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PSALM 63

September 3, 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,

Tomorrow, we as a nation observe a federal holiday, Labor Day. This day celebrates the American labor movement and the contributions and achievements of the American worker. Our country's Labor Day is a three-day weekend ending the unofficial season of summer. The origins of Labor Day stretch all the way back to 1882 and it all started with a parade. Let us celebrate as we recognize, acknowledge, appreciate and thank our workers who are tireless with all the work they do not only for themselves but for the good of our society and the nation. We are asked to continue praying for them and their families. God bless them.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME

I remember the author of the Letter to the Hebrews, wretched out this enigmatic but true statement: "It is terrible to fall into the hands of the living God." True prophets are classic examples of those who have fallen into the hands of God. Of all the Old Testament prophets, it is Jeremiah who experiences most acutely the pangs of such an experience. He of course doesn't consider his experience as passively falling into the hands of God. Feeling cheated, he boldly accuses God of deception. Jeremiah resists but he is too feeble for the strong seducer God, who invariably prevails. It is abduction and seduction in one action.

For a shy, sensitive soul like Jeremiah to be a prophet of God's vengeance goes totally against the grain. He is too innocent for the malicious machinations of his high-placed adversaries.

Groaning under the pressure of his menacing mission, he naturally feels compelled to give it up, giving up taking the name of and speaking in the name of the Lord. He is tempted to ask, "Why expose oneself to such perils? Seal your mouth and retire to a quiet place in peace."

But no, he cannot. The seducer God is too strong and His grip firm and unrelenting. The spirit that God has breathed into the prophet mercilessly urges him on and suffocated him if he does not speak out boldly what God wants him to speak out. Caught between the devil and the deep sea, Jeremiah laments in most pathetic tones and, in utter exasperation, spews out violent, bitter, angry words, "Curse be the day I was born... why was I born? Was it only to have trouble and sorrow, to end my life in disgrace?" (20:14-18). It is classic death wish, the passion of a reluctant prophet.

The prophetic mission of Jeremiah was his offering of himself 'as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.' And in today's Gospel Jesus predicts His own passion, death and resurrection, and demands from His followers, renunciation of self, even of life. It is terrible to fall into the hands of the living God. Every Christian shares in the prophetic mission of Christ.

Lord, my terrible lover. Seduce me, deceive me, do whatever you will that I might belong to you and that your word may burn within my heart. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
(Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
(Mt 16:24-25)

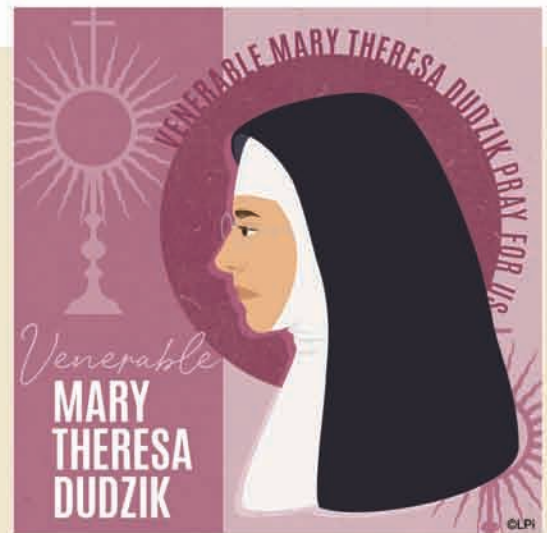
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

A love of suffering does not come naturally to us as humans. We have no instinct to throw our arms around a rough and heavy cross — no, we shy away from it. But as adopted children of God, crafted lovingly in His image, our inheritance is the grace to do what feels so impossible.

Observances for the week of September 3, 2023

- Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik became known as Chicago's Apostle of Mercy due to her work in the late 1800's and the early 1900's serving the poor and abandoned. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago — the first women's religious congregation in Chicago.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you inflamed the compassionate heart of Mother Mary Theresa with the heroic virtues of charity and mercy. If it is your will, may she be declared Blessed for your honor and glory and may she inspire others to imitate her love for the needy, poor, and suffering of our world. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://mothertheresadudzik.com/prayers.html>)

