

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PSALM 145

September 24, 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 Parishioners,

In partnership with CVS Pharmacy, we are taking the initiative and hosting a FLU SHOT Vaccine Clinic in the parish. The date is Sunday, October 29. Please see the flyers for more details. If anyone is concerned regarding the collection of their personal or health information for the clinic, we inform you that there are only minimum required points, such as Full Legal Name, Date of Birth, Known Allergy History, and Phone Number. As a parish family, we must care and be concerned with one another's health and well-being, most especially this time of the year: the Flu season is here. .

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel gives evidence of our desire for greatness. Almost all of us are ambitious to be great somehow, somewhere. The disciples of Jesus, drawn from the common people, were no exception. And they wanted to know who would be the greatest among them. It was something silly, but the context in which their discussion took place makes it even more ridiculous.

On the one hand, Jesus has just predicted the impending persecution, rejection, and crucifixion awaiting him. On the other hand, his disciples, illiterate fisherfolk, discuss who is the greatest among them. What callous sensitivity! But Jesus teaches them patiently. He calls them and asks: "What were you discussing on the way?"

Realizing their foolishness, they remain tongue-tied and silent.

So, Jesus arranges a superb demonstration, a compelling, convincing study in contrast. Jesus brings a child in their midst, takes it in his arms, and says: "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, not me but him who sent me."

No more arguments, no more discussion about greatness. A child resting in a parent's arms knows the source of its security and safety. A child by, its definition, depends on another for everything. Whatever greatness he has is derived from someone greater. And that greater one is God, who is the Father of all. So, we are all His children. That is our greatness. And, if anyone wants to distinguish himself, Jesus tells us he must be the last of all and servant of all.

It is important to ask ourselves: What motivates my decisions, and shapes the style of my functioning? In the exercise of authority, what is my primary, unexpressed, gut-level concern? To serve or to be served? To win popularity, to ingratiate myself, to be able to cling to the seat of power? Or is it an attitude of humble service? "If anyone would be first, he must be the last and servant of all."

Lord, grant me the grace to be small. Amen.

May God bless you,
Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Is 55:8)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or
by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)

Gospel:

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?” (Mt 20:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Let us never make the grave mistake of assuming we earn our salvation in the same way we earn a wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a God who does not count the hours of our labor or measure the amount of our output.

Observances for the week of September 24, 2023

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday
- Tuesday:** Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels
- Saturday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of
the Church
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday



Saint of the week

In Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s, three indigenous boys embraced Catholicism after encountering Spanish Franciscan friars. Their names were Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was martyred for their faith, making them the first Catholic martyrs on the continent.

Prayer

Holy Trinity, I deeply venerate your generosity and infinite majesty, for the firmness that you granted to the children Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan, who, at the beginning of the evangelization of Mexico, and despite their young ages, were filled with immense love for carrying the word of your kingdom without stopping to think about the fear of suffering.

With their verve and their martyrdom, we inherited an example of an unbreakable and sincere faith. For the preference you had for these children, confer the special grace that, through their intercession, I ask of you (make your request).

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • September 23

4:30 PM

† **Lottie Rossi**

r/b Husband & Daughter

Sunday • September 24

8:00 AM

† **William O'Doherty**

r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel

10:00 AM

† **Virginia Brown**

r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi

11:30 AM

† **Glenn Conigliaro**

r/b Loving Wife

Monday • September 25

9:00 AM

† **Lisa Snow**

r/b Loving Family

Tuesday • September 26

9:00 AM

† **James F. Bishop**

r/b The Lamb Family

Thursday • September 28

9:00 AM

† **John Tyberghein**

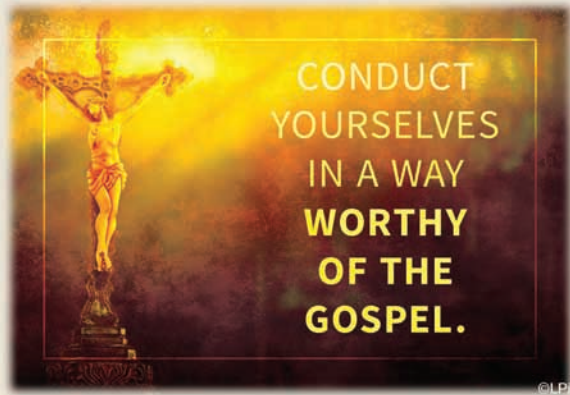
r/b Mary Burke

Friday • September 29

9:00 AM

† **Margaret Doherty**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy,

we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood.

You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people,

as you shepherd your entire church.

We pray for them in their daily work.

Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace,

so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation

and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.

It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

Amen.

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

Floral pieces start at \$50 and can be ordered except during Lent. Please call the Parish Office.

Worship & Meditation

The King of Love My Shepherd Is 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Text - Henry Williams Baker 1868

Tune St. Columba - Gaelic, Ancient Irish Melody

Meter 87. 87 Iambic

Scriptural Reference Psalm 25

St Columba is a traditional Irish folk melody first sung at the dedication of a chapel in Londonderry England. It was paired with the text by Henry Williams Baker based upon Psalm 25 The Lord Is My Shepherd There Is Nothing I Shall Want. in 1906 in The English Hymnal. This hymn was sung at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales in 1997.

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.

