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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

> Holy Days of Obligation 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM 31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ



11:30 AM

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

DFVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena

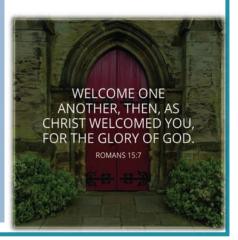
Monday's immediately following Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel

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,

Since our Religious Education Program has started and we are glad to let everyone know that the turnout of enrollment is quite impressive in the sense that there are more children who signed up for the program compared with last year and previous years. Hence Jesus began His mission of bringing joy and kind response.

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What do you think is the core of Jesus' message? The obvious answer is love. What is the fruit of love? The obvious answer is joy. Jesus and His disciples after Him began their preaching saying, "Repent, the kingdom of God is at hand." The Kingdom of God is close by. In today's Gospel Jesus gives us a picturesque description of the Kingdom. He describes it using the image of a wedding feast.

No celebration evokes and provides so much joy as a marriage feat. It is synonymous with joy and universal experience. In comparing the kingdom to a marriage feast, Jesus wants us to impress on our imagination the image of the kingdom as a place of joy and joviality, of joyful celebration in a joyous setting. In plain language, why did Jesus come and what did He do for us? From the above we can draw the conclusion that Jesus came to give us joy, to make us happy. He not only shows the way, but is the Way to the Kingdom of Joy, He Himself is the kingdom, He Himself is our joy.

To enter His Kingdom we must repent and change our direction, precisely because we can be going in the wrong direction. And to be going in the wrong direction here means walking away from what makes us happy and brings joy and peace.

Hence, we are appealing for your support and to man with the word 'repent'. But many, help in the program. There are more volunteers including the invitees in today's parable, did needed to assist us in teaching and taking care not repent, they did not have a change of of the kids. Please call the office for ways you direction in their lives and so sadly missed the can help. Thank you in advance for your quick most essential thing man thirsts for: joy in love. Caring little to know what the invitation held out for them, they went after smaller and baser satisfactions. Not only is the best enemy of the good, the good is often the enemy of the best as well.

> Today God comes with a new revolutionary invitation list, in which the poor and the common people are the privileged ones. God in His love and concern invites everyone to the heavenly banquet. It is a banquet open to all, a feast from which no one is excluded. Isaiah in the first reading and Jesus in the Gospel emphasize that God's invitation is not an exclusive one. In the parable we see those who rejected God's invitation are rather well-to-do, holding up high positions in society. The ordinary common folk are quick and eager to accept the invitation. Even in our time, those who accept and embrace the Gospel values are not the well-educated and the financially secure but the poor and the humble.

> Thank you, Lord, for the invitation to the Eucharistic and eternal banquet. Grant that I may not be found wanting. Amen.

May God bless you.. —Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry,

of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He wants to share with each one of us, but we have to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary

Alacoque, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Luke, Evangelist

Thursday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,

Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

World Mission Sunday



Saint of the week

Saint Rafael Guízar y Valencia was a Catholic bishop who cared for the poor in Mexico. He bravely continued his mission while in exile, in the face of constant life-threating conflicts with the Mexican government.

Praver

Our Lord and God, In Saint Rafael Guízar You have given us a model of a shepherd for the children, the poor, the sick, and those far from You. Grant us through his intercession that we may live united in our families; that the Mexican nation may have peace and harmony; that the sick who live in our homes be lovingly cared for and receive healing from their diseases; that marriages that have been broken find a reason to fight and overcome the evil that stalks them.

Attend to our supplications and hear our needs so that one day, like Saint Rafael Guizar, we can all contemplate the beauty of Your glory in eternity.

We ask you through your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit and God the father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://www.facebook.com/ SanRafaelGuizarV/posts/654984824967963/. translation by LPi.)

Mass Intentions

Saturday · October 14 4:30 PM + Joseph Cocuzza

r/b Loving Wife, Marianne

Sunday · October 15 8:00 AM

+ Domenica Ciaravino

r/b Ciaravino Family

10:00 AM + James McLaughlin

r/b Loving Family & Children

11:30 AM + Sandra Koziar

r/b Joanne Monroe

Monday • October 16
9:00 AM
• Adam John Shakoor
r/b Doyle Family

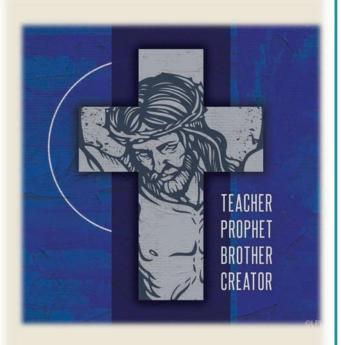
Tuesday · October 17
9:00 AM
† Domenica Ciaravino
r/b Ciaravino Family

Thursday • October 19
9:00 AM
• Consolacion Anarcon
r/b Anarcon Family

9:00 AM

+ Annalise Gerdes

r/b Jamieson Family



Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord.

