

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

March 20, 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: Francine Gagliano

Music Director: Alice Kovach

Parish Trustees: Robert Mercado & Cindy Ventura

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am
not disgraced. -- Isaiah 50:7a



First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: (Luke 22:14-23:56 [23:1-49])

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 19, 2016

4:30 PM George Weber r/o Janet Weber

SUNDAY, March 20, 2016

8:00 AM James Ferraro r/o Roy & Pat Cranmer

10:00 AM Joyce O'Keefe r/o Casey Giakas

11:30 AM Theresa Tapke r/o Religious Ed. Program

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

MONDAY, March 21, 2016

9:00 AM Matthew Giesen r/o Jim McMahon

TUESDAY, March 22, 2016

9:00 AM "Living" Margaret Romano r/o Don & Janice
Deakyne

THURSDAY, March 24, 2016 Mass at the Main Church

7:30 PM Margaret Perri r/o Daughter, Pat & Roy Cranmer
Olympia & Joseph DeMeo r/o Libby & Family

2017 Mass Book Opening

The 2017 Mass Book will open on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Please come to room 10. You must be present to request Masses. Please realize there will be a long wait. If you do not require a specific date, the Mass book will re-open on Tuesday, April 12th and thereafter. **NEW for 2017** In addition to the Mass Intentions, there will be the Sanctuary Light, St. Catherine of Siena Votive Light, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Votive Light. These candles are located on the right side of the altar. You will be able to have one of these candles burn for special intentions for one week in memory of a deceased family member, friend or for a "living" intention. These intentions will be announced in the bulletin but not during Masses. The cost for Mass Intentions and Lights are \$10 each. Padded Mass cards are an additional \$5.

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

Baptism Classes:

3rd Wednesdays 7:30 PM *Church*

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30 AM

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

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

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, James Dramis, 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

Dear Parishioners,

As we all know this week is the holiest week of the year. Kindly check the parish website as well as our weekly bulletin for the schedule and time of activities in the parish as we desire to join Jesus on his journey this Holy Week.

Holy week starts today and we are with Christ taken into the mystery of evil. You might be wondering why we are not given answers as to why there is evil in the world. The ultimate mystery is that sin has led us all into rejection of God, a rejection that is the root cause of all human suffering, because of our separation from the source of happiness. All of us have sinned, all of us are accomplices in bringing in evil, and the suffering that results from it, into our world. Now the important question is, how then are we to deal with it? Is there a way of dealing with evil apart from Christ?

The events and activities of Holy Week give us answers. Listening carefully to the first reading, the voice that we have is the voice of the Old Testament's Suffering Servant, the one who personifies not only the coming Messiah, but also the one who represents Israel, the community of sufferers. Compassion is the primary virtue to be shared for it is a communal activity. The word compassion means to suffer with, and so is the answer to the question of how we are to deal with suffering.

God knows our powerlessness. Knowing of it and loving us as he does, he came among us in compassion, to share in our suffering from the consequences of evil. God the Son, Jesus Christ, takes on our human condition by joining himself into our humanity and at the same time empowering us to share in his divine life.

Our psalm prayer-response is taken from Psalm 22, My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? The voice is that of the Old Testament Servant but at the same time those were the last words of Jesus uttered at the moment of his death on the cross. Certainly, God has not protected himself from the consequences of our sins, and of course the human suffering that results from it. He knows us very well and has compassion for us. As we know, he in Christ, suffers with and for us.

This Holy Week, on Good Friday, Christ will die weak and vulnerable, committing his spirit into the hands of his Father. We can remember that the Gospels were written in the light of the resurrection. Without the resurrection they make no sense. God vindicates Jesus and raises him to life. It is in the light of that Easter faith in the resurrection we will come to venerate the cross of Christ on Friday afternoon. I invite you to think and reflect this thought; whenever we turn and look on the face of the crucified Jesus we are saved if, like Peter, we can shed tears of repentance. Then we can see in the cross not a sign of weakness and shame but the sign of the power of God who works to bring salvation to bring salvation to us through that very weakness.

Today we have welcomed Christ to Jerusalem; when we adore and worship Christ this Good Friday, we will be able to reaffirm our faith, as his disciples did and we believe and profess in our faith that by his holy cross, he has redeemed the world. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 21, 9:00 AM Mass @ Chapel
7:30 PM Mass @ St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold, NJ
Chrim Mass, Renewal of Priestly Vows, & Blessing of Oils

Tuesday, March 22, 9:00 AM Mass @ Chapel
Wednesday, March 23, 9:00 AM Mass @ Chapel
Holy Thursday, March 24, 7:30 PM @ Church
Mass of the Last Supper

Church opens at 9:00 AM
Good Friday, March 25, 3:00 PM @ Church
Veneration of the Cross & Communion
7:00 PM @ Church, *Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday, March 26
9:00 AM @ Church, *Morning Prayers*
Followed by Blessing of Easter Foods
Vigil Mass 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, March 27
8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 AM Masses

✠ The **Parish Office** will be **closed** on Holy Thursday, March 24 and Good Friday, March 25.

