

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



April 2, 2017



**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!

- Psalm 130:1

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

**Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45**

**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, April 1, 2017**

4:30 PM Patricia Madzin  
(June & George Hankel)

**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

8:00 AM Michael Ruggiero  
(Cheryl & Bill Costello)

10:00 AM Anthony & Rachel Pennetti and Family  
(Libby Miller)

11:30 AM Vicenta Martinez  
(Martinez Family)

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

**Monday, April 3, 2017**

9:00 AM Joan Decker  
Galante Family

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

9:00 AM Madeline Murphy  
(Hurley Family)

**Thursday, April 6, 2017**

9:00 AM Sandra Koziar  
(Joanne Monroe)

**Friday, April 7, 2017**

9:00 AM Ellen Cosentino Galfano  
(Anne Hilker)



The sanctuary light will burn the week of April 1 in memory of Philip Pondaco at the request of the Burke Family

**Baptism Classes:**

Last Wednesdays of the month 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.

3/26/17 **Weekly Catholic Relief Services** \$6,844.00  
\$1,510.00

4/9/17 **Palm Sunday & Holy Land**

***ALL FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT***

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER @ 6:00 P.M.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7:00 P.M.**

This *free* dinner, consisting of soup, bread, and salad will provide an opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter.

We're excited to announce some changes coming to our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday weekend! You'll notice a new location for our beautiful piano and Presider's Chair (Celebrant Chair), the chair in which the priest sits, as well as the chair for the Deacon and altar server. Additionally, we will be relocating the Tabernacle to where the Presider's chair used to sit. These moves will allow more room for our ever-growing music ministry and overall worship space within our sanctuary.

St. Catherine's Funeral Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist families in planning and making arrangements for the Funeral Mass and Wake Service of a deceased loved one. Members of the ministry should be compassionate, good at details, understanding and have a flexible schedule. Two members currently serve. The ministry would greatly benefit from a team of members. It is a ministry where one can be of much needed assistance to families who are going through a difficult time. If you are interested in joining such a team please contact, Terri Murray at 732-462-7452.

**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION!**

**Clergy and Religious Administration-Vocations**

God calls each person to a life of holiness and service, whether single, married, ordained or consecrated. The Diocesan Ministry of Vocations provides discernment opportunities, encouragement, support, education and resources for those responding to God's call through the ministerial priesthood. We are committed to fostering an environment where vocations to the priesthood are valued and nurtured within the domestic church of the family and the local parish community. The priest is a servant of the Lord, giving his life to worship, prayer and commitment to God's people. Your gift helps to amplify the call to serve.

**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:**

Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, Lois Hradil, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski

Sunday Mass during Lent has been different as people called “the elect” and “candidates” have been called forth to the altar. RCIA is mainly for these two groups of people: the unbaptized and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Church. Our Church prepares to welcome these participants in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion & Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil Mass. RCIA is not only for those seeking full initiation into the Church; RCIA involves the whole Christian community. We invite our parish community to join us in celebrating the scrutinies with our Catechumen (Elect) and Candidates as they journey closer to the Sacraments of initiation. As a Community we ask you to embrace, welcome and pray for them. **On Saturday Sunday April 2, 2017 at the 10 :00 AM Mass we will celebrate the last Scrutiny. We also invite you to the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer at the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 and the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday April 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM.** Scrutinies, Rites of Repentance and self-searching, offer the Catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of Baptism worthily. For those who are already baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter we renew our baptismal promises as we see the Catechumens baptized. So during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the Catechumens scrutinized. The scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.

St. Rose High School Presents Me and My Girl, at the Jersey Shore Arts Center April 6th, 7th, 8th at 7pm, with a matinee performance April 8 at 1 pm. For information or to purchase tickets visit [www.strose.k12.nj.us](http://www.strose.k12.nj.us) or call 732-681-2858.

The Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Holy Family Church, 1139 East County Line Road, Lakewood. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 8:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, speaker Mary Ann Collett, sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 12:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Register online at [cwoz.org](http://cwoz.org) or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Please join us at Equestra Clubhouse Ballroom, 40 E. Milan Blvd, Farmingdale, on April 8, for our Spring Bazaar from 10AM-3PM. There will be door prizes, and numerous vendors selling handmade arts and crafts, jewelry, skin care products, holiday wreaths, chocolates and much more! Open to the Public. All are welcome.

