

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



September 11, 2016



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Psalm 51:12

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-32



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732-938-5375 ext. 6

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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 and Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 10, 2016

4:30 PM Weber Family
(Janet Weber)

Sunday, September 11, 2016

8:00 AM Angelina & Patsy Percaccio
(Percaccio Family)

10:00 AM John DeLuca
(Julie DeLuca)

11:30 AM Dorothy Kenna
(Neal & Lorraine Pronek)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, September 12, 2016

9:00 AM Ernie & Ann Scull
(Magyarits Family)

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

9:00 AM Stephan & Mary Bednarczyk
(Magyarits Family)

Thursday, September 15, 2016

9:00 AM Mary & Joe Shade
(Sillup Family)

Friday, September 16, 2016

9:00 AM Paul Bednarczyk
(Magyarits Family)

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
Walk and Pray thru September 14
Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM Church parking lot

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.

9/4/16 Weekly

Maintenance & Repair

\$6,292.00

\$1,212.00

9/18/16 Weekly and Diocesan Assessment



Thank you to all of you who have made a pledge to the Faith to Move Mountains Campaign! I have been truly humbled and blessed by your overwhelming generosity – we have raised \$458,787 towards our goal of \$580,000! I am so grateful for the support we have already received, but with a parish of nearly 1,000 families, I know we can count on more success. I hope that all of you will do what you can by making a sacrificial pledge for our parish and Diocese today. Thank you again to everyone who has so generously made a pledge and brought us closer to our goal! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Saint Catherine of Siena's Fall Harvest Fest

Please come join us on Sunday, October 2, from 11:30 – 2:30 for our parish picnic. Hosted by the Ministries of St. Catherine of Siena, the event will be held in the church's back parking lot. There will be plenty of food, music and fall-themed activities. All are welcome. Please bring any extra or unwanted coats for the beginning of our Fall Coat Drive.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING – for new and existing Altar Servers.

We need you! If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server or would like a refresher training class, please RSVP to Ms. Karen Utz at jutz@optonline.net to attend our next training session on Monday, Sept 26, 6-8pm in the main church. Boys/Girls grades 4 and up are welcome!

ADULT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING!

We need you! If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server please RSVP to Ms. Karen Utz at jutz@optonline.net to attend our next training session on Tuesday, Sept 27 6-8pm in the main church. Attending VIRTUS training is also required to be an adult altar server. Please register for the Oct. 8 VIRTUS training session with Deacon Dan at <http://www.virtus.org>.

New Parishioners

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

Nestor & Nora Mercado



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

John Molnar

(Husband of Deborah, Father of Kelli & Alexa)

Joseph Rotondo (Brother of Anna Williams)

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

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

The annual Bishop's Anniversary Blessing ceremony honors Catholic couples in the Diocese of Trenton who are celebrating their 1st, 25th, or 50+ years of Marriage. You are invited to gather with family and friends to join this year's anniversary event, featuring a special Mass and celebration, and the conferring of Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal blessing on your marriage on:

**Sunday, October 2, 2016; 3:00 PM Mass
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
61 Georgia Road, Freehold, NJ 07728**

To participate in the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass and Celebration, please register through the parish office at your earliest convenience. The deadline for registration is September 15, 2016.

New Season... New Beginnings - Are you feeling sad because a loved one has died or perhaps you have been coping with loss after a divorce or separation? You are invited to join one of our small group meetings to help you better understand your feelings and meet others who are dealing with the same life issues. Our Support Groups are confidential in a small group setting and you can often make friends who end up being a source of support for years to come. We meet on the 2nd (Bereavement) and 4th Wednesday (Divorced & Separated) of the month at 7pm in the Parish Office. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 14. If you have questions, please email StAloysiusGonzagaGroup@gmail.com. A free will donation of \$5 per person is requested.

Saint Aloysius Healthcare Ministry presents "Adult Vaccinations - All You Need To Know" by Dr. Philip G. Passes, on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30pm at Saint Aloysius Parish Office, 935 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson, NJ. Topics to be discussed include; Influenza, Whooping Cough, Shingles Vaccine, MMR, Pneumonia, Hepatitis and Meningococcal Vaccines. There will be a discussion on children's vaccines and also a short Question and Answer session will follow. There is no charge required. For questions, please call 732-370-0500 ext. 204.

