

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

December 6, 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 and 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, 7:00-8:30 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/7:30 Parish Hall*

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.

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

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 5, 2015

4:30 PM Elizabeth Mikorski r/o Terry Kelly

SUNDAY, December 6, 2015

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

Storey

10:00 AM Douglas Jamieson r/o St. Vincent de Paul

Society

11:30 AM Nancy Mrakovcich r/o Terri & Roy Murray

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

MONDAY, December 7, 2015

9:00 AM "Living" 61st Anniversary Cedric & Betty

McCann r/o Cedric & Betty McCann

TUESDAY, December 8, 2015

9:00 AM "Living" Joe Diamond r/o Cedric & Betty

McCann

7:00 PM Parishioners **Mass @ Main Church**

THURSDAY, December 10, 2015

9:00 AM "Living" Charles Lampert r/o Cedric &

Betty McCann

FRIDAY, December 11, 2015

9:00 AM Ellen Mahoney r/o Family

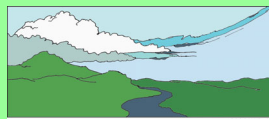
SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

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, George Ziemienski

Second Sunday of Advent

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.

-- Baruch 5:7



Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 8, for the Immaculate Conception.

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.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. As we reflect on the Word of God do we notice how specific Luke is about when John the Baptist received the word of God? Let's take a look at Luke's list of political and religious leaders who made clear that John ministered at a specific time and place. Likewise, Jesus was born during a specific historical time. God seeks us out in various times and situations. In the 1st reading, Baruch offers consolation and hope to a people in exile. Meanwhile, in the 2nd reading Paul writes to a generous Philippian community, which joins him in living the Good News of Jesus Christ. Hence our readings make clear that God incessantly seeks to be with us and will come again to bring mercy and justice, knowledge and light, peace and joy, and offer saving love to all.

It is from our experience that life could be described as a series of consecutive nows. Any now could be our last. I remember a friend who had a massive heart attack while taking his regular exercise. He died a few years ago at age 49. So it's good to ask ourselves, how can God's love increase more and more in us today? What do we value in life? As I become aware of it, how can my faith in Jesus make a concrete difference today to all those people who are in my life now? In my life journey, do I prepare the pathway of the Lord by means of my willingness to face hurt and pain in ways that offer mercy and darkness and sin in ways that shine with the light of God's consolation, hope and peace? By means of the above mentioned questions, let us allow the Holy Spirit to do great things for you so that we can be filled with awesome joy today and always.

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is all about Mary's conception without Original Sin in order to be an appropriate vessel for giving birth to the Son of God. Meaning to say, she was holy, filled with God's grace and without sin. The Angel greeted her as "Full of grace." There was no moment in Mary's life when God's grace did not fill her.

Since December 8 is a Holy Day of obligation, we have two Masses, 9 AM in the Chapel and 7 PM in the Church. Please come out not only to fulfill our obligation but to thank God for giving us the Blessed Mother as the effective instrument of God's salvation to us. Amen.

On Thursday, December 10 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall, everyone is invited to join us in singing Christmas Carols, lighting up our Christmas Tree and have some fellowship and camaraderie as we await the Feast of Christmas. Let us be thankful to the Christmas Carol Festival Committee, the Music Ministry, the Youth Group, the Hospitality Committee and everyone else who are so generous and kind in making this event successful and meaningful.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

11/22/15 Weekly \$7,395.00
Campaign for Human Development \$1,387.00

11/29/15 Weekly \$7,388.00
November Parish Pay \$7,425.81

12/13/15 Weekly & Religious Retirement
Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation 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.

Some bills paid this week:

JCP&L	\$ 879.69
Verizon	\$ 714.92
Offering Envelopes	\$ 619.47
CCD Expenses	\$ 608.59
NJNG	\$ 486.39

New Parishioners

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH *WARMLY WELCOMES*
THE FOLLOWING *NEW MEMBERS*:
David, Nicole, & Taylor Applegate

Did You Know-About ADVENT For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, December 13th, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." Advent is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. To read about Advent traditions, please refer to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops web site: <http://www.usccb.org/>

Rosary Altar Society-It's that time of year where we come together to prepare and participate in events planned for the Christmas Season. Thank you for your anticipated support with decorating and refreshments. Contact Mary Jean at 732-740-5642 or email mgrif75572@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS
REQUESTS MUST BE RETURNED BY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

In order for them to be included in the bulletin for December 20. Any requests after 12/11 will be included in the December 27 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)

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Evening Prayers and Benediction

Sunday, November 29, December 6, 13, 20 @ 7:00 PM
CHAPEL

Followed by fellowship and refreshments

Christmas Carol Festival

Thursday, December 10 @ 7:00 PM PARISH HALL

Followed by fellowship and refreshments

Advent Reconciliation

Monday, December 14 @ 6:15 PM CHURCH

Simbang Gabi

Tuesday, December 15 @ 7:00 PM CHURCH

Followed by fellowship and refreshments

Reconciliation

Saturday, December 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 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 2 @ 4:30 PM

