

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 14, 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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,

It's something to look forward to, for the catechumen and candidates for our own RCIA are about to start with their learning and understanding the faith by working on their sacramental preparations these coming weeks. We, as a parish community are asking for your prayers as you include our RCIA parishioners in your special intentions as they wish to be in full communion with our Catholic faith.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To be God is to be a caller, inviter, initiator, father and lover. A God who does not beckon, beget and befriend me and whom I do not experience as One who beckons, begets or befriends me is a false God, worthy neither of belief nor of worship.

For man, *to be* is to be called, to have a vocation. Responding not only befits a man, it makes him. Response is a radical decision, a fundamental choice. If calling is proper to God, response is proper to man. The counterpart of the calling God is the responding man. What happens, what can happen, when a person is willing to listen to another, disposed to respond positively to the invitation of another? A relationship starts, a relationship of dialogue. And for better or worse, their lives will not be the same again, both here on earth and beyond.

Once the love-dialogue begins between God and a person, it will not only be written in the scroll of the book, but in the secret folds and inner chambers of one's heart, that the only worthwhile thing is to do the will of God.

Nothing else matters and need matter, "For I delight in your law in the depths of my heart."

Man's heart delights in God's law, God's law of love, God's covenant of love, in God's friendship. It is not superficial delight, it is a delight in the depth of the heart, a profound delight, deeply experienced. The heart, created to be restless until it rests in God, delights, relaxes and rests in God, quieted, calmed and serene.

Man needs God to call him into life. He needs God to keep him in life. He needs to call him, to invite him to a higher, nobler life. He needs God to call him to the right path when he goes astray. Man is a lonely loafer on the highway of life, wasting his time in marketplaces, still he is called to the vineyard. He is a sheep lost in the wilderness till the Good Shepherd calls him by name and lifts him up. And, at the end of his life, man needs God to invite him, "Come, you that are blessed by My Father!"

St. Francis De Sales says: "A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will in which the called person has to serve God in the way and in places to which Almighty God has called him. If a person shows a firm and persevering determination to serve God in the manner and place to which His divine majesty calls him, he gives the best proof he can that he has a true vocation."

God of life, give me an open ear and a docile heart. Amen.

May God bless you,—Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

Observances for the week of January 14, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,
Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • January 13

4:30 PM

† **Mom, Dad, & Bob Poiani**

r/b Sheila Piegaro

Sunday • January 14

8:00 AM

† **Dianne Schrader**

r/b Gary & Linda Schrader

10:00 AM

† **Jane Danner**

r/b Leon & Pam Davison

11:30 AM

† **Michael Bono**

r/b Lindon Family

Monday • January 15

9:00 AM

† **Eladio Nieves Velez**

r/b Lisa Hall

Tuesday • January 16

9:00 AM

† **Rev. Josphe A. Radomski**

Thursday • January 18

9:00 AM

† **Nicholas Fanciullo**

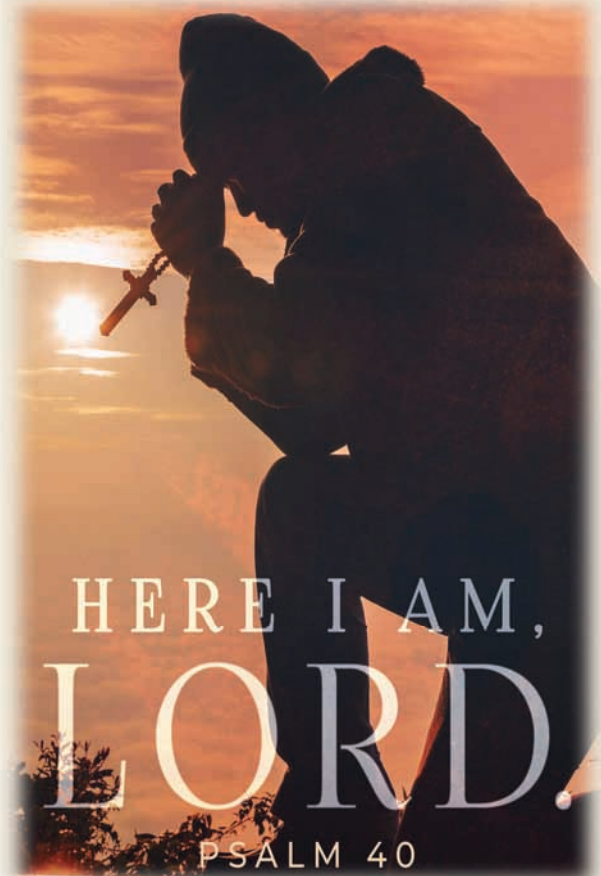
r/b Judith Griffin

Friday • Friday 19

9:00 AM

† **Dominick Pondaco**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.

