



ST. CATHERINE
OF SIENA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN MY FATHER'S
HOUSE THERE ARE
MANY DWELLING PLACES.

— JOHN 14:2 —

Welcome to Your Parish

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www.sienachurch.org

Parish Office Hours:
Sunday 9:00 AM—
12:45 PM
Monday-Thursday
9:00-2:00 PM

Our parish staff is here to help. You may contact the Parish Office by phone or email, and we warmly welcome you to call ahead to schedule an appointment.

Weekend Mass

Saturday

4:30 PM Vigil

Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM | 11:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 AM | 7:00 PM

unless otherwise announced

Confession

Saturday

3:30 PM—4:00 PM

other days by appointment

**The Church is open for prayer during
office hours.**

Weekday Mass

9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday

Weekday Mass is at 31 Asbury Road Until Further Notice.

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Our Pastor's Sunday Message

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus claimed: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." How are we to understand this? At least part of the answer depends on who we are: "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people God claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works of the One who called us from darkness into His marvelous light." St. Peter also tells us that we are "living stones," built into a spiritual house, a royal priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

To live, then, means to share in Christ's priestly office and in His redeeming life, including His passion, death, and resurrection. Living in Christ means living to the fullest of our capacity as human beings, with eyes, ears, minds, and hearts open to joy, to beauty, and to truth. It means never to stop growing mentally and spiritually, never to give up learning, never to cease loving, and never to close our eyes to the splendor of life all around us.

Jesus wants to be our way, our truth, and our life, but we must allow Him to enter into us. This means sharing His vision of a world reconciled with the Father. It means having His sensitivity for the plight of the poor, the hungry, the aged, and the sick.

We are rightly concerned, even horrified, by the tragedy of violence in our world. Yet so often we seem far less concerned by the quieter tragedy of those who never truly learn to live after they have been born, of those who in a sense "retire" from life. Once we stop growing, learning, living, reflecting, thanking, rejoicing, and praising God, we begin to die. What is the truth we must never lose sight of? Jesus Himself gives the answer: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me."

Once we put our trust in Jesus and accept Him as our Master and Lord, we begin to live by faith. Faith fosters fellowship. It creates among us the bond of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. We become God's chosen people. "To all who received Him, He gave power to become children of God."

In a special way, we congratulate our Confirmation students as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them with His gifts, deepen their faith, and guide them to live with courage as disciples of Jesus Christ. May they continue to grow in prayer, remain close to the Church, and bear witness to the Gospel with joy and love.

We also offer our prayerful congratulations to our First Holy Communion children, who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. May their hearts be filled with joy and reverence as they receive the Lord, and may this beautiful day begin in them a lifelong love for the Mass, the Eucharist, and the presence of Jesus in their lives.

In Christ—Father Angelito



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Second Reading:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

We are Called

To know, love, and serve as Jesus did.

Mass Intentions

Saturday • May 2

4:30 PM † **Florence Skibicki** *r/b Anthony & Sheila Infante*

Sunday • May 3

8:00 AM † **Lucia Leotta** *r/b Ciaravino Family*

10:00 AM † **Mr. & Mrs. Holland** *r/b Sherry Family*

11:30 AM † **Lillian Joyce** *r/b Dorothy Gratton*

Monday • May 4

9:00 AM † **John DiConza** *r/b Dominick Pondaco & Family*

Tuesday • May 5

9:00 AM † **Rev. Albert Ricciardelli**

Thursday • May 7

9:00 AM † **Carolyn McGarigle Riad** *r/b Cheri Crowl*

Friday • May 8

9:00 AM † **Michael J. Dunphy** *r/b Anne Hilker*

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let
your hearts be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in
You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of
distress,
my light in times of
darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
Amen.

For the Sick of our Community

If you or a loved one needs Anointing of the Sick or
homebound visitation with
Holy Communion, please contact the parish office
at 732-938-5375.

Know

To know, is learning to trust God.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Annulment

The Church encourages divorced and remarried persons to pursue annulment. To arrange a confidential discussion, email deacondan@sienachurch.org

Becoming Catholic

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for you! Contact the parish office at 732-938-5375 or email passociate@sienachurch.org.

