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February 11, 2024

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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,

The beginning of the season of Lent is on ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14. Not a holy day of obligation, however there are important reasons why we must come to Church either by attending the Holy Mass or the Prayer Service. Also receiving the ashes as the minister is saying the formula while they impose the ashes on our forehead: "Repent and believe in the Gospel or Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." As Roman Catholics, it has been our strong tradition to come to together in the worship place as we start the holy season of Lent and together with Jesus and the whole universal Church manifest our willingness and be able prepare for the holiest days of the week. Take note of the discipline for Lent and the Holy Week as our Bishop has given for our faithful guidance.

Also, please keep in mind that we have collections for Ash Wednesday and the proceeds goes to our in-house-ministry for the poor and the less fortunate, The Good Samaritan Ministry of St. Catherine. Let us be generous as we express in words and deeds our sympathy, compassion and care for the needy and the under privilege. Thank you so much.

Every Friday during Lent the parish has Stations of the Cross in the Church that starts at 6 PM. Following the prayers, all are invited to join us for soup supper in the Parish Hall this Friday, February 16. A wonderful opportunity for us to be together, camaraderie and fellowship, hence come and eat and have some light conversations, there is chance to meet our new parishioners, let us be friendly and give them a warm welcome.

As we reflect on the word today, there is a striking contrast between what happens to a person with leprosy in the 1st reading and what happens in the

Gospel reading.

In the 1st reading, from the Book of

Leviticus, the role of the priest is simply to identify the disease so that the leper can be declared "unclean"—which means ritually impure and thus excluded from the worship of God. The afflicted person must "dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." Not simply out of fear of contagion, but because his affliction does not fit with the ideal of purity that is thought to befit those who worship of the God of Israel.

In the Gospel, however, Jesus does not simply identify impurity but becomes himself the source of purity. The leper comes to Jesus with the faith that, unlike the priests, Jesus has the power to make him clean, to reintegrate him into the community of Israel. Indeed, in telling the man to go and show himself to the priests, Jesus seems to reaffirm the role of priests as those who can identify purity and impurity, but he gives to himself a much higher role: he is the one who bestows wholeness and healing that makes it possible to be a part of God's people.

In the sacrament of Baptism, Jesus does for us what he does for the man in the Gospel: we are healed of our spiritual infirmities so that we can become a part of the community of those who worship God. To each of us who ask him for cleansing from sin he says, "I do will it. Be made clean."

Jesus, source of compassionate healing, we ask you to make us whole in body and in spirit, so that we might offer ourselves as a worthy gift to God. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean.

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."
(Lv 13:8)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.
(Mk 1:41-42)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Blessed Imelda Lambertini was only 11 when she passed away. Despite this, her profound devotion to the Lord and the miraculous events surrounding her life have inspired generations to embrace the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist with childlike faith.

Prayer for Healing

Dear Jesus,

If you wish it, you can heal these wounds from my past. If you wish it, you can make me well again. I believe that you do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • February 10

4:30 PM

† **Wayne Sos** r/b *Loving Wife, JoAnn*

Sunday • February 11

8:00 AM

† **Mike & Ann Phillips** r/b *Richard Sowpel*

10:00 AM

† **Anthony Pennetti & Family**

r/b *Libby Miller*

11:30 AM

† **Amparo Millan Dominguez**

r/b *Loving Daughter, Amparo*

Monday • February 12

9:00 AM

† **Peter Alabanese** r/b *Dolores & Pete Moses*

Tuesday • February 13

9:00 AM

† **Daniel Kikommons** r/b *Bellaran Family*

Wednesday • February 14

9:00 AM

† **Peter Barkhausen** r/b *Ginny Mielnicki*

Noon

† **Msgr. Ronald J. Bacovin**

7:00 PM

† **Nicholas LJ Felicione** r/b *Loving Family*

Thursday • February 15

9:00 AM

† **James Warren** r/b *Kay & Bill Warren*

Friday • February 16

9:00 AM

† **Jillian Ludwig** r/b *The Sonde Family*



"Heaven and earth are full of Your glory."

-Ps 57:5
The Psalmist exclaims
God's wonder.



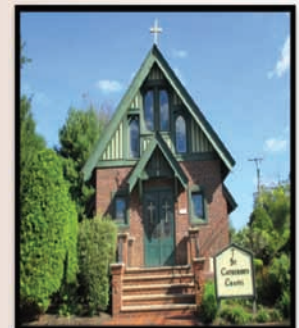
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IMPORTANT Announcements

Weekday Mass at
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until
further notice.



