

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

May 17, 2015

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 3:00 P.M.

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: Cindy Ventura and Dean Wright

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 16, 2015

4:30 PM **JoAnne Arena** r/o Tony & Jane Morro

SUNDAY, May 17, 2015

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

10:00 AM **JoAnne Arena** r/o Bob & Alice Straut

11:30 AM **Hector Torres** r/o Nancy Martinez & Family
Giacomo & Gaetano Pellicano r/o Luigi & Rose Cantatore

Weekday Masses at the Chapel 1 W. Main St, Farmingdale

MONDAY, May 18, 2015

9:00 AM **Sr. Mary Madonna** r/o Terri Murray

TUESDAY, May 19, 2015

9:00 AM "Living" **Maryann O'Neill** r/o Mary Daley

THURSDAY, May 21, 2015

9:00 AM **James F. Williams** r/o Bob & Alice Straut

FRIDAY, May 22, 2015

9:00 AM **Elena Cherciu** r/o Ken & Maureen Hillers



ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend are offered for:

Billy Costello
r/o Mom & Dad



Seventh Sunday of Easter

If God so loved us,
we also must love one another.

- 1 John 4:11

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

Tuesdays, First & Third - May 19

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

Thursdays, First & Third - May 21

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Conference Room

Saturday, June 13

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

Monday, July 13

7:00 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall

Tuesdays

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

Thursdays

10 AM Legion of Mary Conference Room

Homebound Ministry

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

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter let us bring to mind the farewell we offered to visiting family or friends on Easter Sunday. We probably offered some thanks with hugs and kisses. We know from experience how farewells are important events inasmuch as we can never be certain what the future will bring. Hence seasonal or even daily prayers have the potential to be more significant than we might ever imagine. On our readings this Sunday we can find an awesome farewell.

As we have heard in the first reading and in the Gospel, we hear a final farewell to Judas, Jesus' betrayer. His legacy is so sad and misunderstood. Maybe he was just simply a thief, dishonest and selfish. Perhaps he misunderstood Jesus role as a Messiah and therefore failed to let go of his misguided hopes. He tried to force Jesus down the path to an earthly kingship and that was not Jesus' calling. No matter what Judas' reason, certainly he was mistaken. No doubt his mistake calls to mind our own weakness and sin.

Jesus' farewell contains the conflicting feelings of reverence and dread. Jesus speaks of the world to which the father sent him out of love. Jesus is that love incarnate, and we cannot help but feel love and reverence in return. At the same time, many in the world rejected divine love and will continue to oppose the Apostles and us. Our calling and ministry will always be blocked with evil and falsehood. Unlike Judas, may we be not misled but find the truth for ourselves instead.

An important part of this awesome farewell is the promise of truth which we know sets us free. As a matter of fact, Jesus speaks of being consecrated in the truth. As the consecration transforms bread and wine into our risen Lord, so too we must continually allow ourselves to undergo the transformation and change to which faith invites us, so that we can live the truth better. Since we are not allowing our faith to grow in the truth through a continual call to conversion, it is most likely our faith is declining and we are not growing closer to the truth that is Christ.

During Easter season, we allow the newly baptized and initiated to be examples of what we ought to be and do. We have to be making continual choices to grow closer to Jesus through faith formation, and announce his Good News by our life and in our words.

As Jesus has offered us an awesome high priestly prayer or 'prayer of consecration' because he consecrates himself for his approaching redemptive death, let us do the same, most especially this week as we reflect and pray in preparation for the coming down of the Holy Spirit, the Feast of Pentecost. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

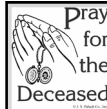
5/10/15 Weekly **\$6,856.00**
Mother's Day **\$2,116.00**
5/24/15 Weekly & Energy & Fuel

New Parishioners

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH
WARMLY WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING **NEW MEMBERS:**

**Christopher, Diane, Anthony & Rachel Canella
Sandra Napoli**

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Jean & Mike Burke, Anna Marie Chanik, Joseph Cocuzza, Joe Diamond, Michael Fekete, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, John Masterson, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, George Zieminski



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

Marjorie Seagriff

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

WANTED: Young adults or married couple to be Youth Group Coordinators for the St. Catherine of Siena Youth Group. Begin August 2015 and work with Deacon Dan on planning & running meetings & events. For more info contact Deacon Dan at sienachurchy@yahoo.com or call 732-938-5375.

