

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



October 30, 2016



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

-Psalm 145:14

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22—12:2

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

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

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 29, 2016

4:30 PM Margaret Camia
(St. Gabriel's Hospital Ministry)

Sunday, October 30, 2016

8:00 AM Gertrude Persaud
(Nigel & Jacqueline Storey)

10:00 AM George Weber
(Janet Weber)

11:30 AM Lillian & Anthony La Rocca
(Ella La Rocca)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, October 31, 2016

9:00 AM Rose Cullinen
(Carol & Mike Morton and Family)

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 @ Main Church

9:00 AM Angelo Pennetti & Family
(Libby & Family)

7:00 PM Parishioners

Thursday, November 3, 2016

9:00 AM Frank Sardone
(Son, Frank & Family)

Friday, November 4, 2016

9:00 AM Emanuel Riggi
(Carriann 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.

10/23/16 Weekly \$6,501.00
World Mission Sunday \$1,534.00

11/1/16 All Saints Day
11/2/16 All Souls Day
11/6/16 Weekly and Energy & Fuel



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 1 in honor of All Saints Day.

On Tuesday, November 1, All Saints Day Masses will be held at the main church at 9:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "Serving those who serve" and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations, as does any other Catholic diocese. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the U.S. Government, the AMS receives no funding from government or the military for its programs and services, including the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which provides priests for home dioceses and for the military chaplaincy. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.oro/nationalcollection.



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

Julia Faith Michener

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

New Parishioners

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

Nicola, Cheryl and Angelina Chiappetta
Matthew, Kristen, Tyler and Andrew Encarnacion

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

Thanks to all who supported Harbor House

Harbor House is an agency dedicated to assisting homeless, runaway, abused, neglected and abandoned youth, ages 10-21. Founded June, 1985, their mission is to provide a safe haven and caring environment for vulnerable youth, to enable them to unlock their potential and learn skills that will empower them to build healthier lives, relationships and futures. Through your generous donations and prayers, the 400-mile bike Ride for New Beginnings was a success again raising over \$100,000. St. Catherine's gave over \$1100. Thank you again for your support. May God bless you always, Harbor House Ride for New Beginnings Committee.
www.oceansharborhouse.org/

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the Rosary Altar Society, Religious Education students and all the parishioners that helped make our Harvest Bake Sale such a success. Please know that if you baked, bought or made a donation it will go directly to helping those in our community that are in need. Thanks to your generosity many families will receive an abundant Thanksgiving Basket.

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.

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 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 or call the Parish office.

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

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

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, 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.

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 email kofc@sienachurch.org or call (732) 835-2049.

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. 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.

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. 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 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. 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,

We are happy to welcome everyone, most especially our 3rd and 4th grade students from our Religious Education classes on our weekend liturgies. Together with their parents, teachers and friends they will make their presence at the 11:30 am Mass today. As faithful followers of the Lord, let us show them our joy, enthusiasm and great spirit as we come to Jesus on this sacred celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Tuesday, November 1, is All Saints Day and is a holy day of obligation. Both of our Masses are in the Church, one is at 9 AM and the other one is at 7 PM. Please come as we remember our loved ones who have gone ahead of us. Let us pray that through the intercession of all the Saints in heaven, our beloved dead may gain eternal life and peace in the Heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

Today is the 31st Sunday of the Year. A story was told about a nine year old child who killed his parents. He was arrested for bank robbery a couple of times in one year. The police authorities didn't know what to do with him. Being a child, they couldn't arrest and put him on trial or send him to a reform school because he had to be at least twelve years old for that. They called Fr. Flanagan and asked, "Will you accept this child?" The priest answered, "Yes, of course, send him over." The boy went to Boys Town and Fr. Flanagan asked his name and he said, "Thomas, sir." Then Fr. Flanagan said, "Tom! Welcome to Boys Town. We've been expecting you! Now that you are here you must want to take a walk to become familiar with everything. You know that everyone works for a living around here? You can choose an occupation, but for now take it easy, just take a look around the place. You can go now. I'll see you later." The boy narrated that these few seconds changed his life. He said, "for the first time in my life, I looked into the eyes of a man who, without using words, said not that he loved me, but "You are good, you're not bad, you're good." The boy became good. People often asked Fr. Flanagan the reason for his success. He didn't answer this question because the principle that he followed was, "there's no such thing as bad boy." He saw the goodness and made that goodness spring out of each one that he took in.

Since the holidays are coming, soon enough, they are here before we know it, our Sunday readings lead me to quote a Christmas carol: Do you see as God sees? In our lives, are we finding good in all that God has made? The author of the Book of Wisdom in the 1st reading reminds us that God overlooks our sins and has mercy on all to invite for repentance. Do we see as God sees, finding good in all that God has made? I believe, Jesus does. In the Gospel, he sees Zacchaeus as someone lost who can be saved. Zacchaeus climbs a tree hoping to see Jesus and Jesus invites himself to Zacchaeus' house. Zacchaeus promises to change his ways. What do you think the crowd sees? A sinner, unworthy of Jesus' treatment and attention. Do we look for good as God sees or do we see only sinners, unworthy of mercy and of less value than we judge ourselves?

Here is a question to ponder. Did you by any chance experience the mercy that Jesus has shown to Zacchaeus? We pray that salvation come to this house and we as followers of Jesus live by this conviction. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

