

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

December 20, 2015

Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor
Rev. Alfred Burke, Weekend Assistant
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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: Robert Mercado & Cindy Ventura

Baptism Classes:

3rd Wednesdays 7:30 PM *Church*

Children's Choir Practice/Sings:

1st & 3rd Sundays/4th Sunday 11:30 AM

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30 AM

Christian Yoga:

Tuesdays, January 5 - March 15, 7-8:30 PM *Chapel*

Legion of Mary:

Thursdays 10:00 AM *Conference Room*

Men's Prayer Group:

2nd Saturdays 9:00 AM *Chapel*

RCIA:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM *Classroom 10*

Rosary Altar Society:

3rd Wednesdays 7:00 PM *Church* except January

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

2nd Mondays 7:00 PM *Parish Hall* except January

Homebound Ministry:

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

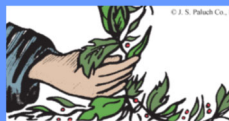
SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Michael Fekete, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, John Gerow, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Charles Lambert, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, John Masterson, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Betty Reuter, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Theodore Wojtanowski, George Zieminski

Fourth Sunday of Advent

O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.

-- Psalm 80:15-16



Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Weekday Masses @ Chapel, 9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday, following 9:00 AM Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday, following 9:00 AM Mass to 11:00 AM

Holy Day Masses: As announced in bulletin

Confessions: Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday: 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

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

Last Rites:

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 19, 2015

4:30 PM Frank & Florence Mikorski r/o Terry Kelly

SUNDAY, December 20, 2015

8:00 AM Eustace Nedd r/o Nigel & Jacqueline Storey
Sharon Storey & Gertrude Persaud r/o Nigel & Jacqueline Storey

Frank Sardone Sr. r/o Son, Frank & Family

10:00 AM Maria Natilli r/o Phillip & Kristin Natilli

11:30 AM Margie Gulfin r/o Nancy Martinez & Family

THURSDAY, December 24, 2015

4:00 PM Edward & Dennis Mongon r/o Wife & Mother

6:00 PM Michael Sansevere r/o Sansevere Family

12:00 PM E.J. Lejeune, Ed & Don Dugan r/o Family

FRIDAY, December 25, 2015

8:00 AM Billy Costello r/o Mom & Dad

10:00 AM Margaret Melillo r/o Libby Miller & Family

11:30 AM Eleanor & Rodney King r/o Suzanne & Peter DeGrande

Weekday Masses at St. Catherine's Chapel, 9:00 AM

MONDAY, December 21, 2015

9:00 AM Walter K. Tuzeneu

TUESDAY, December 22, 2015

9:00 AM Nancy FitzGerald r/o Husband Dennis

Dear Parishioners,

Our experience of the Season of Christmas varies from place to place and is characterized by different cultures and traditions. One thing that is really common with the Christmas decorations in the centers of every city, town and village, in the windows and shops and houses, and in Churches too, are Christmas Trees with their lights, stars and tinsel that exude joy and happiness.

As we know the Christmas Tree tradition first came to England through Queen Charlotte, the German wife of King George III, who in 1800 decorated a yew tree and illuminated it with small candles for a family party at Windsor. The custom was not taken up by the general population until after Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert introduced spruce trees from his homeland in 1840. Christmas trees were late arrivals in Churches. Until then, Churches had been draped in garlands of evergreens with holly and bay, sometimes heavily decorated.

We can see from the readings this 4th Sunday in Advent how John the Baptist, Paul and Zephaniah dispelled oppressing darkness with the light that shone from God's nearness. The Christmas Trees with their glimmering candles and other decorations, which now illuminate the period leading to the celebration of our Savior's birth, can be seen as symbolizing that same light of God's near presence among us. When the troubles of life are so hard that nobody and nothing seem able to help, so difficult that we are tempted to cry out, "Where is our God," what then? May we never ever forget that the Lord is in our midst, Christ will dispel our darkness. Amen.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS
Prophet Isaiah offers to us one of my favorite verses in the Old Testament: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings." (Is. 52:7) We know that feet carry the weight of our whole body. Our feet help us move from place to place. But feet need washing, healing, and rest to do their job. In fact, sometimes they need massaging, too. The feet of one who announces God's good news of peace, love that saves, and redeeming mercy are beautiful.

Today we celebrate that the Word, with God from the beginning, begotten not made, through whom all things come into being, Jesus, took on our human flesh. God took on human limits to help us see, touch, and feel God's limitless mercy. God became one with us that we might become one with God and each other.

The greatest gift, one that we cannot find under the Christmas Tree is the light of Christ given to us. Our feet should carry that light by witnessing the power of Christ's light active in our world today. Sickness, loneliness, abuse, violence, war, etc... try to diminish that light, but that light continues to shine. Let us offer hope to others by becoming a living witness of the Christ light carried on our feet. If by any chance, darkness is stronger in your life, my suggestion is, look for that light in others who have experienced a similar light or weight.