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 New Jersey. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive Thursdays, October 13, 20, and 27 from 9:30 am till 3:30 pm at VNA Health Group, 176 Riverside Ave, Red Bank. 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, please call 732-224-6933. For more information visit www.vnahg.org/volunteering.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Joe Diamond, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bob Fort, Francine Gagliano, 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

Ministry Fair 2016

September 10 and 11, After all Masses

Have you ever wanted to know more about all of the good work done by so many of our parish organizations and ministries? Have you been looking for a way to become more involved in the life of our parish community, but aren't sure which ministry is right for you? We invite you to stop by our Parish Hall this weekend September 10 and 11, 2016 after all masses for our annual MINISTRY FAIR – Serving God from the Heart. Come and explore the numerous ministries offered at St. Catherine of Siena as each ministry will have a booth with a representative available to describe the nature of the ministry that they coordinate for the good of the parish and ways you can serve each other here in our parish community and God from the heart. All are welcome for fellowship and refreshments! For further information, please contact Laura at pastoralcouncil@sienachurch.org.

"A Family Fun Day at Summer's End"

Saturday, September 17, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
WATERSPIRIT at Stella Maris,
981 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ
Pack a lunch and join us for a fun-filled family day with WATERSPIRIT. The day will be filled with activities including kite flying, crafts, soccer and a beach clean-up. (Event is weather dependent) Reservations preferred, please email water@waterspirit.org or call 732-923-9788. Donations according to means.

WATERSPIRIT'S Autumn Equinox Celebration
Thursday, September 22, 2016, 7 – 8:30 PM
Stella Maris Retreat Center,
981 Ocean Avenue, Elberon, NJ

Enjoy an evening of prayer and reflection to celebrate Autumn's bounty and beauty while reflecting on the deeper meaning of the season of cooling breezes and lengthening nights. Reservations preferred – please call 732-923-9788 or email: waterspirit@stellamaris.comcastbiz.net.

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,

Time flies so fast. It's unbelievable that summer season is almost over. School year starts once again in all levels. We invite the young people of our community as we bless and pray for them as the exciting year of classes begins. On these weekend Masses, we as a parish family are going to put our trust and belief in God who is the Author of Life and Wisdom for we are going to bless the students and wish them the best of luck as they continue to be educated as they seek knowledge, truth and wisdom.

Welcome to our Parish Ministry Fair. We are glad, pleased and grateful, for you have taken the time to find out more information about the many ministries and organizations we have active in our parish. The main objective of this fair is to invite everyone to meet with ministry coordinators, leaders, volunteers and representatives in order to become more involved as a volunteer yourself. You may also learn of a ministry or service that could be of assistance to you or to a family member.

As we have been doing before, representatives from all parish ministries and organizations are present at their own tables in the Parish Hall at this weekend's fair to respond to your questions and provide information. We ask you to feel free to visit those ministries, ask questions, have a chat, give us your name with your contact information and munch on some snacks we have provided before you leave the fair. We are immensely grateful and appreciate all the great works our ministries are doing for the well being and good of the parish. Thank you so much.

This 24th Sunday of the Year, the Church wants us to focus on God's mercy which is poured out on us not because we deserve it but because we need it.

When it comes to conversion stories, we have plenty of them in the lives of the Saints. One of the greatest conversion stories recorded in all of the Scriptures is the conversion of St. Paul. Having once been responsible for the persecution of so many Christians, he becomes one of the greatest advocates of our salvation in Jesus Christ. Hence we can believe him and he is in authority when he says Christ came into the world to save sinners.

As we move toward the end of another liturgical year and conclusion of the Year of Mercy, we are once again reminded of God's infinite and boundless love for even one lost sheep. Jesus goes on to compare a lost sheep with a lost son of a loving father.

We don't want to fall into the trap of being the other son mentioned in today's Gospel. If we want to be faithful to God's plan for us in this life, we cannot walk around with a heart that is hard as a stone. God's plan for us is to bring St. Paul's message alive in our time and place.

If I believe that Jesus Christ came to save me, then I should live with it. I then must walk and talk as someone saved not as someone still lost. Holding onto grudges, past hurts, bitterness have no place in the life of a good Christian.

Let us seek the intercession of St. Teresa of Calcutta, the Saint of Mercy as we pray for forgiveness and learn to forgive others, that our eyes may see the God of mercy, and continue to open our lips and proclaim your praise. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito



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