No morning Mass

Church open for prayer

9:00 AM—3:00 PM



Stations of the Cross ~ 6:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY April 8

~ *Easter Vigil* ~

8:00 PM

Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Foods

9:00 AM



EASTER SUNDAY April 9

8:00 AM/10:00 AM/11:30 AM





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.

Our Parish Family

All are Invited

Palm Sunday

Pancake Breakfast

April 2

Parish Hall

After the 8 AM Mass

&

After the 10 AM Mass



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Thank you to all who participated with our first sessions. Together, the Art Ministry made close to 100 handmade cards for our parish donation of Care Bags to benefit youth/teens in foster care. Much appreciation for sharing your AMAZING talent.

Prayer

Thank you for showing me that you are my Savior, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

Sharing the Gospel

Instead of telling people he was the Savior, Jesus showed them. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus sent a message loud and clear. Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for. He was filled with God's love and power, and many people believed in him.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GOD'S SON
SICKNESS
RISE

LAZARUS
MARY
MARTHA

BELIEVES
WEEPING
WRAPPED

S A O E T R H I E T Y
T W R A P P E D H O N
O E K R W Y A O Y U T
B E L I E V E S T S H
H P T S A O M Y N I E
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T P A Y N O H S Y E A
I S D L A Z A R U S H
G O D S S O N F E S R



Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, March 18-19, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,196.00	92 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,191.00	96 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,321.00	121 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,130.00	196 People
Online Giving	\$2,251.00	
Total	\$7,089.00	

SECOND COLLECTIONS	
Catholic Relief Services	\$684.00

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

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\$1,750,000

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- Catholic Social Services (Mount Carmel Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison Ministry, Respect Life, Grief)
- 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.

\$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

Pledged: **\$32,841.00**

82% of Goal

Paid: **\$24,583.00**

56% of Goal

As of March 20, 2023

Thank you to all who donated so far. Donations received over the goal will be given in a parish rebate. This year the rebate will be used to support our Religious Education Program.

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