

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

January 31, 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/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.

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

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

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 30, 2016

4:30 PM Luca & Michael Canzona r/o Family

SUNDAY, January 31, 2016

8:00 AM John & Irene Sillup r/o Son, Jack

10:00 AM Thomas Mangano r/o Phillip & Kristin Natilli

11:30 AM Agnes Mary McWilliams r/o Suzanne

DeGrande & Family

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

MONDAY, February 1, 2016

9:00 AM Charles Beamish r/o Christina Vito

TUESDAY, February 2, 2016

9:00 AM Claire Ford r/o Infante Family

THURSDAY, February 4, 2016

9:00 AM Frank Pecora r/o Arlene Rossmeissl

FRIDAY, February 5, 2016

9:00 AM Dolores Mitchell r/o Mary Anne Frasier

After Mass until 11:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;

but the greatest of these is love.

-- Luke 4:18a



First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 [13:4-13]

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to call your attention to the planning process which the Diocese has introduced "Faith in Our Future." A very important part of this process is the evaluation of our parish which is going to be done through a survey and we will start working on it this weekend. Each member of our core team is going to give a little talk at each Mass this weekend to give us the information on how to answer and respond to the survey. Please be mindful that your cooperation as a parish community means a lot as we are called to be an active member of Christ's Body, the Church. As a community, let us show our gratitude and appreciation to our core team members who have been doing a herculean job not only to represent us but to lead and direct us. A big word of thanks to them.

Allow me to start the reflection on this Fourth Sunday of the Year by sharing with you a conversation of a couple. Jim Courtney, who is a man of few words, came home from Sunday Service and his wife asked him what the preacher talked about. He replied "SIN." She continued, "What did he say about it?" He replied, "He was against it!" Let us see, when someone asks you what the preacher talked about today you would say "Just ordinary stuff." "Ordinary" is the keyword. We could say that one of the reasons why Jesus got into trouble in Nazareth was because he was so ordinary. Luke in the Gospel glosses over the conflict between Jesus and his neighbors with one question that he tells us they asked: "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" We have to keep in mind that in their culture, boys were identified with their fathers. Calling Jesus the son of Mary is an allusion to Joseph not being Jesus' natural father and would have been an insult both to Mary and Jesus.

In the Second Reading, Paul is talking about our ordinary day-to-day contact with other people, some of whom we may not like a lot, but whom we learn how to be kind to anyway. Practicing this ordinary kind of love doesn't always sweep us off our feet, but it does bring a kind of joy, because as we fulfill our vocation in life we learn how to love one another.

This Fourth Sunday of the Year we hear about ordinary things. But interestingly in the ordinary is the extraordinary if we know how to find it. The poet George Eliot said: "If we had a keen vision of all that is ordinary in human life, it would be like hearing the grass grow or the squirrel's heartbeat, and we should die of that roar which is the other side of silence." It is through ordinary things that God touches our lives most of the time. It could be through prayer and music, through the same Scriptures we hear incessantly, through bread and wine, and through the Eucharist. Perhaps we are surrounded by the same ordinary people we have seen week after week for many years. Being together in prayer we become one body in Christ, and in Christ we love and worship our heavenly Father. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

2/7/16 Weekly & Central & Eastern Europe

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.



Faith in Our Future

Our diocesan planning initiative has begun. Over the next 12-18 months, you will see regular updates on this very important initiative. The first step of the process involves completion of a brief parish survey. You can find St. Catherine's survey online by visiting our website, <http://www.sienachurch.org/scsf/> or clicking the following link: <http://goo.gl/forms/ZVGokA7zg5>

Please make every effort to complete the survey. It will be available online until Monday, February 8. Alternatively, you can complete the paper survey handed out during today's mass, and place it in the collection basket during any mass on 2/6 or 2/7.

Additional information on Faith in Our Future can be found by visiting <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/faithinourfuture/>

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.

**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.

**Please support the Soup-er Bowl food drive to collect non-perishables and soup to stock the SVDP food pantry.

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.

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!

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 Parishioner John Genard. The hope is that each will hopefully center us during this Year of Mercy.

Faith Based Italy Tours
Led by Diocese of Trenton Priests
October 2016
“Shrines of Southern Italy”
Information Meeting February 8th
“Best of Italy Tour”
Information Meeting February 9th
Call Graycar Travel for Details
609-587-7050

St. Aloysius Parish is offering a workshop for Moms and Dads – “Learning to Pray as a Family” on Saturday, February 27 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from Nashville. The same workshop will be offered three different times so that attendees can choose what is most convenient for them: 9:00–11:00 a.m., 1:00–3:00 p.m. and 7:00–9:00 p.m. The workshop is geared towards moms and dads, and covers a variety of topics that focus on how to strengthen, revitalize, or begin a family prayer life. The sisters' book *A Short Guide to Praying as a Family* will also be available for sale. This workshop will be an incredible resource for parents and all parents are welcome. For more information or to attend please contact Ms. Jennifer Draeger at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or jdraeger@saintaloyusonline.org.

WATERSPIRIT’S Lenten Series: Explore “Creation at the Crossroads” and “Laudato Si” Five Tuesdays beginning February 16 and ending March 15. Participants may choose the 10:30 AM – 12 Noon session or the 7:00 – 8:30 PM session. This Lent, strengthen your awareness of the presence of God within Earth, our common home, yourself and in others. WATERSPIRIT is offering a series on Pope Francis' Encyclical letter, *Laudato Si*, Care of our Common Home. The book that will be used for this series is “Creation at the Crossroads,” written by Rev. Edward Ciuba. Each session will include prayer, learning, and reflection. The discussions will include our responsibility to care for Earth especially in this time of climate change chaos. Cost \$30 (which includes a copy of the book.) Reservations required. For more information please call 732-923-9788 or email water@waterspirit.org, WATERSPIRIT, 981 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740.

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? 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. If you are interested, please call Mark at (732) 747-5466 to register.

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, all are welcome! Registration is \$15 until February 1, then \$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.

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 St. Vincent de Paul Society.*