

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

May 1, 2016

Diocese of Trenton

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!-- Psalm 67:6



First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 30, 2016

4:30 PM Margaret Camia r/o Ellen Orlando

SUNDAY, May 1, 2016

8:00 AM Barbara Nedd r/o Nigel & Jacqueline Storey

10:00 AM Josephine Davidson r/o John & Lila Czaplicki

11:30 AM James Pellicano r/o Luigi & Rose Cantatore

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

MONDAY, May 2, 2016

9:00 AM Emma DeRosa r/o Equestra Friends

TUESDAY, May 3, 2016

9:00 AM Jean Simon r/o Roy & Terri Murray

ASCENSION THURSDAY, May 5, 2016 @ Main Church

9:00 AM Angela Garcia r/o Lauren Madpak

7:00 PM Salvatore Navantieri r/o Suzanne & Peter DeGrande & Family

FRIDAY, May 6, 2016

9:00 AM Florence Mikorski r/o Niece, Terry Kelly
After Mass until 11:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Results & Data For This Year's Annual Catholic Appeal

(through 4/19/16) **Parish Goal is \$44,000**

955 Registered Families in Our Parish

141 Pledges Received to Date

15% Participation by Registered Families

\$29,201.99 in Pledges

66% of Goal (Based on pledges)

\$19,277.33 Amount Paid and Received

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

Christian Yoga:

Tuesdays, thru June 21, 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

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, Catherine Marrone Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, John Masterson, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Betty Reuter, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Theodore Wojtanowski

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, after the 10 and 11:30 o'clock Masses, all are invited for fellowship, camaraderie and snacks in the Parish Hall. Let's have a chat, conversation and food and coffee together as we celebrate the Day of the Lord as a family. This is a great opportunity to meet our new members of the parish community as we let them feel the warm welcome of our Christian Community. Let us enjoy each other's company and friendship.

Today at the 11:30 Mass, our little children, who just received their First Holy Communion last weekend, are going to honor the Blessed Mother as they crown her. Everyone is invited to celebrate the month of Mary this May.

In today's Sunday Gospel, Jesus assures us that we are more than any earthly group can make us, and we are interiorly led by more than any human code or sense of honor. It is through the giving of the Spirit we become dwelling places of the Holy Spirit, and if the Holy Spirit, then the whole Blessed Trinity. This teaching of Christ on the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is absolutely focused on the New Testament. It is taken up by the apostles; as Paul the Apostle wrote to the community of Corinth, "Didn't you realize that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you?" Once again, Paul says that God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Spirit. This living of the Holy Spirit within us gives direction, makes us so beautiful in God's eyes and makes us part of the wider body of the Church. It is also so vital to remember that the indwelling of the Spirit does not make us robots, puppets, or short circuits our free will, but rather, creates our freedom, helps us to act in a more human way.

Our own personal and spiritual experience in living together, allowing the Holy Spirit to dwell within us requires certain things. First, spending time with God in prayer. It is no other than the Holy Spirit that prompts us to pray. If we respond, we can become living wells of living prayer. As St. Paul says, "The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness." For when we don't know what to say or choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.

Secondly, as we know, living together with others requires communication. We need to both speak and listen. Those precious moments we spend in prayer help us to reveal our joys and sorrows, our hopes and dreams for this world and our strong desire for eternity. Hence we can say that prayer and sacraments are the main ways of responding to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, be our Advocate. Continue to remind us about Jesus' words and actions so that we can live the Christian Way as we continue to give glory to God. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

4/24/16 Energy & Fuel \$7,308.00
Catholic Home Missions \$1,522.00

5/8/16 Weekly & Mothers Day

New Parishioners

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

Lisa King
Paul, Lauren, Cooper, Cole & Christian Sullivan

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, please email Francine Gagliano at fandjgags@gmail.com with your contact information. Thank you!

Rosary Altar Society will be sponsoring the annual Mother's Day Baby shower. We will be collecting new baby items to donate to local support groups in the area. Please help us to welcome these newborns into our community and support the Mothers at a very special moment of their lives. For more information contact Mary Jean at [732-740-5642](tel:732-740-5642).

Cantors and Choir members needed in our Music Ministry here at St. Catherine Parish. If you 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 to sign up and begin a journey of learning and growing with your Parish. God's Blessings - Alice Kovach.



CAR WASH

Saturday May 21st
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Main Church Parking Lot
Weather Permitting!



Proceeds to support SVDP and our Youth Group

Faith in Our Future

The Core Team oversaw the parish evaluation of the Criteria for Stewardship & Leadership and found that our strengths include strong fiscal management, a diverse group of parishioners serving various capacities, and recognition of future financial obligations and the ability to effectively plan for them.

If you have any comment about these, please contact your Core Team at faithinourfuture@sienachurch.org.

The Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Mother/Daughter (ages 13 and older) Retreat and Luncheon on Saturday, **May 7, 2016** at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, a speaker, sharing, networking, and luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 1:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 or register online at cwoz.org no later than Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Leave your phone number and spell your last name.

Faith to Move Mountains
Campaign for the
Diocese of Trenton



To all of the good people and friends of St. Catherine of Siena Parish,

As you may have heard, a major endowment campaign is currently underway at St. Catherine of Siena and throughout the Diocese of Trenton. This week I will be sharing the first two components of the ***Faith to Move Mountains*** Campaign for the Diocese and our parish.

Catechesis and Evangelization: In order to effectively raise our children in the Catholic faith in all of the parishes across our four-county Diocese, the Diocese of Trenton will create an endowment fund that will support and expand our Catechesis and Evangelization programs in the following ways:

Catechists and Catechetical Leaders: Currently, only **30%** of catechists have participated in the Diocesan catechetical certificate program. Funds from the campaign will provide full certification for all of our catechists and expand educational advancement for parish catechetical leaders so that all serving in this role will have or be pursuing a master's degree in theology or religious education.

Parish Adult Faith Formation: Additional funds will be directed toward the organized training of adult formation teams, strengthening existing programs, or creating new ones at each parish.

New Evangelization: The Diocese intends to build a comprehensive network that incorporates the best of parish evangelization ministries in order to empower every parish community to deepen the spiritual lives of its people, reach out to those who have left the Church, and invite and prepare all those who are coming to the faith for the first time.

Parishes: 30% of the funds raised will remain with the parishes to address their own local needs (you will be hearing about St. Catherine of Siena's fundraising projects in the coming weeks). In addition to the 30% share, the Diocese will also create the following endowment fund:

Diocesan Parish Assistance Fund: Over the past ten years, the Diocese has provided financial support to **40%** of all parishes that have been unable to fund their parish and school employee healthcare, pensions, retirement, and other costs. This endowment will ensure that these and other vital resources will continue to be available for any parishes in need of immediate assistance in order to effectively serve their parish communities for years to come.

In the coming weeks, I will share further details about how the campaign funds will directly impact both our Diocese and our community here at St. Catherine of Siena. Everyone will soon be invited to participate in this graced effort. In the meantime, anyone is welcome to approach me before or after Mass with any questions you may have. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

God bless,

Father Angelito



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 email us at frontoffice@sienachurch.org or call 732-938-5375. 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 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 2 weeks in advance. 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.*