

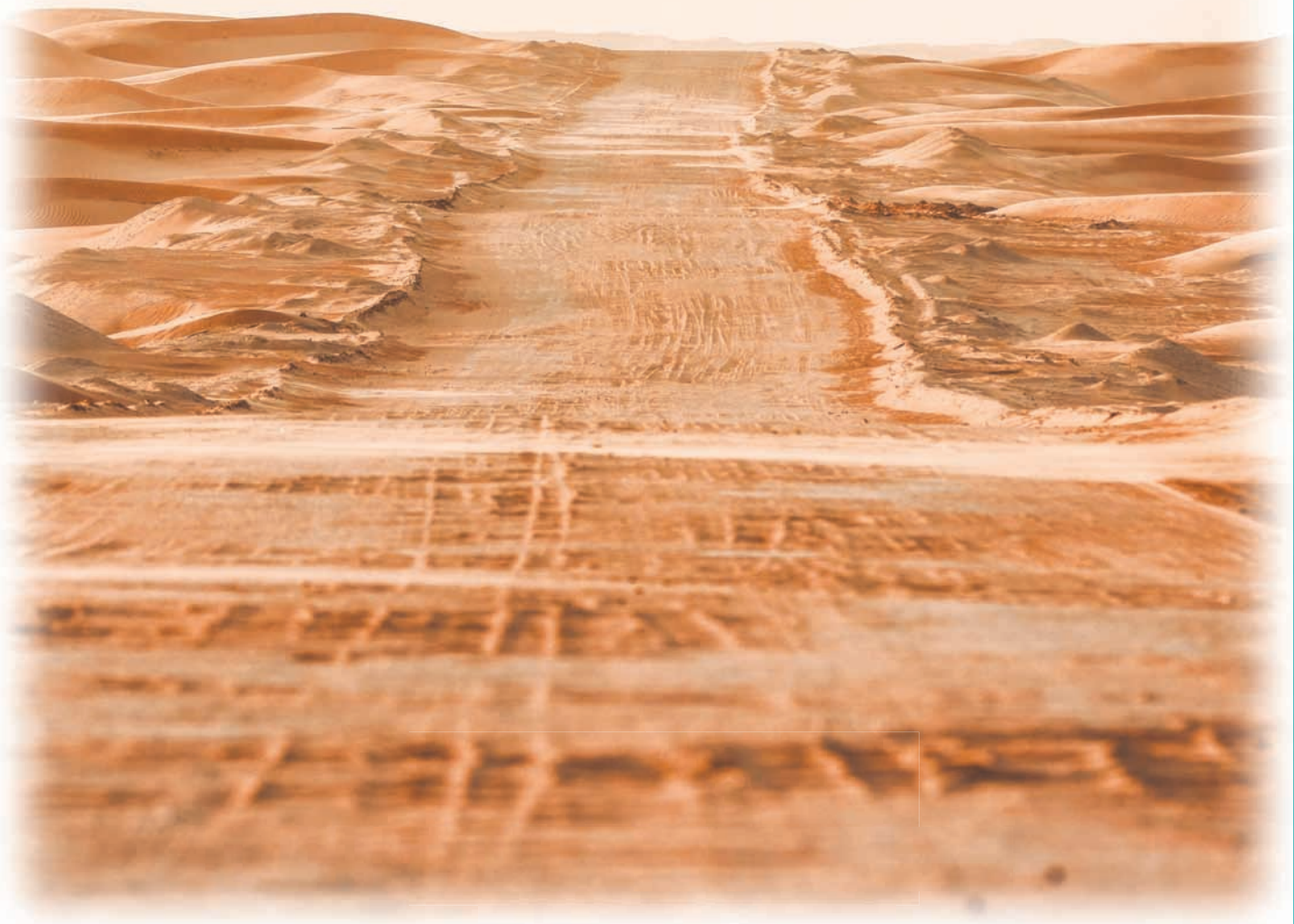
SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE LEFT AND WENT OFF.

MARK 1:35

February 4, 2024



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,

This Sunday, we, as a parish, are going to witness the Rite of Enrollment for our Confirmation Candidates at the 11:30 AM Mass. We request you to pray fervently for our young people who are about to receive the fullness of their communion with the Catholic Church and, as such, be willing and ready to become a witness of the faith and the willing to defend the faith and live out that faith day after day as what Jesus intends them to be.

On Saturday, February 10, the families of the First Communicants are making the banners for the candidates for First Communion in the parish hall. May they enjoy this special time.

