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May 7, 2023

PSALM 33

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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,

The month of May is very important and so special because it's the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Having mentioned that, we are going to find that her statue is on the pedestal of the altar and our First Communicants are going to manifest their respect and honor to the BVM by offering her beautiful first flowers and crowning her today at the 10:00 A.M. Mass celebration.

Everyone is invited to venerate and pray for her intercession as she is the Mother of God. The statue will remain at the altar for the whole month.

Jesus claimed: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." How are we to understand this? At least part of the answer to this depends on who we are: "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people God claims for His own to proclaim the glorious works of the One who called us from darkness into His marvelous light." Peter also tells us that we are 'living stones, built as an edifice of spirit, into royal priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Hence, to live means to share in Christ's priestly office and His redeeming life, including His passion, death and resurrection. Living in Christ also includes living to the fullest of our capacity as human beings, with eyes, ears, minds and hearts open to joy, to beauty and truth.

It means never to stop growing mentally and spiritually, never to give up learning, never to cease loving and to close our eyes to the splendor of life all around us.

Jesus wants to be our way, our truth, our life, but we must let Him enter us. This means sharing His vision of the entire world to be reconciled to the Father. It means having His sensitivity for the plight of the poor, the hungry, the aged and the sick.

We are rightly concerned, even horrified, at the tragedy of violence in our world, but so often have we seemed completely unconcerned about the further tragedy of so many who never learn to live after they have been born, about those who 'retire' from life. Once we stop growing, learning, living, reflecting, thanking, rejoicing, praising God, we die. What is the 'truth' we may never lose sight of? Jesus has the answer: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one can come to the Father except through Me."

Once we put our trust and accept Jesus as our Master and Lord, we begin to live by faith. Faith fosters fellowship. It creates a bond of chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. We become God's own chosen people. "All those who received Him, He gave them the power to become children of God"(Jn1:12).

Father, teach me to follow Jesus, my Master, as my way, truth and life. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,
"It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him,
"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, then you will also know my Father."
(Jn 14:6-7)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy. To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.

Observances for the week of May 7, 2023

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Wednesday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Friday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day



Saint of the week

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich made it her short life's mission in early 1900s New Jersey, to educate everyone about humanity's universal call to holiness. Her writings can be found in a book called *The Greater Perfection*. She lived a life of contemplation and charity.

Prayer

Official Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we like her may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to continue to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.scnj.org/blessed-miriam-teresa>)

Mass Intentions

Saturday • May 6

4:30 PM

† **Bruno & Christa Kneucker**

r/b Kneucker Family

Sunday • May 7

8:00 AM

† **Lisa Snow**

r/b John & Stephanie Harakal

10:00 AM

† **Ralph Natilli**

r/b Phillip & Kristin Natilli

11:30 AM

† **John Koziar**

r/b Joanne Monroe

Monday • May 8

9:00 AM

† **Margaret Palumbo**

r/b Loving Family & Friends

Tuesday • May 9

9:00 AM

† **Lucy Dugan**

r/b Eleanor Oberle



Thursday • May 11

9:00 AM

† **Douglas Murray**

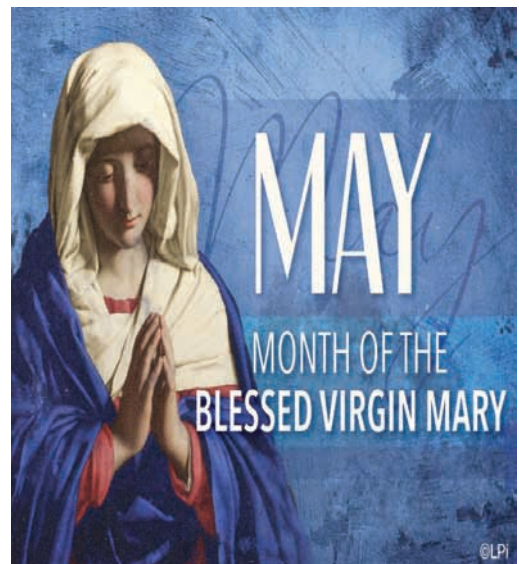
r/b Terri Murray & Family

Friday • May 12

9:00 AM

† **Jose Rehpani Mulki**

r/b A friend



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.

Liturgical Life

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt
2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn
14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn
14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn
15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-
11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn
15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16,
20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Baptism

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

Sienna James Ryan

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





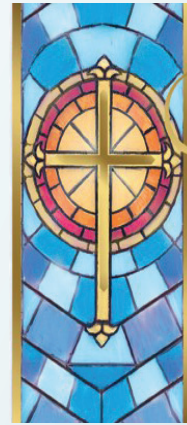
**You are Invited to be a
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2023-2024

Parish Religious Education Program

ENRICH A CHILD'S LIFE: We are looking for volunteers for the 2023-2024 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Please consider becoming a catechist (teacher) or a catechist aide. You don't have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program. We will provide training and support along the way. If interested, please contact the Laura in the office at 732-938-5375.

