

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

May 22, 2016

Diocese of Trenton

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The Most Holy Trinity

[T]he love of God has been poured out
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

-- Romans 5:5b



First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 21, 2016

4:30 PM Eddie Cusack r/o Kathleen & Peter Cassidy

SUNDAY, May 22, 2016

8:00 AM Sharon Storey r/o Mom & Dad

10:00 AM Marie Debuys r/o Phillip & Kristin Natilli

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

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

MONDAY, May 23, 2016

9:00 AM Estelle Coffey r/o June & George Hankel

TUESDAY, May 24, 2016

9:00 AM Estelle Coffey r/o Dean & Annette Wright

THURSDAY, May 26, 2016

9:00 AM Antoinette Pennetti & Family r/o Libby &
Family

FRIDAY, May 27, 2016

9:00 AM John Jankowski r/o Daughter, Terry Kelly

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!

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 to sign up and begin a journey of learning and growing with your Parish. Please email akovach9@aol.com.

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 3:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Baptism Classes:

3rd Wednesdays 7:30 PM *Church*

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30 AM *Church*

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 except June*

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,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

Life is full of mysteries. Science and technology try to solve many of them and it is interesting that we come to understand some mysteries, and we discover even more of them. To understand people is similar. Sometimes we don't even understand people we live with. Yet there are those who think they should understand the one who created all this mystery and that God should not be mysterious at all. There is much more in life and about God that we must learn and understand. As Jesus told us in the Gospel today: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot handle it now." He would send the "Spirit of truth" to guide us.

The Trinity is the most fundamental belief of Christianity. Three distinct, coequal persons in one God. For the Church, the Trinity is considered a mystery. There are aspects of it we will never fully understand while we are on this side of heaven. Today's readings touch on the distinctions, as well as the linkages, between and among the persons of the Trinity. Like all mysteries in the universe, the mystery of God is something we keep understanding with greater clarity, yet we know there is much more we have to learn. The mystery of the Trinity is a reminder to us that God is greater than we can ever know. But at the same time it is an invitation to continuously come to know God better, because the more we know God, the more we will say we have an awesome God. Those who say there is no God, or that God cannot be known, have already closed themselves out of the possibility of finding any joy in getting to know God at all.

There are several references to the Holy Trinity in the Old Testament, but their meaning was mostly hidden. When Jesus became man, he revealed the three persons of the Trinity more fully. As Christ had promised before he ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit did come at Pentecost to help and empower the early Church to carry on Jesus' saving mission. The same Spirit was also poured out upon the Church to guide it and its members in the way of truth. The Holy Spirit continues to be at work in and through the Church, empowering the Church and her members to continue doing the work Jesus calls her to do.

The mystery of the Trinity is a fundamental mystery of our faith. We were baptized into the Trinity. We begin our prayers in the name of the Trinity, namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our faith in Jesus' divinity rests on the doctrine of the Trinity. What makes the Mass unique and such a powerful prayer is that Jesus prays with us in the Mass; our prayer is offered to the Father in union with the most perfect sacrifice of Jesus through the power of the Spirit. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

5/15/16 Weekly Catholic Communications \$6,804.00
5/29/16 Weekly & St. Vincent de Paul \$1,245.00

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.

New Parishioners

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

Francis, Katherine and Giavana Sangi
Amanda Sottile and Juliana Libretti
Michael Sottile

Have you ever heard the initials RCIA?

They stand for Christian Initiation of Adults, The Roman Catholics 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 have not yet received Sacraments, or to learn more about the RCIA process, please email RCIA@sienachurch.org or call the Parish office.

"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.

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 call (732) 835-2049 or email KOFc15703@gmail.com.

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

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 continued generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Birthright is an organization that helps moms and families facing the uncertainty of an unplanned and unwanted pregnancy. Birthright needs and welcomes volunteers who are caring and helpful in a positive, tangible way and willing to share talents through a definite time commitment. Birthright will supply the training. Call 732-462-2888, Monday-Friday, 10 am-2 pm.

Faith to Move Mountains
Campaign for the
Diocese of Trenton



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

Over the past few weeks, I have shared how the **Faith to Move Mountains** Campaign will strengthen our Diocesan schools and parishes, support our clergy and seminarians, care for our retired priests, enhance our religious education and evangelization programs, and expand our social service outreach.

In addition to these projects, St. Catherine of Siena has been invited to raise a minimum of **\$580,000**, of which we will receive **30%** (\$174,000) to address our own local needs listed below:

St. Catherine of Siena Church Building (\$150,000)

The three large air-conditioning units are 20 years old and need to be replaced.

The three small air-conditioning units are also 20 years old and need to be replaced.

The lighting inside and outside of the church needs to be changed to LED lighting, which has a lifespan of 22 years, and costs significantly less to operate.

Chapel (\$4,000)

The bathroom in the chapel needs to be renovated/replaced.

Funds will go towards enhancing the lighting for the walkway outside of the chapel.

