

Weekly PARISH UPDATE
Our Lady of Sorrows-Saint Anthony, Hamilton
March 24
St. Catherine of Sweden (1331-1381)

TODAY'S MEMORIAL



St. Catherine was born near the beginning of the fourteenth century to parents Ulfo and St. Bridget of Sweden. At the age of seven, Catherine was sent to the Abbey at Risburgh by her parents and placed under the care of the abbess to receive an education and to build a foundation for her spiritual life.

At the age of 13, Catherine was taken from the abbey and given in marriage to Egard, a German nobleman. Upon meeting Egard, Catherine persuaded him to make a mutual vow of perpetual chastity with her. Catherine and Egard dedicated themselves to the service of God and encouraged each other in works of mortification, prayer, and charity.

Around the year 1349, after the death of her father, Catherine accompanied her mother on a pilgrimage to Rome to visit the relics of the Roman Martyrs. The two spent several years living in Rome. In 1373 St. Bridget died and Catherine returned to Sweden with her mother's body. Two years later, Catherine returned to Rome to promote the cause for her mother's canonization and to gain approval for a Rule she had written for a group of religious women. After gaining approval for her rule, Catherine returned to Sweden and became abbess of Vadzstena. Catherine served as abbess of Vadzstena until her death in 1381. During the final 25 years of her life, Catherine was known for her austere lifestyle and her practice of making daily use of the Sacrament of Confession. St. Catherine was canonized in 1484 by Pope Pius II.



SPIRITUAL & MATERIAL HELP FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

In addition to our prayers for peace in Ukraine, you can help provide needed material aid to the suffering Catholic Relief Services accepts monetary donations online: <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.

***If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire.
Let the truth be your delight...proclaim it...but with a certain congeniality.***

St. Catherine of Sweden

FROM BISHOP O'CONNELL

- **Transfer of Ascension Thursday Celebration**

The bishops of the Province of New Jersey, after lengthy discussion, have decided to permanently transfer the observance of the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter effective this year (May 29, 2022). This replaces the liturgical texts and scripture readings of the 7th Sunday of Easter) Consequently, the Memorial of St. Philip Neri will be celebrated on May 26.

- **Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a penitential service in St. Peter's Basilica on Thursday, March 25, the Solemnity of the Lord's Annunciation. He has asked that Cardinal Krajewski carry out a similar consecration the same day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal.

Bishop O'Connell will celebrate the 12:10 pm Mass at the Cathedral in Trenton at which time he will unite in prayer with the Holy Father in this consecration. All are welcome to attend. The Mass will be live streamed on youtube.com/trentondiocese.

- **Diocesan Mass for Peace in Ukraine**

Bishop O'Connell will celebrate a Mass for Peace on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (St. Joseph Church 376 Maple Place, Keyport) All our welcome. The Mass will be live streamed on diocesan websites: TrentonMonitor.com and dioceseoftrenton.org.

- **A Few Statistics of Interest of the Diocese of Trenton**

Parishes:	97	Active Deacons	158
Parochial Schools	26	Retired Deacons	69
Diocesan/Parish High Schools	5	Active Religious Sisters	26
Assigned Diocesan Priests	140	Retired Religious Sisters	112
Retired Diocesan Priests	73	Active Religious Brothers	10
Assigned Religious Order Priests	38	Retired Religious Brothers	37

A JOYOUS WELCOME



This Saturday, March 26 our parish will welcome His Excellency, Bishop David O'Connell who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11:00 am at Saint Anthony Church. We congratulate our candidates and thanks their parents, sponsors and catechists who have prepared them to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—SIGN UP!



In our desire to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament not be “left alone” in church during our Thursday Day of Adoration, we are instituting a “sign -up” procedure for people to “make a Thursday appointment with the Lord” Everyone is invited to sign up for a time for adoration. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at elevator entrances at our two churches. Please sign up for one or more of the time slots available. Your name need not be listed...a check mark is sufficient.



In addition to the Masses offered Monday through Saturday at 7:00 & 9:00 am, you are invited to participate at the services offered this Lent:

Friday, March 25

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The faithful are dispensed this day from abstinence.

7:00 pm (OLS-English; SAC-Creole)

Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Benediction

Saturday, March 26

9:00 am Mass (OLS)

Confession follow Mass

2:45-3:30 pm (SAC)

3:45-4:30 pm (OLS)

Wednesday, March 30

7:00 pm Mass (SAC) Creole

Thursday, March 31

Day of Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition following the 9:00 am Mass (OLS)

6:15 pm: Evening Prayer /Confessions

7:00 pm: Mass

Let us remember our parish's “work of love” during Lent.

Help rebuild the devastated parish church of Notre Dame de laMerci in Haiti

Donation containers are at the church doors throughout the holy season!

SCHOOL RAFFLE

Please do your best to buy or sell your KTR raffle tickets to support our school. This year's "Knight to Remember" will be held virtually and thus without the financial boost provided by an ad book and dinner donations.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



The Annual Catholic Appeal supports various diocesan programs and ministries: Reaching our goal of \$100,000 would bring our parish a "rebate" of \$15,000. Information can be found at the church doors & parish office. Donations can be made by: Mail: ACA Diocese of Trenton, 701 Lawrenceville Rd. Trenton, NJ 08638

A NEW IMAGE OF ST. PATRICK

The current statue at St. Patrick at St. Anthony Church has undergone so many facelifts and repairs it seems a good time to replace it. We have considered a hand-crafted statue of Lindenwood—its image shown at the left. With St. Anthony positioned by the altar of St. Joseph, St. Patrick's image would be positioned by Our Lady's altar. The two statues would give a "sense of balance" to the sanctuary's appearance. The choice of a St. Patrick statue seeks to honor the parishioners and former pastors of Irish heritage, maintain the historic link of the church to the St. Patrick's Parade, and highlight the celebration of the "Irish Unity Mass" that we host in March. The statue would be displayed year-round. We welcome your gift--please enclose it in an envelope clearly marked "For St. Patrick." Thanks for your help!



We Need Your Help



Our 26th annual Golf Classic will be held on Wednesday, September 7 at Mercer Oaks, W. Windsor. It is an important fundraiser for our parish and school. Our organizing committee is seeking a few new members. You need not be a golfer. Half the members do not golf but enjoy working together for the benefit of our parish. The commitment would involve two hours every other week. Please consider joining this fun-loving and zealous group of parishioners. The next meeting is March 22. For additional information contact Fred Brodzinski at 609-306-3096 or fbrodzinski@ccny.cuny.edu.

Wishing all a blessed Lent

Msgr. Gervasio