

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727
January 10, 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
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: 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* except January

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

2nd Mondays 7:00 PM *Parish Hall* except January

Homebound Ministry:

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

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, 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

St. Vincent de Paul 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 the check out to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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

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

Last Rites:

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 9, 2016

4:30 PM Ted Petrillo r/o Petrillo Family

SUNDAY, January 10, 2016

8:00 AM Grace Emmons r/o Terry & Arnold Carpenter

10:00 AM Patrick McLaughlin r/o Great Grandchildren

11:30 AM Marjorie Seagriff r/o Venus & Courtney

Lambert

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

MONDAY, January 11, 2016

9:00 AM Michael Hagan r/o Tom Moran

TUESDAY, January 12, 2016

9:00 AM Rev. Arthur F. Conlon

THURSDAY, January 14, 2016

9:00 AM Rev. Arthur F. Conlon

FRIDAY, January 15, 2016

9:00 AM Genevieve Powers r/o Kathleen McMahon

The Baptism of the Lord

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

-- Titus 3:5



Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus.

The late Mother Teresa, who is soon to be canonized a saint by Pope Francis, was selecting children for an orphanage she was establishing in Ethiopia. A journalist challenged her about the children who were not to be taken, "What are you going to do about them?" he asked. Mother Teresa looked him in the eye and said, "What are you going to do?" When the journalist returned home, he decided to give up his job and started to raise money to build and establish another orphanage. Obviously, Mother Teresa had an excellent influence on him for he had a life-changing experience.

The baptism of Jesus was a life changing experience for him. From Luke's gospel today, we learned that Jesus was about 30 years old. For the years that followed his experience of being lost in the Temple when he was 12 years old, we did not hear anything except that he increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with people. For 18 years he had been pondering on what "being busy with his Father's affairs" was to mean for him. And now, while he was at prayer being baptized, the Holy Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove, and a voice from the heavens declared, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you." From this moment, Jesus filled with the Spirit, set out to fulfill his mission as the anointed servant, the Messiah, the Christ.

We bring our newborn infant to the Church to be baptized. Our family and friends have come to witness the sacred event and to share the happiness of that day. As the parents or Godparents hold the child over the font, the Priest or Deacon pours water over the child's head saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." He continues to anoint the child with chrism of oil on the crown and says some more prayers.

The symbolic actions of the rite of Baptism are the sacramental signs that bring about what is described in our second reading, "He saved us, by means of the cleansing water by rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which He has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our savior." It is therefore, in this way, that we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit and enabled to enter the kingdom of heaven. This is really the most life-changing experience that can possibly happen to us.

God our Father, you have made us your children in Baptism. Continue to deepen your Spirit upon us to live like Jesus, so that the mission you have entrusted to us may come to fulfillment. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito


12/25/15 Christmas	\$27,101.00
Flowers	\$ 2,365.00
12/27/15 Weekly	\$ 6,589.00
Energy & Fuel	\$ 1,391.00
1/1/16 Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,922.00
1/3/16 Weekly	\$ 6,846.50
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,403.00

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

1/17/16 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs

Some bills paid this week:

Accounting Fees	\$6,575.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 595.68
Envelopes	\$ 552.82
Utilities	\$ 125.39

	of all our Parish family and friends, and especially the recently departed:
	Jeanne Hyer (Mother of Mark) Margaret Perri (Mother of Pat Cranmer)
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.	

The Rosary Altar Society would like to thank everyone who took a tag from the giving tree and returned the gift on time. By returning your gift you helped make the Christmas Season brighter for those in need. Our parish was able to help close to 400 needy individuals this year thanks to your generosity. God Bless You in the New Year. Karen O'Brien, Chairperson & The Rosary Alter Society.

