

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

December 7, 2014

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

Weekday Masses @ Chapel, 9:00 A.M. :

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday, following 9:00 A.M. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday, following 9:00 A.M. Mass to 11 A.M.

Holy Day Masses: As announced in bulletin

Confessions: Saturday - 3:30 to 4:00 P.M.

Baptism Classes: 3rd Wed. of each month

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Prioli

Deacon Daniel Sakowski

Director of Religious Education: Kyle Galante

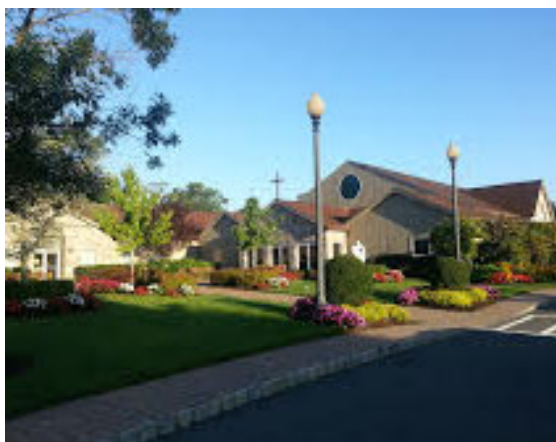
Parish Office Secretary: Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary: Janice Deakyne

Sacristan: Ruth Ziznewski

Organist: Judy Hyer

Parish Trustees: Cindy Ventura and Dean Wright



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 6, 2014

4:30 PM **Anna Critelli** r/o Joyce Angelo

Daphne Lopez r/o Mary Obrochta

Roseann DiAiso r/o Michele & Joseph Stuart

SUNDAY, December 7, 2014

8:00 AM **Sharon Storey** r/o Nigel & Jacqueline Storey

William Smith r/o Phil & Darlene Sardone

Helen Supczynski r/o John & Stephanie Harakal

10:00 AM **“Living” Laura Braccia** r/o Sheila Fuccile
Parishioners

11:30 AM **Guy Weck** r/o Roy & Terri Murray

Rosemary (Sister John Louise) r/o Marge Seagriff

Giuseppe Pellegrino r/o Luigi & Rose Cantatore

Contacts:

Website:

www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:

732-938-5375

Religious Education:

732-938-6229

FAX phone:

732-938-3260

Pastor's Office:

732-938-5375 ext. 7

Deacon Joe:

732-938-5375 ext. 9

Deacon Dan:

732-938-5375 ext. 3

Parish Bookkeeper:

732-938-5375 ext. 8

St. Vincent de Paul:

732-938-3454

Weekday Masses at St. Catherine's Chapel, 9:00 AM 1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

Mass Intentions:

Monday, December 8 2014

9:00 AM Mass at the Chapel

John Nolan r/o Family

7:00 PM Mass in the Main Church

Parishioners

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Raymond Ganslen r/o Al Sinclair

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Raymond Ganslen r/o John Gallagher

Friday, December 12, 2014

Stella Jankowski r/o Daughter, Terry Kelly



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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

Every valley shall be filled in,

every mountain and hill

shall be made low.

— Isaiah 40:4

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. Let us reflect on the Gospel readings.

John the Baptist didn't have a regular job, but he kept very busy. He didn't work in a synagogue or in the Temple, but he drew big crowds to his open air chapel on the shores of the River Jordan. He was a powerful and successful preacher who had an impact on the lives of the people who listened to him.

What was his message? Someone very important is coming, he said, and I'm here to get you ready. The Messiah will be here soon, and we have to get our lives in order if we are going to welcome him. John quotes Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." The people who came from the towns to hear him were looking for something they were not getting in the synagogue. They knew they needed help, and John told them what it was. There were valleys in their lives that had to be filled, and hills that had to be leveled. In simple terms, they had to clean up their act; they needed healing. Because they admitted their limitations and wanted to do better, he was able to help them.