Loving God, you sent your Light into the world in human flesh and blood. Continue to strengthen us with your presence as you radiate hope, joy, and peace to us. Amen.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas to all!
Father Angelito

12/8/15 Immaculate Conception	\$1,289.00
12/13/15 Weekly Religious Retirement	\$7,986.00
12/25/15 Christmas	\$2,210.00
12/27/15 Weekly & Energy & Fuel	

The Parish Office will be **closed** from Wednesday, December 23 thru Friday, December 25. It will reopen on Monday, December 28. The Religious Education Office/CCD will be **closed** on December 21 & 23.



through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed to the Church:
Talia Annmarie Philippou
Mia Mary Grasso
We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!



of all our Parish family and friends, and especially the recently departed:
Claire Ford (Wife of Bill)
Gaetano Parisi (Father of Judy Warburton)
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Evening Prayers and Benediction

Sunday, December 20 @ 7:00 PM CHAPEL

Followed by fellowship and refreshments

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 2 @ 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 3 @ 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION-Eighth Month-Your spiritually adopted baby is increasing in size and strength. Because of his larger size he is not able to move as freely about in his mother's womb. He is receiving from his mother precious immunities to a number of diseases that will last until he is about six months old and able to begin building up his own immunities. His mother is patiently waiting for the last weeks of pregnancy to pass. She depends on your prayerful support.

Christmas adornments are dedicated in memory of our loved ones who live in our hearts and for all special intentions to be remembered at the Christmas Masses. We have made every effort to record your intentions accurately; please forgive any typographical errors. Sincerest thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's 2015 CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS.

Joao & Preciosa Cardoso
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Afonso

Regina Kuchen

Mary Aimes-Troisi
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Aimes

Family & Friends of the Screnock & Alfano Families
Mr. & Mrs. Reynold Alfano

Deceased Camia & Ambrose Families
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ambrose

Michael Anthony Anzano
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Anzano

Joan H. Nagle
Melissa Boege

Linda Dempsey
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Boyle

Barbara & George Bosko
Ann Bosko

Mary Lou Tamaino
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Bouchard

Mattus, Tessie, & Edward Zalewski
Diane Brennan

Callari & Paglinco Family
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Callari

Joseph Caltagirone
Beverly, Joe & John

Canzona-Luca
Daria Canona

Richard & Hannah Hanaway
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Carpenter

Anne D'Urso

Arthur D'Urso
Robert & Linda Cassano

Maryann Cataldo
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cataldo

Helen & Bob Feeley

Kevin Barry

Father Bud Feeley
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Conley

Laura Conway
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Conway

Billy Costello
Mom & Dad

Gifford, Perri, & Cranmer Families
Patricia Cranmer

Lawrence J. Santaniello

Elmer R. Deakyne
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Deakyne

Rodney & Eleanor King

Carmelo & Annunziata DeGrande
Mr. & Mrs. Peter DeGrande

Patricia Bicica

John N. De Luca
Julie De Luca

Michele Savignauo

Luigia D'Urso

Louis D'Onorio De Meo
Mr. & Mrs. Emilio D'Onorio De Meo

Diamante D'Onorio De Meo

Luigia D'Urso

Luigi D'Onorio De Meo

Domenica Ilardo
Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinando D'Onorio De Meo

Mickey & Lou DeMicco

Charles & Mary Twigg

John Twigg
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas DeMicco

Jane Sabelli
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Devine

Einsiedler Family
Lisa Dillon

Neville Tompkins

Elizabeth Doran

Robert Doran
Mr. & Mrs. John Doran

Chris Dorey

Kevin Dorey
Anita Dorey

Don Dugan
Lucy Dugan

Elias Family

Koenig Family

Margaret & Paul Wilke
Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Elias

Frank Aversano
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Eskew

Nancy & Chet Swistock
Mr. & Mrs. John Gagliano

Enrico Ciampi
Daughter, Rosa Garcia & Family

Carmela & Frank Grippo

Rosa & Pietro Ciampi

John Houlihan

Giuseppe Ciampi
Garcia Family

Cecil Gravatt

Olive Gravatt
Son, George & Marlene Gravatt

Charles Winthers
Daughter, Marlene & George Gravatt

Jess & Pete Brissette

Ida & Norman Megill

Mary & Raymond Potter
Granddaughter, Marlene & George Gravatt

Charles Winthers
Wife, Lillian

Betty Tracey
Mother, Lillian Winthers

James Ferraro Jr.
Daughter, Anna & George Gravatt

James Ferraro Jr.
Grandchildren, Allie, Nicholas, Olivia, & Leah Gravatt

Peter & Josephine Greco

Pamela J. Mullen

Rich Furjanic
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Greco

Tillett Family
Mary Jean Griffith

Jacob Hankel Family
Mr. & Mrs. George Hankel

Joseph Heineman Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Heineman

Dylan P. Joyce
Anne Hilker

Ierardi & Giuliano Families
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ierardi

Members of the Infante Family
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Infante

Our Grandparents
Mr. & Mrs. David Ivanicki

Helen Janssen
Carol Jamieson

Rose & John Petillo

Lloydelle, Jack McKinney
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Eugene Sr. & Eugene Jr. Travinski
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Charlotte Kalamar

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Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kelso

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Angelina Martins

Rose Brescia
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Kennedy

Venti Family
Ed & Joan Kress

Raymond Reingle
Joan Kress

Mary & John Kruse
Daughter, Maryann, Patty, & Stephanie

David DaSilva Sr.

