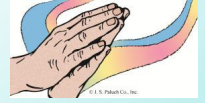


# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



October 23, 2016



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw  
till the Most High responds.

Sirach 35:17-18a

**First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14**

**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

## 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

**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, October 22, 2016**

4:30 PM Uzzolino Family  
(Janet Weber)

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

8:00 AM Margaret Camia  
(Niece, Louise Pisani)

10:00 AM Ellen Mahoney  
(Family)

11:30 AM Giuseppe & Anna Cantatore  
(Luigi & Rose Cantatore)

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

**Monday, October 24, 2016**

9:00 AM James & Kathleen Maher  
(Kelso Family)

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

9:00 AM Joanne Kennedy  
(Son, Kevin & Family)

**Thursday, October 27, 2016**

9:00 AM Marie Tullo  
(Marian & Jim Ferris)

**Friday, October 28, 2016**

9:00 AM Emanuel Riggi  
(Lou & Marcia Ciccone)

**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.

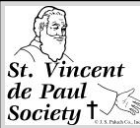
**10/16/16 Weekly**

**Energy & Fuel**

**\$6,806.00**

**\$1,415.00**

**10/30/16 Weekly and St. Vincent de Paul**



**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.**

CONGRATULATIONS &  
BEST WISHES TO ...



**KEITH WYCKO  
MELISSA FERRARI**

who were married at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Friday, October 14, 2016.

**MAY GOD BLESS THIS COUPLE WITH A  
LONG HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER!**

**New Parishioners**

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

**Gilroy, Agnes, Vienetto & Vittorio Cabrera  
Bryan, Kaitlin and Jack Keighery**



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

for this weekend are offered for:

**Margaret Camia**  
(Niece, Louise Pisani)



of all our Parish family and friends, and especially the recently departed:

**Peter Kopak** (Husband of Patricia)

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Fall Harvest Bake Sale - October 22 & 23**

Please help support our efforts to serve the families of our parish who are in need. Complimentary coffee and tea will be served after all Sunday masses, so please stop by. All proceeds will be used for the St. Vincent De Paul Society Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE!**

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, jellies, spaghetti sauces, pasta, 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.

**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:** Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Virginia Franklin, 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

The Rosary Altar Society will be reciting the Rosary throughout the month of October before the weekend Mass on Oct. 30 @ 11 before the 11:30 Mass and at the Chapel after the 9 am Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parish participation is welcome.

**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.

**Parish Mission at St. William the Abbot**  
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will be here in October for our Parish Mission to celebrate the Year of Mercy. The Mission will be on Monday, October 24 & Tuesday, October 25 at 9 AM, and 7 PM both days. The theme of the Mission will be Family and Mercy. Tuesday night will be a Penance Service. For more information about the Friars, visit at [www.franciscanfriars.com](http://www.franciscanfriars.com).

**HEALING MASS - ALL ARE WELCOME** on Saturday, October 29 at Sacred Heart Church in Bay Head for a healing mass at 8:30 am. Many of us are in need of extra prayers for illness, upcoming surgery, addiction, mental illness, caregiving, etc. The Anointing of the sick and special prayers will be administered at the end of mass. Light refreshments to follow in the hall. Contact [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com) or 732-899-1398.

St. John Vianney HS Open House, Thursday, October 27, 7 - 9 pm, 732-739-0800.  
Pre-Register online for Open House and Placement Test [www.sjvhs.org/admissions](http://www.sjvhs.org/admissions).

**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)

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.

Seeking fellow parishioners to participate and join in the pro life cause. 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 generosity.

**"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).

**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 members world-wide, the Knights of Columbus strives to be a positive Catholic presence in both our parish and community. If you wish to join please call (732) 835-2049 or email [kofc@sienachurch.org](mailto:kofc@sienachurch.org).

**World Mission Sunday**

### **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,

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is having their annual bake sale in the Parish Hall. Please stop by after Mass for conversation, and fellowship and to purchase some of their good stuff and support this wonderful cause for the benefit of our less-fortunate brothers and sisters. Please be generous as generous as your means allow. We appreciate all the charitable donations that you can share.

Our Knights of Columbus initiated an annual Coat Drive a few years ago. We remind everyone to donate and give your unwanted jackets and coats as other people will be in great need of them, most especially with the cold season coming.

Today the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. We have our common call to be a missionary, an opportunity to change the world through merciful acts. Are we aware that this annual gift that we give in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports missionaries serving in more than 1,111 mission dioceses, each of which greatly needs our help to provide service and comfort for the poorest and most vulnerable. Therefore, through your generous contributions to the Missions, we let other people know that Jesus loved them and their voice can and will also make a difference to the poorest of the poor of our world. I ask for your monetary gifts and prayers.

This Sunday is the 30th Sunday of the Year.

We might be wondering who were the Pharisees? Pharisees were lay people who dedicated themselves to trying to keep God's law as perfectly as they could. The prayer of the Pharisee we hear in today's Gospel might have been characteristic of the prayer of any Pharisee and most probably what the Pharisee said about himself was true. He would have been very strict about keeping the law, he would have performed spiritual practices over and above what the law demanded and he would have looked down upon anyone who failed to live up to his standards.

On the other hand there is the publican, a public employee for he worked for the government, the hated Roman government which held Israel in its power and required that taxes be sent annually to Rome. This publican was Jewish, as all of them were, and he was a tax collector. Such individuals were seen as traitors to their own people, as they were seen as thieves as well because this was how they made their living. They collected the Roman tax and they added to this tax an additional tax, which was their salary. Oftentimes the publicans paid themselves well by collecting enough money for a relatively comfortable lifestyle.

In today's Gospel, we hear two men, a publican and a Pharisee who went up to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee was thinking God must have been extremely proud of him. He was quite proud of himself. The publican realized he didn't have much to be proud of, he simply asked for God's mercy.

I guess almost 100% of us here today are completely puzzled by this parable. As with the Pharisee, most of us can probably say: "I feel as if I'm a pretty good person, I try to keep the Commandments, I try to help my neighbor, etc." Probably we can also say, "I'm glad I am not like a lot of other people I know." After the Pharisee mentioned all of the good qualities, Jesus tells he did not do right with God. Why? All the good things he did were good things, except maybe for his thinking he was better than most everyone else. He forgot one extremely important element in spiritual life. It begins with humility. It begins with knowing that God is the source of justification. It begins with the awareness that it is God who saves us.

Does it mean we do not need to worry about keeping the Commandments or doing good works? Jesus stresses how important that is in so many passages in the Sacred Scriptures, but today, the Gospel tells us how we are to begin our approach to God. Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

