

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

February 7, 2016

Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon, Pastor
Rev. Alfred Burke, Weekend Assistant
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Deacon Daniel Sakowski
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Parish Office Secretary: Carol Morton
Religious Education Secretary: Janice Deakyne
Sacristans: Francine Gagliano
Organist: Judy Hyer
Parish Trustees: Robert Mercado & Cindy Ventura

Baptism Classes:

3rd Wednesdays 7:30 PM *Church*

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30 AM

Christian Yoga:

Tuesdays, thru March 15, 7-8:30 PM *Chapel*

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/Parish 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.

Website:

www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:

732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:

732-938-5375

Religious Education:

732-938-6229

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732-938-3260

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732-938-5375 ext. 7

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732-938-5375 ext. 9

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732-938-5375 ext. 3

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732-938-5375 ext. 8

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732-938-3454

2015 Tax Statement

If you use ENVELOPES and need a year end tax statement for 2015, please EMAIL your request to sienastatements@gmail.com. **This is NOT a website.** Please include your full name(s), address, and envelope number. Please do not wait until the last minute. Email requests are done once a week through February, so if you plan to get a statement, don't delay. If you use Parish Pay, you will be receiving instructions directly from them on how to print out your reports.

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 bulletin

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

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday: 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 6, 2016

4:30 PM Sister Muriel Levy r/o Janniello Family

SUNDAY, February 7, 2016

8:00 AM June Bartlett r/o Roy & Pat Cranmer

10:00 AM Julie Girard r/o Ventura Family

11:30 AM John Touhey Sr. r/o McTighe Family

Weekday Masses at St. Catherine's Chapel, 9:00 AM

MONDAY, February 8, 2016

9:00 AM Glen Nebesnak r/o Frances Signorile

TUESDAY, February 9, 2016

9:00 AM Fred Montero Meimban r/o Son & Family

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2016 SCHEDULE

(All in Main Church)

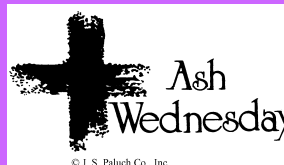
6:30 AM - Service

9:00 AM - Mass

12 Noon Mass

4:30 PM - Children - Service

7:00 PM - Mass



THURSDAY, February 11, 2016

9:00 AM Anthony Pennetti & Family r/o Libby & Family

FRIDAY, February 12, 2016

9:00 AM Richard Silvani Jr. r/o Betty & Luis Cartagena

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Michael Fekete, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, John Gerow, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Charles Lambert, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, John Masterson, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Betty Reuter, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Theodore Wojtanowski, George Zieminski

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth.-- Psalm 138:1



First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Dear Parishioners,

We are on the Fifth Sunday of the Year.

Most people would say there is a power greater than we can imagine at work here on earth, a power we call the Supreme Being, the Creator, or to put it simply, God. But can we know something more about God than that God is someone greater than we are? This is an important question to think about because some day we hope to be spending a lot of time with God and even in our present day to day lives and we know that God can be a great source of power and wisdom for us. So to put it in another way, how can we get to know God better? It is a personal experience that helps us to know more. Many people have claimed to have had personal experiences with God. I'm sure that most of the people here in Church have had personal moments when God's presence became real and concrete to them. Unfortunately those moments are infrequent and usually rather brief.

We heard in today's readings that God chose certain individuals who had special experiences of God and to whom God gave special missions to teach others about him. Isaiah in the 1st reading experienced God in the Temple, most probably while in prayer. After that experience God asked, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" So Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me!" In the 2nd reading, we have to recall that Paul was on his way to arrest people who believed in Jesus when suddenly Jesus appeared to him. Through this experience he came to know Jesus as Lord and he experienced that God had chosen him to preach to the nations. In the Gospel, we heard about Peter who experienced God in Jesus as a miraculous catch of fish. After Jesus gave Peter a catch of fish that astounded even him, a professional fisherman, Jesus said, "From now on you will be catching people."

Our own personal experiences can help us, but they are limited too. Today we have heard three spiritual giants who can teach us a lot more. Through prayer, meditation and reflection on the teachings and testimonies of prophets, saints and apostles and most especially through the revelation of Jesus, we can come to know the God of the universe more personally and more fully. As we gather today in faith and prayer, thanking God for what we have come to know through the experiences and testimony of others, and asking him to enrich the faith and knowledge we have. Amen.

