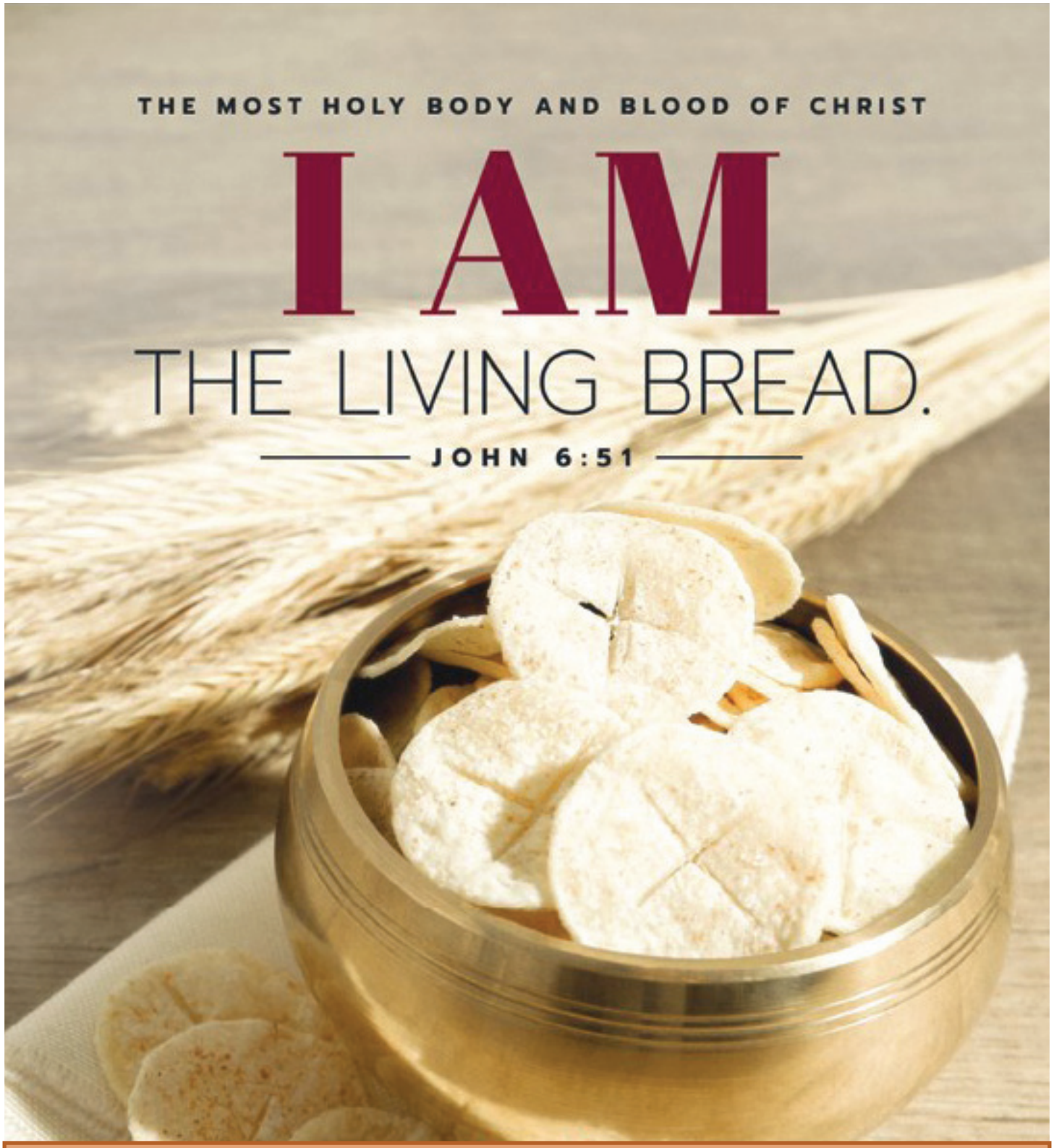
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

I AM THE LIVING BREAD.

JOHN 6:51



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SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

Welcome to Your Parish

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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 appoint-

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.

St. Catherine's Chapel
Weekday Mass Now Open
9:00 AM Mass | 8:30 AM Rosary
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Connect with

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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 Pastor's Sunday Message

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Dear Friends in Christ,

Cardinal John Henry Newman had a deep devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He was a renowned scholar and had served faithfully as a Protestant pastor. After years of prayer, study, and struggle, he came to believe the truth of the Catholic faith. A few days before his conversion, one of his friends tried to discourage him, saying, "Think about what you are doing. If you become Catholic, you will lose a generous income of 4,000 pounds a year." Newman's reply was simple and profound: **"And what are 4,000 pounds compared to one Communion?"**

Those words reveal the heart of today's solemnity. The Eucharist is not merely a symbol, a memory, or a holy tradition. The Eucharist is Jesus Christ Himself — His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — given to us as food for the journey and the source of our eternal life.