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

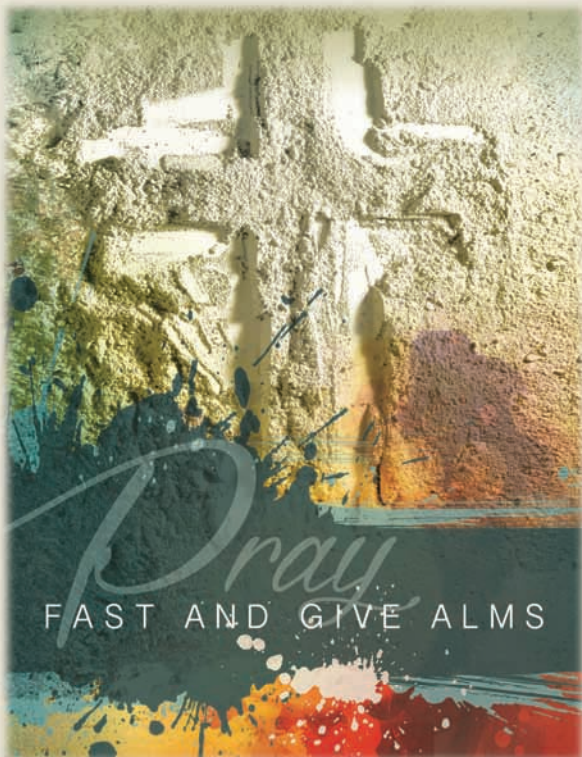


Join Us on February 14, 2024
St. Catherine of Siena Church

SERVICE—6:00 AM · 5:00 PM

MASS—9:00 AM · NOON · 7:00 PM

Ashes are distributed at both
Mass and Service times.



Every Friday During Lent 6 PM

February 16

March 8

February 23

March 15

March 1

March 22

Good Friday March 29





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 23, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, until Holy Thursday morning, March 28, 2024** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “**Easter duty**” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, 2024, to Trinity Sunday, May 25-26, 2024**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

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.

Sharing the Gospel

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.

Prayer

God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick.

LEPROSY	WELL	GIFT
JESUS	WARNED	HEALED
POWER	SHOW	WALKED

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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.

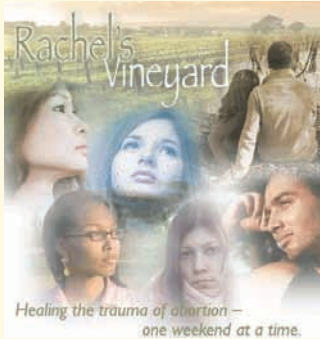
If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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.

Upcoming Events

Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother.



You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear.

Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2024 Weekend Retreats

November 15-17, 2024

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

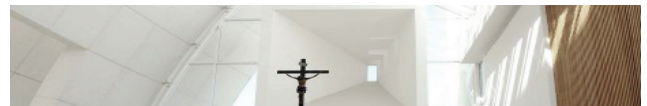
All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

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

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



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



SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

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. You could have been married 4 years or 40 years, it doesn't matter, this program has help for everyone that attends!

We are currently offering a 12-Week Program

Beginning Thursday, March 7, 2024

From 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

St. Leo The Great, Parish Center Meeting Room

Located at 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, NJ

To register or to have one of the Facilitators give you a call to find out more information, please email: healing-heartsfromdivorce@gmail.com. For more information to help you decide if this program is right for you, please visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry>.

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, February 3-4 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,097.00	117 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,517.00	108 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,377.00	121 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,371.00	204 People
Online Giving	\$2,518.00	
Total	\$7,880.00	
Second Collection		
Sponsorship for Catholic Schools		\$1,016.00

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST FORM

If you wish to receive a written statement reporting your 2023 contributions to St. Catherine of Siena Church for purposes of your income tax returns, please email your request to:

taxstatements@sienachurch.org.

Please include in the email your full name, address and envelope number.

If you contribute through the online giving platform, WeShare, please indicate that in the email. All requests will be emailed directly to you unless otherwise noted.

Please contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375 with any questions.

Thank You for Your Generosity.



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

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2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$40,000

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Update

As of January 16, 2024

Pledged: \$46,811.00 117% of Goal

Paid: \$46,781.00 117% of Goal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal has concluded. Thank you to all who made a gift to get our parish to 117% of goal!

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