February 10th, is Ash Wednesday, when we begin the season of lent, a time when we try to unite ourselves more closely to the Lord Jesus as we journey toward his passion, death and resurrection.

On Ash Wednesday, you will receive ashes on your forehead and hear the words: You are dust and unto dust you shall return or Repent and believe in the Gospel. Both statements remind us of the truth of our human existence. We are finite creatures, sinners who are in need of repentance and forgiveness and conversion. It is so important for us to be reminded of such things in our lives. Let us be mindful that we have to entrust ourselves to Him in our day to day living, decisions and actions. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

1/31/16 Weekly	\$9,006.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,327.22
January Parish Pay	\$7,611.32
Thank you so much for your generous contributions.	
2/14/16 Weekly & Black & Native Americans	
Some bills paid this week:	
Snow Removal	\$6,645.00
Office Expenses	\$ 824.60
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 610.79
Verizon	\$ 439.63
Printing	\$ 374.31
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 319.49
JCP & L	\$ 174.47
Waste	\$ 125.54
Utility (water)	\$ 125.39



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

John Ruggiero (Father of Cheryl Costello)

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

February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese girl who was enslaved at the age of 7 and named Bakhita, "Fortunate One," by her captor. She experienced the physical and moral humiliations of slavery. St. Bakhita, canonized in 2000, is considered the patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Pray to St. Bakhita to protect children, especially those who are exploited for sex or labor. For resources, visit sistersagainsttrafficking.org. Ending slavery is everyone's work.

WILL YOU TAKE A BABY BOTTLE and help the homeless, pregnant mothers of Good Counsel Homes? The weekend of February 13 & 14, St. Catherine's Respect Life Ministry and Good Counsel Homes will be asking for your support for the mothers that have chosen to give their baby life despite what life dictates. The Riverside home for homeless, pregnant mothers, is the first home to open in the Southern New Jersey area and has welcomed 53 babies - with twin boys born December 30th. You will simply be asked to take a baby bottle home with you, fill it with spare change, dollars, checks, or whatever your means allow, and return it by the end of Respect Life Month, for our baby shower, February 27th and 28th. Just look for the collection bins with our baby pictures on them for your bottle return. Thank you for supporting life.

Please help the Rosary Altar Society make our third annual "soup-er bowl" a success. We will be collecting cans of soup and non-perishable items (pasta, spaghetti sauce, PB & J, cereals, napkins, toilet paper, tissues, etc.) from now through Super Bowl Sunday. We will use these items to stock the St. Vincent de Paul "Emergency Food Closet." Please drop all contributions off in the church lobby and check expiration dates. Thank you & God Bless.

**The Rosary Altar Society will be holding its Bake Sale on February 13/14 after each mass in the parish hall. Donated baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION-Ninth Month

Congratulations! Your spiritually adopted baby is born this month. She is around 7 1/2 pounds and 20 inches long. Her birth was not the beginning of her life though. Her life began nine months ago when each parent contributed the genetic materials to form this unique human being – including the instructions for her hair and eye color, facial features, health, intelligence, talents and personality. At that miraculous moment she also received her soul from God making her an immortal being – God’s plan for her is to live her life on earth, then join Him in her heavenly home forever. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers have been invaluable for this baby and her mother. You will surely meet each other in heaven!

6 WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE - A Catholic Bible study that gives us a tool that allows St. Luke’s Gospel to reach both the head and the heart. Monday’s February 8, 15, 22, 29, & March 7 and 14 daily mass is at 8:30 am and bible study will commence at 9 - 10:30 am with light refreshments, \$20. Email DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or call 732-899-1398. Make checks to Sacred Heart Church and mail to 751 Main Ave., Bay Head, NJ.

Consider Lectio Divina during Lent. Lectio Divina is Latin for "divine reading," "spiritual reading," or "holy reading" and represents a method of prayer and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God and provide special spiritual insights. There are eight steps involved in this prayer form:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Reading of the Gospel (What the Word says)
3. Explanation (What the Word means)
4. Meditation (What the Word means to me)
5. Questions for reflection (What the Word asks of me)
6. Word of Life (What the Word reminds me)
7. Action (What the Word tells me to do)
8. Final Prayer (What the Word makes me pray)

This group will study and reflect on the Gospel of the Sunday’s liturgy so that it may become a means for God to enlighten, nourish, heal, and continue his conversation with us. Sessions begin on Friday, February 12 at 10 am in the St. Rose of Lima Parish Center. Call 732-462-7828.

