

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



September 4, 2016



## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Psalm 90:14

**First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b**

**Second Reading: Philomen 9:10, 12-17**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33**

**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 and Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 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, September 3, 2016**

4:30 PM Mary Kruse  
(June & George Hankel)

**Sunday, September 4, 2016**

8:00 AM Dominick Rizzo  
(Ellen, Nancy & Sonia)

10:00 AM Giuseppe Cosentino  
(Phillip & Kristin Natilli)

11:30 AM Gerald Moy  
(Ellen, Nancy & Sonia)

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

**Monday, September 5, 2016**

9:00 AM Giuseppe Gavinelli  
(Phil & Natalie Livoti)

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

9:00 AM Kathryn Wright  
(Dean & Annette Wright)

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

9:00 AM Helen & Matty Jala  
(Magyarits Family)

**Friday, September 9, 2016**

9:00 AM Frank & Ginny Fekete  
(Magyarits Family)

**Baptism Classes:**

Last Wednesdays 7:30 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.

**8/28/16 Weekly**

**Energy & Fuel**

**\$6,132.00**

**\$1,216.00**

**9/11/16 Weekly and Catholic University**

**Thank you so much for your generous contributions.**



All Parish Offices, including Religious Education will be closed on Monday, September 5, in honor of Labor Day.

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States even among Catholic universities. Established by the Vatican and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. It is proud to have nearly one third of the U.S. bishops as alumni, along with more than 14,400 living priests and religious from around the world. In Washington, D.C. the University provides an education based in Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students through its 12 schools — that include arts and sciences, music, engineering, philosophy, social work, law, and business in addition to ecclesiastical degrees in canon law and theology. Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. You can learn more at [collection.cua.edu](http://collection.cua.edu).

**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 on the weekend of 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](mailto:pastoralcouncil@sienachurch.org).

**Faith to Move Mountains**

As of August 22, 2016, St. Catherine's Parish has raised \$455,757 in pledges from 139 households. The pledges amount to 79% of our goal of \$580,000. St. Catherine's remains in fifth place for the Block 3 Parishes, out of 22.

## **New Parishioners**

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

**Gregory, Diana, Julianna & Johnny Wallace**

### **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, Rose Magyar, Teresa Magyar, Catherine Marrone, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Annette Wright, Dean Wright

### **Healing Hearts Support Group**

Starting September 8, 2016: A healing program for the separated and divorced will begin on Thursday, September 8th from 7 PM—9 PM at St. Veronica Church in Howell. This is a 12 week program for those who have suffered or are suffering from separation and/or divorce. The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide program incorporates a thought provoking DVD and follow-up discussion. Topics that are discussed are: shock, anger, peace, forgiveness, family issues, money, trust, dating, annulments and life beyond divorce. Registration and a small fee for this program will be required by September 1, 2016. Please email [stveronicakre4u@gmail.com](mailto:stveronicakre4u@gmail.com) for more information or contact Maria at 732-363- 5698. This program will be 12 consecutive Thursday evenings, please make a commitment to your healing!

### **Church of Saint Dorothea-HEALTH FAIR**

September 11, 2016 - 9am-2pm

Health Screenings, Blood Pressure, Pulse, Glucose, Body Mass Index, Cholesterol (11am-2pm only), Bone Density and Balance, Flu vaccine, Stroke and Diabetes Assessment, Tai Chi Instruction. Free educational materials, refreshment, raffle and giveaways. Rev. James B. Coyle Family Center, 240 Broad St., Eatontown, NJ.

### **The Parish of Saint Mary, One Phalanx Road, Colts Neck Bereavement Support Group Fall 2016– 9 Week Series**

The Ministry of Consolation, invites You...to participate in a nine week program for those who are grieving the death of loved ones and want to work through the tasks of grief in a structured way using the New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing. The sessions include readings, reflection, sharing and journaling. The program will meet at 7:00 pm in the Spiritual Center's Chapel.

Starting Date: Tuesday, 13 September 2016

Ending Date: Tuesday, 8 November 2016

For information: Marilyn Simone at 732-462-8088

### **Results & Data**

#### **For This Year's Annual Catholic Appeal**

(through 8/22/16) **Parish Goal is \$44,000**

**955** Registered Families in Our Parish

**171** Pledges Received to Date

**18%** Participation by Registered Families

**\$37,259.99** in Pledges

**85%** of Goal (Based on pledges)

**\$31,141.99** Amount Paid and Received

### **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.

### **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](mailto:waterspirit@stellamaris.comcastbiz.net).

### **8-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

Start the week off right by joining us on Monday mornings studying scriptures that prepare you for Advent. This Catholic bible study will provide you with the needed tools that can deepen your understanding of scripture, but most importantly, it can deepen your faith and knowledge of the real meaning of Christmas. Light refreshments will be served. The cost of the book is \$12, please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church and send to 751 Main Ave Bay Head NJ 08742 in care of Dawn Rusinko. Registration is free and required; please call 732-899-1398 or email [dawnrusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnrusinko@yahoo.com). Daily Mass is at 8:30 AM Bible Study is at 9 AM-10:30 AM Mondays, Sep 26, Oct 3, 10, 24, & 31, Nov 7, 14, & 21.

### **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 7:30 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,

We are ending the season of summer unofficially this coming weekend as we celebrate Labor Day this Monday and we are about to start the school year. As the beautiful season comes to an end we hope that we had a great opportunity to rest, relax and have some bonding with our relatives, friends and acquaintances. Also, we have some precious and productive time with the Lord as we come to the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy and spend some meaningful moments with God through our fervent prayers.

This Sunday is the 23rd Sunday of the year in our Church's calendar.

“If anyone comes after me, Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” Is that good news? Is Jesus serious?

What? Hate your family, carry a cross, and give up everything else in life. Is that the cost of following Jesus? Who would sign up for such a journey? And what does he mean? It is a set of jarring statements, but they are meant to slap our conscience awake, to call us to take seriously this journey of following Christ. In this particular passage, hating, for Jesus, meant simply detaching oneself from someone or something. What he was really saying is that the Father must come first. That is how Jesus lived. Even at the age of 12, Jesus put his love for his heavenly Father ahead of his love for Mary and Joseph by staying behind in Jerusalem after his earthly parents had left. “Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house.” This is what Jesus asked them when they reprimanded him for staying behind. St. Luke tells us they did not understand what he said to them. But Jesus understood, though he was only a boy.

Some people are called “control freaks” because they plan ahead so that they can ready in any given situation that might arise. Planning, as Jesus notes in the parables about the tower and the battle, is helpful in negotiating daily life. However, even the best human plans cannot account for every eventuality. If we pray as if all depends upon God and live as if all depends upon us, we can find God in every situation in life. Life happens and much in life is beyond our control.

A great saint, like St. Francis de Sales, taught that taking up one's cross and following Jesus simply means accepting life as it comes to us. In this way we imitate Jesus, who did not choose his cross but accepted the one prepared for him. I know it's easier said than done. But if we take time to unite ourselves to God in prayer each and every day, we will find God present even in the midst of life's difficulties. We oftentimes say that divine wisdom will boost human wisdom so that God can prosper the work of our hands. Human planning will be informed by the wisdom of God.

Here are the questions and some points to ponder. When do you think planning helped you get through a very difficult time in life? In what way did prayer help you find God's presence in life's trials and challenges?

Have a blessed weekend.  
Father Angelito