Keep in mind that the Lent starts on ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14. Our full schedule of Masses and services are announced. Also, please see the Lenten regulations as announced by our bishop and placed in this weekends bulletin.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Remember that my life is like the wind: I shall not see happiness again.” Some of us may repeat this sentence of Job because life indeed goes very fast and we encounter so many painful and senseless events: lack of understanding, hate and revenge, the death of a beloved family member, injustice and poverty in society, cruelty and violence. Every week we must read tragedies. “Life is like the wind---I shall not see happiness again.”

This text of Job in the 1st reading is used as a backdrop to describe a day in the life of Jesus.

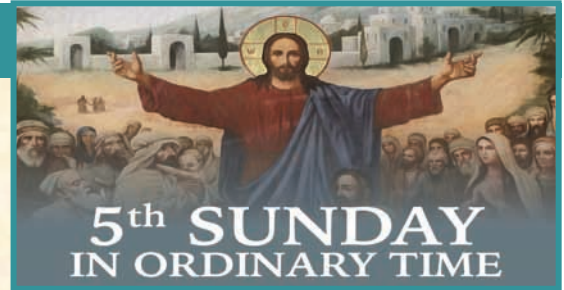
It is easy to describe a day in our life:

we get up, say some prayers, eat breakfast, go to our job, perhaps taking care of our kids and the family, some recreation and we are ready for the night.

In the beginning of Mark’s Gospel, he describes a day in Jesus’ ministry. It is a bit more complicated and busier. It is Sabbath day, Jesus gets up. After breakfast he goes to the synagogue, preaches and listens to other people who also want to bring a message. Towards the evening, he goes to the house of Simon Peter but there is nothing to eat: the mother-in-law is sick. He heals the mother-in-law and “she waited on the visitors.” In the evening, the whole town gathers at the door, bringing the sick and those possessed by demons.” It is time for a good night rest---but Jesus disappears” “He went off to a deserted place where he prayed.”

That is the key solution where Jesus gets the strength and the stamina to heal people, to make people whole. He somehow gets new energy by recentering his life, by recalling his faith in a God who does not want people to suffer. God is a caring and compassionate Father and Mother---God cares, and so I must care. In Jesus, we meet this powerful combination of faith, prayer and action. Amen.

May God bless you,
Father Angelito



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)
Or: Alleluia.

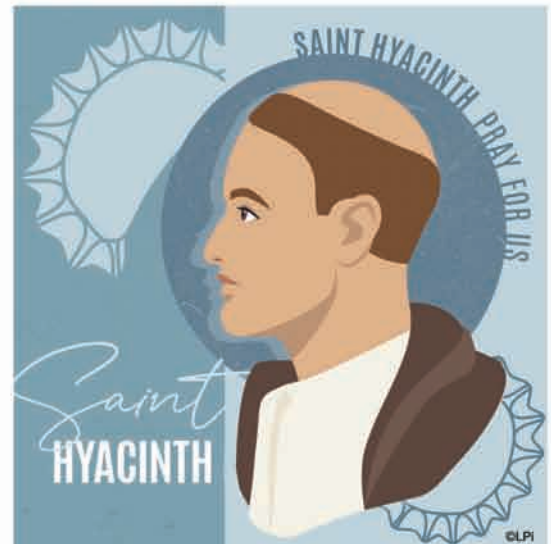
Second Reading:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me,
and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

Saint of the week

St. Hyacinth of Poland's devotion to the Christ in the Eucharist ignited a missionary fire that spread the Gospel across Central and Eastern Europe. He established Dominican communities all over Poland and is the patron saint of the pierogi!

Prayer for God's presence

Dear Jesus,
Reveal yourself to me! When I am alone and in darkness, fill me with your light. I want to know you, I want to experience your healing. Be with me, Lord.
Amen.

Observances for the week of February 4, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
World Marriage Day

