

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



give
thanks

November 19, 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

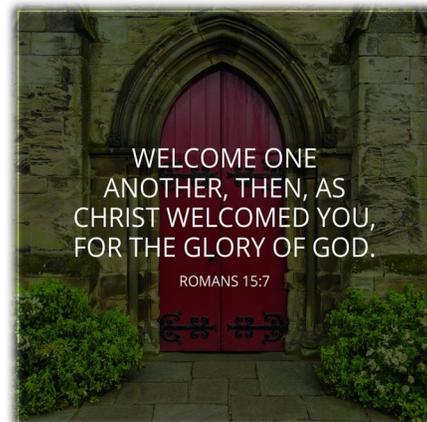
First Friday of the Month
immediately following Weekday
9 AM Mass at Chapel

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30—4:00 PM

Church

Other days by Appointment



A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are so happy with the Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving that we hosted last Sunday. It was well-attended by more than 70 people including the four Pastors and one Deacon from different Churches in town and the group singing of two different Choirs from our very own parish community and the United Methodist Choir. The overall monetary collection was \$1,464 and \$350 of it came from our in-house ministry, the Good Samaritan Ministry for the poor, underprivileged and less fortunate. Joshua House is our beneficiary for this wonderful event. A big word of thanks to all who supported and contributed to this splendid endeavor.

You might have noticed the signages on the parish grounds—we have started a great initiative for the children, families, and the parish community for the Catholic Scouting from Kindergarten to Fifth Graders. Please encourage our young boys and girls to become important scouts to be of service to the community today and in the future. We have Council 156 in St. Catherine Parish Community.

This week November 23 is THANKSGIVING DAY. Please be mindful that we have 9 AM Mass in Church. A time, a day to give thanks, gratitude, and appreciation to God.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Once Mother Teresa was asked, “Don’t you get discouraged? All your efforts... And there is still so much misery and poverty in the world.” She responded, “What God asks of us is not success but faithfulness in trying.”

God does not ask us to perform miracles or achieve extraordinary feats in our lives but what He asks of us is that we use our God-given talents and possibilities for the glory of God and the benefit of others. In using our talents, we give ourselves; and in giving ourselves, we love.

Today’s parable undoubtedly reveals the trust and generosity of God towards His children. For Him, each of us is so significant and unique that He constantly and continuously lavishes us on His graces, and, above all, we are allowed and made worthy to participate in the joy of the Master. All we need to do is to be ‘faithful in small things.’ The wealth of God has no limits; neither there are limits to what He shares with us.

God does not expect the same from everyone, but He expects everyone to use the capacities and strengths He has bestowed on us. The mistake is to live like the person in the Gospel who received a talent but buried it in the ground. He protested that he was afraid of his master. Fear should have induced him to do something to placate the one whom he thought to be a harsh master. The master, we may surmise, would have been tolerant of failure, but not of lame excuses.

Father, inspire and direct me to be creative with the gifts You have given me, that I may share in Your joy. Amen.

God bless you,

Father Angelito



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

“Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.” (Mt 25:21)

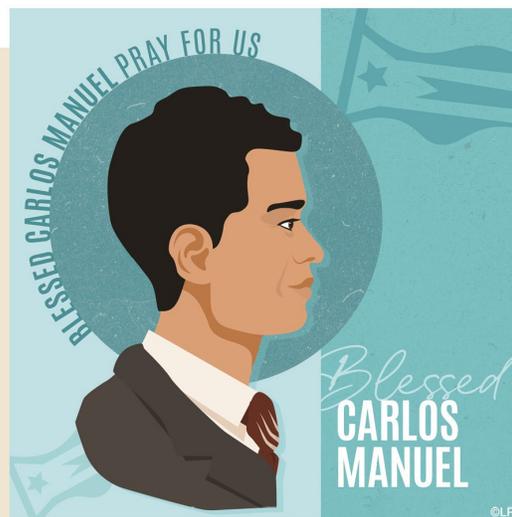
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Saint of the week

Blessed Carlos Manuel or, Blessed Charlie, was a Puerto Rican layman who dedicated his life to serving the Church. He worked and studied diligently to spread his love of the Catholic faith, especially the liturgy and sacred music to all those he touched.