Bulletin

Please email submission requests by 5:00 PM 14 days before the weekend bulletin date, to bulletin@sienachurch.org

Change of Name/Phone/Address

Update information to officeassistant@sienachurch.org

Faith Formation | Children

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is for children in K through 8th grade. Inquire to, email prep@sienachurch.org or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

Faith Formation | Teens

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) has sacramental preparation and ministry opportunities for teens, grade 9 –12. Inquire to email prep@sienachurch.org. or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

Sacraments

Baptism

Parish families who wish to have a child baptized should be registered in the parish. First time parents are to take a pre-baptismal class before the sacrament of baptism. Classes are offered monthly. Please call the parish office at 732-938-5375 for further information.

Confirmation/ First Eucharist Children

Preparation is a two- year process for children in our Parish Religious Education Program. (PREP) For those seeking the sacraments, please email prep@sienachurch.org or call the parish office at 732-938-5375.

Confirmation/ First Eucharist Young Adults/Adults

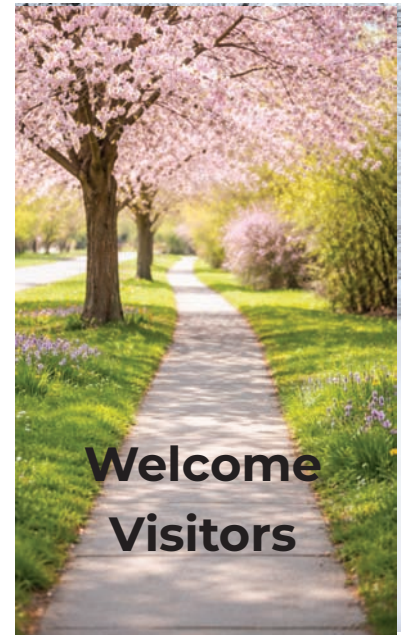
If you've been baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation, we invite you to complete your sacraments of initiation! Contact the parish office at 732-938-5375 or email passociate@sienachurch.org.

Marriage

For parishioners (attending 6 months or more), a minimum of one year preparation is required. It is recommended to contact the parish office before booking venue.

Sacramental Records

To request a sacramental record, i.e., copies of Baptismal Certificates, First Eucharist Certificates, Confirmation Certificates, Marriage Certificates email officeassistant@sienachurch.org.



We warmly welcome all visitors joining us today at St. Catherine of Siena Parish—whether you are here for the first time, visiting family, or simply passing through.

We are blessed by your presence and hope you feel at home in this house of God.

If you are new to the area and would like to learn more about our parish community, or how to register, please contact the parish office at 732-938-5375.

May the peace of Christ be with you during your time with us!



Love

To love is to learn how to follow Christ together.

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When we love as Christ loves, we become instruments of His peace and healing in the world. True Christian love unites us, strengthens the Church, and draws others closer to God.

Let us love not just in words, but in action—serving, forgiving, and building each other up in Christ.

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

Monday:

Tuesday:

Cinco de Mayo

Wednesday:

Thursday:

National Day of Prayer

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

6th Sunday of Easter;

Mother's Day

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Reflect and Respond

1st Reading Question

We hear how the Apostles selected men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help serve the widows in the growing Jerusalem Church.

Is there a family member or friend you could help this week?

2nd Reading Question

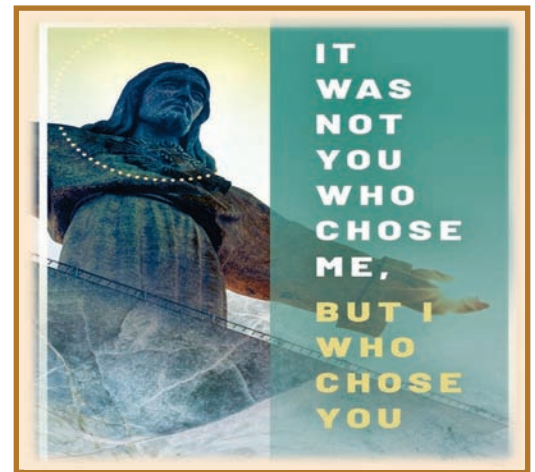
Peter speaks of the resurrected Jesus as a "living stone."