We must admit the fact that we all have valleys and hills in our lives that get in the way of us becoming the persons that God wants us to be. We need to face up to them and see them for what they are. We have to be honestly admitting them. Perhaps we have to admit them to others, and we have to admit them to God. That's being honest and truthful; it is what we call being "real." Christmas is coming, and Jesus wants to come to us and make a difference in our lives.

We say that John was an effective preacher because he told people what they knew deep down in their hearts. He reached them because he pointed to something and someone beyond himself. He said that, compared to the one who was coming, he was nothing more than a slave, the guy whose job was to clean the dust and mud from people's sandals. John knew that his ritual of immersing people in water was powerful, but he said it was nothing compared to what was to come, that is, baptism in the Holy Spirit. Filling those valleys and clearing those hills is a challenging task, but we are not alone. God himself, in the person of Jesus is on the way to help us.

What path in your life do you need to have straightened? Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, meaning that she was conceived without original sin so that she would eventually be a fitting vessel for the Son of God. Her purity and sinlessness were like those of Adam and Eve in the beginning. This special grace did not impede her freedom to say yes or no to God. Her YES brings our Savior into the world.

May God bless you,
Father Angelito

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| 11/23/14 Weekly | \$8,502.00 |
| Campaign for Human Development | \$1,384.00 |
| 11/30/14 Weekly | \$6,845.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$3,857.00 |

12/14/14 Weekly & Religious Retirement

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Give thanks for religious. A parishioner writes, "We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABC's but also to love God." Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The **Parish Office** and **Religious Education** are **CLOSED** on **Monday, December 8**, in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

Children's Choir Rehearsals

1st Sunday, December 7, following 11:30 Mass

2nd Sunday, December 14, following 11:30 Mass

3rd Sunday, December 21, following 11:30 Mass

Children's Choir Performance on Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December, 24 at 6 PM

Note—the Children are not singing on the 4th Sunday

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Joe Diamond, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Mike Lubniewski, Lauren MacArthur, Betty McCann, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Marjorie Seagriff, George Zieminski

Thursdays

10 AM Legion of Mary Conference Room

Monday, December 8

7:30 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

Thursday, December 11

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

Saturday, December 13

9 AM Men's Prayer Group Chapel Call 732-477-7567

Tuesdays, First & Third - December 16

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Tuesdays, thru December 16

7-8:30 PM Christian Yoga Chapel Call 732-938-3139

Wednesday, December 17

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

Homebound Ministry If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, contact the Parish Office.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Evening Prayers and Benediction

Sunday, December 7, 14, 21 @ 7:00 PM CHAPEL

Followed by fellowship and refreshments

Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 11 @ 7:00 PM CHURCH

Simbang – Gabi

Thursday, December 18 @ 7:00 PM CHURCH

Followed by fellowship and refreshments

Reconciliation

Saturday 13, 20, 27 @ 3:30 – 4:00 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Children’s Mass) - 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

New Year’s Mass Schedule

New Year’s Eve

4:30 PM CHURCH

New Year’s Day

9:00 AM CHURCH

EPIPHANY MASSES

Saturday, January 3 @ 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 4 @ 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

**PLEASE RETURN REQUESTS
NO LATER THAN**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

**In order for it to be included in the bulletin
for December 21. Any requests after 12/10
will be included in the December 28 bulletin**

Anyone wishing to make a donation for Christmas flowers/decorations in memory of a loved one, or for any reason, please fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to the Parish Office (31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727). Parishioners can also use the Christmas flower envelope provided in their envelope mailing.

OFFERED FOR: _____

REQUESTED BY: _____

OFFERING: _____ (Suggested Offering: \$10)

November 21, 2014

To the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Trenton:

As a diocese neighboring the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we are very excited about the news of Pope Francis' visit during the September 22-27, 2015 World Meeting of Families there. The incredible, world-wide popularity of the Holy Father will make his attendance and celebration of Mass on the Parkway on September 26 a big draw for Catholics and non-Catholics alike from all over our region.

