

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



November 6, 2016



## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

My steps have been steadfast in your paths,  
My feet have not faltered.  
I call upon you, for you will answer me,  
O God.

-Psalm 17:5-6a

**First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14**

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]**

## 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 Sundays

## Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

## Religious Education Office Hours

Monday: 8:30 AM to 7:15 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 5:45 PM

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

**Pastor**  
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

**Weekend Assistant**  
Rev. Alfred Burke

**Deacon**  
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

**Parish Website:**  
[www.sienachurch.org](http://www.sienachurch.org)

**Mass Schedule:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 6

**Parish Office:**  
732-938-5375

**Last Rites:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 7

**Religious Education:**  
732-938-6229

**Deacon Dan:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 3

**St. Vincent de Paul:**  
732-938-3454

**Parish Bookkeeper:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 8

**FAX Phone:**  
732-938-3260

**Sacristan/Music Director:**  
732-938-5375 ext. 9



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, November 5, 2016**

4:30 PM John & Mary Kruse  
(Daughters, Maryann, Patty & Stephanie)

**Sunday, November 6, 2016**

8:00 AM Margaret Perri  
(Janice & Don Deakyne)

10:00 AM Margaret Camia  
(Renee & Tom Heaney)

11:30 AM Consuelo Remigio  
(Martinez Family)

**Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel**

**Monday, November 7, 2016**

9:00 AM Marjorie Courtney  
(Adelaide Sangiorgi)

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

9:00 AM Barbara Bowden  
(Neal & Lorraine Pronek)

**Thursday, November 10, 2016**

9:00 AM Walter Gunn  
(Carol & Mike Morton)

**Friday, November 11, 2016**

9:00 AM William Smith  
(Frank & Debi Sardone)

**Baptism Classes:**

Last Wednesdays 7:00 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/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.

**10/30/16 Weekly**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**\$6,303.00**

**\$3,447.00**

**11/13/16 Weekly and Diocesan Assessment**



**The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.**

**October bills thru 10/18 :**

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| <b>Religious Ed. Books</b>       | <b>\$ 5,140.34</b> |
| <b>New Rectory Appliances</b>    | <b>\$ 4,655.82</b> |
| <b>New Rectory Electric</b>      | <b>\$ 2,620.00</b> |
| <b>Electricity</b>               | <b>\$ 1,106.30</b> |
| <b>Telephone &amp; Internet</b>  | <b>\$ 826.70</b>   |
| <b>Office Expenses</b>           | <b>\$ 566.37</b>   |
| <b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b> | <b>\$ 479.53</b>   |
| <b>Gas</b>                       | <b>\$ 252.30</b>   |
| <b>Waste</b>                     | <b>\$ 125.54</b>   |

Dear Parishioners - As we head in to the busy Advent Season, St Catherine's is in need of additional Usher help at all masses. Anyone over the age of 12 can sign up and for those receiving Confirmation, this is a great way to get in some service hours! For more information or to sign up, please contact Scott at [732-492-6861](tel:732-492-6861) or [scottrubinson@gmail.com](mailto:scottrubinson@gmail.com).

The Knights of Columbus will have a variety of Religious Christmas Cards available for purchase in the Narthex after all masses the weekend of November 12/13, 19/20, & 26/27. Prices start as low as \$6.50 for a box of 15. All proceeds help support our parish initiatives. Thank you for your support.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

On the 2nd & 4th Sunday at the 11:30 am Mass, all children in grades K-4 (ages 5-10) are invited to participate in CLOW. Young children are given the opportunity to listen to a children's version of the Sunday's readings and Gospel stories at their own level of understanding and participate in activities that bring the readings to life. Each Sunday's Liturgy of the Word is enriched and modified to make it important and relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. After the Opening Prayer the Priest will call the children forward along with the Catechist for a special blessing, before being dismissed to classroom 1. Children are returned to their parents in the Church before the Presentation of the Gifts. No prior sign-ups are required. We will meet on November 13th & 27th. Please visit [sienachurch.org](http://sienachurch.org) for list of yearly meeting dates. For more information, email [clow@sienachurch.org](mailto:clow@sienachurch.org).

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

**"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](mailto:pheathers7@yahoo.com).

St. Vincent de Paul Society food drive runs through November 11 specifically for Thanksgiving food baskets to benefit local families in need. Non perishables, i.e. canned soups, vegetables, tuna fish, peanut butter, pasta, jellies, spaghetti sauces, cereal, boxed milk, etc. are needed. Please check expiration dates. Grocery store gift cards are also appreciated. Thank you for your donations and know that you are doing God's work in helping others.

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Once again our parish will be preparing a Giving Tree to help make Christmas a little brighter for those who find themselves in need during this holiday season. Beginning Saturday, November 12 our Giving Tree will be in the vestibule of the Church. The Giving Tree is decorated with paper ornaments. Each tag contains information about the gift recipient, as well as a gift request. The cost of the gifts varies from a few dollars to perhaps the cost of a coat. When you select an ornament from the tree, if at all possible, please consider purchasing the requested gift. If you are unable to locate the gift that was requested please substitute a comparable item in its place.

