

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AND THEY
OBEY
HIM.

— MARK 1:27 —

January 28, 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,

We are happy to announce that the Confirmation candidates participated in their retreat on Thursday, January 25 in preparation for their reception of the sacrament this year. Please continue to pray for them as they enhance their spiritual journey and be worthy of receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and manifest those gifts on their day-to-day living.

This Sunday, January 28 at 10 AM, our candidates for the Sacrament of Holy Communion are going to have their retreat in the parish hall. Kindly include them in your prayers as they are getting ready to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time in their lives this year. We, as a parish family, must welcome them and in the end must motivate and set a good example to them for we want them to emulate us.

We cannot thank enough our Religious Education Department as well as the wonderful volunteers for their hard work and dedication in molding, forming and teaching our little boys and girls all about our faith. May the Good Lord bestow on them and their families the many graces and blessing as they commit themselves to serve the Jesus and his Church.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“What does it mean? A completely new teaching----with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits., and they obey him”.

The beginning of the Gospel of Mark introduces us into Jesus’ ministry.

“It astounded the people because he acted and spoke with authority and power, and not as the teachers of the law.” Jesus reminded them of the teachings of the prophets who spoke the word they had received from their God.

According to the First Reading, Moses had promised the people that God would rise up among their own to their own kin a prophet like him. And the Lord said to Moses: “I will put my words in the mouth of this new prophet. He shall speak to the people and shall tell them all that I command him.” Anyone who does not heed the words of the prophet, I myself----your God----will hold this person accountable.”

It is quite sad that in our world and in our culture, we are not used to hear words that are spoken with authority. At this time, we are flooded with words...words... and more words.

Today’s Gospel shows the people marvel at Jesus’ “authority”. People are astonished at his teaching. Moreover, Jesus’ powerful words are accompanied by his equally powerful deeds. Jesus’ teaching is radically different from what our society, culture and what can be learned in schools. It originates from immediate contact with the Father, from face-to-face dialogue, from the vision of the one who rests close to the Father’s heart. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

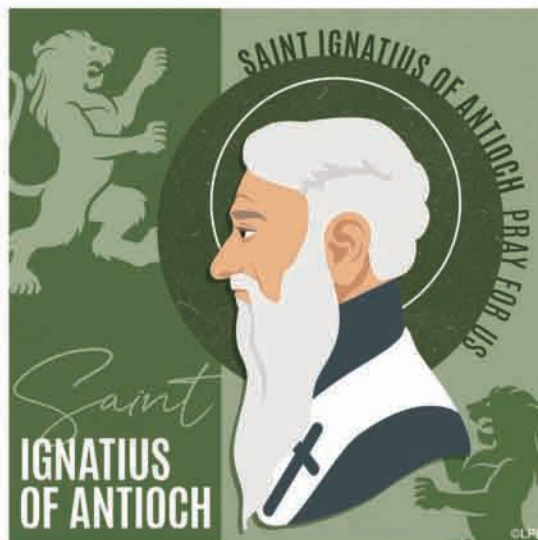
Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life

Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop of Antioch in the first century, was a direct disciple of the apostle John. Despite being thrown to the lions and martyred in Rome's Colosseum for his faith, his teachings and hope for Christian unity live on as early examples of Christian theology.

Prayer for the Youth

Dear Lord,

Be with our young people this week and always — keep them in Your care. Help them to form godly friendships, speak the truth, and know You in the personal way that will challenge, shape, and guide them. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • January 27

4:30 PM

† **Charles Vermeulen**

r/b The Pronek Family

Sunday • January 28

8:00 AM

† **Joyce Sowpel**

r/b Richard Sowpel

10:00 AM

† **John "Jack" Brennan, Jr.**

r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel

11:30 AM

† **Lucy Dugan**

r/b Dorothy Gratton

Monday • January 29

9:00 AM

† **Martin J. Gaughan**

r/b Bill & Eileen Murphy

Tuesday • January 30

9:00 AM

† **Kenny Barychko**

r/b DiBello Family

Thursday • February 1

9:00 AM

† **Nancy Baehny**

r/b Loving Husband, Tommy

Friday • February 2

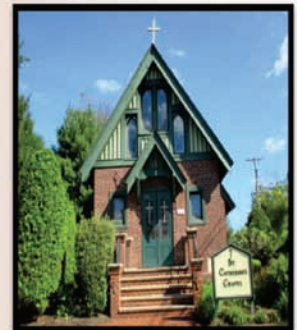
9:00 AM

† **Michael & Rose Shallo**

r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family



Weekday Mass at
St. Catherine's Chapel is
moved to the
CHURCH
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

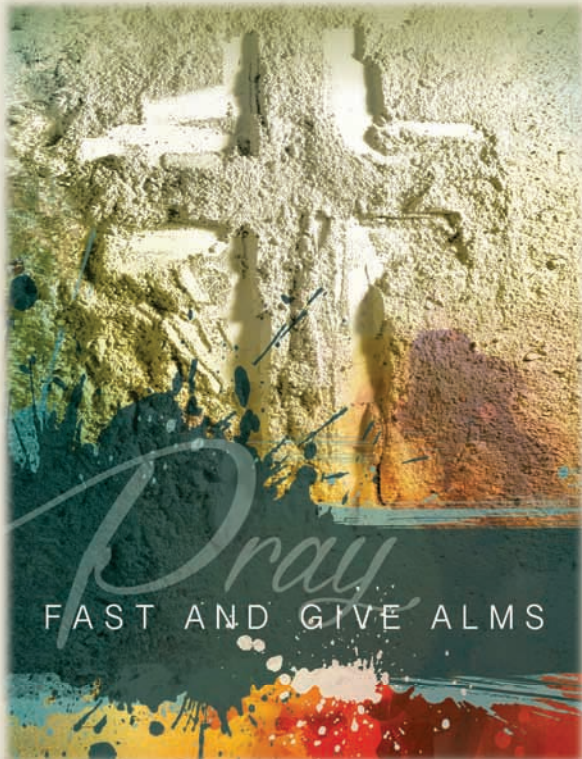


Join Us on February 14, 2024
St. Catherine of Siena Church

SERVICE—6:00 AM · 5:00 PM

MASS—9:00 AM · NOON · 7:00 PM

Ashes are distributed at both
Mass and Service times.



Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

- Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
(see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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. First time parents are required to attend.

Contact the parish office today for information on the next class.

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



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Welcomes the Following
New Parishioners:



Kevin Casey
Theresa Fiorelli

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

Beautiful Savior

Text - Schönster Herr Jesu 1677

Music: St Elizabeth traditional Silesian Melody

Text Meter: 5. 5. 7. 5. 5. 8

Origin: Germany

“Beautiful Savior” is a well-known Christian hymn that praises Jesus Christ as the beautiful and glorious Savior. The hymn’s tune is often associated with the 17th-century German folk song “Schönster Herr Jesu.” It has been paired with various texts over the years. The hymn emphasizes the beauty and majesty of Jesus as the Savior of mankind. Based upon Psalm 45:3.

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

Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.

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 of 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
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 27-28 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$998.00	91 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$877.00	95 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,442.00	153 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$783.00	148 People
Online Giving	\$2,251.00	
Total	\$6,351.00	
Second Collection		
Parish Energy & Fuel		\$680.00
Christmas Collection		\$20,495.00

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

DIOCESE of TRENTON



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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!

When we hit our parish goal we receive 15% of funds received to goal and 50% of funds beyond our goal for parish needs, enhanced services and programs.

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