

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

May 3, 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 5:30 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 2, 2015

4:30 PM **John Mary Kruse** r/o Daughters, Maryann, Patty, & Stephanie

SUNDAY, May 3, 2015

8:00 AM **George Steinecke** r/o Wife, Helen
Ruth FitzGerald r/o Dennis

10:00 AM **William Mohr** r/o Salvatore Family
Jack Nagle r/o Wife, & Children

11:30 AM **Mary Daniels** r/o Agnes Cogan

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

MONDAY, May 4, 2015

9:00 AM **Lucille Finlay** r/o Mr. & Mrs. R. Robisky Jr.

TUESDAY, May 5, 2015

9:00 AM **Joseph Toto** r/o Frank & Debi Sardone

THURSDAY, May 7, 2015

9:00 AM **Margaret Sheedy** r/o Ust Family

FRIDAY, May 8, 2015

9:00 AM **"Living" Denise & Paul Jacoby** r/o DeGrande Family

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

- 1 John 3:18

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 5

7:00 PM RCIA Conference Room

Thursday, May 7

7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Church & Parish Hall

Thursdays, First & Third - May 7

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Conference Room

Saturday, May 9

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

Monday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class Church

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,

The whole parish family of Saint Catherine welcomes and congratulates our First Communicants. They must be extremely excited on receiving the Lord Jesus today at the 11:30 Mass. We owe the strong dedication of their parents and teachers in forming and making these young boys and girls ready at this sacred event, the First Holy Communion. Thank you so much. We appreciate so much your time, talent and effort for this young people of the parish.

"I am the vine, you are the branches." Jesus is telling us today, without him, all of our lives would go nowhere. He tells us: "Without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither." When we grow up and leave home, our love and our connection with our parents may remain with us, but we are really on our own. It can never be that way with Jesus. We need our Lord when we are 60 or 70 or 80 as much as when we are 5 or 8 or 10. We need him all the time. If we reflect deeply, we know there is a power greater than ourselves that we depend on and that we constantly need to sustain us. We are connected with that power through and in Jesus, the true vine.

Those prophets, who lived hundreds of years before Christ, used the vineyard as an image of Israel. Just as a farmer would cultivate his vineyard and care for it and expect to harvest his produce from it, in the same way, God would care for his people and expect good works from them such as devout and sincere worship, abiding to his commandments, justice and love for the needy, the poor and vulnerable. Jesus is telling us today that though our union with him we are God's people.

Jesus has tried to tell us that in many ways. There are five statements that I would mention wherein Jesus' metaphors tell us how important it is that we remain united with him. Take note that each of these begins with the words: "I am." Last Sunday we heard him telling us "I am the Good Shepherd." "I am the Light of the World." "I am the Bread of Life." "I am the resurrection and the Life." And the fifth one we heard today: "I am the True Vine." If we had time we could reflect upon how vital each of these items are: shepherds for sheep, light and food for us, the vine for one of its branches. And since vine and branches is the theme of today's gospel, let us stay with that image.

So simply, a vine is an organic structure that is nurtured by the rain and the sun; it is fed by the sap that flows through the stem and the branches; it grows and produces fruit. Jesus tells us he is the true vine, drawing life for the father and communicating that life to all those who remain united with him. In other words there is a mysterious connection between each of us and Jesus, a mysterious living connection uniting us with one another through our union with Christ.

And so as we are gathered here today to receive the Eucharist, we can hear the words of Jesus to remain in him. By partaking in the sacrament, we receive his body and blood, and by so doing we remain in him and he remains in us in a very real, intimate and personal manner. Amen

God bless us,
Father Angelito

4/26/15 Weekly Catholic Home Missions \$6,780.50
\$1,419.00

5/10/15 Weekly & Mother's Day

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the boys and girls who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3, here at St. Catherine's.

Gabriella Aiello	Sofia Murray
Sammi Belt	Cole Pedersen
Thomas Ekberg	Angelina Runfolo
Olivia Gravatt	Olivia Shaughnessy
William Huizenga	Rose Marie Sivilli
Chase Knutson	Nicholas Turturro
Julianne LoCicero	Thomas Vito
Ava Melchiorri	Nicholas Zazza



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through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed to the Church:

Melayna Mae Diab
Declan Christopher Marron

We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!

NEW Parishioners

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

Anthony & Sharon Plinio

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 sienachurchyg@yahoo.com or call 732-938-5375.

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.

19th Annual Mother's Day Baby Shower

Sponsored by St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society
Please bring your new or handmade donations to
Masses on MAY 2/3.

Diapers - bigger sizes
Q-tips
Crib Sheets
Baby towels, Comb, Maternity Tops
Wipes, Wash Cloths and Towels
White Receiving Blankets
Diaper Bags
Summer Toys
Beach Toys
Summer Hats, Sunscreen
Arts and Crafts Supplies
Sleeping Bags - any size
Skin-So-Soft/Insect Repellent
Beach Towels
Kiddie Pool
Kites, Jump Ropes, Jacks
Sidewalk Chalk
Backyard Games/Balls/Bubbles
Sunglasses
Gift Cards for Ice Cream
Picture Frames
Clothing, including bathing suits and PJ's for Girls
size 12 & 4T and Boys size 3T

Donations will be given to Birthright of Freehold
and to St. Clare's Home for Children. Birthright
would also welcome volunteers to work one day a
week from 10 am - 2 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Through your continued generosity and support
SVDP was able to provide assistance to a single
mother with 3 children. We were able to stop a
disconnect on her electric service and provide one
of her children with a bed. We were also able to
provide immediate relief on our home visit with
bags of food from our Emergency Food Closet.
Thank you for your most generous food and
monetary donations. They make a great difference
in our client's lives.

St. Vincent de Paul Selective Seconds

Selective Seconds in Belmar located at 911 Main
Street is participating in Belmar's Paint The Town
Pink for May. Stop in their store wearing PINK and
receive 20% off one regularly priced item. (up to
maximum of \$125 per piece and not valid on new
arrivals or previous purchases.) New arrivals on
patio furniture as well! Come take a look.

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.

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.

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.
"By the sacrament of Confirmation [the baptized] are more
perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special
strength of the Holy Spirit." -CCC, no. 1285.

Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry
Retreat Day on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at St.
William the Abbot R. C. Church, 2740 Lakewood
Allenwood Road, Howell, NJ. The day begins with
Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by
music, prayers for healing, a speaker, sharing,
networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall,
finishing by 1:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at
the door, and includes lunch. Register online
at cwoz.org or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later
than Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Please leave your
phone number and spell your last name. The
speaker, Eileen Lombardo, will speak on "The God
Who Sees Me."

Save the Date-The Legion of Mary is sponsoring a Book Barrow after all Masses the weekend of August 15 & 16, 2015.

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... 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.