Prayer

Oh God, Father of Goodness, who inspired Blessed Carlos Manuel with an ardent devotion to the Paschal Mystery and moved by the generosity of Your grace, led him to the joyful celebration of the mysteries celebrated in the Liturgy; You also filled your servant with apostolic zeal and love for those in need.

Grant us, through his intercession, that, celebrating with faith the holy mysteries of the Death and Resurrection of Your Son, we may live in life what we celebrate in the Liturgy. Grant us, too, the special grace that we now ask of you (ask for the grace that is desired).

Through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.pmariaamm.org/vida-4-beato-carlos-manuel.html#:~:text=Oh%20Dios%2C%20Padre%20de%20Bondad,y%20amor%20a%20los%20necesitados.> Translation by LPI.)

Mass Intentions

Saturday • November 18

4:30 PM

† **Josephine Guilliano**

r/b Niece, JoAnn

Sunday • November 19

8:00 AM

† **Peter Corallo**

r/b June Hankel

10:00 AM

† **Glenn Conigliaro**

r/b Loving Wife

11:30 AM

† **Theresa Mac Murdo**

r/b Joanne Monroe

Monday • November 20

9:00 AM

† **Patricia Noffke**

r/b Joanne Monroe

Tuesday • November 21

9:00 AM

† **Lucille Davis**

r/b Faith Fernandez

Thursday • November 23

9:00 AM

† **Grace M. & Margaret Grace Shay**

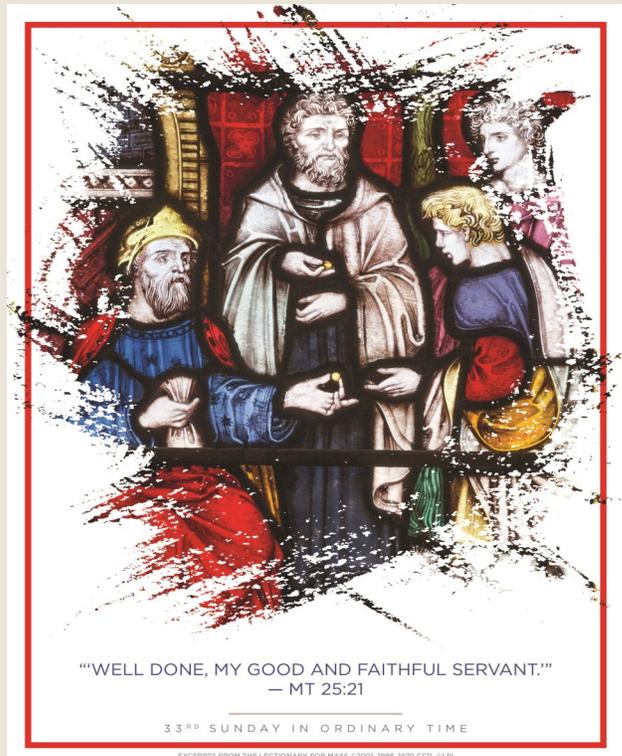
r/b Joseph Meagher

Friday • November 24

9:00 AM

† **Tina Dolan**

r/b Mongioi Family



Always Remember

Christmas Flower Memorials

Sponsor a poinsettia in your family's name or in honor of a deceased loved one this Christmas. These poinsettias will grace the altar & sanctuary & add to the beauty of our liturgical celebration.

Suggested donation is \$15.

Payments can be brought to the parish office, placed in the collection basket or paid through our online giving platform. Also, an envelope is located in the Narthex. Return **no later than**

DECEMBER 10 for inclusion with names printed in the parish Christmas bulletin. Please write legibly. Thank you.