Mass Intentions

Saturday • September 2

4:30 PM

† **John Williams**

r/b Carol Jamieson

Sunday • September 3

8:00 AM

† **Margaret Fauci**

r/b Jim D'Amico

10:00 AM

† **Thomas & Angela Mangano**

r/b Phillip & Kristin Natilli

11:30 AM

† **Connie Gersbeck**

r/b Husband, Joe

Monday • September 4

9:00 AM

† **Teresa DelPortal**

r/b Loving Daughters

Tuesday • September 5

9:00 AM

† **Walter A. Meagher**

r/b Joseph P. Meagher

Thursday • September 7

9:00 AM

† **Joseph Gavinelli**

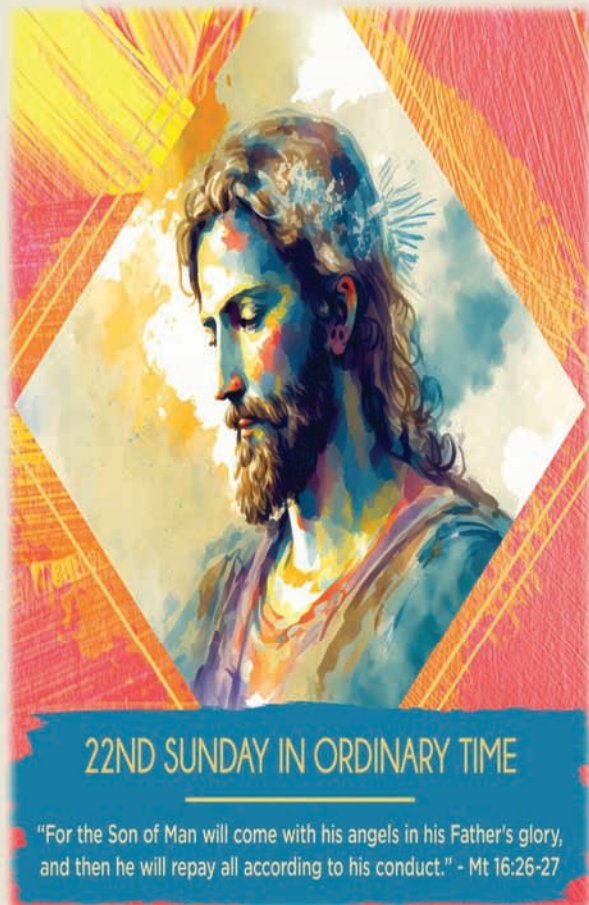
r/b Vincent & Catherine Kuczinski

Friday • September 8

9:00 AM

† **Herbert C. Meyer**

r/b Doyle Family



The Altar Flowers
this weekend are
donated in
loving memory
of:

Angelo Rossi

at the request of
of his loving daughter, JoAnn.

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

Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk
4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk
5:1-11

Friday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom
13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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Music Selections

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Entrance

Christ Before Us

BB 412. JS 640

Presentation

Lead Me Lord

BB 739. JS 733

Communion

Loving And Forgiving

BB 664. JS 532

Recessional

Companions On The Journey

BB 592. JS 835

Our Parish Family



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

The Stahnten Family

William, Maria

Maximus, Rosalee & Josephine

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

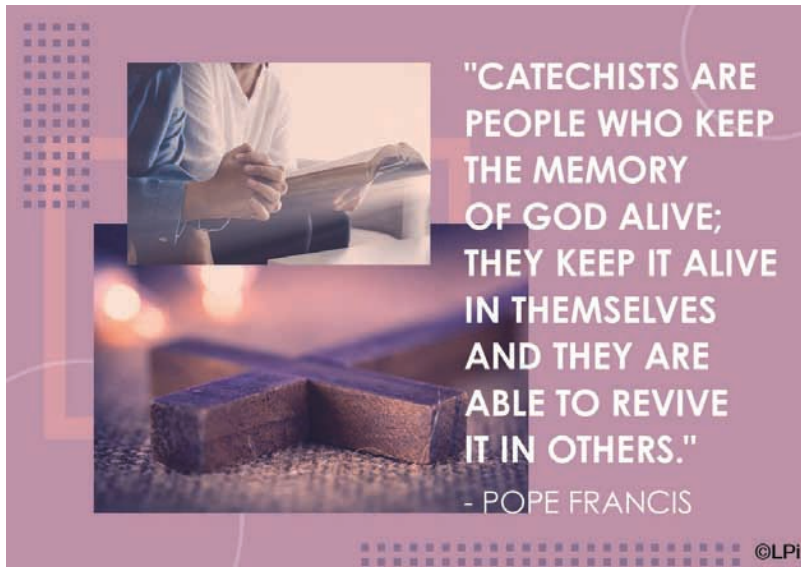
ARE YOU A CATHOLIC IN NEED OF
COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?

If your answer is "yes," then our RCIA program may be just what you need. The process of spiritual and educational formation is open to any adult who would like to become a full member of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact the office at 732-938-5375.



PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED
FOR LABOR DAY

Volunteer in the Parish Religious Education Program



- Do you love to work with children and youth?
- Are you interested in helping your Church?
- High School students—Are you looking for service hours?

Join our team for the
upcoming program starting in September.
No experience needed to help. We provide
training and support along the way.

Ways to help:

- Catechist
- Catechist Aide
- Hall Monitor
- Arts & Crafts
- Office Help

Our classes meet as follows:

Sunday 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

Monday 6:00 PM—7:15 PM

Tuesday 4:30 PM—5:45 PM

If interested, please contact the parish office at:

732-938-5375 or email passociate@sienachurch.org

As part of the Diocesan safe environment program, volunteers are required to be fingerprinted and attend a Virtus workshop. This is a requirement for any adult - clergy, staff, and volunteers - working with children within a Catholic parish or school.

Around the Community



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



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.



Interfaith Neighbors at the
Howell Senior Center
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to Deliver Meals to
Homebound Seniors.

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For more information, call Melanie Decker, Director of Senior Services at [732-938-4500](tel:732-938-4500) x 2550.

Offerings 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 www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

HEALING MINISTRY TO THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 ++++++

We have many offerings for anyone experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. We are currently offering a

12-Week Program Beginning September 18th, 2023
From 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

At St. Mary's Chapel, Basement Meeting Room Located at 26 Leonardville Road, Middletown, NJ To register or to speak to someone to find out more information, please email: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com or call Elaine at 732-213- 9050.

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, August 26-27, 2023		
4:30 PM Mass	\$997.00	98 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,064.00	96 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$996.00	110 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$997.00	89 People
Online Giving	\$1,254.00	
Total	\$5,308.00	
Second Collection		
Missionary Co-Operative		\$940.00

Thank You for Your Generosity.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
The Catholic University of America

On the weekend of September 10, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection you are supporting Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith rooted education. You are also supporting the research and training initiatives that help diocese and parishes respond to the most pressing needs of their faithful.

Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more and give easily online.

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 August 28, 2023

Pledged: **\$40,166.00** **100% of Goal**

Paid: **\$36,641.00** **92% of Goal**

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

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