

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

September 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 Summer Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Prioli

Deacon Daniel Sakowski

Director of Religious Education: Nancy Riddell

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, September 6, 2014

4:30 PM **Mary Kruse** r/o Maryann, Patty, & Stephanie
Jack Burke r/o Brother, Mike & Family
Parishioners

SUNDAY, September 7, 2014

8:00 AM **Phyllis Storey** r/o Nigel & Jacqueline Storey
Raymond Debasitis r/o Lou & Marcia Ciccone
Parents r/o Percaccio Family

10:00 AM **Felicidad Almazan** r/o Perlita Gleason & Family
Jorge Troca r/o Aulisi Family
Antonio Lopez r/o Runkel Family

11:30 AM **Benjamin Patt** r/o Neal & Lorraine Pronek
Dylan Joyce r/o Clare Mongon



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, September 8, 2014

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Margery Crimoli r/o RoseAnn McCrohan

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Thomas Druback r/o Family

Friday, September 12, 2014

Nancy FitzGerald r/o Family



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Joe Diamond, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Marjorie Seagriff

SAVE THE DATE Mass and Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 10:30 A.M.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

— Matthew 18:19



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Dear Parishioners,

Our focus for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is the command to love that calls us to be responsible for each other.

I have this story which I found in *Laughter, the best Medicine, Reader's Digest*. An 85 year-old lady found her husband in bed with another woman. She was so livid that she dragged him to the balcony of their high-rise condominium and pushed him off, and of course he fell to his death. The lady was arrested and when she appeared before the judge and asked if she had anything to say in her own defense she said, "Your honor, she said, "I figured if he were able to be unfaithful to his wife at age 92, he surely would be able to fly."

Undeniably, we have all the times when we were enraged enough to throw someone off a very high building, but that is not the way Jesus tells us to deal with the sin of another person. It is important to know that in St. Matthew's gospel, there are five large sections of Jesus' teachings that are called "major discourses." We are all familiar with the first major discourse which is the Sermon on the Mount. The gospel that we have for today is taken from the fourth major discourse called the Social Discourse where he teaches how he expects his followers to treat others. Our gospel introduces some of the topics Jesus spoke on in the Social Discourse with these words: "If your brother sins against you." They simply say "if your brother sins" period. Hence, let us look how to deal with a person who has committed or is committing a sin. Jesus outlines a three-step process: (1) talk with the person personally to win them over, that is to convince them to give up their wrongdoing; if that approach fails (2) confront the person in the presence of two or three witnesses and (3) bring the person before the whole Church. As a last step, if the person does not repent, they are excluded from the community. Evidently, at issue here is a sin of a serious public nature.

Today's gospel message encourages all of us to do what we can to lead another person who is straying from God's ways, back to Jesus. This is very touchy and challenging and not an easy thing to do. In all honesty, we should be mindful of our Lord's warning to Prophet Ezekiel in our First Reading: "if you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death."

I know, you know that it is not easy to live holy lives, because we have our culture and lifestyle working against us. However, keep in mind that, Christianity has often had to be counter-cultural. In the early centuries and even nowadays in some parts of the world, people were put to death because they were Christians. We are more fortunate now, because we are free to practice our faith, and while many people believe in God and His Church, practicing our faith is not always on top of our list in today's world.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

8/31/14 Weekly **\$6,505.00**
St. Vincent de Paul **\$2,451.00**
9/14/14 Weekly & Mortgage Reduction
Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

The Rosary Altar Society will be having sign-ups after all the Masses this weekend September 6/7.

New Parishioners

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH
WARMLY WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING **NEW MEMBERS:**
Dorian, Erica, Bryan, & James Corrales
John & Marion Dubil

Religious Education News

Classes for the 2014-2015 year begin September 15th and some classes are already filled. If you haven't done so already, please register your child(ren) as soon as possible. Registration forms can be located on our parish web site or obtained at the Religious Education Office on Monday or Wednesday between 9 am and 3:00 pm. Please note: Registrations WILL NOT be taken on the opening days of Sept. 15th and 17th. We are looking forward to the new beginning! Welcome back!

PLEASE NOTE:
THE *RELIGIOUS EDUCATION* OFFICE
WILL ONLY BE OPEN
Mondays AND Wednesdays 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

"Save the Date!" The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 5th.

Thursdays

10 AM Legion of Mary Conference Room

2nd Thursdays - Starting September 11

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

Saturday, September 13

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

Monday, September 15

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

Tuesdays, First & Third - Starting September 16

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Wednesday, September 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.

ATTN: CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

Need hours for community service? The Youth Group could use your help making 800 bagged lunches **Friday Nov 21st from 4pm – 6pm** in the Parish Hall to feed the homeless this Thanksgiving in Trenton. Please contact Deacon Dan Sakowski at sienachurchyg@yahoo.com to get your name on the helper list and for more info!

HELP FEED THE HOMELESS! The Youth Group is preparing 800 bagged lunches for the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen this Thanksgiving at St. Mary's in Trenton. Need: **Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Boxed Drinks, Individually Packaged Cookies/Chips, Paper Napkins, Paper Lunch Bags and Plastic Sandwich Bags.** Please drop off items up until Nov 16th in the church lobby. Monetary donations are also accepted at the front office. Make check payable to St. Catherine's Church and mark envelope **YOUTH GROUP – FEED THE HOMELESS.** Contact Deacon Dan.

