

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



August 6, 2017



The Transfiguration of the Lord

The heavens proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
- Psalm 97:6

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

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

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Francine Gagliano

Music Director
Alice Kovach

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Parish Website:
www.sienachurch.org

Mass Schedule:
732-938-5375 ext. 6

Parish Office:
732-938-5375

Last Rites:
732-938-5375 ext. 7

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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

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 Summer Hours
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed Fridays

Religious Education Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 5, 2017

4:30 PM Raymond Bree
(Lorraine & Neal Pronek)

Sunday, August 6, 2017

8:00 AM George Steinecke
(Wife, Helen)

10:00 AM Rosemary Amaral
(Joe & Mary Lynn Bezek)

11:30 AM Leonard Boniface
(Frank & Barbara Ferrara & Family)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, August 7, 2017

9:00 AM John J. "Jack" Conway Sr.
(Peg Roarty)

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

9:00 AM Monica Ann Talcott
(Family)

Thursday, August 10, 2017

9:00 AM Nehbur D. Soir
(Joseph Aulisi & Family)

Friday, August 11, 2017

9:00 AM Denis Petrucelli
(Angela Echols)

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.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Julia Barbato, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Joan & Edward Kress, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Barbara Sansevere, Marie Selvaggi, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski

7/30/17 Weekly **\$5,705.00**
St. Vincent de Paul **\$2,930.00**

8/13/17 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs

NEW Parishioners

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

Joseph & Jaclyn Cannarella
Sattik, Erica, Tessa & Braden Deb
Michael, Natalie, Isabella & Angelo Perretta



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

Teresa Dunn (Mother of Carolyn Proto)

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

Do you want Babies in the Womb protected by Society and the Law?

Come to an information night on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM to hear about the "20/20 Project," an exciting new pro-life initiative that's got hundreds of individuals and many ministries in New Jersey working together to protect babies in the womb. Meeting will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale. Refreshments will be served. Please call Anne Hilker at 732-239-4438 or email Mary Sillup at mmsillup@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

CATECHISTS NEEDED for the 2017-2018 School Year. If you are willing to share your faith with children, we need teachers for Monday afternoons & evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Call 732-938-6229 or email ccdnews@sienachurch.org.

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings, October 8, All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50⁺ wedding anniversary during the 2017 calendar year are invited to gather with family and friends to share the Eucharist, renew your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples Monmouth County may register through their home parish to attend the Sunday, October 8, Mass and Blessing at 3:00 pm at St. Aloysius Parish in Jackson. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 10.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ST. VERONICA SCHOOL'S MOVIE ON THE MALL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9,
7:30-9:30PM
\$5 per person, Max \$20/family
BRING YOUR BEACH CHAIRS AND BLANKETS. SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE SOLD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE
CALL: 732-850-8908 or 914-582-2884
(DON'T FORGET THE BUG REPELLENT)

As our parish continues to be involved with the New Evangelization of the Diocese and the whole Catholic Church, we have dedicated parishioners who are bringing this program to St. Catherine of Siena Church. This program is called Walking with Purpose. So what is it? **Walking with Purpose** is a Catholic Bible Study for Women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study group discussion that links our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Please email wwp@sienachurch.org to learn more about this program and how you can be a part of this group that starts in September.

The Monmouth/Ocean Chapter of the Alumnae Association of the College of St. Elizabeth will hold the annual Scholarship Benefit Luncheon on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 from 11:30-3:00 at the Shadowbrook in Shrewsbury, NJ. Tickets are \$50 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Peggy Ell at ellm922@yahoo.com or Sue Gavin at 732-842-9163.

Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on **Saturday August 12, 2017** at St. William the Abbot R. C. Church, 2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell NJ 07731. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, a speaker, sharing, networking, and a luncheon in the Parish Hall, finishing by 1:00 pm. Jennifer Maher, a wife of 22 years and mother of 8 children, will speak on "I am the Potter, You are the Clay." Jennifer has been active for over 10 years in the Diocese of Trenton, as a CCD teacher and a Pre-Cana group facilitator for "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage." Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Register online at cwoz.org or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than Tuesday, August 8, 2017. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name.

Cohort Teen Event at St. Veronica Parish

Saturday, August 26, 1:30-9 p.m. Open to all teens from St. Veronica, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. William the Abbot. Come and enjoy an afternoon and evening of fun events with other teens! Activities include: Water Balloon Wars, Mass at 4 p.m., BBQ, Campfire, Outdoor movie. There is no cost for this event, but you must be registered. Please contact Sr. Ann. at 732-364-4137 or email her at sr.ann@stveronica.com to obtain a registration form.

