

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



December 4, 2016



## Second Sunday of Advent

The earth shall be filled  
with knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.

- Isaiah 11:9

**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12**

**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 Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

**Religious Education Office Hours**  
Monday: 8:30 AM to 7:15 PM  
Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 5:45 PM

**Parish Website:**  
[www.sienachurch.org](http://www.sienachurch.org)

**Mass Schedule:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 6

**Parish Office:**  
732-938-5375

**Last Rites:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 7

**Religious Education:**  
732-938-6229

**Deacon Dan:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 3

**St. Vincent de Paul:**  
732-938-3454

**Parish Bookkeeper:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 8

**FAX Phone:**  
732-938-3260

**Sacristan/Music Director:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 9



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, December 3, 2016**

4:30 PM Elizabeth Mikorski  
(Niece, Terry Kelly)

**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

8:00 AM Sharon Storey  
(Mom & Dad)

10:00 AM Gaetano Parisi  
(St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society)

11:30 AM Giulia Pondaco  
(Philip & Concetta Pondaco)

**Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel**

**Monday, December 5, 2016**

9:00 AM John Malcolm Jr.  
(Betty & Luis Cartagena)

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

9:00 AM Sheila Ann Morrissey Grinnell  
(Ust Family)

*Immaculate Conception Masses  
will be held in the Main Church*

**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

9:00 AM Nancy FitzGerald  
(Husband, Dennis)

7:00 PM Parishioners

**Friday, December 9, 2016**

9:00 AM Helen Sagos  
(Sister, Dolores)

**Baptism Classes:**

Last Wednesdays 7:00 PM Church

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

2nd/4th Sundays 11:30 AM Church

**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

**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.

<b>11/20/16 Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,835.00</b>
<b>Human Development</b>	<b>\$1,304.00</b>
<b>11/27/16 Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,906.00</b>
<b>Energy &amp; Fuel</b>	<b>\$1,414.00</b>
<b>12/11/16 Weekly &amp; Religious Retirement</b>	



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 8 in honor of the Immaculate Conception



of all our Parish family and friends, and especially the recently departed:  
**Col. Dean Wright Jr.** (Husband of Annette)  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2017**

We have changed envelope companies for 2017. Your NEW envelopes will be in a book for the entire year and will NOT be mailed to you anymore. Please pick up your books before or after mass in the Parish Hall on 12/10, 12/11, 12/17, or 12/18. You can also pick them up during Parish office hours before the end of the year beginning with the week of 12/12. Thank you.

**Results & Data For This Year's Annual Catholic Appeal**

*(through 11/21/16) Parish Goal is \$44,000*

- 955** Registered Families in Our Parish
- 178** Pledges Received to Date
- 19%** Participation by Registered Families
- \$38,834.99** in Pledges
- 88%** of Goal (Based on pledges)
- \$34,485.49** Amount Paid and Received

**St. Catherine's Christmas Breakfast with Santa:**

Please come join us on December 11, 2016 from 11-2 for our parish Breakfast with Santa. Hosted by The Knights of Columbus, the event will be held in the Parish Hall. There will be plenty of food, and Santa Claus will be joining us for the kids. All are welcome. Please bring any extra or unwanted coats. God Bless!

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL REQUESTS MUST BE RETURNED BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**In order for them to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Any requests between 12/16 and 12/22 will be included in the January 1 bulletin, due to deadlines.**

Anyone wishing to make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to the Parish Office at 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)

**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:** Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Virginia Franklin, Lois Hradil, 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, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Annette Wright

As we begin this season of Advent, evangelization parish efforts to reach out to those Catholics whose connection with the Church has become weak or has been broken are underway. Parishioners are urged to support this evangelization initiative with their prayers and by inviting inactive relatives, friends, and neighbors back to the Faith. All those who are away are lovingly invited to come home to their family in faith, to find healing, answers, love and support. To help these efforts, a link to the website [www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org) has been placed on the homepage of St. Catherine's website. This website is a great resource to all people at all stages of their faith life. Whether Catholic or not, non-practicing or active, they offer information for those who seek to understand and appreciate their faith more deeply, along with providing ways to help return to the Catholic Church.

**Sundays in Advent!** Please join us at in the Chapel for a special Benediction/Prayer Service each of the four Sundays in Advent. We begin at 7:00 pm and it usually lasts for 35 minutes. Refreshments will follow.

St. Catherine's is in need of additional Ushers to help at all masses. Anyone over age 12 can sign up or for those receiving Confirmation, you can get service hours. Email [scottrubinson@gmail.com](mailto:scottrubinson@gmail.com) or call 732-492-6861.