God, our Creator, has given us the precious gift of life. Sin wounds and destroys that life within us. Yet even when humanity sinned, God did not stop loving His children. He loved us so much that He sent His only Son into the world and allowed Him to suffer and die for our salvation. This reminds us that we are completely dependent on God for our well-being, our healing, and our salvation.

Jesus offers His own Body and Blood as food and drink for His people. He tells us, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you; whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life." Because of this, receiving the Holy Eucharist is truly a matter of life and death for the soul. Nothing brings greater strength, grace, and nourishment to our spiritual life than receiving the Eucharist with faith, reverence, and proper disposition.

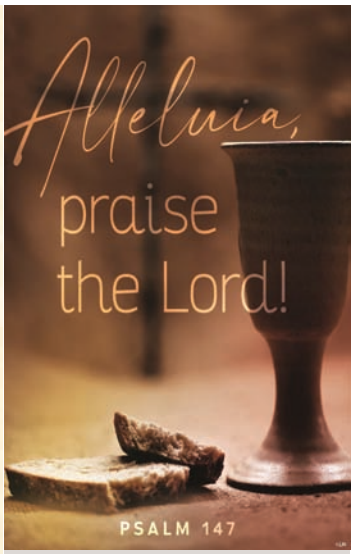
Throughout the history of the Church, Eucharistic miracles have awakened the faith of believers and reminded us of the great mystery made present at every Mass. The saints understood this deeply. St. Teresa of Jesus once said, "Without the Holy Mass, what would become of us?" St. Padre Pio added, "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass."

Every Eucharistic celebration makes present the one sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present" (CCC 1364). At every Mass, the work of our redemption is carried out before us.

On this Solemnity of the Most Sacred Body and Blood of Jesus, let us renew our love for the Holy Mass and the Eucharist. Let us approach the altar with gratitude, humility, and awe. Let us never take for granted the gift of receiving the Lord Himself.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Transform me, little by little, into another Eucharist — in loving, in sharing, and, if need be, in being broken for others. Amen.

Truly yours in Christ— **Father Angelito**



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

"Do not forget the LORD,
your God,
who brought you out of the
land of Egypt,
that place of slavery."
(Dt 8:14)

Second Reading:

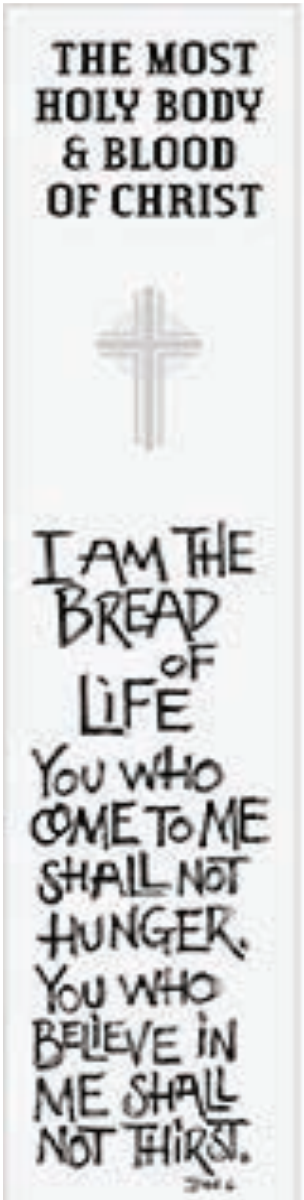
Because the loaf of
bread is one,
we, though many, are one
body.
(1 Cor 10:17)

Gospel:

"I am the living bread that
came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread
will live forever;
and the bread
that I will give
is my flesh for the life of
the world."
(Jn 6:51)

We are Called

To know, love, and serve as Jesus did.



