

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFTING UP HIS
EYES TO HEAVEN,
JESUS PRAYED.

— JOHN 17:1 —

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,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Today is a profoundly significant day for all our mothers, grandmothers, and stepmothers. Their unwavering love and support have shaped us into who we are today, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

An overworked mother wrote in a newspaper that the quickest way for a mother to get her children's attention is to sit down and look comfortable. A proverb says: "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he created mothers."

Please be mindful that today, we are thanking and honoring our dearest mothers; hence, there will be a blessing to all mothers in each Mass.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD JESUS

Ascension is the feast where we are told "not to be standing there, looking at the sky." In a certain sense, we should not call it a feast because after the joy of Easter, which proclaims that "Jesus is alive," we are told that he is not around, which means we must return to the dailiness of life. Life is a long haul and can be tedious.

Take, for example, Maria, who is a brilliant student. She became an engineer but was not ready for what was coming. She lost her job again, for the third year in a row, due to the financial crisis. She reminded herself, "These things happen—I am sure that this has happened for a purpose. God must have bigger things in mind."

But these bigger things did not arrive, and her life was more of the same. She got a new job to do the same thing she had done before.

She came home, and the kids and the kitchen were waiting. She went to work every day, but she became sour and listless. She entered the tomb of dailiness that calls for faith, perseverance, and persistence. She realized that she could not live the resurrection all her life, but the dailiness of life was a waiting time. Accepting this waiting time made her worthy to see a new resurrection of a new spirit to carry on her life.

What we celebrate today, the Ascension, is the dailiness of life, the waiting time. Dailiness is the tremendous bottomless pit out of which the character of our lives takes its most lasting shape. When we go on in the heat of the noonday sun, we know what it is like to walk on the dusty roads to Galilee. When we go on without praise or applause, we understand what the desert is like. It is when we go, despite quitting being more satisfying, that we will know that the Spirit of Jesus is shaping our lives. Then, something greater than us happens. Then, we experience the challenge of bringing the world around us to fullness. It is a daily job that finally may change the world. Dailiness makes us entirely and, finally, what we are: God's children and disciples of Jesus. "Men and women of Galilee ---of St. Catherine community, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus taken up into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." In the meantime, you are in charge. Amen.



May God bless you—Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection." (Acts 1:21-22)

Psalm:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

Gospel:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11)

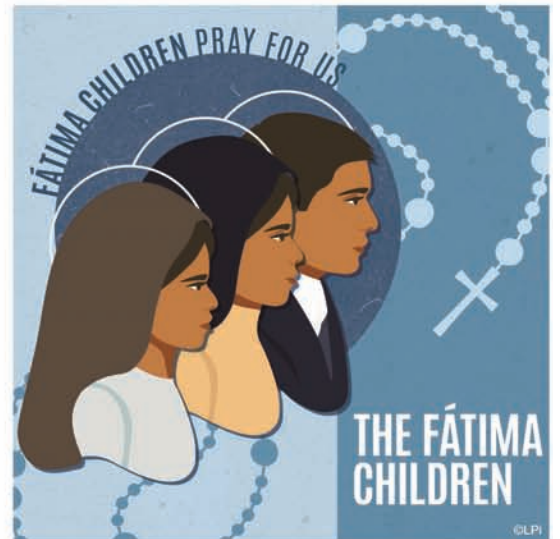
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In his prayer to the Father, Jesus says it aloud to remind us, always and forever: if we belong to Him, we belong to the truth. Lord, may those words ring in our ears as we go into the world as Christ taught us. We are consecrated to the truth.

Observances for the week of May 12, 2024

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day
- Monday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Tuesday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Isidore
- Saturday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday



Saint of the week

The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto, St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of Mary they experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in the world.

Prayer of Mission

Dear Lord,
Grace us with courage and zeal as we go forth in Your name, speaking your Word, offering Your love, and bringing Your healing to a world in need. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • May 11

4:30 PM

† **Rosemarie Gomez**

r/b June Hankel

Sunday • May 12

8:00 AM

† **Laura McGlynn**

r/b Loving Husband, Kevin & Children

10:00 AM

† **Giuseppe & Benedetta Cosentino**

r/b Phillip & Kristin Natilli

11:30 AM

† **John Koziar**

r/b Joanne Monroe

Monday • May 13

9:00 AM

† **Jean Buccellato**

r/b Vito Buccellato

Tuesday • May 14

9:00 AM

† **The Cataffo Family**

r/b JoAnn Callari

Thursday • May 16

9:00 AM

† **Jean Buccellato**

r/b Vito Buccellato

Friday • May 17

9:00 AM

† **Emily G. Graham**

r/b Loving Family



“Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.” - Pope Blessed Pius IX



Our parish prays the Rosary immediately following the weekday Mass. On Friday's it is before the start of Mass.