How do you sense that Jesus is alive in your life?

Gospel Question

Jesus is patient with Thomas and Philip when they are slow to understand him.

Who or what challenges your patience?



Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out?

How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep?

But God has not overpromised.

Dare to believe Him.

Dare to follow Him.

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Mother's Day

May Crowning

May 10, 2026

10:00 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

Around the Diocese

Highlights, Events, and Opportunities for our Parish Community



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Mass for Catholics in Recovery

JUNE 7, 2026 ~ 1:00 PM

The Church of Epiphany
 615 Thiele Road, Brick, NJ 08724

This mass is for Catholics who are in recovery for addictions such as alcohol, drugs, gambling, food, etc. as well as their family members and friends.

Our Celebrant: Fr. Mike Santangelo
 Guest Speaker: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPP



For more information, please contact the parish office at 732-458-0220 or email Kim@churchofepiphany.org

Sensory Friendly Masses



April 26 | 2 p.m.
St. Rose Belmar

May 31 | 2 p.m.
Holy Innocents Neptune

June 14 | 2 p.m.
St. Benedict Holmdel

Fellowship and refreshments to follow. These services are inclusive to the **Special Needs Community**.

For more information, please contact NorMonHIS@gmail.com



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SERVE

To serve is to live like Jesus—with love, humility, and purpose.

At the heart and soul of our parish is the call from Jesus: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We believe the best way to live this out is by forming community and sharing our faith together—this is the heart of ministry.

If you're looking for a way to grow in faith and serve others, we invite you to get involved in parish life.

Whether it's through liturgy, faith formation, outreach, or hospitality—there's a place for you here.



*Serve Jesus
by Serving Children*

St. Catherine of Siena Parish is seeking **catechists and program volunteers** to help create a warm, faith-filled, and welcoming Religious Education Program for our children and families.

If you have a **love for Christ, a joyful spirit, and a desire to share the faith**, we would love to hear from you.

There is a place for every gift — catechists, aides, substitutes, hall monitors, and special event volunteers. Training and support are provided.

Email : passociate@sienachurch.org

*Come help us build a place
where faith comes alive.*

Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism | Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation

To Serve as a Godparent

Visit Our Website, www.sienachurch.org to fill out the Request Form

To serve as a godparent is more than an honor—it is a sacred calling. A godparent supports the faith journey of a child by example, prayer, and ongoing spiritual encouragement. Chosen not just for closeness, but for character and commitment to the Catholic faith, a godparent walks alongside the child and their family, helping to nurture a life rooted in Christ.

To Serve as a Confirmation Sponsor

To serve as a Confirmation sponsor is a meaningful role in the life of a young Catholic. A sponsor stands as a witness to the faith, guiding the candidate through prayer, encouragement, and example. Chosen for their active Catholic life, sponsors help the candidate grow in their relationship with Christ and take their place as a fully initiated member of the Church. It is a commitment of presence, prayer, and ongoing spiritual support.

Eligibility

According to Canon Law, godparents & sponsors must:

- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church
- Be at least 16 yrs of age
- Received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation
- Not be bound by canonical penalties
- Not be the father or mother of the one being baptized

Letter of Good Standing

Before we can issue “a letter of good standing” from the Office of the Pastor, we ask that you be an active, registered parishioner for a *minimum of six (6) months*. An active member:

Attends Mass on a regular basis & is registered, showing regular participation with the life, mission and support of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

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.

GROW

To grow in Christ is to become who we are meant to be.



Tuesday Morning Study: *The Hidden Roots of St. Joseph*

Join us **Tuesdays at 10:00 AM** in the Parish Hall

Discover the biblical and Jewish roots of St. Joseph and deepen your appreciation for his unique role in salvation history.

Grow in faith through prayer, video teaching, and relaxed group discussion as we reflect on the quiet, faithful strength of St. Joseph.

Questions? Email: passociate@sienachurch.org

Catholics, Welcome Home!

Have you been away from the Church or thinking about coming back? Do you know someone who is searching, or who was never confirmed or fully initiated? Our **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is here to walk with adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, return to the sacraments, or prepare for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. To learn more, please contact

Laura Randazzo at passociate@sienachurch.org.