**SPECIAL INVITE TO THE MEN OF ST. CATHERINE'S:** ALL ARE WELCOME! ICC Men's Cornerstone 2017 January 27/28 Weekend at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall, 316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale, NJ Pre Registration-By December 15th -\$50~ Registration after December 15th - \$55. REGISTER ONLINE at [www.iccannandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx](http://www.iccannandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx) or call 908-894-2347. In person registration on December 10/11 after all Masses. Space is Limited!!!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

On the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the 11:30 am Mass, all children in grades K-4 (ages 5-10) are invited to participate in CLOW. Young children are given the opportunity to listen to a children's version of the Sunday readings and Gospel stories at their own level of understanding and participate in activities that bring the readings to life. Each Sunday's Liturgy of the Word is enriched and modified to make it important and relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. After the Opening Prayer the Priest will call the children forward along with the Catechist for a special blessing, before being dismissed to classroom 1. Children are returned to their parents in the Church before the Presentation of the Gifts. For more info. email [clow@sienachurch.org](mailto:clow@sienachurch.org).

*The Monmouth County Simbang Gabi Community  
Invites all to the 2016 Simbang Gabi  
(Christmas Novena of Masses)*

**Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, Mass @ 8:00P**

St. Veronica Catholic Church  
4215 US Route 9, Howell  
*Fr. Vic Magdaraog*

**Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, Mass @ 8:00P**

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
376 Maple Place, Keyport  
*Fr. Carlo Calisin*

**Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, Mass @ 8:00P**

Church of St. William the Abbott  
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd., Howell  
*Fr. Ariel Robles*

**Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P**

St. James Parish  
30 Peter's Place, Red Bank  
*Fr. Mark Nillo*

**Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P**

Church of St. Dorothea  
240 Broad St., Eatontown  
*Fr. Ben Amora*

**Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P**

St. Clement's Church  
172 Freneau Ave, Matawan  
*Fr. Gregg Abadilla*

**Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016, Mass @ 7:00P**

Church of St. Catherine of Siena  
31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale  
*Fr. Angelito I Anarcon*

**Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P**

Holy Innocents Church  
3455 W. Bangs Ave, Neptune  
*Fr. Lines Dela Cruz*

**Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016, Mass @ 7:30P**

St. Benedict Church  
165 Bethany Rd., Holmdel  
*Fr. John Michael Patilla*

On the final night of Simbang Gabi, there will be a grand Christmas celebration in the Reception Hall of St. Benedict.

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

CONTACT:  
Jhun Allanigue (732) 829-1612

"MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER"



### **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](mailto: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 7:00 P.M. on the last Wednesday of each month. To sign up you must fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend or email [deacondan@sienachurch.org](mailto:deacondan@sienachurch.org).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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,

As we are preparing for the coming of the Promised Savior this Advent season, the parish community, together with our religious education students, are invited to attend our Advent Penance Service and individual confessions on Monday at 4:45 P.M. and 6:15 P.M. We have invited some priests for reconciliation and absolution. This religious event is going to be in our Church. Please make every effort to be there as we value your presence. Also, there is reconciliation and absolution for our CCD students on Wednesday at 4:45 P.M.

On Thursday, we are going to have the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; it is a Patronal Feast Day of our country, a holy day of obligation. Our Masses for this special feast are in the Church at 9 A.M. and 7 P.M. Let us show our great devotion to the Blessed Mother as we honor and praise her through our Liturgy.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, as John the Baptist's ministry advocates, repentance was total and irrevocable. Evidently, this comes through in his remarkable lifestyle and preaching, "REPENT! for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

There is a Greek word that the evangelist uses, metanoia, meaning repentance, which means literally to "change the mind." This is not a shift of preferences among choices, as the phrase means today, but is better understood as the reception of an entirely new mind.

As we know small habits are difficult to break. A repentant smoker can find the first weeks of nonsmoking entirely painful and difficult. But even knowing how difficult it is, Christian tradition teaches that we change our hearts totally to make room for Christ. This call to repentance and conversion is daunting, so much so that knowing ourselves, we might despair in our ability to fulfill it.

The readings today teach that total repentance possibly can be achieved but it is going to take time. Notice John the Baptist's lifestyle and outfit, he clearly resembles the Prophet Elijah. Like Elijah, John works to bring Israel back to the Lord. Elijah called on Israel to turn away from false worship. In contrast, the Israel of John's time had not abandoned God, but rather was abandoning hope in his promises.

Advent is a time of hope, but it is also a time of preparation for the blessings for which we hope. This is where John the Baptist comes in his job to prepare for the coming of God's kingdom. John today is pointing us to Christ, just as he did for the people who came to hear him preach in his time. He tells us to repent that we may be saved. John convicts and Jesus absolves. Hence the Church urges us in Advent to seek out the sacrament of reconciliation, let us go to confession for it provides the healing we need. It truly gives us the wonderful opportunity to examine our lives and so see what is keeping us away from Jesus this Advent.

There are a multitude of preparations that we have during this time of the year, preparations for gatherings with friends and families, preparations for gifts and cards, preparations for parties, etc. But let us not forget the most important preparation of all, that is to prepare our heart to receive our Lord and Savior with greater faith and devotion than ever this Christmas. Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