**Please place the unwrapped gift in a gift bag and attach the ORIGINAL PAPER ORNAMENT to the outside of the package/gift bag. It is important that the ornament be attached to the gift as this is the only method we have for distributing the gifts to the proper individual.**

All gifts **MUST** be returned to the Church vestibule **no later** than Sunday, November 27. **Please return the gifts on time so that we have time to sort and distribute them to the different organizations.**

Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish Photo Directory** - We're still working on the *Password Protected Online Parish Photo Directory* and we need your help. Go to Parish Photo Directory on the website and sign up online to let us know what information you will allow in this directory. Names and addresses of all parishioners will be included in the directory unless you opt out. If you prefer, there is also a downloadable PDF file that you can complete and return to the office or put in the collection basket. Photos can be submitted to [photodirectory@sienachurch.org](mailto:photodirectory@sienachurch.org) or use that same email address to discuss when you would like to have your picture taken, no charge.

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](mailto:RCIA@sienachurch.org) or call the Parish office.

### **SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:**

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Virginia Franklin, Lois Hradil, 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, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Annette Wright, Dean Wright

### **ST. ROSE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS: BLITHE SPIRIT**

St. Rose H.S. MAAC, 607 Seventh Ave, Belmar  
Friday & Saturday, November 11/12 – 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday November 13– 1:00 p.m.  
Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain  
• General Admission: \$10.00  
• Student Admission: \$5.00  
Call 732-681-2858 or visit [www.strose.k12.nj.us](http://www.strose.k12.nj.us)

Give your heart to Jesus!  
St. Veronica Healing Mass  
4215 Rt. 9, Howell, NJ 07731  
November 15, 2016 - Mass at 7:30 pm  
Celebrant: Fr. Vic  
Individual Prayers after Mass. All are Welcome.  
Any questions call 732-364-2815 or  
[mjohnson4321@gmail.com](mailto:mjohnson4321@gmail.com)

On Thursday, December 15, 2016 the Parish family of St. Robert Bellarmine will be sponsoring a bus trip to see a production of "A Christmas Carol" at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, NJ. If you would like to participate in this evening with fellow sisters and brothers in Christ, from the Parish Family of St. Robert Bellarmine. Contact [comehome@strobert.com](mailto:comehome@strobert.com), 732-462-7038.

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.

"Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty"— Our National Holiday of Thanksgiving is a special time of awareness of those who do not have sufficient food to sustain their Families. Most parishes in our Diocese contribute to food pantries and soup kitchens (parish pantries, community pantries and/or soup kitchens). Consider contributing to one of these agencies and/or pantries and involve children, teens and adults in special events to "Feed the Hungry" in this Year of Mercy.

### **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](mailto: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 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 7:00 P.M. on the last Wednesday of each month. To sign up you must fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend or email [deacondan@sienachurch.org](mailto:deacondan@sienachurch.org).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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,

This Sunday after the 10 and 11:30 Masses in the morning, we as faithful parishioners are asked to come to the Parish Hall for some refreshments, coffee and some food from our usual Hospitality Sunday. It is always great to have some fellowship and conversation and meet some new members of the community as we welcome them to our parish family. Please come.

As we have announced before, the month of November is the appropriate opportunity to remember our loved ones who passed on. We can write down the names of those deceased persons on our envelopes as we submit them to our collection baskets and we as a parish family are going to pray for them.

As we celebrate today the 32nd Sunday of the Year, allow me to give you some background on the religious politics of Judaism in Jesus' time and culture so as to have some sense of today's Gospel readings. If there were arch conservatives in Jesus' time they were the Sadducees. They were strongly connected with the aristocracy and the Jewish priesthood. They did not accept any part of the Scriptures except the first five books. Similarly, they did not believe in angels, spirits and the resurrection of the dead on the last day. What they are attempting to do in today's Gospel is to prove, with an extreme example, that there is no such thing as resurrection from the dead. Their particular example is based on a law that comes from the Book of Leviticus. The law is known as the levirate marriage which states that: 'If a man died and he had no children, then his brother was supposed to marry the man's widow and through her would bring children into the world. That simply means that adding another wife to the family would have required some kind of adjustment, nevertheless, it would solve some serious problems, such as seeking to preserve the name and memory of the brother who died, keeping in the family whatever property the brother had, and ensuring that the widow would be provided for. Evidently, the Sadducees didn't believe there was life after this life, and even if there were, in their mindset it would be very similar to the life the way we know it now. Jesus tells them that's where they went wrong in their thinking. As Jesus has said, it would be totally different. Because we will not die, we will be like angels, we will be like children of God and we will rise up. This gives us a lot to speculate about, but exactly what any of this is all about remains a mystery. Certainly, it will always remain a mystery because we have nothing in this world to use as a comparison of what is to come. It is quite interesting however, when we read about people that have had near death experiences. It helps one's imagination to figure out the next life just a little. It's better than having nothing at all to help us imagine what it might be like.

I guess the most essential message the Gospel gives us is to assure us that God has created us for eternal life, a life which is far more profound than anything we can dream of. Keep in mind what St. Paul has said as we sing and read; "Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor has it entered into our heart the things God has prepared for those who love him." Therefore, in bad times, we must remember there are better times ahead of us. In good times, we cannot forget about the even greater happiness God has prepared for those who love him and are so faithful to him. Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