To everyone who participated in the Giving Tree, Thank you so much for the all of the generous gift cards that were donated to the Howell Township Senior Center for our homebound members. I was truly floored by how generous people were when they were thinking about our members and what type of gift cards they could use. I am sure that receiving the gift cards to places like a food store, Wal-Mart and drug stores put such a smile on the member's faces when they opened up the bags that day. Something so simple can be the most uplifting to people. Many of the people who get Meals on Wheels do not get many visitors, so to receive a gift card from someone reminds them that they are being thought of today, and the rest of the year. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Melanie Decker, Director

Parish Game Night
Friday, January 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Come join us for a Parish Game Night. All ages welcome. You're sure to have fun playing an old favorite or finding a new game to enjoy with other parishioners. We'll bring some of our favorites (Monopoly, Rummy, Bananagrams, Uno, etc.). You're welcome to bring your favorites too. Bring some refreshments to share: cookies, veggies, water, whatever you like. Questions or planning on coming? RSVP to Deacon Joe at jjprioli@gmail.com

What could be better than a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter day? 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. ***Please check the expiration dates. Thank you and God Bless.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION-Eighth Month-Your spiritually adopted baby is increasing in size and strength. Because of his larger size he is not able to move as freely about in his mother's womb. He is receiving from his mother precious immunity to a number of diseases that will last until he is about six months old and able to begin building up his own immunity. His mother is patiently waiting for the last weeks of pregnancy to pass. She depends on your prayerful support.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

How exciting as we enter our spiritually adopted child's 8th month. We have over 130 babies who have been spiritually adopted in our parish and likely more than we are aware. We know through Scripture, that God our Good Father wants us to pray, and we know by faith that he answers all prayers for our good. So please continue to pray with urgency that our expectant mothers and fathers will protect and cherish their innocent pre-born babies, as more than 4,400 babies lives have ended by abortion each day. Coming in February, we will be celebrating their births with a Gift Baby Shower for all the babies and their Mothers. You did not have to pledge to adopt a spiritual child to donate gifts to our chosen charity GOOD COUNSEL HOMES. We will keep you posted as we get closer. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. Respect Life Parish Committee

Are you divorced or separated? Would you like to find healing and support in a Catholic environment? Are you looking for a better understanding of Church teaching on divorce and related topics? Are you uncertain about your place in the Catholic community of faith? Saint Leo the Great Parish will again be offering a ministry to Catholics who are divorced or separated. The 13 weekly prayer and support sessions are based on the *Journey of Hope* program used in many dioceses throughout the United States. Group meetings will begin February 2, 2016 at 10 AM or 6:30 PM in Saint Leo the Great Parish Center, 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, for anyone wishing to participate. If you are interested, please call Mark Russoniello, Pastoral Associate at (732) 747-5466 to register.

Seeking fellow parishioners to join and participate in the pro life cause. If interested call 732-580-1387.

"Legion of Mary Pilgrim Statue" is available to visit homes in our Parish Community. Anyone interested, email pheathers7@yahoo.com or call 732-616-3127.

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. This study will open the participant up to God's grace and that, after all, is the mission of the Messiah ~ Curtis A. Martin
Lent 2016 is Lectionary Year C with Luke's Gospel. Join us at Sacred Heart Church Hall as we start our week off in a powerful way exploring Luke to deepen our faith. 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, all are welcome! Registration is \$15 until February 1st then \$20. To register email DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or call the parish office at 732-899-1398. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church and mail in care of Dawn Rusinko at 751 Main Ave. Bay Head, NJ.

IS GOD CALLING YOU!

Our Diocesan Priesthood Vocation Discernment meeting is a wonderful opportunity to share how God is calling you to serve in His Church. In these sessions we talk about the issues that affect our vocation: How does God call me? How can I know where God wants me to serve Him? What is the life of priestly ministry? What are the qualities that make a holy priest? What is the formation process like? Through prayer, experience, and a strong dedication to one's spiritual life, discernment emerges as a gift from God, leading us in the right direction.

You are invited to share your journey with us in these discernment meetings for the Diocesan Priesthood. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 149 North Warren Street, Trenton, New Jersey. Join Rev. Msgr. Joseph Roldan, as he shares his experiences of the priesthood, leads a discussion about discernment and vocations. It would be great to see you and hear how the Lord is working in your life. For more information and to register, please contact the Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations at vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or by calling (609) 406-7449. We look forward to seeing you there!

LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK TOUR

July 18-26, 2016

Join Father Eugene Vavrck on a trip to Ireland
For complete details please join us for a meeting
January 20th at 7:00pm
St. Anselm Church, 1028 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls,
or contact Graycar Travel-800-214-6723
Open to All Parishes-Space is Limited

Rescue Ridge, a non profit last chance animal rescue is looking for volunteers to help feed and walk the dogs/ cats. We are located in Squankum Kennels in Howell. If you have an extra hour to provide love and attention to our shelter animals, please call Ruth at 908-930-4382.

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.

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.

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.