Amen.



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 <u>but</u> now lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of <u>this parish</u>.

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

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/ Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/ Lk 12:8-12

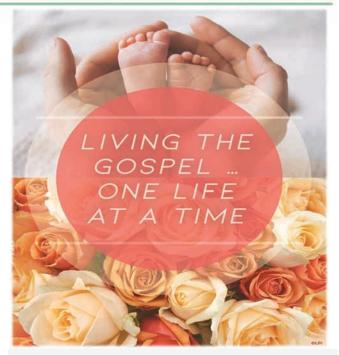
Next Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

We Gather Together for 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time **Text - Theodore Baker** Melody: Dutch Folk Song - Anonymous Text Meter 12.11.12.11.

"We Gather Together" is a beloved hymn with deep historical significance and scriptural references.

- Dutch Origins: "We Gather Together" originated in the Netherlands during the late 16th century. It was written in the midst of religious and political turmoil when the Dutch people sought freedom from Spanish rule and the oppression of the Catholic Church.
- Celebration of Freedom: The hymn reflects the Dutch people's joy and gratitude for achieving religious and political freedom. The phrase "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing" echoes the sentiment of a thankful and united people.
- American Connection: Dutch Pilgrims who later settled in the United States brought the hymn with them. Over time, it became associated with Thanksgiving, as it beautifully expressed the themes of gratitude and unity.



Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death

Get daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org!



Join us for the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday after the 10:00 AM Mass for the month of October.

Our Parish Family



St. Catherine of Siena Parish
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The McGuire Family Ryan, Maggie Brodie, Quinn, & Evan

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Kids Corner

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Starting Oct. 15 Sunday Mornings 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.

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a king to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say

"yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!

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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.



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

St. Leo the Great Parish is pleased to announce that it is offering a "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar in November and December this year that will be offered for anyone that is divorced and/or separated.

This year our "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar will be held on **Thursday**, **November 16**, **2023 and Thursday**, **December 14**th, **2023 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm** at St. Leo The Great located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. Please feel free to attend one or both seminars.

Please know that these Seminars have been offered since 2014 and they have helped many people. We are laypeople that have been through divorce, and we had found this program helpful to us. We would like to bring it to you and help you!

If interested or if you need any more information to decide if you want to attend, please email Michele Coppola Wilson at healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com. We would be happy to answer any of your questions.

We hope you can join us!



around the Community

The Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton, Southern Monmouth Chapter, is beginning the 2023-24 academic year at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Sea Girt. The goal of the Holy Innocents Society is to bring all parishioners with developmental, cognitive and/or physical challenges into full participation in parish life.

The Southern Monmouth Chapter meets weekly Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at St. Mark's Parish in Sea Girt. The meetings include the celebration of six special seasonal masses throughout the academic year. Adults and young people with special needs who live in Southern Monmouth County and their family members are encouraged to join us as we pray, sing and celebrate our faith together.

For details, contact Gina Lesniewski at 732-280-2451 or Joeandgina@optonline.net.



Offering!s at Francis House of Prayer Trenton Diocesan

Spiritual Center and Retreat House 84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check <u>www.FHOP.org</u> for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, October 7-8, 2023

| 4:30 PM Mass | \$1,172.00 | 117 People |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| 8:00 AM Mass | \$879.00 | 105 People |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$907.00 | 113 People |
| 11:30 AM Mass | \$873.00 | 136 People |
| Online Giving | \$2,420.00 | |
| Total | \$6,251.00 | |

Second Collection

Diocesan Assessment \$493.00

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

Get Ready to Set Your "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" for world Mission Sunday, October 22, 2023!

Next weekend, we'll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we're invited to enkindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love.

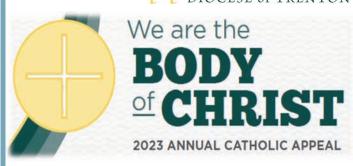


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Parish Goal: \$40,000

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- Catholic Social Services (Mount Carmel Guild)
- Pastoral Care (Prison Ministry, Respect Life, Grief)
- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

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

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

Total ACA Goal is \$6.5 Million

Your gift supports essential programs and ministries.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

As of October 9, 2023

Pledged: \$40,391.00 101% of Goal

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