Mass Intentions

of

Jesus Pineiro Millan

lovingly given by his family

Saturday • June 6

4:30 PM ✝ **George Hankel** *r/b Loving Wife, June*

Sunday • June 7

8:00 AM ✝ **Arthur Heitzenroder** *r/b Frank & Donna*

10:00 AM ✝ **Linda Perrone** *r/b Michael & Angela Stephan*

11:30 AM ✝ **Jesus Pineiro Millan** *r/b Loving Daughter-In-Law*

Monday • June 8 —*St. Catherine's Chapel*

9:00 AM ✝ **Anthony Pennetti** *r/b James Walsh*

Tuesday • June 9 —*St. Catherine's Chapel*

9:00 AM ✝ **Alice Randazzo** *r/b Loving Family*

Thursday • June 10 —*St. Catherine's Chapel*

9:00 AM ✝ **David Kevin Cotta** *r/b Jim & Virginia Piccolo*

Friday • June 11 —*St. Catherine's Chapel*

9:00 AM ✝ **David Velasco** *r/b Loving Family*

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 purse 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.

To love is to learn how to follow Christ together. Love is not just a feeling—it's a daily decision to walk with others in faith, humility, and compassion. As Christ loved us, we are called to love one another: with patience in difficulty, generosity in need, and mercy in weakness.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Reflect and Respond

1st Reading Question

Moses instructs the Israelites to never forget their 40-year journey in the desert and the Lord's deliverance of them from slavery in Egypt.

What has God done in your life that you will never forget?

2nd Reading Question

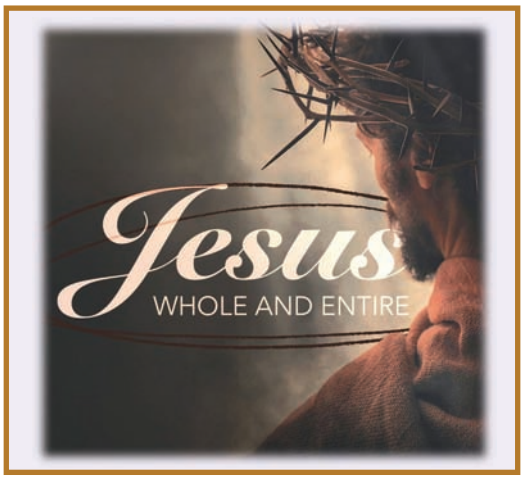
Paul reminds the Corinthians that the Body and Blood of Christ unite us as one body.

Do you see your faith community united by the Eucharist?

Gospel Question

Jesus teaches the crowds that whoever eats his body and drinks his blood will live forever.

Who could you invite this week to attend Sunday Mass and receive the Eucharist with you?



Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The starving Israelites found their physical salvation in manna, "a food unknown to your fathers."

We find our spiritual salvation in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, a food unknown to too many souls.

Blessed are we to partake of the Bread of Life.

Observances for the week of June 7, 2026

Monday

Tuesday
St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday

Thursday
St. Barnabas, Apostle

Friday
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday
The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Flag Day

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Hearts of Jesus

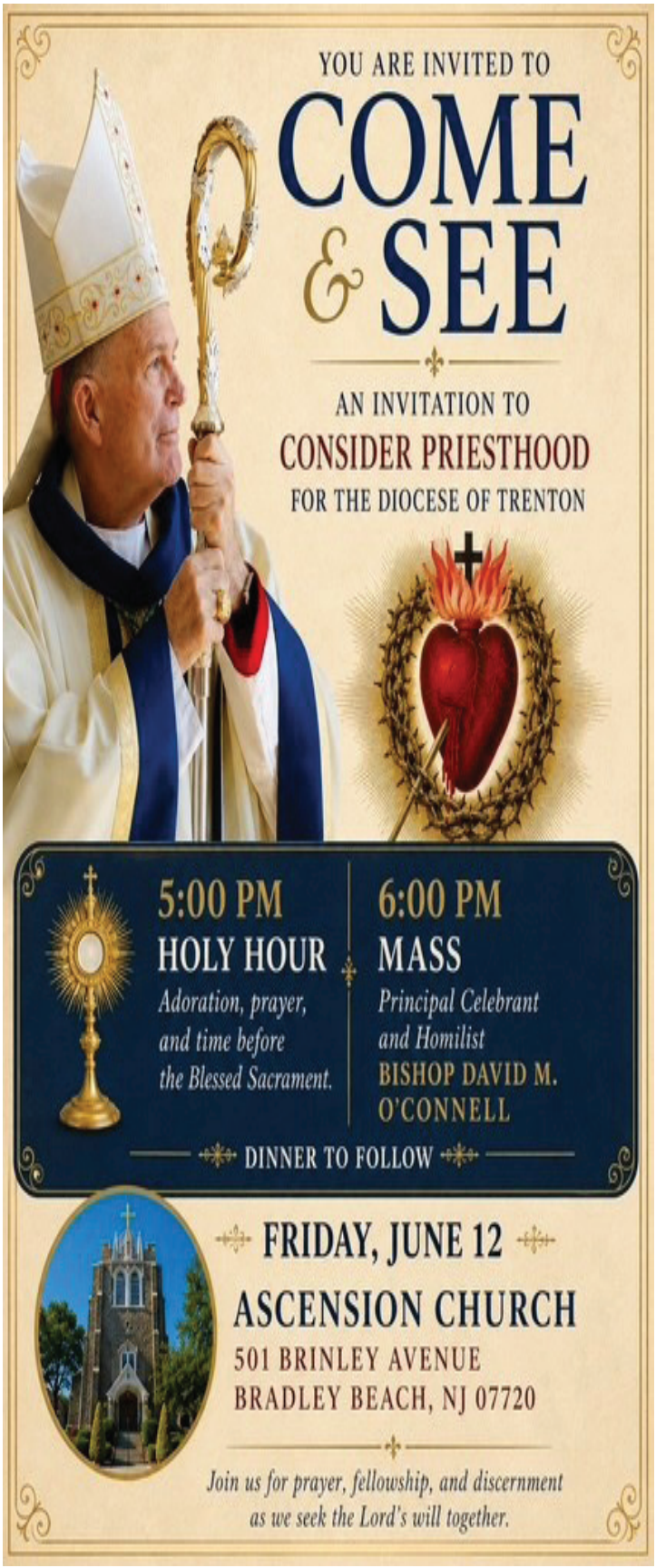
Question:
Why do we celebrate the Hearts of Jesus in the month of June?