We are happy to talk, listen, and journey with you.

VIRTUES, *EXPLAINED!* – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Humility, Explained!

“If anyone wishes to be first,” Christ told the Apostles in the Gospel of Mark, “he must become the last of all and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35).

True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own. “Man is a beggar before God,” said St. Augustine.

The Blessed Mother is the perfect model of this, and her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) is a blueprint for a life lived in joyful humility.

Humility, says the Catechism, is also the key to a fruitful prayer life: “Humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that ‘we do not know how to pray as we ought,’ are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer.” (CCC 2559)

The more you study the faith and encounter God in prayer, the more your trust in Him grows.

Make time each day to nurture your relationship with God, and consider joining others in reading Scripture and growing together in faith.

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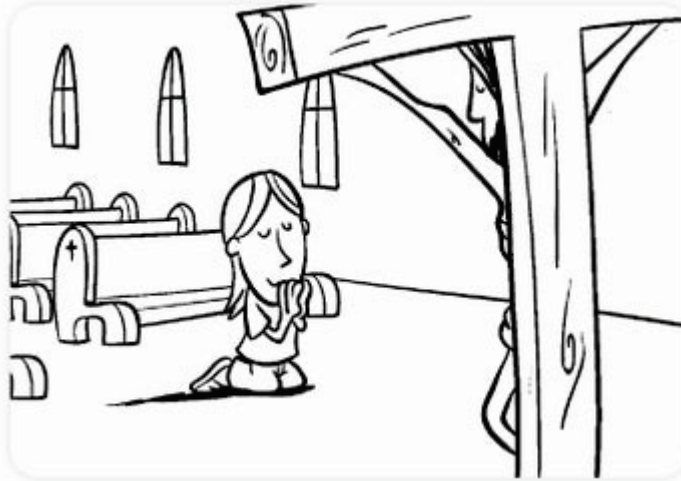


**Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven.
One day you can spend time with Jesus there.
You will never get sick. You will never be sad.
You will never be left out. You will be loved
because you are God's special child.**

Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for
me in heaven, Jesus.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

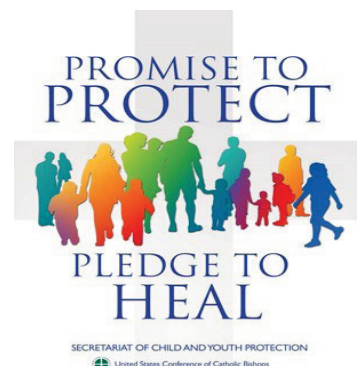


CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGES 4-8

Join Miss Kitty & Miss Megan
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10:00 AM Mass & 11:30 AM Mass.

This special time allows children to hear God's Word in a way they can understand and reflect on through prayer, discussion, and age-appropriate activities. Children return to their families before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. No registration required—just come and join us!

Help your child grow in faith, one
Sunday at a time.



STEWARDSHIP

What shall I return to the Lord for all He has given me?

Offertory Update

April 25 | April 26

4:30 PM	\$1,355.00
8:00 AM	\$1,381.00
10:00 AM	\$1,580.00
11:30 AM	\$1,211.00
Online Giving:	\$1,930.00
Total	\$7,457.00
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Parish Offertory

Support the ongoing, operational needs at St. Catherine's, including the care of people, programs and facilities.

Your offertory gifts enable us to celebrate our Masses each week, provide pastoral care, and maintain our sacred spaces.

Thanks to your support our parish can continue our mission to know, love, serve and grow and Jesus did.

Thank you



2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Would You Like to Receive Offertory Envelopes?

If you are a registered parishioner and would like to begin receiving offertory envelopes, please contact the parish office. Using envelopes is a helpful way to support the parish regularly and to receive a record of your contributions for tax purposes.

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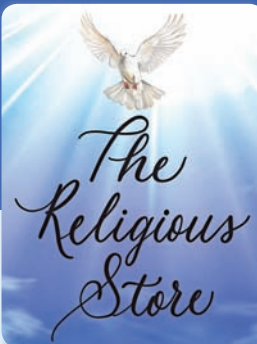
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