All are welcome.

IMPORTANT Announcements

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

Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday:

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Nest Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." - JN 17:18-19

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.

Our Parish Family



A STUDY OF 2 TIMOTHY

PASSIONATE Discipleship



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Passionate Discipleship is a Bible study focused on equipping women to know Christ and to make Him known. Throughout this Bible study, we will study 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy.

A series of Connect Coffee talks accompanies this nine-week women's Bible study. Join us on **Tuesday, June 18 at 10 AM** in our Parish Hall. To enroll and/or receive more information contact: Laura at:

passociate@sienachurch.org.



After Mass for the month of May, join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to Our Blessed Mother. All are invited to write down a prayer intention and offer it to Our Lady by placing it in the basket next to our Marian statue.

As we celebrate the gift of mothers and honor Our Blessed Mother, we also recognize that Mother's Day can be difficult for many.

We hope this spiritual bouquet provides an opportunity to pray for the intentions in your heart today.

Baptism

*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome Our Newly Baptized.*

Nathaniel James Weseloski

Genevieve Mae Weseloski

*May Jesus bless your precious little
one with His love and grace
on this special day.*

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Catherine of Siena Religious Education Program (PREP)
registration for the 2024-2025 year is **Now Open!**

Weekly in-person classes for:

- NEW! Kindergarten Classes Now forming!
- Elementary Grades 1- 5
- Middle School Grades 6-8
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation

In-person
Classes Start

September 15

Family Faith Formation Home Study Program:

- Elementary Grades 3-6

Register Online

[https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/
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Volunteers opportunities available.

Contact the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

OR STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO PICK UP A REGISTRATION PACKET.™

Gospel Today

The Ascension of the Lord | Mark 16:15-20

Jesus told His disciples to go and spread the gospel to every creature, to the world. Jesus also spoke of the signs that will accompany those who believe in Christ. After He spoke with them, He was taken into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God.

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He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

MARK 16:15

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

- Jesus
- World
- Preach
- Everywhere
- Spread
- Gospel
- Disciples
- All
- Creation
- Signs
- Accompany
- Believe
- Name
- Christ
- Taken
- Heaven
- Sat
- Right
- Hand
- God
- Spoken
- Ascension
- Lord
- People

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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.

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Saturday, June 1 at 9:30am

Ever dream of visiting Lourdes, France in person but just couldn't get there? The next best thing is a pilgrimage journey without the travel and go there virtually!

Hosted by St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 685 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ, volunteers from the North American Lourdes will present a 2-hour Virtual Pilgrimage Experience to Lourdes, France. During this guided encounter, you will immerse yourself in the Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette and have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and the healing grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual experience to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing, pray a candle-light Rosary, and receive a bottle of Lourdes water. A Plenary Indulgence will be granted by Papal Decree.

Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France. Our Lady extends her invitation to all. Invite your family, children, and friends. There is no admission fee, however a free-will offering will be taken.

For more information or questions contact the Parish office at 732-349-0018 x2223.



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers - LourdesVolunteers.org

Upcoming Events

2024 DIOCESE OF TRENTON

BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

All couples celebrating 1st, 25th, or 50+ anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2024 calendar year

Ocean & Monmouth Counties
Oct. 6, 2024
 3pm Mass

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SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE

or visit the Parish Office to register by September 30, 2024

Burlington and Mercer Counties | St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral | Trenton, NJ | Oct. 27, 2024

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Contact the Office to learn more: 732-938-5375.

Parish Support

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, May 4-5, 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,200.00	129 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,342.00	103 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,514.00	368 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,428.00	165 People
Online Giving	\$3,633.00	
Total	\$9,117.00	
Second Collection		
Mother's Day		\$1,292.00

Our Parish Goal: \$40,000.00



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2024 GOAL: \$6.5 MILLION

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

The Catholic Communication Campaign

Weekend of May 11- 12, 2024

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Trenton to support local efforts.

Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message.

Support the collection today!

To learn more about the Catholic Communications Campaign, visit:

www.usccb.org.

Thank You for Your Generosity.



ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.

VISIT: www.sienachurch.org

PARISH ACA UPDATE

Weekly Gift Summary—May 6, 2024

Pledged: \$40,151.00 — **100% of Goal**

Paid: \$36,696.00 — **92% to Goal**

We appreciate all those who have helped our parish reach our 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$40,000. We have received \$40,151 in pledges to date & have achieved 100% of our goal. Our parish will receive 15% of our goal & an additional 50% of funds received over our goal. This rebate helps our parish initiatives & faith formation programs. Please submit your pledges to the diocese or the Parish Office at your earliest opportunity. If you would like to contribute, pledge forms are available in the Narthex & Parish Office. Thank you for your commitment & generosity.

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