Joseph Leto

Pasquale Petruzzi
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Leto

Catherine Venneri
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Livoti

Diamante D'Urso
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Lyristis

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Mary & Dom Greco

Sal & Jenny Placa

Vivian & Kia Madsen

Peter & Katherine O'Connell

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Mr. & Mrs. Christian Madsen

John Zebrowski

Ronald & Barbara Magner
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Magner

Sandor & Ann Fekete

Joseph & Lottie Magyarits
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Magyarits

Consuelo Remigio

Vicenta Martinez
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Martinez

Deceased Dugan & Masterson Families
Mr. & Mrs. John Masterson

Peg Clark
Daniel McGee

Marianne Wilkes Drake
Mr. & Mrs. John McKee

William V. McMahon
Eleanor McMahon
Consuelo Remigio
Bernadette McTighe
Gladys McTighe
Carrie Lynn Wolfe
Tricia & Colin Miller
Christopher Pflum
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Misner
Morro & Shapiro Family Deceased
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Morro
Frances & Albert Rosamilia
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morton
Joseph Davis
Mary Mueller
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mueller
Peg & Ray Munz
Jacqueline Amend
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Munz
Jack Nagle
Nagles & Clarks
Danella Nagle
Michael Filippo & Maria Natilli
Giussepe Cosentino
Thomas Mangano Sr.
Edward Merkel
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Natilli
Nicholas Novielli
John T. Korrello
Vito Novielli
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Novielli
Frank Obrochta
Wife, Mary & Family
Marti Obrochta Hauser
Mother, Mary & Family
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Mr. & Mrs. Amedeo Pagano
Joseph Papasso
Mr. & Mrs. Ferone
Mr. & Mrs. D'Alessio
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Papasso
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Payette
William Pellechia
Grace & John Buonavita
Grace Pellechia
Frank Percaccio
Anna & Thomas Neary
Paby & Angelina Percaccio
Mary Ann Percaccio
Teresa & George Picard
Daughter

Nicholas Piccolo I
Nicholas Piccolo III
Ida Piccolo
Andres Muniz
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pineiro
Joseph Garafola
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Piro
William Poland
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Poland
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Polce Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. James & Frances DeLuca
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Polce
Olenik, Dorio Deceased
Lynn Reed
Ruth & Curtis Reid
Grace & Edward Malone
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Reid
Sally Rooney
Pat Rooney
Blanche Corvino
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Ruff
Dominick Spinelli
Mr. & Mrs. Brett Sabio
All our Deceased Friends & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sakowski
Alfonso Sammarco
Annette Sammarco
Frank & Marie Sardone
Daniel Cherellia
Cathy Taylor Attara
William Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sardone
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Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sevilla
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Michael & Ann Phillips
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Sherlock Storey Sr.
Barbara Nedd
Eustace Nedd
Michael Storey
Rupert Cheong
Mr. & Mrs. Sherlock Storey
Leonid Studenko
Loretta Studenko
Rafael Moran
Felix Rodriguez
Migdalia Suarez
Mr. & Mrs. Luis Suarez
Monica Ann Talcott
Her Family
Garry Tonon
Lilo Tonon
Jeannie Douglas
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Ust
Richard Walker
Marie Walker
Kathryn Wright
Jacques LeGrand
Col. & Mrs. Dean Wright
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Dolores & Richard Goerke
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Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Kneucker
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Mr. & Mrs. Philip Pondaco
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Serrantonio
Mr. & Mrs. Perry Viggiano



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This Advent season, Bishop O'Connell has asked us to be part of the current cycle of parish planning by participating in the **Faith in Our Future** process. A Core Team of parishioners has been named by Fr. Angelito to lead our efforts in the process.

They are: Rob Mercado (Chair), Bob Ambrose, Rick Schuberth, and Cindy Ventura.

The Core Team attended a training session on November 17, 2015 to become acquainted with the materials we will be using to assess our parish ministries.

They will be overseeing the evaluation of parish ministries based on the Criteria for Planning, including Sacramental Life; Evangelization, Catechesis and Catholic Schools; Communal Life; Stewardship and Leadership. As the team begins to organize, they will keep us informed on a regular basis.

For additional information, please visit the parish website, <http://www.sienachurch.org> or the Diocesan site, <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/faithinourfuture/>.