WATERSPIRIT’S Lenten Series: Explore “Creation at the Crossroads” and “Laudato Si”, five Tuesdays beginning

February 16 and ending March 15. Participants may choose 10:30 AM – 12 Noon or 7:00 – 8:30 PM session. Each session will include prayer, learning, and reflection. Cost \$30. Call 732-923-9788 or email water@waterspirit.org,

St. Aloysius Parish is offering a workshop for Moms and Dads – “Learning to Pray as a Family” on Saturday, **February 27**. The workshop will be offered: 9-11am, 1-3pm and 7-9pm, and is geared towards moms and dads. It covers a variety of topics that focus on how to revitalize, strengthen, or begin a family prayer life. Call 732-370-1515 x311 or email jdraeger@santaloyusiusonline.org.

Saint Aloysius Church in Jackson, designated a Shrine Church for the Year of Mercy, is offering a pilgrimage - “The Stations of Mercy” which follows the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Each Station of the Cross has an accompanying Station of Mercy from either the Spiritual or Corporal Works of Mercy. There are 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy and 7 Corporal Works of Mercy for a total of 14 Works of Mercy which naturally correspond to the 14 Stations of the Cross. There are also “Stations of Mercy” prayer books available by the first station. Each station will begin with the invocation from the Divine Mercy Chaplet, “Jesus, I trust in You” and will have a meditation on a Work of Mercy. These booklets with the meditations are for those who would like to walk the Stations of Mercy. There are also details about how one can obtain an indulgence on the Bishop’s Decree which is posted on the front door of the Church under the “Holy Doors” which have been decorated with the required Coat of Arms of Pope Francis, the Prayer for the Year of Mercy and Bishop O’Connell’s Coat of Arms and the Decree officially appointing St. Aloysius as a Shrine Church. **Behind the Ambo and the Presiders Chair** on the wall are two images for contemplation. One is a reproduction of Rembrandt’s “The Return of the Prodigal Son” based on the same scripture passage. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has said that this Gospel account is incorrectly named as it should be called “The parable of the Merciful Father.” Keep that in mind. Pope Francis’s title for the parable significantly changes the orientation of the message. The Second image is an original acrylic painting of “The Divine Mercy” by John Genard. The hope is that each will hopefully center us during this Year of Mercy.

St. Veronica School is holding its 32nd Annual Dinner & Gift Auction on March 11, 2016 at South Gate Manor, Freehold. Tickets are \$60. Ticket forms & information are available by calling 732-299-2477 or at www.stveronicaschool.com. Get your tickets for “Strolling Through the Vineyard” before they sell out.

Faith Based Italy Tours - October 2016
Led by Diocese of Trenton Priests
“Shrines of Southern Italy” Hosted by:
Msgr. Gervasio, Msgr. Sirianni, & Fr. Peirano
Info. Meeting February 8 @ 7pm at Our Lady of Sorrows
3816 E. State Street Ext., Hamilton, NJ 08619
“Best of Italy Tour”
Being hosted by: Father Gerald Johnson
Info. Meeting February 9th @ 7pm at St. Peter’s Church
Bridgeboro & Hancock Sts., Riverside, NJ 08075
Call Graycar Travel for Details 609-587-7050

The New Day Bereavement Support Group held by The Parish of Saint Mary, 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 7:00pm in the Spiritual Center Chapel. April 12-June 7. 732-462-8088

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. In addition to our daily and weekend mass schedules, we offer many programs and various ministries that your attendance and generous donations support. 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 and 4th 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 third Wednesday of each month. For more information or to sign up for the Baptism Prep Class please contact Deacon Joe Prioli at jjprioli@gmail.com.

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 ... **also, 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 it is ready.

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ST. CATHERINE'S ONLINE!

Check out our website www.sienachurch.org 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 listing of prayers for 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.

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."

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!

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society has a new website, donatetosvdp.org. There is a link to make donations directly to SVDP using PayPal. The website has information about the history of SVDP, our services and volunteering. A quick, easy Give link provides a way to make donations that will help to make a difference in our community. A link for Amazon Smile provides a way for your Amazon.com purchases to become a donation. *For use of church envelopes, please make checks out to Society of St. Vincent de Paul.*