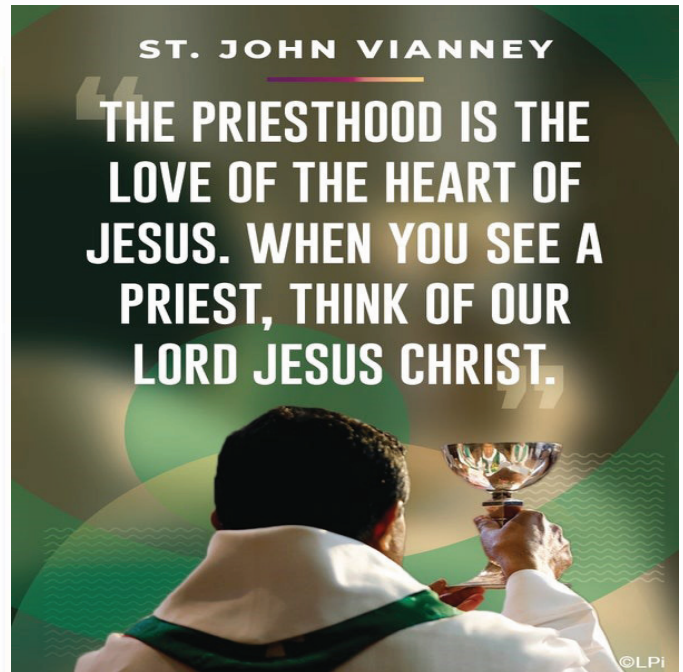
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!



Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday:

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Our Parish Family



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

The Ching Family
Alex & Kerry
Alfie

The Culp Family
Andrew, Elizabeth
Gabriella, Emilia, Elianna & Anthony

The Dannerhoj Family
Hans, Angela
Andrew

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Our Family of Faith.

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the ones you love.

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Sunday, October 29
8:30 am - 12:30 pm



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Prayer

God, help me to be ready when you ask me to work for you.

Mission for the Week

Say a special prayer for each person in your family.. Thank God for them.

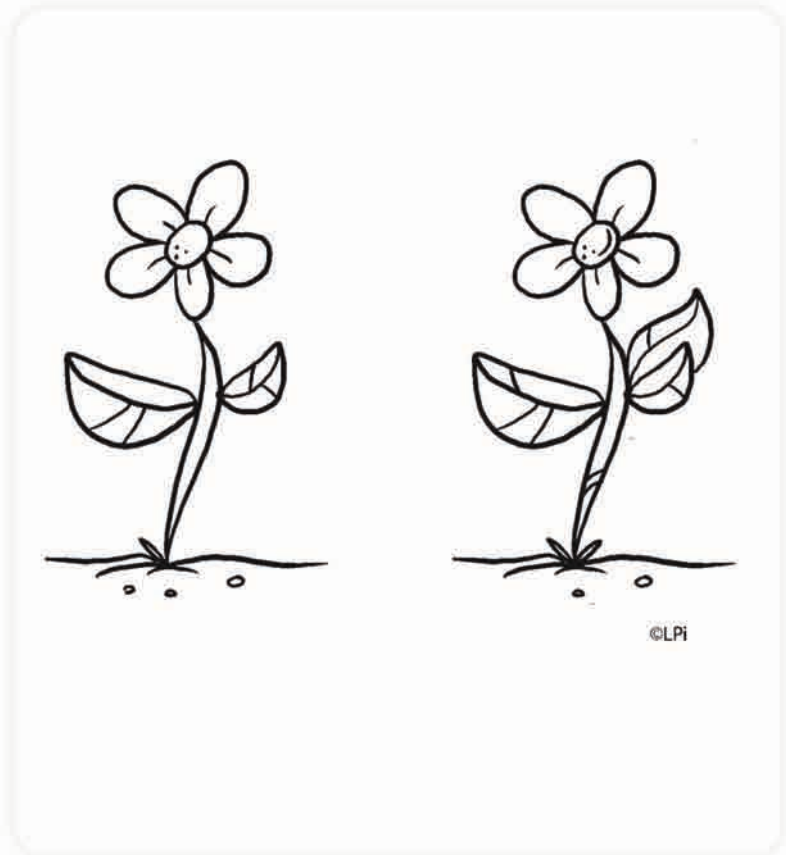
Sharing the Gospel

Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love him with your whole heart.

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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.

Around the Community



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84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
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Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!



The homeless need a safe space

Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program Inc. of Freehold helps those who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of eviction. We created a capital campaign this summer to expand our Advocacy Center to accommodate the growing number of individuals and families who need our free services. We offer linkages to housing, medical, mental health, addiction, legal and welfare services. We also help clients find jobs, apply for housing and safety net benefits, and obtain ID documents.

Contact: Nina Rizzo
nrizzo@ehapinc.org
732-431-2600 ext. 210
www.ehapinc.org/donate



Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, September 16-17, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,029.00	98 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,169.00	93 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,243.00	194 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,017.00	111 People
Online Giving	\$2,022.00	
Total	\$6,480.00	
Second Collection		
Energy & Fuel		\$676.00

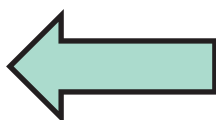
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SECOND COLLECTIONS



October 1, 2023
Maintenance & Repairs

October 8, 2023
Diocesan Assessment



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

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- 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.

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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

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

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- 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 September 18, 2023

Pledged: **\$40,216.00** **101% of Goal**

Paid: **\$37,320.00** **93% of Goal**

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