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 for Church & Chapel

Please call the Parish Office to order. Flower orders are not permitted during Lent.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

O Lord, we are the
people who long to
see your face.

— o s s s s s —
Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary, Nov 21

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your
humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share
with others
ultimately comes from your
love of your creations.

Often we think that everything
we have
is our own creation;
we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**Congratulations to our own
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.,
the newly named Chairman-Elect
of the Committee on Catholic
Education for the USCCB.** 



You have our prayers and support as you bring your more than 40 years of ministerial experience in Catholic education to this national post.

We are so very proud of you!

Our Parish Family



FAITH. FAMILY. ADVENTURE.



All parishioners, families, and friends are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving at **9:00 AM** on

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023

St. Catherine of Siena Church
31 Asbury Road

Your family is invited to join a Catholic Scouting unit here at St. Catherine's Parish.

Catholic Scouting builds on the time-honored structure and programs of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). We are starting a Cub Scout Pack here at St. Catherine's Parish and we invite you to learn more about this opportunity.

Boys and girls K-5th grades are welcome in Catholic Scouting, with some combined activities for younger scouts. Family activities include camping, outdoor learning, exciting day trips and engaging service projects.

Questions? Contact Laura Randazzo at 732-938-5375.



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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday Morning at the 11:30 AM Mass

Ages 4—8



Children are called forward after the opening prayer, and follow our CLOW Leader to the gathering room to hear the Gospel at their own level. They return for Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Just sign-in with the CLOW Leader before the start of Mass.

Prayer

God, help me to use my time, my money and my special talents for you.



Find the two that are the same.



Mission for the Week

God has given your family money. Use some of it to buy food for a needy family.



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.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Angel Tree of Giving

Help us provide Christmas Joy to children and seniors in our Church and local community.

Pick a Gift Tag off the tree and help someone in need.

How to Return:

- * Bring with the **GIFT TAG attached**, your Gift Card and **UNWRAPPED** item to the Narthex.
- * **VERY IMPORTANT: Return Gift Cards & Items by the Due Date on your tag.** Return Dates are **DEC. 3, DEC. 11 or DEC. 18. PLEASE FOLLOW THE TAG YOU SELECT.**

Monetary donations are accepted.

Please send in to the Parish Office in a labeled envelope or donate online by scanning the QR Code. Thank you for your generosity.



Upcoming Events

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS



SAVE THE DATE
Sunday DECEMBER 3

2023 Monmouth County



Simbang Gabi



6:30 p.m. Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration | 7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12, at Saint James, Red Bank

Wednesday, December 13, at Saint Ann, Keansburg

Thursday, December 14, at Saint Catherine, Farmingdale

Friday, December 15, at Holy Innocents, Neptune

Saturday, December 16, at Holy Family, Union Beach

Sunday, December 17, at Saint Dorothea, Eatontown

Monday, December 18, at Saint Benedict, Holmdel

Tuesday, December 19, at Saint Clement, Matawan

Wednesday, December 20, at Saint Mary, Middletown



Inherited by the Filipinos from the Spaniards, the Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) is a Catholic devotion of offering a Mass each night for nine consecutive days in joyful anticipation of Christmas Day. All are welcome to this festive Novena of Masses.

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, November 11-12, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,090.00	98 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,270.00	129 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,539.00	150 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,073.00	182 People
Online Giving	\$1,551.00	
Total	\$6,523.00	
Second Collection		
Diocesan Assessment		\$571.00

Thank You for Your Generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Working on the Margins
November 19, 2023

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.



ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.

VISIT: www.sienachurch.org

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON



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 November 13, 2023

Pledged: **\$40,591.00** 101% of Goal
Paid: **\$39,934.00** 100% of Goal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Any parish rebate received, the proceeds will benefit our Parish Religious Education Program. Donate today.