Healing Hearts Support Group



If you know someone going through or have gone through a divorce, make sure he or she knows about us. Our next session will begin on Wednesday, September 6th from 7:30 PM -9:30 PM at St. Veronica's ACTS Office (rectory basement) located at 4215 Route 9, Howell, NJ 07731. 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 DVD and follow-up discussion. Topics that are discussed are: shock, anger, peace, forgiveness, family issues, money, trust, dating, annulments and life beyond divorce. Please email stveronicakre4u@gmail.com for more information or contact Maria at 732-363-5698. This program will be 12 consecutive Wednesday evenings. The best gift you can give yourself is to make a commitment to your healing!

On Saturday, September 30, 2017, the "Roamin' Catholics" of the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, will be sponsoring a bus trip to see the magnificent vistas of Longwood Gardens. We will be leaving St. Robert's at 11:30 a.m., arriving at Longwood Gardens by 1:00 p.m. Stroll the awesome beauty at your own pace and enjoy dinner at one of the three dining areas within the gardens. We will return back to St. Robert's following the water fountain display experience at nightfall. Price per person will be \$44 and includes the cost of entry into Longwood Gardens and the cost of transportation. Dining charges will be the responsibility of the attendee. A very limited number of tickets will be available for purchase on a "first come, first served basis," with NO REFUNDS permitted. For more information, please contact Marty at: 732-462-7038 or email him at comehome@strobert.com.

Saint John Vianney High School Placement Test Prep Course Test Date Saturday, November 4. The Scholastic Testing Service High School Placement Test, or HSPT, is given to eighth-graders seeking admission to specific Catholic high schools. Schools use exam results to make admissions decisions, to place applicants, and to determine scholarship awards. The standard HSPT lasts approximately two and a half hours and contains 298 multiple-choice questions divided into five sections—Verbal, Quantitative, Reading, Mathematics, and Language Skills. The Scholastic Testing Service also provides a choice of one optional test in Mechanical Aptitude, Science, or Catholic Religion.

Prep Class-\$235 including workbook Monday's & Wednesday's
October 2, October 4,
October 16, October 18
October 23, October 25
October 30, November 1
Class A—Afternoon Session 3:30-5:30
Class B—Evening Sessions 6:00-8:00
Call [732] 739-0800 x121 or email pasquale@sjvhs.com. Register online at www.sjvhs.com, Registration deadline is Monday, September 25.

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; and 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 Rev. Daison Areeparambil of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Whiting, New Jersey. He is going to talk at all the Masses this weekend as he represents a Diocese in India, for a missionary appeal. We advise everyone to be generous with your monetary gifts together with your fervent prayers for the success of their mission. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Today the Church celebrates The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus.

Sacred Tradition identifies Mt. Tabor as the mountain of the Transfiguration. It is quite a climb to get to the top. There is a Chapel on top of the mountain commemorating the event of the Transfiguration. I was blessed and fortunate to be there in the late 1980's for a pilgrimage. They had cars and buses to take us up the mountain. It's no big surprise that Peter, James and John fell asleep, as St. Luke tells us in his Gospel, when they went there with Jesus. During those days they did not have cars and buses and they would have been exhausted when they got to the top. But when they awoke, their efforts to make it up to the top of the mountain with Jesus were well rewarded. "It is good that we are here," Peter said. "Let us make three tents here: one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." It sounds as if they were ready to stay there for several weeks, it was such an unforgettable experience. As awesome as it was, Jesus' work was not finished and neither was theirs. They had to come back down to earth.

Many of us have moments when we've felt God's presence, closeness and special love, or when we knew God was helping us with some problems. However, I'm sure there are few of us who have experienced anything like the transfiguration. We may be a mystic and have ecstatic experiences in prayers or we might have received visions of Jesus or Mary. Other than that, we probably have not experienced anything like the Transfiguration and may find it difficult to relate to. But we can learn something from it. (1) We can learn that God has great glory reserved for us until, as the 2nd reading reminds us, "day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." (2) We can learn from what God spoke on the holy mountain about Jesus: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." This is not something new, but it won't hurt us to be reminded once again that we must listen to him. (3) Finally, we can learn from the Transfiguration that we cannot always trust appearances. When we received Jesus in Communion, we receive what appears to be a wafer of bread and a sip of wine, but faith in the power and the words of Jesus tells us this host and wine offers us so much more. It is food for the journey, nourishment for eternal life. We pray that the Lord will help us to know and experience his loving presence, we pray for a strong faith so as to be able to see beyond appearances and still be able to utter what Peter has said on the mountain: "It is good that we are here." Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

