

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



August 14, 2016



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrew 12:1-4

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-53

Diocese of Trenton
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Pastor
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Alfred Burke

Deacon
Deacon Daniel Sakowski

Director of Religious Education
Kyle Galante

Parish Office Secretary
Carol Morton

Religious Education Secretary
Janice Deakyne

Sacristan
Francine Gagliano

Music Director
Alice Kovach

Parish Trustees
Robert Mercado & Cindy Ventura

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 the bulletin

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

Baptisms:
2nd Sundays

Parish Summer Office Hours
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Parish Offices Closed on Fridays

Religious Education Office Hours
Monday and Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Parish Website:
www.sienachurch.org

Last Rites:
732-938-5375 ext. 7

Mass Schedule:
732-938-5375 ext. 6

Deacon Dan:
732-938-5375 ext. 3

Parish Office:
732-938-5375

Parish Bookkeeper:
732-938-5375 ext. 8

Religious Education:
732-938-6229

St. Vincent de Paul:
732-938-3454

FAX Phone:
732-938-3260



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 13, 2016

4:30 PM Claire Ford
(Richard & Janice Kehoe)

Sunday, August 14, 2016

8:00 AM Frank Percaccio
(Wife, Mary Ann)

10:00 AM Helen Williams
(Bob & Alice Straut)

11:30 AM Cecelia Farelli
(Jim McMahon)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, August 15, 2016

9:00 AM Mary & Joe Shade
(Sillup Family)

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

9:00 AM Helen Janssen
(Daughter, Carol)

Thursday, August 18, 2016

9:00 AM Jacques LeGrand
(Dean & Annette Wright)

Friday, August 19, 2016

9:00 AM Samuel Spina
(Aulisi Family)

Baptism Classes:

3rd Wednesdays 7:30 PM Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

2nd/4th Sundays 11:30 AM Church
except Summer

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/Hall
3rd Sundays 9:30 AM Church to pray the rosary
Walk and Pray during Summer
Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM Church parking lot

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

2nd Mondays 7:00 PM Parish Hall

Homebound Ministry:

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

8/7/16 Weekly \$6,232.00
Co Op Sunday \$2,425.75
July Parish Pay \$6,297.02

8/21/16 Weekly and Diocesan Assessment

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

All Parish Offices including Religious Education will be closed on Monday, August 15, for the Assumption of Mary.

This year, Monday, August 15, the Assumption of Mary IS NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, but a Solemnity for the Blessed Mother.



CONGRATULATIONS &
BEST WISHES TO ...

OSCAR URENA
LINDA LEE TAYLOR

who were married at St. Catherine of Siena Chapel on Saturday, August 6, 2016.

**MAY GOD BLESS THIS COUPLE WITH A
LONG HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER!**

July Monthly Bills:

Construction	\$ 140,390.50
Religious Ed. Supplies	\$ 3,617.27
Care of Grounds	\$ 3,445.00
Utilities	\$ 1,894.65
Alarm System	\$ 939.47
Telephone	\$ 818.53
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 400.00
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 303.93
Printing	\$ 299.55
Office Supplies	\$ 236.20

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing - The annual Bishop's Anniversary Blessing ceremony honors Catholic couples in the Diocese of Trenton who are celebrating their 1st, 25th, or 50+ years of Marriage. You are invited to gather with family and friends to join this year's anniversary event, featuring a special Mass and celebration, and the conferring of Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal blessing on your marriage on:

Sunday, October 2, 2016; 3:00 PM Mass
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
61 Georgia Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

To participate in the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass and Celebration, please register through the parish office at your earliest convenience. The deadline for registration is September 15, 2016.

ATTN: ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS! Come to mass the weekend of August 20th for a "Back to College Blessing" after each mass. All college year students and their families will receive a special blessing as you prepare to go back to campus!

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Francine Gagliano, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Charles Lambert, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Catherine Marrone, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Betty Reuter, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Dean Wright



Thank you to all of you who have made a pledge to the Faith to Move Mountains Campaign! I have been truly humbled and blessed by your overwhelming generosity – we have raised \$448,887 towards our goal of \$580,000!