People are asking me if they will be able to attend. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is the host diocese and has already begun the registration process for the weeklong events --- except for the papal Mass. We will have to wait for more news about the Pope's itinerary as it becomes available. Right now, we don't have that information. As soon as we hear, we will post it on our websites.

With all this excitement naturally comes sky-high expectations. The Pope's visit and the anticipation it is generating should not take away from the purpose of the World Meeting of Families itself: "to explore the critical role the family plays in society and to give families opportunities to talk about the challenges and blessings that all families have (Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap., "Welcome Letter")."

The theme of the meeting --- "Love is Our Mission: the Family Fully Alive" --- is a beautifully inspiring meditation in itself. Begun by Pope St. John Paul II in 1994, these meetings have travelled from Rome to seven other cities and, now, to our neighboring City of Brotherly Love."

For all the information currently available about the meeting, the clergy, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Trenton should consult the meeting website, www.worldmeeting2015.org.

At present, I am gathering details to help us, as the Diocese of Trenton, participate in this wonderful week of prayer, sharing and celebration of family life. We also hope to have events throughout the Diocese leading up to the Philadelphia meeting. We will be adding a special section to our own diocesan website – dioceseoftrenton.org – that will provide regular updates and be a resource for those who wish to spiritually prepare for the meeting next fall. Please check all these websites often.

Few things are as important in life as family. We look forward to finding out more about the opportunities to celebrate "family" that next year's meeting will provide. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, be our example and our guide!

Sincerely,
Most Reverend David O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton



The **FILIPINO * AMERICAN** Catholic Community Of
Monmouth County Invites You To A Nine Day

SIMBANG GABI (ADVENT MASS)

In Preparation For The Birth Of Our Lord Jesus Christ We ask,
“What Is The Wisdom And Meaning Of Christmas 2014 For Me ?”

SCHEDULE OF MASS

Monday, **Dec. 15, 2014** - **Holy Family Church**

727 State Rt 36, Union Beach 07735 (732)725-8088
Celebrant: **Rev. Gene Daguplo** Mass @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, **Dec. 16, 2014** - **St. Rose of Lima Church**

16 Mclean St., Freehold NJ 07728 (917)656-3968
Celebrant : **Rev. Sheldon Amasa** Mass@ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, **Dec. 17, 2014** - **Church of St. Veronica**

4215 US Hwy 9, Howell NJ 07731 (732)363-4200
Celebrant : **Rev. Vic Magdaraog** Mass @ 8:00 pm

Thursday, **Dec 18, 2014** - **St. Catherine of Siena Parish**

31 Asbury Ave., Farmingdale NJ 07727 (732)829-1612
Celebrant : **Rev. Angelito Anarcon** Mass @ 7:00 pm

Friday, **Dec. 19, 2014** - **St. William De Abbot Church**

2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd, Howell NJ 07731 (732)766-0988
Celebrant : **Rev. Carlo Calisin** Mass @ 8:00 pm

Saturday, **Dec. 20, 2014** - **Holy Innocents Church**

3455 W Bangs Ave. Neptune, NJ 07753 (732)996-5966
Celebrant : **Rev. Mark Nillo** Mass @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, **Dec. 21, 2013** - **St James Catholic Church**

30 Peters Place, Red Bank, NJ 07701 (732)732-822-7635
Celebrant : **Rev Ariel Robles** Mass @7:00 pm

Monday, **Dec. 22, 2014** - **Holy Trinity Church**

408 Prospect St., Long Branch NJ 07740 (732)870-1778
Celebrant : **Rev. Leon Buni** Mass @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, **Dec. 23, 2014** - **St. Dorothea's Church**

240 Broad St., Eatontown NJ 07724 (732)829-1612
Celebrant : **Rev. Silvano Amora** Mass @7:00 pm



****Please join us 30 min before every mass for the Holy Rosary
*Reception will be catered on Dec. 23, 2014, but also open
for those who wants to share their covered dishes and desserts.***