

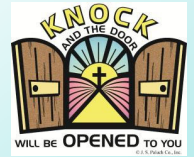
St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



July 24, 2016

**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. Colossians 2:12

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Diocese of Trenton
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

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Rev. Alfred Burke

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Deacon Joseph Prioli
Deacon Daniel Sakowski

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Kyle Galante

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Janice Deakyne

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Francine Gagliano

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Alice Kovach

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Parish Website:
www.sienachurch.org

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732-938-5375 ext. 7

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732-938-5375 ext. 9

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732-938-6229

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732-938-3260

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732-938-3454

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 & 4th 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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 23, 2016

4:30 PM Margaret Clark
(Peg Roarty, Carol Roarty & Price Family)

Sunday, July 24, 2016

8:00 AM William Farrell
(St. Catherine's Religious Education)

10:00 AM Michael & Filippo Natilli
(Phillip & Kristin Natilli)

11:30 AM Pasquale Cantatore
(Luigi & Rose Cantatore)

Weekday Masses
@ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, July 25, 2016

9:00 AM Al Zieminski
(George & Ginny Zieminski)

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

9:00 AM Cara & Bob Apgar
(George & Ginny Zieminski)

Thursday, July 28, 2016

9:00 AM John Arbaczawski
(Alice)

Friday, July 29, 2016

9:00 AM Cara & Bob Apgar
(George & Ginny Zieminski)

Baptism Classes:

3rd 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
except Summer

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.

7/17/16 Weekly

Diocesan Assessment

\$6,304.00

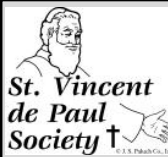
\$1,155.70

June Parish Pay

\$6,927.67

7/31/16 Weekly and St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.



PLEASE NOTE: SVDP right now is extremely low on funds, having to reach out to other Parishes for assistance, so if you are able to help at this time, it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone wishes to make a donation at any time, simply place your monetary donation into one of the special envelopes found in the Church foyer, and drop it into one of the collection baskets at Mass. It then will be forwarded to St. Catherine's Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist the less fortunate in our area.



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

Agnes Cogan (Mother of Barbara Lamb)
Denise Sokolovski (Sister of Debbie DelMonico)

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

Wednesday Walk and Pray

Wednesdays from 7 - 8 pm. Get some physical & spiritual exercise. We'll pray the rosary while we walk the outer perimeter of the church parking lot. All ages welcome. Bring your friends & family. By circling the church parking lot, we can stop whenever we want. No getting "stuck" halfway around the reservoir. Some can walk more, some can walk less. The pavement is level for those for whom uneven ground may be a challenge. It also lets strollers or other wheeled assistance roll freely. Different people can walk at different rates, and still have prayer and conversation. Bring your own water to drink. Inclement weather will cancel us for that week. Hope to see you there.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Rosemary Amaral, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, James Dramis, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, 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

ATTN: ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Come to mass the weekend of Aug 20th for a "Back to College Blessing" after each mass. All college year students and their families will receive a special blessing as you prepare to go back to campus!

The availability of the Preliminary Recommendations for all 25 Cohort groups in the Faith in Our Future planning process are available on the diocesan website at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/faithinourfuture/contact/.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the Hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
 - Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
 - Bury the dead

The College of St. Elizabeth Alumnae Association will hold its Scholarship Benefit Luncheon on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at the Shadowbrook in Shrewsbury, NJ. The theme is "Women of Mystery" with noted author Nancy Bileau as guest speaker. Help support Catholic Education while enjoying delicious food and a fun time. Raffle prizes available. For tickets contact Sue Gavin @ 732-842-9163.

Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on **Saturday August 6, 2016** at St. William the Abbot R. C. Church, 2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell NJ 07731. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, a speaker (Jeannie Vandervoort will speak on "For Such a Time as This."), sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 1:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Register online at cwoz.org or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name.

The Martha Mary Guild of St. Mary's Church, in Colts Neck, on Rte. 34 & Phalanx Rd. will be holding its annual Clothing/Linen Sale on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a huge selection of men's, women's and children's gently used clothing and accessories at bargain prices in Madonna Hall in the Spiritual Center (behind the Church building). The "Boutique," with new and designer item, linens and jewelry will be available in the Parish Hall (in the Church building). All proceeds will benefit women and children in need. For more information, please call St. Mary's at 732-780-2666.

