

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of Christ the King

For God is the
King of all the
earth; sing to
Him a psalm
of praise.

PSALM 47:7

November 26, 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,

Advent season is just around the corner, and we must be prepared with great expectation for the coming of the Lord into our hearts and minds. As we can see our bulletin today, there are dates to be mindful of. Our Religious Education students have an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation come Monday, December 4 at 4:30 and 6:15 PM. The public is invited for 6:15 PM on December 4 with Tuesday, December 5, at 4:30 PM for the students as well as for the public. Let us get ourselves ready for the great feast and mystery of the Incarnation as we clean up our minds, body, soul and spirit by coming to Confessions in the Church. We have invited my brother Priests in the area to hear your confessions and give absolutions.

We are going to keep the tradition of having Evening Prayers for three Sundays of Advent this year. While the Blessed Sacrament is exhibited, we are going to pray to the Evening Prayers and later have the adoration and conclude the service with the Benediction in the Church. Please be mindful that we are going to have hospitality at the conclusion only on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of Advent in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is invited to our Breakfast with Santa on December 3, Sunday in the Parish Hall. There's breakfast, and Santa will be available for picture taking. Come and join the fun.

December 8 is the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses will be in the Church at 9 AM and 7 PM.

Please be reminded that this is a great feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So, please come to Church to celebrate, give thanks and pray.

Today's Gospel powerfully brings home that Christ is Lord and King of the universe. To Him, as the Redeemer of the world, belongs full right to pass definitive judgement of the works and hearts and every human being. He acquired this right by His cross. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son... and was given authority to execute judgement, because He is the Son of Man (Jn. 5:22-27).

When the Son of Man comes in glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne. Jesus in the course of His preaching referred frequently to the judgement on the last day. On that day each must give an account of his/her life as described in today's Gospel. It is up to each person to accept or reject Christ's words. The words of Christ have the power of light and show what is in an individual. Our acceptance of Christ's words mean salvation. But if we attempt to draw the curtain to shut out the light that is Christ, we will experience rejection.

In brief, Christ is the Lord of eternal life. As a Redeemer of the world, full of right to pass judgement on the works of and hearts of men and women belongs to Him. He acquired this right by His death on the cross. The Father has given all judgement to the Son. Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life He has in Himself. By rejecting grace in this life, one already condemns oneself for all eternity.

Lord of life and love, help me so that now and forever I may joyfully be with you. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,
I will judge between one sheep and another,
between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)

Second Reading:

When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

Gospel:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."
(Mt 25:31-32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

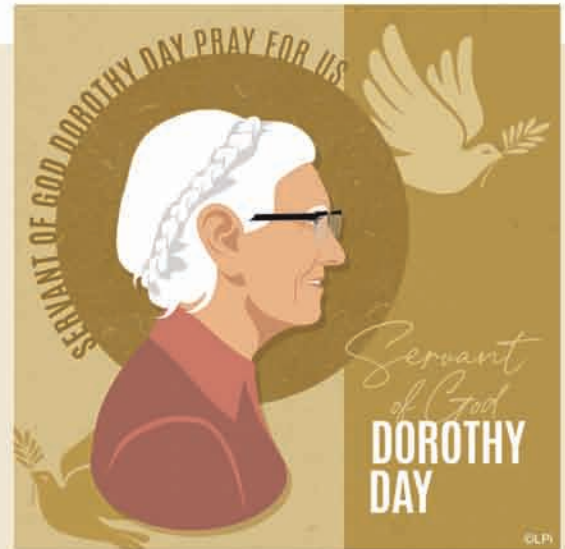
God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

Observances for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Servant of God Dorothy Day was an American journalist, social activist, and Catholic convert who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her work inspired countless others and earned her recognition as one of the most influential Catholic figures of the 20th century.

Prayer

Merciful God, You called your servant Dorothy Day to show us the face of Jesus in the poor and forsaken. By constant practice of the works of mercy, she embraced poverty and witnessed steadfastly to justice and peace. Count her among your saints and lead us all to become friends of the poor ones of the earth, and to recognize you in them.

We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, bringer of good news to the poor.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://catholicworker.org/prayers-for-the-canonicalization-of-dorothy-day/>)