I am so grateful for the support we have already received, but with a parish of nearly 1,000 families, I know we can count on more success. I hope that all of you will do what you can by making a sacrificial pledge for our parish and Diocese today. Thank you again to everyone who has so generously made a pledge and brought us closer to our goal! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Results & Data For This Year's Annual Catholic Appeal

(through 8/2/16) **Parish Goal is \$44,000**

955 Registered Families in Our Parish

170 Pledges Received to Date

18% Participation by Registered Families

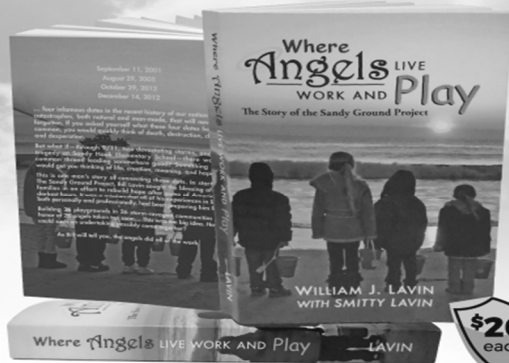
\$37,059.99 in Pledges

84% of Goal (Based on pledges)

\$31,573.49 Amount Paid and Received

JUST RELEASED

Where Angels Live, Work and Play: The Story of The Sandy Ground Project by William Lavin with Smitty Lavin, Foreword by Rebecca Kowalski



"A narrative filled with tremendous sorrow, buckets of love, deep compassion, and mountainous heroism..."

Jennifer, Jeremy, and Imogen Joy Richman, parents and sister of Avelite Richman

Proceeds go directly to the Where Angels Play Foundation.

Our Mission: to provide hope, recovery and a return to family values in the wake of senseless violence and tragedy by creating joyful places to play

Call (732) 407-5237 or email mklavin@whereangelsplayfoundation.org with any questions. Checks can be made out to "Where Angels Play" and mailed to 158 Bucknell Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ, 07095. Please include \$4 shipping charge. If you are in the New Jersey area, you can place your order with MaryKate and pick them up in person.

Buy It Now!
Scan with your smart phone to purchase your copy today.



Order Your Book Online at whereangelsplayfoundation.org

Healing Hearts Support Group

Starting September 8, 2016: A healing program for the separated and divorced will begin on Thursday, September 8th from 7 PM -9 PM at St. Veronica Church in Howell. This is a 12 week program for those who have suffered or are suffering from separation and/or divorce. The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide program incorporates a thought provoking DVD and follow-up discussion. Topics that are discussed are: shock, anger, peace, forgiveness, family issues, money, trust, dating, annulments and life beyond divorce. Registration and a small fee for this program will be required by September 1, 2016. Call 732-363-5698 or email stveronicakre4u@gmail.com for more information This program will be 12 consecutive Thursday evenings, please make a commitment to your healing!

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

St. Aloysius School, 935 Bennetts Mill Rd. Jackson, NJ invites all middle school students to our Annual High School Night on Thursday, September 22, from 7-9 pm.

The Catholic high schools from the diocese, as well as the Ocean County Vocational Performing Arts Academy and M.A.T.E.S., and Jackson S.T.E.M. have been invited to present information on their respective schools to students and their parents.

There will be 3 30-minute sessions so students and parents* will be able to attend up to 3 different high school presentations. Information will be available regarding school programs and future Open Houses.

Please take this opportunity to join us this evening and meet with the representatives of these excellent schools. For directions or further information please call the school office at 732-370-1515.

*Students must be accompanied by an adult.

What better way to end the Year of Mercy than with a pilgrimage to a place where mercy was showed to millions? Please join us on a 7-day pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe and other Shrines in Mexico Oct 23-29. Price pp \$1650, health insurance included, under Msgr. Peter Kochery spiritual direction. For more info contact Deacon Tom 732-610-5434 or email 3marysvvay@optonline.net.

Important Parish Information

Parish Registration ... WELCOME to the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family. In order to serve you better, we ask that you please take a few moments to register, to be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish. To register and receive offertory envelopes for your tax deductible donations or to inquire about our various ministries please call 732-938-5375 or email us at frontoffice@sienachurch.org. For address or other changes, including a change in Parish, please call the Parish Office. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our services. Thank you and God Bless.