A new front door will replace the current door to the chapel.

Rectory (\$20,000)

The current rectory is over 50 years old, and has many maintenance issues that need to be addressed.

As we move forward with this campaign, it is my hope that our entire community will join together and participate in this blessed effort for our Diocese and our parish. I encourage all of you to pray for our success and participate to what your means allow for the future of our Church, as everyone will soon have the opportunity to support this graced endeavor. As has been proven so many times, here at our wonderful Spirit-filled community of St. Catherine of Siena, when you give it away, you get it back a hundred fold. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

God bless,
Father Angelito



“Lord, How are You calling Me to Follow You?”

God created each one of us for a particular calling as a way to follow Him. Through the Sacrament of Baptism we become a child of God and thus we are called to live in holiness through the love of God and neighbor! It is important to remember that our true vocation does not come from the world, or from ourselves, but rather an invitation directly from God to follow Him!

If you are interested in learning more about a vocation to the priesthood, join Rev. Msgr. Ralph Stansley for this month’s discernment meeting, Sunday, May 22, 2016, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 137 Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, N.J. from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, as he shares his experiences of the priesthood, and leads a discussion about discernment and vocations.

For further information and to register, please contact the Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations at vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or by calling (609) 406-7449. It would be great to see you and hear how the Lord is working in your life!

Cheers to Summer! will be held on Thursday evening, May 26 at Spring Lake Bath & Tennis Club. Hosted by the Monmouth County Board of Catholic Charities, includes dinner, dancing, 50/50 raffle and gift auction. Tickets are \$125. Call 609-394-5181 X 1137 or visit www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/events.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS & COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On Monday, Memorial Day, May 30, at 9:00 AM, St. Veronica’s will be celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to pray for peace in the world, for all our men and women in the military who have given their lives in the cause of peace, for our troops who have been injured while serving in the military, for our troops who are currently serving in the military, and for all our veterans. A free Communion Breakfast featuring a hot buffet provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 6201 in honor of our troops and veterans will follow the Mass in the school cafeteria. All are welcome. For more information, please call 732-367-2565.

St Veronica Church Catholic Vacation Bible School 2016
Want to be a superhero for God? Come join us for a fun week of games, skits, crafts, music and lessons as we discover Holy Spirit Power. Monday July 11- Fri July 15, 9am – 12:30pm, Ages 4-5 and entering Grades 1 thru 6, \$35/child, includes t-shirt and snacks. Registration forms are available at the rectory and CCD office. Registration deadline is June 3. Space limited to first 80 campers. Email svmcg21@yahoo.com

“Brunch by the Sea,” Saturday, June 11, 11 am-1:30pm
WATERSPIRIT, 981 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ
Join us as we say “Farewell to Stella Maris” before we move to our new home. Enjoy Brunch, Dessert, Mimosas, Bloody Mary’s, Music, a Gift Auction and Wine Cellar. \$70 per person. 732-923-9788 or water@waterspirit.org.

Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout NJ. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive Tuesdays, June 7, 14, and 21 from 10:30am till 3pm at RWJ Visiting Nurses, 972 Shoppes Blvd, North Brunswick. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, administrative support and special projects to support our mission of caring and compassion. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. To register, call (732) 224-6933. For more information about volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org/volunteering.

If you are experiencing sadness due to divorce, separation or loss of a loved one, or are overwhelmed with helping care for a loved one, we invite you to come to our support groups to meet others who will possibly better understand your feelings and help you feel less alone. Sharing your feelings is the best way to get through them. You need people you can talk to. Support group members often make friends that end up being a source of support for years to come. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 pm. in the Parish Office. June 1 will be Divorced & Separated and Well Spouses (those caring for a spouse who is ill or disabled). If you are interested in Drug & Alcohol Recovery or need more information, please email StAloysiusGonzagaGroup@gmail.com. In order to continue with these groups a freewill donation of \$5 per person is requested. All groups are confidential. Please come to the front door of the Parish Office.

“A Spirituality of Living in Harmony with Nature”

Thursday, June 23, 7:00 p.m. - Sunday, June 26, 1:00 pm
WATERSPIRIT offers a place on the Atlantic Coast where nature can gift you with healing and strength. We will explore our relationship with nature and a spirituality that fosters harmony with nature. Input, reflection, sharing, and ritual will help deepen awareness of our connection with and dependence on Earth and of spiritual choices that help shape our understanding of the world and of ourselves. Registration deadline is June 13, 2016. Cost \$350. email water@waterspirit.org or call 732-923-9788. Stella Maris, 981 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A HOST FAMILY?

An open mind and the willingness to welcome one of our wonderful students into your home for a 10-month academic year. Host Families are married couples, single parents, empty nesters, and single professionals. They are provided with unparalleled support from Ivy International Program Managers. Training and a monthly stipend are provided. If interested or if you know someone who may be interested, please call 732-349-8801 x 2429 or email atkandrea@donovancatholic.org.