Mass Intentions

Saturday • November 25

4:30 PM

† **Mary & John Kruse & Daughter, Maryann**
r/b Daughters, Patty & Stephanie

Sunday • November 26

8:00 AM

† **Pietro & Francesca Ciaravino**
r/b Ciaravino Family

10:00 AM

† **Arnold Carpenter**
r/b Loving Wife

11:30 AM

† **Dinh Nguyen**
r/b Loving Wife & Children

Monday • November 27

9:00 AM

† **John Napoli**
r/b The Lombardi Family

Tuesday • November 28

9:00 AM

† **Nancy Baehny**
r/b Loving Husband, Tommy

Thursday • November 30

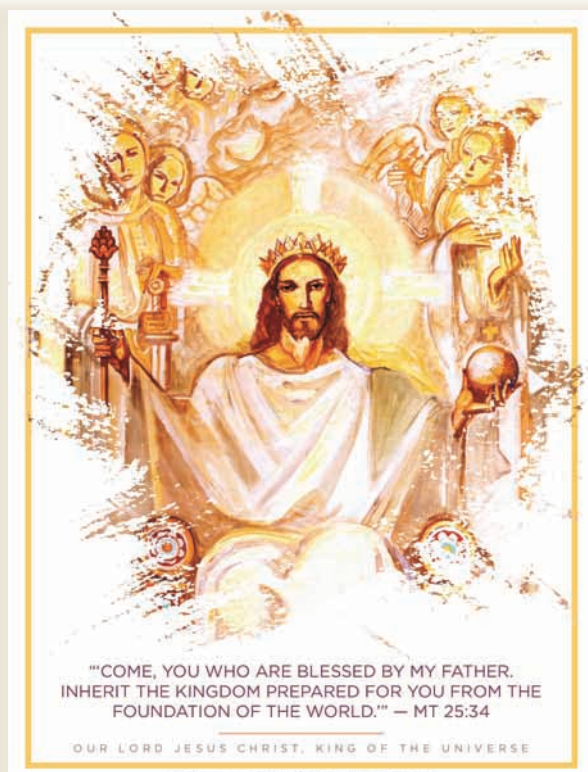
9:00 AM

† **David Velasco**
r/b Loving Family

Friday • December 1

9:00 AM

† **Ray & Frances Wujcik**
r/b Lou & Peggy Di Bello



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 26, 2023

Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

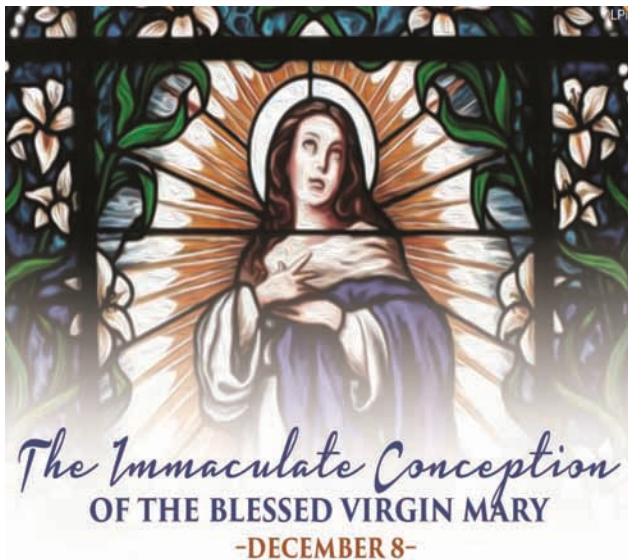
Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/
Lk 21:34-36



A Holy Day of Obligation

Join Us

9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Mass

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church



ADVENT

Evening Prayer Exposition
Adoration & Benediction

6:00 PM

Sunday, December 3

Sunday, December 10

Sunday, December 17

Come and prepare your heart for the Lord.

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Monday, December 4

6:15 PM

Tuesday, December 5

4:30 PM

Saturdays 3:30 PM

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23



Our Parish Family

We gladly welcome the following children into the family of God and into the faith community of St. Catherine of Siena Church, who were baptized.

Christopher Robert Russo III
Tyler Robert Russo, Jr.

We congratulate and pray for them and their families.

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.**

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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.

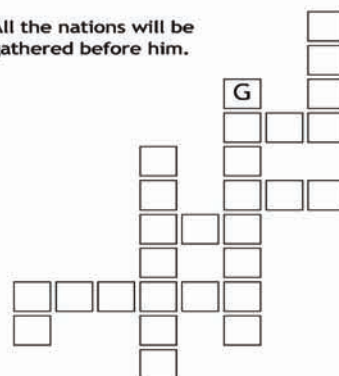
Prayer

God, help me to share what you have given to me.

Sharing the Gospel

Share food with the hungry. Give clothes to the poor. Visit people who are sick. Share the good news about Jesus with people who have made bad choices. Jesus came to forgive them. God will see the loving things you do. He will reward you one day in heaven.

All the nations will be gathered before him.



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.

Upcoming Events

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

Welcomes You to
Breakfast
With
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SUNDAY • DECEMBER 3
After all Masses— Parish Hall

Breakfast Buffet *Photos with Santa*
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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.

Due to an early submission date of the bulletin for Thanksgiving 2023, the Weekly Sunday Collection Reporting will appear in the bulletin for December 3rd.



ONLINE GIVING

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON



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- Finding and Forming Priests (Vocations Recruitment & Seminary Preparation)
- Retired Priest Care
- Preparation of Deacons
- Support of Religious Women and Men

HANDS OF CHRIST

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- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
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- Catholic School Programs
- Professional Development for Educators

Total ACA Goal is
\$6.5 Million

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

As of November 13, 2023

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

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