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

The Christmas Carol Festival Committee is putting together it's Third Annual Event on December 10 at 7 pm in the Parish hall. Just as we did last year we hope to pack the house! Besides singing your favorite Christmas carols there will be a presentation of the Holy Family's journey on that first Christmas, a reading from the prophet Isaiah, and members of the RCIA program will be there to share their faith. All will be invited to share with us their memories of what Christmas means to them. We invite you to "Come and sing!" We are sure it will fill your hearts with the spirit of Christmas and leave you with a deeper love for our savior, Jesus Christ.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION-Seventh Month-Your baby is now about 3 pounds - this added weight makes her skin look smoother. Her eyelids can now open and close, her eyes look around and respond to light. She has a powerful grip now - strong enough to support her body weight with one hand.

Saint John Vianney High School's Cheer Team is Hosting Pocketbook Bingo on Wednesday, **December 9**, at 6 PM. General Admission \$25.00 online or \$30.00 at the door: includes 6 Bingo Sheets/3 cards per game. Additional boards, special bingo games boards, raffles and 50/50's available for purchase. Visit www.sjvhs.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

Join us for Food, Games and Fun as we celebrate our Savior's birth on Sunday, **January 3**, 1-4pm, St. Veronica Cafeteria, Howell. Each family is invited to bring an unwrapped baby gift that will be donated to a crisis pregnancy center (diapers, clothes, food). Please respond by Dec 21 with number and ages of children attending to help us plan activities. Space is limited. Call 347-631-8092 or email svmcg21@yahoo.com. Parents must stay to supervise children.

Healing Hearts Support Group is a support group/ seminar for adults that are affected by divorce and/or separation. Our new six week session will start on Thursday, **January 7**, 2016 from 7-9 PM at St. Veronica's ACTS office, Howell. Our focus will be on the following topics: Grief Process; Acceptance; Stages of the divorce; New Beginnings; Achievement and balance; Closing Session ritual. Come and join us as we experience healing and develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as we focus on the teaching of the Catholic Church. Email stveronicakre4u@optonline or call 732-363-5698. Registration required, space limited.

Ending slavery is everyone's work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) is a collaborative faith-based network that offers educational resources, information about access to survivors' services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery. Visit the web site: sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

St. Vincent de Paul has a young, single mother with three children in desperate need of a car. If you have or know of anyone that might have a car to donate please contact Cathy Flott at 732-577-1417. Thank you!

Seeking fellow parishioners to join and participate in the pro life cause. If interested call 732-580-1387.

Food donations to the church are distributed to the needy by the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and by Joshua House. Thank you for your continued generosity.

"Legion of Mary Pilgrim Statue" is available to visit homes in our Parish Community. Anyone interested, email pheathers7@yahoo.com or call 732-616-3127.

Rescue Ridge, a non profit last chance animal rescue is looking for volunteers to help feed and walk the dogs/ cats. We are located in Squankum Kennels in Howell. If you have an extra hour to provide love and attention to our shelter animals, please call Ruth at 908-930-4382.

***The Filipino-American Catholic Community of Monmouth County
Invites all to the Simbang Gabi (Christmas Novena of Masses) 2015***

Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Married Couples' Night
St. Jerome's Catholic Church
254 Wall St., West Long Branch
Fr. Carlo Calisin

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 @ 7:30 PM

Mothers' Night
Church of St. Dorothea
240 Broad St., Eatontown
Fr. Ben Amora

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015 @ 7:30 PM
Adolescents and Young Adults' Night

St. Catherine of Siena
31 Asbury Ave., Farmingdale
Fr. Gel Anarcon

Monday, Dec. 21, 2015 @ 7:30 PM
Children's Night

Holy Trinity Church
408 Prospect St., Long Branch
Fr. Sheldon Amasa

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015 @ 8:00 PM
Singles/Widows and Widowers' Night

Church of Saint Veronica
4215 US Highway 9, Howell
Fr. Vic Magdaraog

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 @ 7:30 PM
Family Night

St. James Parish
30 Peters Place, Red Bank
Fr. Ariel Robles

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015 @ 7:30 PM

Senior Citizens' Night
Holy Family Church
727 State Route 36, Union Beach
Fr. Lines Dela Cruz

* Please join us 30 minutes before
every mass for the Holy Rosary *

CONTACT:
Jhun Allanigue
(732) 829-1612

Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 @ 7:30 PM

Fathers' Night
St. William the Abbott
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd., Howell
Fr. Leon Buni

Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 @ 7:30 PM

Childless Couples' Night
Holy Innocents Church
3455 W. Bangs Ave., Neptune
Fr. Mark Nillo

One Lord. One Family. One Church.