Have you ever heard the initials RCIA? They stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, The Roman Catholic official collection of Rites for bringing adults into the Church. Here at St. Catherine of Siena, together as a team, we prepare individuals to be received into the church. We meet the first and third Tuesday of the month in the evening. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning about becoming a Catholic, or a Catholic, who may not yet have received Sacraments, or to learn more about the RCIA process, please email RCIA@sienachurch.org or call the Parish office.

Cantors and Choir members needed in our Music Ministry here at St. Catherine Parish. If you would love to take part in our ministry of giving to the Glory of God through music please come and join us! We are planning ahead for special liturgies, possible concert series, and preparing for the Advent and Christmas season. Contact our Music Director Alice at akovach9@aol.com.

We are excited to announce that St. Catherine's is expanding our hospitality ministry. We would love for you to be a part of this fun and energetic group. If you would like to join us as we move forward to plan this year's events, email fandjgags@gmail.com with your contact info.

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

Calling All Catholic Men:
The Knights of Columbus are welcoming all men over the age of 18 to become members of the St. Catherine of Siena council here at our church. Devoted to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, with over 1.8 million world-wide members, the Knights of Columbus strives to be a positive Catholic presence in both our parish and community. If you wish to join please call (732) 835-2049 or email KOFc15703@gmail.com.

Food donations to the church are distributed to the needy by the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and by Joshua House. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 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 (*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,

Allow me to give the background of the First Reading this Sunday as we connect it with last Sunday's First Reading where we heard that Abraham had unexpected visits from three strangers. Abraham provided a feast for them and as it turned out, one of the three visitors was God himself. God revealed that he was extremely displeased with two cities near the Dead Sea, i.e., Sodom and Gomorrah, and he invited Abraham to go with him as he went to visit them. Abraham realized God was about to severely punish those cities for their depravity and immorality, and he shows his concern because his nephew, Lot, lived in Sodom. Notice the comfortable, yet respectful, familiarity that existed between God and Abraham. He comes along and pleads with God. To our ears his pleading is artful and childish, like haggling in a market, perhaps Abraham wheedles more and more concessions out of God until it is clear that the place will be spared after all. The whole point of the passage is the power of prayer. A good person storming heaven with prayers works wonders.

If we look at the book of Exodus, Moses fulfills exactly the same role. The Israelites in the desert are not true to God, they worship false gods, they stop trusting the true God and complain about the lack of food and water. "Right," says God, "I've had enough of these people, I shall abandon them." "Oh no," says Moses, "please don't do that, please give them another chance. I'll tell them what you've said, let me reason with them." Moses' main job, once he has escaped the clutches of the Egyptians, is to intercede with God for his unruly mob of followers. Moses became a professional man of prayer. Like Abraham, he softens the heart of God, until he has brought his quarrelsome tribes to the verge of the Promised Land. Prayer works, it works, because God cares.

Now, how do you pray? At times I pray as Jesus taught us: your kingdom come, give us what we need, forgive us, help us to forgive, do not test us. However, truthfully, my prayer focuses mostly on me. On other days I have the consciousness of Abraham. I am persistent on asking God to live up to the divine promise of mercy towards others. I notice that when my focus is only on me, my vision narrows and I tend to give up when I don't get what I want. When my focus is on God and openness to the good that God offers, I often find God present even when the answer is not what I'd asked. A well-respected spiritual used to remind me, "God always answers our prayers. Sometimes the answer looks different than what we ask and sometimes the answer is no."

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus says ask, seek, and knock. Then we will receive, find God present in every situation and doors will be opened. He doesn't say we will receive what we asked, unless we ask for the Holy Spirit. Nor that we will find what we seek, unless we seek God's will. Nor that the door on which we knock will be opened unless that door is the heart of Christ.

God our Father as you invite us into relationship with our brothers and sisters and all your creation, make our hearts one with the heart of Christ so that we may know and live your holy will for each and every one of us. Amen.

May God bless you,
Father Angelito