**APRIL 5, 2017 - WHOA** - Does your life feel like a runaway horse? Escape for a day with Jesus simply to stop and breathe. Come for prayer, music, meditation, a walk on the beach and BREATHE. Lunch and Mass included. 9:30am-2:30pm, \$45  
**MAY 19-21, 2017 - BLESSINGS OR BURDENS** - What does it mean to come face to face with the second half of life? Embracing the gift of years is about living all of life to the fullest. This retreat will wake us up to the wisdom, joy and humor found in choosing “a wise path with heart”. Mass included. Arrival: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Departure: 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$210.  
St. Joseph By the Sea, 400 Rt. 35 N, South Mantoloking, NJ.  
Please call 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

**HEALING HEARTS SUPPORT GROUP** is a seminar support group for adults affected by the pain of separation and divorce. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 pm at St. Veronica's ACTS Office (rectory basement) located at 4215 Route 9, Howell. Come and join us as we experience healing and develop a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Email [stveronicakre4u@gmail.com](mailto:stveronicakre4u@gmail.com) or call 732-363-5698 for more info.  
**TOPICS:** What's happening to me?; The Road to Healing/Finding Help; Facing my Anger; Facing my Depression; Facing my Loneliness; What does the Owner's Manual Say?; New Relationships; Financial Survival; KidCare; Single Sexuality; Forgiveness; Reconciliation; Moving On, Growing Closer to God. Our 12 week sessions will start on April 19.

Trenton Catholic Academy to Honor Bishop David M. O'Connell, at their “Celebrate Iron Mikes Gala” on April 22, 2017, 6:00 PM, at Cedar Gardens, Hamilton. Ticket and sponsorship information is available at [trentoncatholic.org](http://trentoncatholic.org) or call (609) 586-3705 ext. 135 or email [tdestribats@trentoncatholic.org](mailto:tdestribats@trentoncatholic.org).

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 23**  
Fr. Kevin Ashe will lead us in our first collaborative event with St. Pio's Church @ 103 Washington Ave, Lavallette, in their chapel from 3-4 pm to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour. All are invited to attend.

**Saint John Vianney High School Casino Night** and Mega Cash Raffle on Friday, April 28th at Eagle Oaks Country Club - visit our website [www.sjvhs.com](http://www.sjvhs.com) for more information or to get raffle tickets please contact [pasquale@sjvhs.com](mailto:pasquale@sjvhs.com).

In anticipation of its 50th anniversary, Bishop George Ahr/St. Thomas High School wants to reconnect with all of its alumni. We have a news article on the website [www.bgahs.org](http://www.bgahs.org) asking alumni to update their most recent contact information. You may reach us at [dchippendale@bgahs.org](mailto:dchippendale@bgahs.org), the alumni office, so we can keep you informed of the events planned for our upcoming milestone celebration.

### **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; and 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 is the Third Scrutiny for our R.C.I.A. candidates who are seeking full communion in our Catholic Faith. We are asked to pray for them and also be mindful of our own faith journey.

The candidates for Confirmation, namely the 8th Graders of our Religious Education Program together with their teachers, families and friends, are going to be with us today as we celebrate the Sunday Liturgy at 11:30. Let us joyfully welcome them and pray that their preparation in receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation be a great success.

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

In today's day and age we are increasingly faced with death on our TV and in the papers as they present photographs of people dying in famines, in terrorist explosions, in natural devastations and calamities and war. But all these are at a certain distance from us and we can develop something to protect ourselves. What is much more difficult and challenging to make sense is the death of a loved one, a friend or a partner. They leave a deep hole in our lives when they die and are so significant for us that they cry out to live for eternity. We think and believe they should transcend death.

In the Gospel for today, Jesus talks about death in close loving relationships. His dearest friends, Martha and Mary inform him about their sick brother Lazarus, whom Jesus loves. At first Jesus seems indifferent and delays going to help but then reassures them that the illness will not end in death. Yet when the disciples are told Lazarus is only sleeping, Jesus corrects them and states, "Lazarus is dead." What the Evangelist John now shows us in this particular passage is how a believer can come to deeper faith in the face of death.

Martha is told her brother will rise again and she presumes that will be the on the final day. Then Jesus spoke powerful words that we oftentimes hear at funerals, "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live." Then he asks Martha, and all of us, "Do you believe this?" Martha affirms her faith in Jesus as the Christ and Son of God, but when they finally come to the grave she seems to falter in her belief that Jesus can raise the dead now: "Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day." Even Jesus is moved to tears by the grief of those he loves and angry at the reality of death in his friend. But then he performs the greatest sign of his ministry as he calls Lazarus from the grave. As Lazarus comes out bound by the bonds of death, Jesus commands them to unbind him. Lazarus is freed from death. Lazarus was raised from the dead but he had to die again. He would need again the funeral cloths that are cast aside when Jesus rises on the third day. At the resurrection Jesus conquers death. In baptism we receive the grace of eternal life that cannot be touched by death. In that same sense we experience eternity now. But death as an enemy still remains and we must finally face it, although confident that we shall share in the resurrection of our bodies on the last day.

This is what we mean by the Easter mystery or the Paschal mystery that we are preparing to celebrate. This is what we are hoping for. Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

