

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



August 21, 2016



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. Hebrews 12:12-13

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

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

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732-938-5375

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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 20, 2016

4:30 PM James P. Drohan
(Neal & Lorraine Pronek)

Sunday, August 21, 2016

8:00 AM Frances Lawless
(McMahon Family)

10:00 AM Clement Ida
(Phillip & Kristin Natilli)

11:30 AM Claire Ford
(Pat & Kathie Lavin)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, August 22, 2016

9:00 AM John & Mary Greiner
(Daughter, Marianne & Joseph Cocuzza)

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

9:00 AM Anthony M. Gallo
(D'Andrea Family)

Thursday, August 25, 2016

9:00 AM Edward Bogacz
(Carriann Ciccone)

Friday, August 26, 2016

9:00 AM Antonin Scalia
(Jim McMahon)

Baptism Classes:

Last 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.

8/14/16 Weekly Maintenance & Repairs \$6,658.00
Assumption of Mary \$1,383.00
\$ 202.00

8/28/16 Weekly and Energy & Fuel



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

Anne Marie Joy Decker

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

NEW Parishioners

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

Michael, Lindsey, Audrina, Michael & Brayden DeLucia
Michael, Caroline, Michael & Evangeline Dietze



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

Wilhelm "Bill" Oberschewen
Mark Oberschewen (Father of Michael & Gina)

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

Save the Date-Ministry Fair-September 10 & 11

After all the Masses. Stop by our Parish Hall for fellowship, refreshments, and explore the numerous ministries offered. A representative will be available to describe the nature of the ministry that they coordinate for the good of the parish. For more information and/or ways you can assist at this event, contact Laura at pastoralcouncil@sienachurch.org.

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.

Wanted: Paid position for part time help.

Someone closely associated with the church who can assist in increasing ad revenue in the bulletin. Call Kirk at 848-459-4000.

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. Please email stveronicakre4u@gmail.com for more information or contact Maria at 732-363- 5698. This program will be 12 consecutive Thursday evenings, please make a commitment to your healing!

Please join us for the 15th anniversary of "WALK WITH JOE," a memorial 5K walk honoring Patrick "Joe" Driscoll, Christopher Gray and Tom McCann, local area residents who lost their lives on September 11th. The Walk will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016, 10:00 a.m., at Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Manalapan, NJ. Please visit the website at www.walkwithjoe.com to register and obtain additional information. All proceeds are donated to local charities and non-profit organizations.

The Parish of Saint Mary, One Phalanx Road, Colts Neck
Bereavement Support Group Fall 2016– 9 Week Series
The Ministry of Consolation, invites You...to participate in a nine week program for those who are grieving the death of loved ones and want to work through the tasks of grief in a structured way using the New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing. The sessions include readings, reflection, sharing and journaling. The program will meet at 7:00 pm in the Spiritual Center's Chapel.
Starting Date: Tuesday, 13 September 2016
Ending Date: Tuesday, 8 November 2016
For information : Marilyn Simone at 732-462-8088

8-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Start the week off right by joining us on Monday mornings studying scriptures that prepare you for Advent. This Catholic bible study will provide you with the needed tools that can deepen your understanding of scripture, but most importantly, it can deepen your faith and knowledge of the real meaning of Christmas. Light refreshments will be served. The cost of the book is \$12, please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church and send to 751 Main Ave Bay Head NJ 08742 in care of Dawn Rusinko. Registration is free and required; please call 732-899-1398 or email dawnrusinko@yahoo.com.
Daily Mass is at 8:30 AM Bible Study is at 9 AM-10:30 AM Mondays, Sep 26, Oct 3, 10, 24, & 31, Nov 7, 14, & 21.

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

Catholic Charities Lobster Bake will be held on Friday, September 16, at Mister C's Beach Bistro, Allenhurst. Enjoy the full moon at the oceanfront! The evening includes wine, beer, appetizers, lobster dinner, dancing, 50/50 raffle. Music by the shore's famous Contraband. \$125/Tickets, visit www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/events or call Jennifer Leip at 609-394-5181 X 1137. Reservations are limited.

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,

If you pass by or go to St. Catherine's Chapel at any given time, it's not that hard to notice the new signage which is so eye catching. Big words of thanks to Frank Sardone and Sal Straniero, our concerned and dedicated parishioners who put a lot of time and effort to make that new signage more attractive to all. We appreciate your talents and skills for the benefit of the people of God in our community.

As we all know the season of summer seems to go so fast and young people are now preparing for school. There is going to be a blessing for all college students at this weekend's Masses as they start and embark on their life-given professions. They are going to be in our thoughts and prayers as we wish them the best of luck at their college schools.

The readings for this Sunday, particularly the Gospel, posed a usual question to Jesus and we would like to know the answer too. "Will only a few people be saved?" It sounds like there is going to be plenty of people in heaven, and they are coming from all directions. However, we would like a few more details such as numbers or percentages maybe, but I guess Jesus could figure out that we can answer the question ourselves by just seeing how people live according to Jesus and Church teachings. If we live by his teachings, for sure we are on our way to eternal joy, and if not we will lose out.

Growing up as a little kid, I think most people believed that it would be very difficult to be saved. We worry about the most trivial things such as eating a little piece of meat on Fridays or taking a drink before receiving Holy Communion, etc. Today's society has gone to the other extremes. A lot of people seem to think today that salvation is practically a given, that the only people not in heaven are those who had to work hard to avoid getting there. Studies today would show that more than 75% of Catholics claim that they can be good Catholics without attending Church any given Sunday. Half of them think that they can be good practicing Catholics without donating time or money to alleviate poor people. We always have to remember that we have to know God and in knowing him, we would love him more and serve him.

Certainly, heaven will have enough room for people of all nations, but there is still the narrow gate we have to pass through. Jesus is telling us, "put everything you have into getting through that narrow gate." It is not that we are competing with other people, like people in the sports world. What we have to deal with is our own selves, like our own indifference, our own bad habits, our own laziness, our own pride, our own self centeredness and our own love of comfort and pleasure and material possessions. We have to be aware also of the sinful attractions and the temptations of the Evil One.

An image of the closed door which Jesus used in the Gospel was a warning to the Jews not to take their title as a "chosen people" for granted. It is the same reminder for all of us and the closed door reminds us that time will run out. Life is long but nobody knows how long will it last and death is certain.

So again the question: "Will only a few be saved?" God's path is intended for all peoples, and people from every nation, including those we consider "last," can respond positively to God's word, can knock on the door of the kingdom of God and gain entrance. It is also an image of the truth and power of goodness. God's way is for all humanity and the narrow door awaits all who seek it. Amen.

God bless us,
Father Angelito