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 the 2nd Sundays at 12:30 P.M. or can be celebrated during Sunday Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor letters, donation, and attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is mandatory for parents. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend. Classes are held in the Church at 7:30 P.M. on the last Wednesday of each month. You must email deacondan@sienachurch.org to sign up for the Baptism Prep Class.

Recommendation for Sponsorship ... In order to be a godparent/sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all their Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; if married, be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully (*showing attendance through the use of your church envelopes or the welcome envelopes located in the narthex*); be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months. Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out a form to be recommended for sponsorship. All requests will be seen by the Pastor and you will be notified when your form is ready.

St Catherine's Online! ... www.sienachurch.org. Check out our website for all the latest Parish info, including Parish Policies, Church Bulletin, Religious Education Calendars, Closings and Delays, Minister Schedules, and more.

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.

Prayers for the Sick... A list of prayers for those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Office @ 732-938-5375.

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.* Look on our website under "Sacraments."

Bulletin Submissions... Because of the deadline assigned to us by the bulletin company, all information **must be submitted to the Parish Office 2 weeks in advance**. Articles given later will be included in the bulletin for the following week.

Electronic Giving... www.parishpay.com or call 866-PARISH-1

Remember Us in Your Will... A simple charitable bequest can provide very meaningful support for St. Catherine of Siena Church. 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 value will continue.

St. Vincent de Paul Society has a website, donatetosvdp.org. There is a link to make donations directly to SVDP using PayPal. A link for Amazon Smile makes your Amazon.com purchases a donation. For use of church envelopes, please make checks out to *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*.

Dear Parishioners,

The readings for the 20th Sunday of the Year aren't too pleasant to listen to.

In the first reading we heard of the Prophet Jeremiah who was faithful to God in every way and who spoke of God's true message to God's people. He was rewarded by being thrown down into the cistern and left to die. From our own personal experience, I am sure that some of us feel like Jeremiah at times. But Jeremiah was correct. It was because of the strong resistance of the Jewish people, the Babylonians completely destroyed Jerusalem and that led to the Babylonian exile.

The Gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem and he knew full well what was ahead for him. Jesus described this in three different ways: As a fire he wished to cast upon the earth, as a baptism he has to receive, and that he would be a cause of division. The fire and baptism he spoke of are quite vague. Fire can symbolize judgment, purification or discernment. It could also symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit that came upon the Apostles at Pentecost.

What Jesus meant by fire here is not quite clear. Jesus also spoke of the baptism he would undergo. This is a strange symbol for Jesus to use, most especially since he had already received the baptism of John the Baptist. The baptism he was to receive might be clearer if we recall that once Jesus referred to his suffering and death as a baptism when he asked James and John, the two Apostles who wanted the highest places of honor in God's Kingdom, "can you drink the cup that I am to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I shall undergo?" If baptism and fire are quite difficult to understand, then we have no difficulty understanding Jesus when he talks about the division that he would create. "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." This word foretold the sufferings and even the martyrdom some of his followers would experience. Here Jesus focused specifically on division within families for family bonds were one of the strongest and most sacred bonds in the society of Jesus' time.

Didn't Jesus come to bring peace? Certainly. During his birth the Angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on earth to people of goodwill." When Jesus sent his disciples out on a mission, they were instructed that when they entered a person's house they were to say: "Peace to this house." At the Last Supper he promised his disciples a "peace which the world cannot give." After his resurrection when he appeared to them his words were: "Peace be with you." Peace is more than just the absence of war, it is a figure for the many blessings that he and his ministry would bring to human beings. Hence when Jesus speaks of division, he meant the ongoing battle between good and evil, between those who believe and follow him and those who reject him. It is Jesus' intention to offer God's forgiveness, mercy and love to all who would accept it. Division results from the fact that there will always be those who would resist Jesus' offer.

All loving God, in the life, death and resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have spoken your word to us. At times it comforts. At times it challenges us. Help us to hear your voice at all times and give us the fortitude of your Holy Spirit to live the words we hear. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

