

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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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

Weekday Mass & Devotions is
moved to the Church at 31
Asbury Rd, Farmingdale, NJ until
further notice.

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



OUR PASTOR'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend is the kick-off for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. As a parish community we are going to watch the video of Bishop O'Connell presenting to us all about the appeal, what it is for, why do we do it, and how do we do it. The parish' goal last year (2024) was \$40,000.00 which we achieved, and we are receiving a rebate of \$11, 192.00.

This rebate is earmarked for the growth of the parish formation programs, like weekly Bible Study, expanding upon our programs for adults-children, expanding our kindergarten program and continued growth and support of our 303 students and their families. Your contribution directly helps our parish not only the Diocese.

During this Jubilee Year, our Appeal theme 'Fan the Flame of Hope' calls us to be Pilgrims of Hope. As the papal motto reminds us, 'Hope Does Not Disappoint' (Rom. 5:5) Your gift supports ministries that offer hope to our most vulnerable neighbors, strengthen families, form clergy, educate youth, and spread Christ's love throughout our diocese.

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support and generosity as we are together in achieving our goal for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal which is \$ 38,000.00.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world is entitled *Gaudete et Exsultate* meaning "Rejoice and leap for joy" (Lk. 6:23)--- taken from Jesus' proclamation of the Beatitudes. "Beatitude " comes from the Latin *beati*, which translates the original Greek *makairoi*. They refer to the state of happiness or blessedness. The Beatitudes which are found in Matthew (5:3-11) and

Luke (6:20-26) are often referred to as: the Gospel within the Gospel." They lie at the core of Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom of God. In Luke's Gospel which also gives us the corresponding "woes," they are the opposite of being in the condition of wealth, satisfaction, and being held in honor.

Pope Francis writes that there can be a number of theories about what constitutes holiness, with various explanations and distinctions, but nothing is more enlightening than turning to Jesus' words and seeing his way of teaching the truth. And in the Beatitudes, Jesus with great simplicity, speaks of what it means to be holy. And the word "happy" or "blessed" becomes a synonym of holy.

In a way, all the beatitudes are contained in the first one: "Blessed are you who are poor." Those who are convinced of their own weakness and sinfulness, those who acknowledge that whatever they possess, life, health, intelligence, money, goods, etc., are not really theirs but given to them by God are blessed.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

WEEKLY PRAYER

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

Second Reading:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ
been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith
is vain. (1 Cor 15:16-17)

Gospel:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Observances for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day

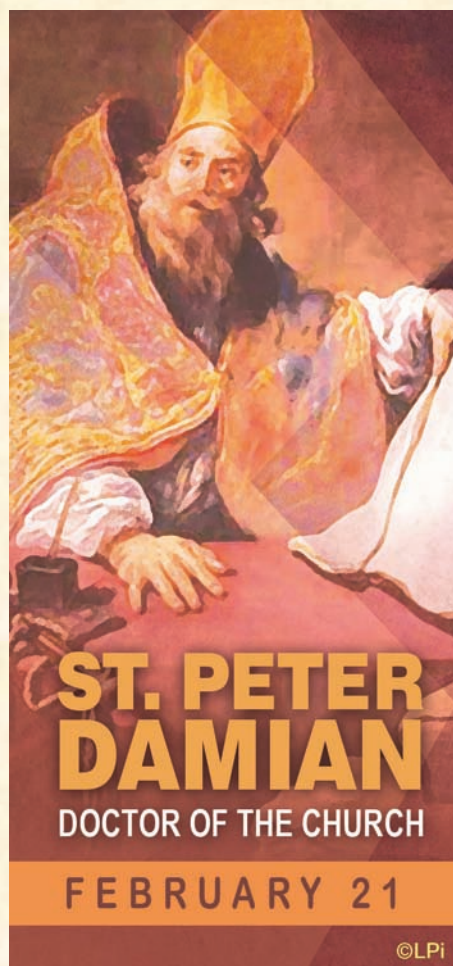
Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle



*"Do not let
your weakness make
you impatient...let
words of thanks break
from your lips."
— St. Peter Damian*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



Please Pray For:

Saturday, February 15

4:30 PM † Ileen Domanski *r/b The Talcott Family*

Sunday, February 16

8:00 AM † **John Pereira Jr.** *r/b James & Virginia Piccolo*

10:00 AM † **Agnes Brunner** *r/b Catherine & Dave Runkel Family*

11:30 AM † **Maureen Convoy** *r/b Joan Pekar*

Monday, February 17

9:00 AM † **Frank DeLibero** *r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family*

Tuesday, February 18

9:00 AM † **Donna Rossi** *r/b Loving Sister, JoAnn*

Thursday, February 20

9:00 AM † **William Hanley** *r/b Loving Family*

Friday, February 21

9:00 AM † **Perricone Family** *r/b Susan Miller*

Stop by the parish office
to request a Mass
Intention.

Our hours are
Monday—Thurs
9:00 am—2 pm
Sunday
9:00 am—12:45 pm

Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in imitation of
Yours.

Bless me, Lord, help me to see people as You
do, and to hear their needs.

Bless me, Lord, replace my understanding
with Yours.
Amen.

Altar Flower Donations

Did you know you can donate
flowers to our church altar to
honor a loved one?

Please call the parish office, for
further information.

**Flower donations are not
permitted during Lent.*

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Baptism is the foundation of the Christian Life. It marks the beginning of the life of faith and incorporates a person into the Body of Christ.

For infant baptism, parents of the child should be registered members prior to requesting the Sacrament. A Baptism class is required for first-time parents. Godparents are required to submit sponsor certificates before a date is given. Please call the parish office for scheduling.



Holy Matrimony

Marriage is a union of love and a response to God's call to holiness. The love of husband and wife becomes the symbol of God's love on earth.

Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the wedding date. Must be a registered parishioner and attending Mass for 6 Months.



Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick.

For an emergency, call 732-938-5375 and follow the instructions.

SPONSORSHIP

FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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.*

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letters of Eligibility

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation & 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 & support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.

LITURGICAL LIFE

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”
-Lk 6:22, 23b



Question of the Week:

Inspiration for the Week:

Low Gluten Host

Gospel Question: We hear today how Jesus brought comfort to those struggling in life and challenged those who lived a life of ease. Is there someone you know who could benefit from your words of comfort this week?

1st Reading Question: Jeremiah believes it is wise to trust in the Lord. When have you had to place your trust in God?

2nd Reading Question: Paul challenged those in the Corinthian community who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. How do you support family or friends who are non-believers?

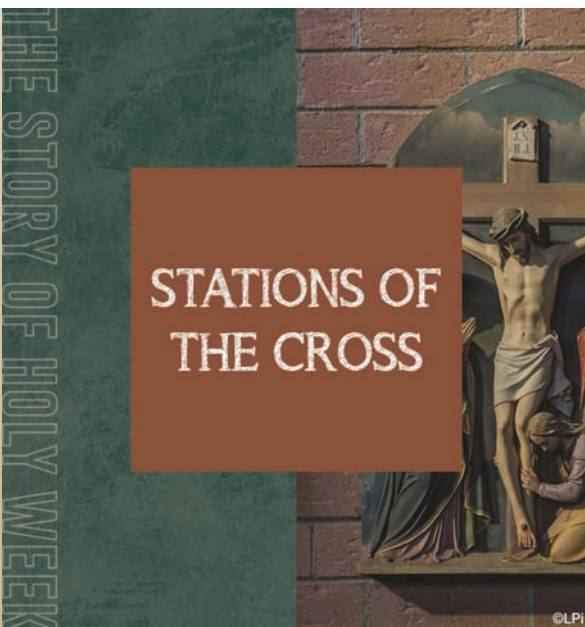
LIVE THE LITURGY

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so do we.



An extremely low-gluten host (37 micrograms) is available for those in need.

