

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

December 27, 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
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: 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, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Theodore Wojtanowski, George Zieminski

St. Vincent de Paul has a new website, donatetosvdp.org. There is a link to make donations directly to SVDP using PayPal. The website has information about the history of SVDP, our services and volunteering. A quick, easy Give link provides a way to make donations that will help to make a difference in our community. A link for Amazon Smile provides a way for your Amazon.com purchases to become a donation. For use of church envelopes, please make the check out to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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 26, 2015

4:30 PM Jeanne Monson r/o MaryLou & Rich Giordano

SUNDAY, December 27, 2015

8:00 AM James Hilker r/o Anne Hilker

10:00 AM Giuseppe Cosentino r/o Phillip & Kristin Natilli

11:30 AM Sal Remigio r/o Nancy Martinez & Family

THURSDAY, December 31, 2015

4:30 PM Anthony Bruno r/o St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society

FRIDAY, January 1, 2016

9:00 AM Anthony Bruno r/o Stephanie Harakal

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

MONDAY, December 28, 2015

9:00 AM James V. Ferraro Jr. r/o Kyle Galante & Janice Deakyne

TUESDAY, December 29, 2015

9:00 AM Anthony Bruno r/o Ust Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

-- 1 John 3:2a



Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

What does family look like? Single parents or a couple with one or more children, belonging by birth or adoption, an extended family or friends, all of the above. Jesus grew up in the family of Mary and Joseph and was formed by their loving care. We see in the Gospel that he was less concerned about what kind of family a person belonged to, nuclear or extended, than the values that underlay it. As you can see and it is a fact that Jesus was critical of his own extended family when they tried to control him, when they thought he was breaking the rules. Blood and kinship were not the primary values he respected but rather the value of hearing the word of God and obeying it. He did not choose a member of his own family to lead his Church but rather one, like Peter, who had shown faith and loyalty to him.

Our Gospel offers one of the few glimpses we have into their lives. Jesus is only a boy of twelve, a teenager, when he gives Mary and Joseph a scare when he stayed behind in Jerusalem when his relations set off for home. When his absence is discovered his parents anxiously return to Jerusalem to seek him out. Their response is typical of many frightened parents. When he is finally found among the teachers in the Temple he gives a disconcerting reply to his mother, "Did you not know I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" Jesus as an adult will seek to do his heavenly father's will rather than follow purely human family concerns. Yet we are told that after they had found him, Jesus then returned with his parents to Nazareth and lived under their authority. A family as holy God's will was first in their lives. A family is holy when it lives by the values Jesus lived.

So what are these values? We all need them this Christmas Season. Many families have a good time at Christmas, but being cooped up at home, maybe an extended family, can sometimes lead to explosions. Family members quarrel and fall out. Sometimes different generations can get on each other's nerves. Therefore, it is then that Jesus' values can keep a family together. As the 2nd reading from John's letter reminds us, the love that God our Father has "lavished upon us," calls us to put into practice the commandment that Jesus gave us, to "love one another as he told us to." If we live out that love in our day to day family living, we will truly be joyful and holy families.

So what does your family look like? For us Christians, family life is holy when it embodies the values for which Christ lived and died. Whatever our experience of human family, we are all children of God, called to love one another with a love that makes our belonging to the human family visible.

At this Feast Day of the Holy Family, let us thank those who make our experience life-giving. Seek healing where your family has brought pain. Grow in love, however you can, so others can know the light of hope we are celebrating at Christmas. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

12/20/15 Weekly **\$7,954.00**
Diocesan Assessment **\$1,523.00**
Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

1/1/16 Solemnity of Mary
1/3/16 Weekly & Maintenance & Repair

The Parish Office will be **closed** from
Wednesday, December 30 thru Friday, January 1.
It will reopen on Monday, January 4.
The Religious Education Office/CCD will be **closed** on
December 28 & 30.

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve 4:30 PM CHURCH

New Year's Day 9:00 AM CHURCH

New Parishioners

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH *WARMLY WELCOMES*
THE FOLLOWING *NEW MEMBERS*:
Christopher, Deanna, & Bryce Jaworowski



of all our Parish family and friends,
and especially the recently departed:

Chuck Pekar (Husband of Joan)

May their souls and the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.

(Continued from last week.)

William O'Doherty

Phyllis Runkel

Mr. & Mrs. David Runkel

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.

To my parish family, I cannot thank you enough for the support, prayers, Christmas cards and gifts you continue to bestow on me. I am humbled by the untiring dedication and tireless efforts our ministries have shown for the well being of the parish community. My deepest and sincere appreciation to each one of you as you have made our Church a living reality of faith, hope and love. Thank you so very much.
May God bless us,
Father Angelito