Mass Intentions

Saturday • February 3

4:30 PM

† **Mary Louise Layton**

r/b June Hankel

Sunday • February 4

8:00 AM

† **John & Anna Sowpel**

r/b Richard Sowpel

10:00 AM

† **Bruno & Christa Kneucker**

r/b The Kneucker Family

11:30 AM

† **Michael McGarry**

r/b Anne Hilker

Monday • February 5

9:00 AM

† **Rev. Joseph A. Radomski**

Tuesday • February 6

9:00 AM

† **Richard Albert Caron**

r/b Anne Hilker

Thursday • February 8

9:00 AM

† **Tom Jankunas**

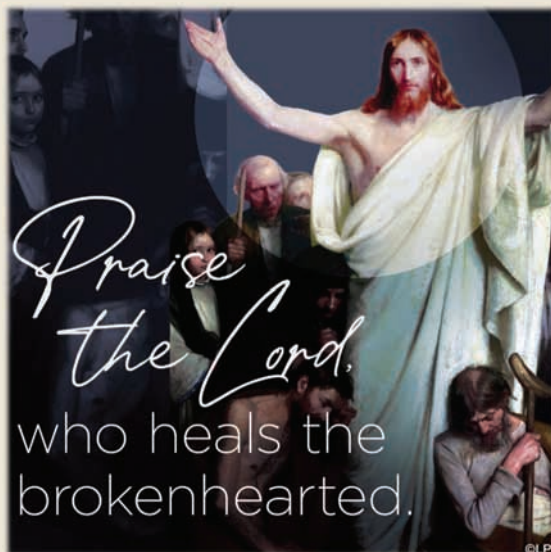
r/b Bill & Anne Moffitt

Friday • February 9

9:00 AM

† **Neil Pronek**

r/b Glenn & Linda Dugan



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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

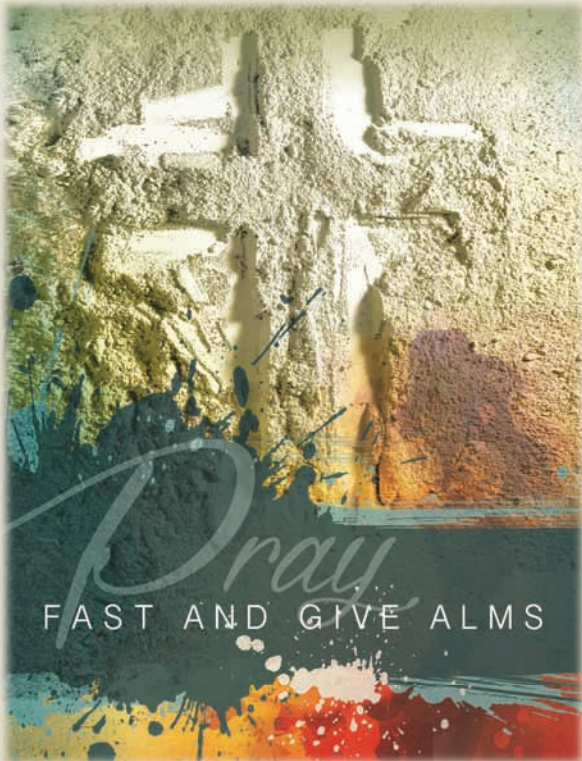


Join Us on February 14, 2024
St. Catherine of Siena Church

SERVICE—6:00 AM · 5:00 PM

MASS—9:00 AM · NOON · 7:00 PM

Ashes are distributed at both
Mass and Service times.



**"Holy, holy,
holy Lord God
of hosts."**

The Prophet Isaiah saw
a vision of heaven and heard
the angels sing this to God. -Is 6:3

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Every Friday During Lent 6 PM

February 16

March 8

February 23

March 15

March 1

March 22

Good Friday

March 29

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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

Think about how you get ready for a busy day. You eat a healthy breakfast. You wash up and brush your teeth. Then you get dressed and comb your hair. There's one more thing you could do to start your day off right. Pray. Find a quiet spot where you can be alone to talk to God. That's what Jesus did.

Prayer

God, help me to start every day with you in prayer.

Now color
the picture! →



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.

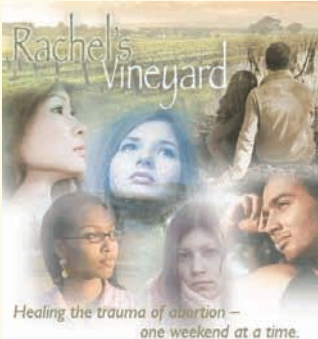
If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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

February 16-18, 2024

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

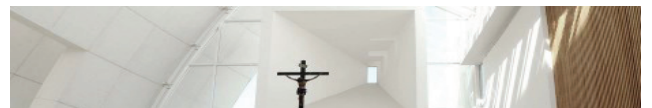
All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

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

Interfaith Neighbors at the
Howell Senior Center
Needs Volunteers
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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, January 27-28 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$895.00	110 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,861.00	102 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,051.00	109 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,212.00	198 People
Online Giving	\$1,594.00	
Total	\$6,613.00	
Second Collection		
Latin America	\$645.00	
Christmas Collection	\$20,495.00	

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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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