Please notify the Priest prior to the beginning of Mass.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, EXPLAINED!

In the earliest years of Christianity, the locations central to the story of Holy Week — the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulcher, and more — were destinations for pilgrims who wanted to experience Christ's sacrificial love for us in a physical way. In the years after the Crusades, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible for most Christians, and the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to pray through the passion and death of Christ.

Throughout history the number of stations has varied, with different traditions focusing on different events. In the 18th century, the number was officially fixed at 14 by Pope Clement XII. These stations are taken from the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and death, though there are several which are derived from tradition and apocryphal sources, such as the meeting of Mother and Son and St. Veronica wiping the face of Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus wants us to love others the way He loves us.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me love you with my whole heart. Help me do things that will make you smile.

Share the Gospel

One day in heaven, God will reward you for all the loving things you do. When you clean up the dishes without being asked, God sees. If other people are mean to you because you love Jesus, God sees. God will be so happy to see you in heaven!

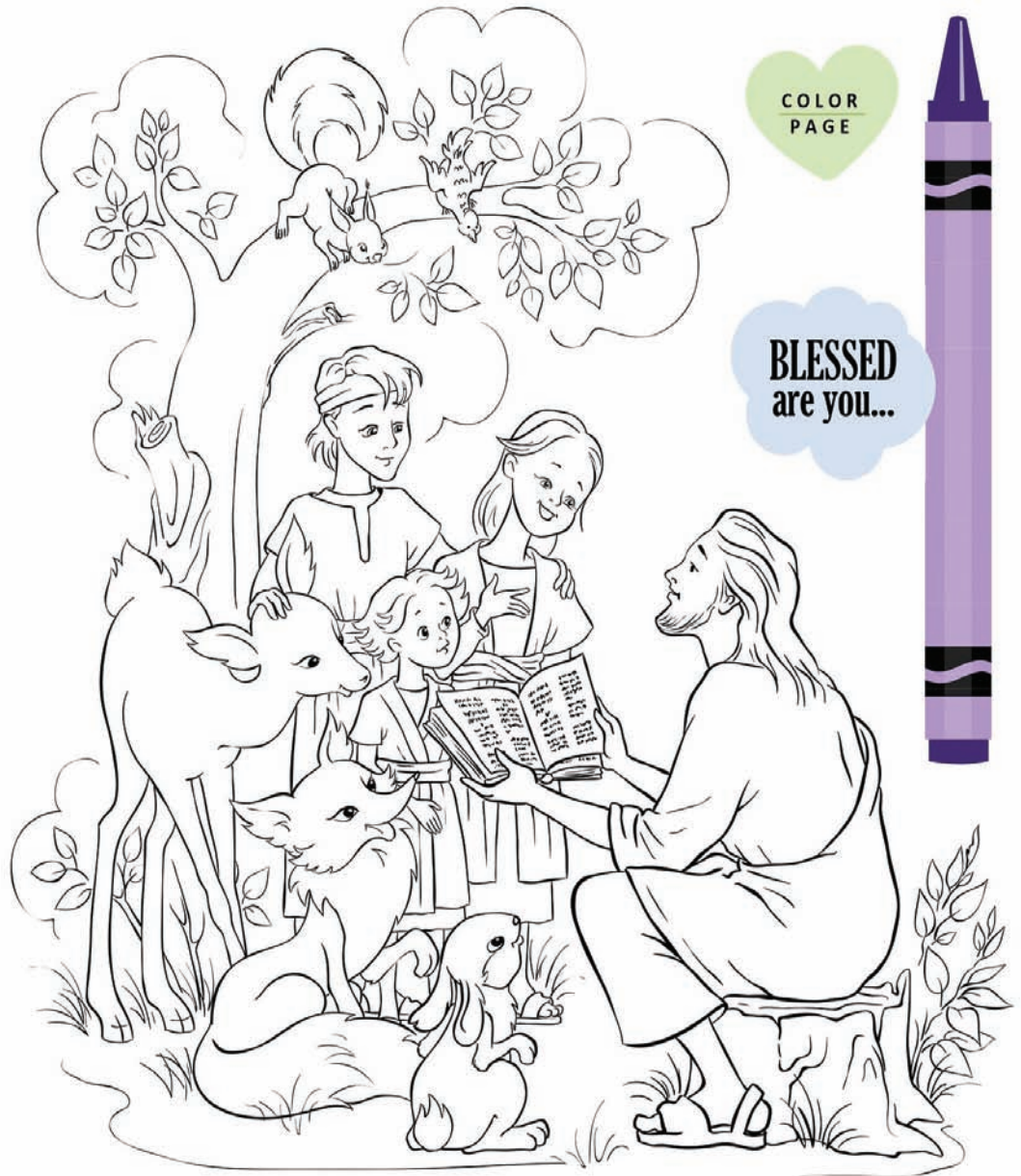
Mission for the Week

Are any of your neighbors lonely? Go out of your way to show Jesus' love to those people.

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PARISH FAMILY & FORMATION



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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

CHILDREN'S
LITURGY OF
THE WORD



Homebound

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and needs the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the parish office to schedule a home visit.

Parish Office: 732-938-5375.

Welcome New Families

With Warmth & Prayers we Welcome our New Parishioners:

The Martino Family
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Elizabeth & Andrew

Our Parish Children

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Ms. Meghan 11:30 AM Mass

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The Desire for God is written in the Human Heart because man is created by God and for God.



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OCA is a journey for those who have never been baptized or baptized in another faith & have an interest in becoming Catholic. It is also for baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation. The process is also adapted for children who have not been baptized & need to prepare for the sacraments. To learn more, call Laura Randazzo at 732-938-5375.

A NEW STUDY FOR 2025

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18



FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth of God's love.

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The day will offer breakout sessions in both English and Spanish.



DATE:

Saturday
March 29, 2025



TIME:

8 AM-3 PM



LOCATION:

St. John Vianney High School
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Holmdel, NJ 07733

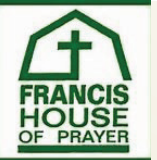
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Questions? Contact **Michelle Angelo Santoro**

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ABANDONMENT TO DIVINE PROVIDENCE Tuesday, Feb. 18 9:30 AM – :PM

I am going to summarize the essence of this classic by Jean Pierre de Caussade so that you can enjoy and internalize his message of complete abandonment to the care of Divine Providence. We seem to need that more than ever and I so desire to acquaint you with his wisdom in pointing to the Providence of God in all things. Donation: \$25, includes materials and lunch. Zoom: \$20.

“ENTERTAINING ANGELS” Friday, February 21 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Together, we will view the movie, “Entertaining Angels” to learn about Dorothy Day’s message of peace and justice. Her heart was guided to live centered in Christ and out of this center came her courage, strength and love for all people. Let’s discover together what she called the “revolution of the heart” as we **reflect on and discuss her desire to bring God’s mercy into the world.** Led by Jill Snyder. Donation: \$30, includes lunch. Zoom: \$25

PARISH SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT

Weekly Sunday Collection & Attendance

Saturday/Sunday, February 8-9, 2025

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,293.00	142 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,032.00	111 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,070.00	121 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,682.00	169 People
Online Giving	\$2,541.00	
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Your parish registration is also necessary when you may be asked to submit a "certificate of eligibility" to serve as a godparent/ sponsor. If you do not have your registration information then this can become a difficulty. We cannot issue a sponsorship certificate if you are not a registered, active parishioner for six months.

How do you register? You can come by any time we are open to fill out the parish registration form or call the Parish Office to check your status.



Fan the Flame
of HOPE
2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

WAYS TO DONATE

Check or money order made payable to Annual Catholic Appeal

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Or complete a Pledge Card and return to the Parish Office. Pledge Cards are found in the Church Narthex.

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is Now Underway.

Bishop O'Connell's letter has been mailed to your homes and our parish kicks off the ACA at all Masses this weekend.

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