

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

May 8, 2016

Diocese of Trenton

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
-- Revelation 22:13



First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 7, 2016

4:30 PM John & Mary Kruse r/o Daughters, Maryann, Patty & Stephanie

SUNDAY, May 8, 2016

8:00 AM Anthony La Rocca r/o Ella La Rocca

10:00 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased r/o Rosary Altar Society

11:30 AM Giuseppe Canpanale r/o Luigi & Rose Cantatore

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

MONDAY, May 9, 2016

9:00 AM Margaret Melillo r/o Libby Miller & Family

TUESDAY, May 10, 2016

9:00 AM Margaret Kavet r/o Niece, Alice

THURSDAY, May 12, 2016

9:00 AM Billy Costello r/o Mom & Dad

FRIDAY, May 13, 2016

9:00 AM Margaret & Joe Shade r/o Sillup Family



ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend are offered for:
All Mother's Living & Deceased
r/o Rosary Altar Society



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

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,

Today is Mother's Day. I have an interesting story, this was one Mother's Day morning, when two young kids asked their mother to stay in bed. As she lay there excitedly looking forward to being brought breakfast in bed, the flavorful smell of fried bacon floated up from the kitchen. Finally, these two children called her to come downstairs. She found them both sitting at the breakfast table eating bacon and eggs. "A big surprise for Mother's Day," one of them explained, "we decided it would be fun to make our own breakfast." That's sometimes the way it goes for mothers.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers who are here and those who cannot be here today. There is going to be a blessing for all mothers at all the Masses this weekend. We are immensely thankful to all mothers, for choosing the vocation you did and for the extraordinary dedication and love you have freely given in following that vocation. May God continue to bless you and shower his graces upon you.

Today's Gospel was part of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. His final prayer we would expect would express those thoughts that are so deep coming from his own heart. The third part of his prayer is for all of us, all who would come to believe in him and follow him. It would be interesting to find out what he prays for us. His prayer is for unity in love. Notice that he prays for it relentlessly. He prays that he is one with the Father, we might be one with him and one with each other.

Jesus prays that the disciples who hear his prayer, and we who will come after, may be one and know that the father sent him. Jesus is one with the Father. We are to be one with Jesus. Jesus shares the love the Father has for him with us so that when people see us, they see him.

To be one with another does not mean being a carbon copy of someone. Union invites us to model our lives after another in our own unique way by following their example. St. Francis de Sales called this unidiversity, oneness amidst difference. A concrete example of unidiversity is an account of the first Christian Martyr St. Stephen. Obviously, he modeled his life after Jesus, to the point that his words and witness outraged the leaders as Jesus' life had. Up to the moment of his death, those words are similar to Jesus' words on the Cross: "Receive my spirit and do not hold this sin against them." However, Jesus addressed his words to the Father, whereas Stephen addresses his words to Jesus. Both of them are united in life and death, and yet each one was his own unique individual.

Father in Heaven fill us with the same Spirit that will carry out the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

5/1/16 Weekly **\$7,172.00**
Diocesan Assessment **\$1,546.00**

5/15/16 Weekly & Catholic Communications

Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch) diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.



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

James Thomas Mauer

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

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).

Listed below are a few items needed/wish list for the baby shower. For a complete list please check the Parish website:

Wipes, Baby shampoo, Aveeno Body Lotion and Wash, Bibs, White towels, Wash cloths, Combs, Brushes, Sun Screen for Babies & Children, Sun hats for Girls (ages infant and 2), Blow up Kiddie Pool, Fun Sprinkler, Bubbles, Balls, Sand toys, Beach toys, Children's sunglasses, Socks, Blankets, Newborn diapers, Walmart & Babies "R" Us gift cards.

Parish Game Night - Saturday, May 14, 7 - 9 P.M.

Come join us for our next Parish Game Night. All ages welcome. You're sure to have fun playing an old favorite or finding a new game to enjoy with other parishioners. We'll bring some of our favorites (Sorry, Quelf, QBitz, Monopoly, Rummikub, Bananagrams, Uno). You're welcome to bring your favorites too. Bring some refreshments to share -- cookies, veggies, water, whatever you like. RSVP to Deacon Joe Prioli at jjprioli@gmail.com.

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.

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 begun sharing information about a major endowment campaign underway at our parish and throughout the Diocese of Trenton. This week I will be sharing the next initiative of the ***Faith to Move Mountains*** Campaign for the Diocese and our parish:

Ordained Ministry: With approximately **170 priests serving more than 800,000 Catholics** within our Diocese, every priest is essential, and building the number of priests in active ministry has never been more important. Below is how the Diocese plans to ensure that every one of our parishes within all four counties has the pastoral support they need to serve future generations of Catholics:

Retired Priests: One of the greatest needs of the Diocese is the care for retired priests, especially the infirmed and those requiring acute care. In the next 10 years alone, **44%** of our current priests will be eligible for retirement. This will require an additional \$800,000 each year to provide care for those who have dedicated their lives to their parish communities. Amid increasing healthcare costs, we must be prepared to meet growing demands by increasing the current endowment for our retired clergy. This will provide a renewed opportunity to give back to our priests who have given so much to us.

Seminarians: The extraordinary news is that our current class of seminarians has grown to more than **30 men!** Bishop O'Connell has set the goal of bringing that number to 50 seminarians in formation over the coming years. This growth will present a welcome challenge, as the cost to educate one seminarian is approximately **\$40,000 per year** for five years of post-college education. Recognizing the seminaries' indelible impact on our Church, the Diocese will establish a priestly formation endowment to address these growing costs.

Deacons: With more than **300** deacons currently in service, the Diocese of Trenton has been blessed with one of the *largest diaconate programs in the country*. As the need for permanent deacons continues, so too must the Diocese's investment in preparing men that can support our priests and minister to their congregations with engaging homilies, sacramental preparation and spiritual direction.

In the coming weeks, I will continue to share further details about how the campaign funds will directly impact both our Diocese and our community here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. 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.*