✠ **Religious Education** will be **closed** on Monday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 23.

Faith in Our Future

Bishop O'Connell has asked us to be part of the current cycle of parish planning related to the ***Faith in Our Future***. His expectation is that each parish will find neighboring parishes with whom to plan in order to:

1. Share more resources with each other and with parishes in need;
2. Avoid unneeded duplication of services; and
3. Fill in the gaps where service and ministry have not been available.

The parishes we will be working with are St. William the Abbot (Howell) and St. Veronica's (Howell). For more information, please visit the parish website, or e-mail the Core Team at faithinourfuture@sienachurch.org.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you will join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land. Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who Serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.



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through the Sacrament of Baptism,
we welcomed to the Church:

Taylor Michael Applegate

We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!

New Parishioners

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ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH WARMLY WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Carolyn Libertucci

Our Pastor, Father Angelito, has determined that due to the rising incidence of Zika virus and other communicable diseases, it is prudent to distribute Holy Communion under the form of bread only, and to omit the exchange of peace among members of the congregation. These changes, which are consistent with the Roman Missal, began on Ash Wednesday and will continue until conditions improve.

Schedule
your
portrait
session



Have you scheduled your appointment yet for the new parish photo directory?

We would like to include as many parishioners as possible and that includes you!

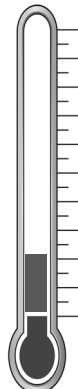
You will receive one free 8 X 10 and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photos. Did you know that family and friends may also sign up and receive a free 8 x 10 photo (non-parishioners will not be included in the directory). For full information, online signup, and a price list for additional photos, go to the parish website at sienachurch.org and click on the Parish Photo Directory button on the left hand side of the home page.

Can you contribute two or three hours to help host the photo sessions? If so or if you have any questions, please send an email to photodirectory@sienachurch.org and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL-IN ACTION! Ministry of Vocations

God calls each person to a life of holiness and service, whether single, married, ordained or consecrated. The Diocesan Ministry of Vocations provides discernment opportunities, encouragement, support, education and resources for those responding to God's call through the ministerial priesthood. We are committed to fostering an environment where vocations to the priesthood are valued and nurtured within the domestic church of the family and the local parish community. The priest is a servant of the Lord, giving his life to worship, prayer and commitment to God's people. Your gift helps to amplify the call to serve.

Parish Goal
\$44,000



The following is a biography of our newly appointed Music Director, Alice Kovach.

Miss Alice Kovach is the youngest to perform on the trumpet at age five in Convention Hall, Asbury Park, New Jersey. She auditioned at age nine for the Julliard School of Music, New York City. Miss Kovach played the trombone for a sporting benefit with Mr. Phil Rizzuto, Rosie Greer and many other dignitaries. She is a board member of local opera companies in New Jersey. She sang in The Masked Ball, The Student Prince, The Marriage of Figaro, Die Fledermaus, Carmen, La Boheme, and Suor Angelica. She sang at the Liszt Conservatory in Budapest and competed in the Belvedere Vocal Competition in Vienna. Miss Kovach sang at the Philadelphia Opera House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and auditioned for the Metropolitan, New York City, Chicago Lyric, Virginia, Dallas, and Houston opera companies. She performed for Luciano Pavarotti's voice teacher at the Beacon Theater in New York City. She has also performed seasonal concerts with soloists, musicians and other artists for the past 25 years.

Miss Kovach conducted twenty eight professional musicians from New York and Southern New Jersey and seventeen singers from Rutgers University. She has recorded and produced two albums in Etna, Ohio in 1987. She performed the National Anthem for the Blue Claws Baseball team in Lakewood, New Jersey. In addition to singing, she plays the piano, organ, trumpet, baritone horn, and trombone. She accompanied Irish tenor John MacNally of Australia who has also sung duets with several renowned artists. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance, a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Combs College of Music (1987) and completed coursework in DNA Music, Columbia University, New York City.

Miss Kovach was the first place winner, of the Belvedere Vocal Competition, Vienna (1988); First Place Winner of the Vocal Competition, Combs College of Music (1987); Member of the American Guild of Organists (1981). Miss Kovach has been a private music instructor of piano and voice for the past thirty years and Music Director for several churches throughout New Jersey for over forty years.

Results & Data For This Year's Annual Appeal (through 3/10/16)

955 Registered Families in Our Parish
90 Pledges Received to Date
9% Participation by Registered Families
\$17,901 in Pledges
41% of Goal (Based on pledges)
\$10,046 Amount Paid and Received

Please remember the needy who are helped by the funds contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. They include: the poor and vulnerable, schools, Catholic Charities, home health nursing programs for seniors, vocations & ministries to all segments of the parish and diocese. The list is virtually endless. YOUR contribution DOES make a difference! Please make a pledge.

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.*