Recruiting SONG LEADERS

The Music Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve as Song Leaders for the weekend Masses. No special background is needed. As long as you are 16 years of age or older we will welcome you. Training and mentoring will be provided by our team of song leaders and the organist. Volunteers will cover 2-3 Masses a month and you DO NOT NEED to read music to participate. New Song Leaders will "shadow" current team members until they feel comfortable in leading the songs on their own. Please, please . . . we need more folks participating in our Music Ministry. Call Bill Ditto, Coordinator, at 732-938-7180 or email westfarms511@aol.com.

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family
Restaurant Night out at Woody's Roadside Tavern
105 Academy St., Farmingdale, NJ
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015
Fundraising for the Parish and a great dinner out. Join together anytime between 4-10 P.M. Be sure to bring this notice with you, as they will use it to identify you as a Parish Member and part of the fundraiser. 20% of total food sales (excludes alcohol), will be donated back to Saint Catherine's. Have a fun night out and help support your church.

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, St Catherine of Siena parish announces an adoption program for young and old alike.

The parish family will have the opportunity this weekend to “spiritually” adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 3,200 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to “adopt.”

You may adopt a child individually or as a family by signing up this weekend.

You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby acknowledging the baby’s humanity. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great!

Watch the bulletin for monthly reports describing your baby’s development.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers.

Won’t you please SPIRITUALLY ADOPT one and share the love for life that God has given you?

May Theme: Light in a Dark World

At it's best, the family is a school of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, mutual respect, patience, and humility in the midst of a world darkened by selfishness and conflict. In these ways, the family teaches what it means to be human. However, many temptations arise which try to coax us into forgetting that male and female are created for covenant and communion. For example, poverty, affluence, pornography, contraception, philosophical and other intellectual mistakes can all create contexts that challenge or threaten healthy family life. The church resists these things for the sake of protecting the family. This May, let us pray for all families, as we are all children of God.

Adult Confirmation Classes & Celebration

Adult Catholics who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a preparation program. Our preparation program schedule is the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please email RCIA@sienachurch.org for more info.

CAR WASH!

Come support St. Catherine’s Youth Group
Saturday, June 20, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Church parking lot
Proceeds to benefit the Youth Group and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Weather permitting.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Whether you are seriously discerning God’s Call to the priesthood, or just curious how God is calling you to serve Him in some aspect of your life, come and join us to learn more about this exciting and powerful approach to life in the Lord and build your relationship with Christ along the way!

If you are a faithful, single, Roman Catholic man, between the ages of 18 and 40, and you are asking yourself whether God is calling you to be a priest, you are cordially invited to join us in attending this month’s discernment meeting on Sunday, May 24, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Saint Mary Parish, at 747 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey. Join Rev. Msgr. Kenard Tuzeneu as he shares in his ministry of the priesthood, followed by great fellowship, and conclude with a meal.

Please register with Diocese of Trenton Vocation Office at vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or by calling (609) 406-7449. Join us at this exciting time as you discover this awesome way of serving the Lord and respond to His invitation! We look forward to seeing you!

Knights of Columbus Raffle WINNER Supporting “Birthright”

This year’s raffle winner was a woman who lives in Wall Township and is a member of St. Catherine Church in Spring Lake. Her share of the winnings was \$8,700! Both the Birthright of Freehold and Red Bank split \$4,350 and received an additional \$1,700 each from the Local and State KOC Council including event auction sales for a Grand Total of \$6,050 to each Birthright chapter. The total dollars raised this year exceeded last year’s amount by \$10,400!

This all could not happen without your generous support. Our St. Catherine’s Council thanks everyone who contributed to the Birthright raffle this year. We are blessed to support such a worthy and important cause that advocates right to life.

Your St. Catherine’s of Farmingdale Knights Council is always on the “lookout” for new members. We have many wonderful events planned for this year and need your help! If interested please call our Grand Knight Frank Ferrara at 732-239-4551 or Bill Ingram at 908-907-7341. We hope to hear from you soon!

Save the Date-The Legion of Mary is sponsoring a Book Barrow after all Masses Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, 2015. It will be held in the vestibule of the church.

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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.