Answer:
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an ancient practice. We can see its Scriptural origins in Jesus' own references to His Heart. *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest … for I am meek and humble of heart"* (c.f. Matthew 11:28, 29).

The devotion received a surge of popularity in the late 1600s. Jesus appeared several times to a French religious sister, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pointing to his heart. During this time, the Jansenist heresy had risen in France, which preached limited predestination for salvation. When appearing to Margaret Mary, Jesus affirmed his love for all mankind: *"Behold the Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing."* He asked for a special feast celebrating his Sacred Heart on the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi. Over time, June has become known as the month of Sacred Heart.

Around the Diocese

Highlights, Events, and Opportunities for our Parish Community



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.**

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.

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic, completing the Sacraments of Initiation, or learning more about the Catholic faith?

OCIA , Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a welcoming process for adults who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Come with your questions, your story, and an open heart. We look forward to walking with you on the journey of faith.

For more information, please contact **Laura Randazzo, Pastoral Associate**, at passociate@sienachurch.org.

Catholic Summer Book Club Now Forming

Summer Selection *Life of Christ* by Fulton Sheen

As we look ahead to the **beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on September 24, 2026**, join us this summer for faith-filled reading, thoughtful conversation, and parish fellowship as we explore one of Sheen's most beloved works.

***Life of Christ* is a powerful and deeply Catholic meditation on the person, mission, and saving love of Jesus Christ. More than a biography, this spiritual classic invites readers to encounter Our Lord more deeply through Sheen's rich reflections on the Gospel, the Cross, and the mystery of redemption.** The book is now available, please see the parish office.

Register now. Please contact **Laura Randazzo, Pastoral Associate**, at passociate@sienachurch.org.

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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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Forming hearts, growing faith, following Christ

2026–2027 Religious Education Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2026–2027 St. Catherine of Siena Parish Religious Education Program for children in Grades K–8.

Families are encouraged to register early, as classes are filled in the order registrations are received.

Online registration closes **August 31, 2026**. **Program starts September 21.**

For questions, please email **prep@sienachurch.org**.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Message:

When Jesus He is the living bread, He doesn't mean the bread on your sandwiches! He refers to the Bread of Life, Blessed Bread, The Holy Eucharist. Bread that, along with the wine at mass gives us eternal life. This is what we call the Body & Blood of Christ.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

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Holy	World	Manna
Eucharist	Blessed	Feeds
Christ	Bread	Heaven
Body	Whoever	
Blood	Live	
Eternal	Forever	

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
Sundays during the
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.

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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

STEWARDSHIP

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

Offertory Update

May 30 | May 31

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Online Giving:	$3,368.00

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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.

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.

Not yet registered? We'd be happy to welcome you! Stop by the parish office to register.

Also, did you know you can:

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An easier way to support us!

CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR ONLINE GIVING

To enroll, go to www.sienachurch.org, click on WAYS TO GIVE to securely donate online.

Or Scan the QR Code.

This will bring you to our PARISH GIVING page. From there, you will be able to set up a one time or recurring donation!

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