And especially for:

Robert J. Butler

Nancy Burns

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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



9 DAYS FOR LIFE JANUARY 16-24

Pray to protect human life!

Join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the protection of human life! You can download the novena or get the daily prayers and reflections by email or text message.

9DAYSFORLIFE.COM



When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"
(respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

WAIT on the LORD.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 14, 2024

- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk
3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3,
5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1
Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Our Parish Family



INFANT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

God bless you in choosing to have your child baptized. In doing so you are taking your vocation as a parent seriously by giving your child the life of Christ!

Our parish holds baptismal preparation classes every month for all families expecting a child. Contact the parish office today for information on the next class.

Visit our website at www.stenachurch.org for online registration.



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



Frank Picciolo

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

Sent Forth By God's Blessing
Text - Omar Westendorf. 1916-1997
Music: Ash Grove Traditional Irish Folk Song
Text Meter: 12. 11. 12. 11

The first published version of the tune was in 1802 in The Bardic Museum, a book written by the harpist Edward Jones. About four years later a version with words appeared, under the name Llwyn Onn. The tune of "The Ash Grove" was used for the Thanksgiving hymn "Let All Things Now Living", composed in 1939 by Katherine K. Davis. Another hymn set to the tune of "The Ash Grove" is "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" with text by Omar Westendorf. Beethoven used this tune in his 25 Scottish Songs for Voice, Choir, Violin, Cello and Piano Op. 108 first published in Edinburgh in 1818 and later in Berlin in 1822.

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing.
The people of God from his dwelling that leave.
God's sacrifice ended, O now be extended,
The fruits of this Mass in all hearts who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, our inner souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace shall incite us, His love shall unite us.
To further God's kingdom and answer his call.

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.

Prayer

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.



PUZZLE

Circle the picture in each group that has more. Then color all the pictures.



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



On Friday Jan. 19, 2024, the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton will come together in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life! All are invited to an 11 a.m. **Mass for Life** celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold. No registration is needed for the Mass, seating is first come first served. Mass will be livestreamed on [Youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese).

The Mass will be followed by a **Lunch & Seminar** in the Co-Cathedral's Dentici Hall. A panel of local expert speakers will offer practical, actionable, ideas and resources to take back to parishes where they can be immediately applied to build a culture of life in a spirit of inter-ministry collaboration and radical solidarity with vulnerable pregnant women and families. Advanced registration to attend the **Lunch & Seminar** is required by Jan. 10, 2024. Full details for the day's events, including a registration link for the **Lunch & Seminar** can be found here: dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life. Questions, contact Belem Perez 609-403-7133 bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org

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.



INFORMATION NIGHT **DIVORCED AND SEPARATED** **MINISTRY**

St. Leo's Parish in Lincroft is pleased to announce its continuing ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics.

*We are having an **Information Night on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm** at St. Leo The Great in the Parish Center Meeting Room, located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft.*

If interested, please email: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have.

Visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry> for more information about the program or call/text Michele Coppola Wilson at 201-753-8485.

Thank you for taking the first step towards healing!

Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, January 6-7, 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,232.00	111 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,273.00	103 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,366.00	158 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,381.00	168 People
Online Giving	\$3,577.00	
Total	\$8,829.00	
Second Collection		
Maintenance & Repairs		\$952.00

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

On January 28, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latina America.

For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith.

Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Thank You for Your Generosity.



ONLINE GIVING

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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 January 8, 2024

Pledged: \$46,811.00 117% of Goal

Paid: \$46,781.00 117% of Goal

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