Have you ever heard the initials **RCIA**? They stand for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the Roman Catholic official collection of Rites for bringing adults into the Church. A team here at St. Catherine's prepares individuals to be received into the church. We begin our RCIA in the fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning about becoming a Catholic, or a Catholic, who may have not yet received Sacraments, or to learn more about the RCIA process, please email Barbara Ust at rcia@sienachurch.org or call the parish office.

**Psalm 143:6- "I STRETCH OUT MY HANDS TO YOU ; MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU"
SPONSORS NEEDED!!**

Will you be a companion on the journey for one of our RCIA participants? You do not need to be an expert in Catholic Theology, just a faith filled parishioner, willing to share some of your Catholic experience with those who have answered God's call to join our community, and those thirsting to know more about our faith. If you are fully initiated into the Catholic Church (Baptized, Confirmed and actively participating in Penance and the Eucharist) please contact the Parish office at 732 -938-5375 or email us at rcia@sienachurch.org.

RCIA INQUIRY SESSION!!

Our next RCIA Inquiry meeting is **Tuesday, September 16th, 2014 at 7:00 pm.** Inquiry sessions are informal, informative and open to anyone interested in the Catholic Faith. Our RCIA Team will present basic doctrine of our faith. Most of the session is devoted to faith sharing. This is an awesome opportunity for all! Please join us.

JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP! First Meeting September 21st, 6pm Church Hall. We have a ton of fun, activities, meet Sunday nights, get community service hours and more! Email Deacon Dan at sienachurchyg@yahoo.com for more information.

Calling All Catholic Men: The Knights of Columbus are welcoming all men over the age of 18 to become members of the St. Catherine of Siena council here at our church. Devoted to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, with over 1.8 million world-wide members, the Knights of Columbus strives to be a positive Catholic presence in both our parish and community. If you wish to join please call (732) 835-2049 or email KOFC15703@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul News

Have you ever thought about joining our ministry? We are in need of Home Visitors. If this is something that you think might interest you or you would consider it, there is a VIRTUS training being held at our church on Sept. 13th from 9-12. Please contact Rosa Garcia at 732-683-2492 or Cathy Flott at 732-577-1417 for more information. Thank you for considering this ministry.

The Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster County, PA to see Moses on Saturday, November 15, 2014. We will be meeting at St. Catherine's at 8:00 am and returning at approximately 8:00 pm. Total cost of \$105 per person includes lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, theater ticket, bus, and all taxes and gratuities. Registration forms can be downloaded at sienachurch.org. Please make checks payable to "St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society" and return your checks and registration forms to the Parish Office or in the collection basket marked "Sight & Sound trip." This trip is open to all members of the parish. For more info email sharakal@optonline.net.

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

For more than 40 years, the bishop of the Diocese of Trenton has been celebrating the gift of sacramental marriage with anniversary couples. **If you're celebrating your 1st, 25th or 50th (or more!) year of marriage,** we invite you to a special Eucharistic liturgy (Mass) and blessing celebration at **3:00 pm on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Freehold.** We invite married couples celebrating these milestone anniversaries to participate in this beautiful event. Please visit the parish office to register. The deadline to register is September 20.

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Website: www.parishpay.com

... and enrollment forms also are available from the Parish Office.

ATTENTION:

PARISHIONERS WITH CELIAC SPRUE

An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. Please notify the Celebrant or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending. Further information can be found on our website under "Sacraments". Thank you.

ST. CATHERINE'S ONLINE!

Check out our website www.sienachurch.org for all the latest Parish info, including Parish Policies, Church Bulletin, CCD Calendars, Closings & Delays, Minister Schedules, and more.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

A listing for prayers of those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Parish Office @ 732-938-5375.

**TO ALL GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS
WHO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR
ST. CATHERINE'S BULLETIN**

Because of the deadline assigned to us by the bulletin company, all information must be submitted to the Parish Office by Monday morning. Articles given later will be included in the bulletin for the following week.

Thank you for honoring this request!



ALTAR FLOWERS ... can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one or for any special intention (except during Lent & Advent). Offering: \$50/basket ...To arrange for Altar Flowers, please call the Office @ 732-938-5375

Important Parish Information

Parish Registration ... To be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered, and to show your presence and support by attendance at Mass and through the regular use of offertory envelopes.

If you have questions regarding Parish Registration, please call 732-938-5375 or email frontoffice@sienachurch.org.

If you move or change addresses or parishes, please notify the Parish Office in a timely manner.

Young adults ...who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or who are employed full-time, **should register with the Parish under their own name.**

Weddings ... Please call the Parish Office **one year in advance of desired wedding date, BEFORE completing any other arrangements (reception hall, etc.).**

Baptisms ... The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 P.M. or can be celebrated during Sunday Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance.

Prior to the birth of the child, attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is mandatory for parents, and sponsors/godparents also are encouraged to attend. Classes are held in the Church at 7:30 P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact the parish office.

Sponsorship ... In order to be a sponsor/godparent for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; if married, be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully ... **also, be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months.** One month's notice is desirable when requesting a Sponsor Certificate, a Letter of Recommendation for Parochial School, and other items of this nature.

Remember Us in Your Will

A simple charitable bequest can provide very meaningful support for St Catherine of Siena Church. Be sure your will is up-to-date. An up to date will can:

- Protect your loved ones and your dreams.
- Let you, not the state, determine how your assets will be distributed.
- Help you leave a legacy through charitable gifts.
- Help you minimize estate taxes.
- Assure those charities you valued will continue.