*Our
Parish Family*



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

**The Marinov Family
Andre, Jennifer &
Ryley**

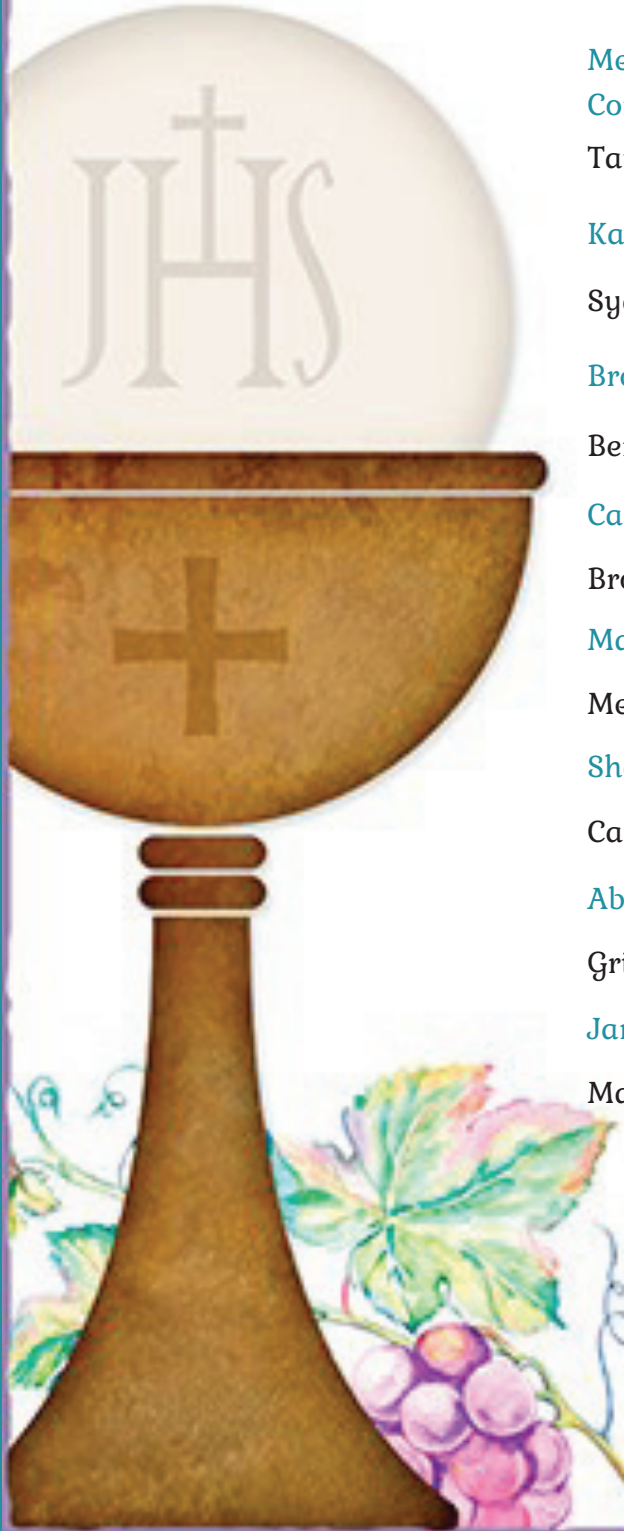
Robert & Mary Ann Stutz

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

First Eucharist

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.

-JOHN 6:35



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Cortes

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Kayla DaSilva Azevedo

Sydney Michele Barton

Brenna Gabrielle Berg

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Melayna Mae Diab

Shane Daniel Duleavy

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Lucianna Patricia Samarelli

Gabriella Autumn Scano

Lucas Julian Serafin

Aubrey Madison Tabet

Ryan Peter Tuosto

Colin Joseph Woodle

Mason Michael Woods

Gavin Nicholas Zapata

Jesus made you special and
you're unique in every way.
He loves you very much on this your
First Communion Day.

Congratulations!

Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

Now color the picture!



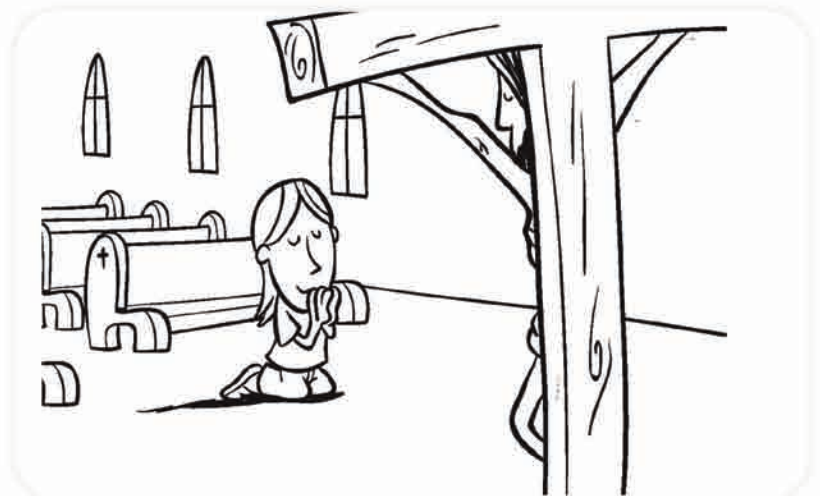
Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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TRUST
PREPARE

PLACE
GOING
FATHER

BELIEVE
LIVING
MIRACLES

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Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, April 29 –30, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,214.00	98 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,447.00	102 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,293.00	210 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,226.00	186 People
Online Giving	\$1,327.00	
Total	\$6,507.00	
Second Collection		
Catholic Home Missions		\$978.00
Candle		\$494.00

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

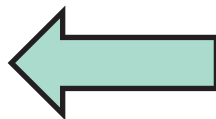


May 14, 2023

Mother's Day

May 21, 2023

Catholic Communications Campaign



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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We are the
BODY
of **CHRIST**

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 May 1, 2023

Pledged: **\$36,196.00** 90% of Goal

Paid: **\$29,011.00** 73% of Goal

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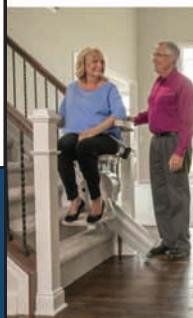
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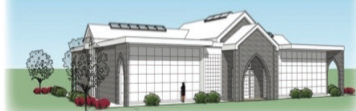
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