

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



January 15, 2017



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach  
to the ends of the earth.

- Isaiah 49:6b

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:3**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34**

**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](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, January 14, 2017**

4:30 PM Pietrina Mule  
(St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society)

**Sunday, January 15, 2017**

8:00 AM Laura Conway  
(Conway Family)

10:00 AM Eva Stewart  
(Bob & Alice)

11:30 AM John Dige  
(Riddle, Dolan & Gilbert Families)

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

**Monday, January 16, 2017**

9:00 AM Rev. Thomas Brennan

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

9:00 AM Rev. Thomas Brennan

**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

9:00 AM Frederick Burns Sr.  
(Infante Family)

**Friday, January 20, 2017**

9:00 AM Theresa Zygmund  
(Homebound Ministry)

**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:**

Monday, February 13 @ 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.



The Parish office and Religious Education/CCD will be closed on Monday, January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

1/8/17	Weekly	\$4,826.00
	Diocesan Assessment	\$ 941.00
1/22/17	Weekly & Latin America	



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

**Zoe Lola Bruno**  
**Daniel Richard Lang**

*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:**

**Margaret Tamburri**



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

**Robert F. Nagy** (Husband of Barbara)  
**William Hurley** (Father of Ellen DiMarco)

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

**NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2017**

We have changed envelope companies for 2017. Your NEW envelopes will be in a book for the entire year and will NOT be mailed to you anymore. Please pick up your books during Parish office hours .

**SPECIAL INVITE TO THE MEN OF ST. CATHERINE'S:**

ALL ARE WELCOME! ICC Men's Cornerstone 2017 January 27/28 Weekend at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall, 316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale, NJ. Registration-\$55. REGISTER ONLINE at [www.iccannandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx](http://www.iccannandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx) or call 908-894-2347. Space is Limited!!! \$55 Donation.

**The Rosary Alter Society is hosting a Painting Event.**

We have reserved January 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Art-Around-the Corner, 290 Mounts Corner Dr., Freehold, NJ 07728. The cost is \$35.00. The Art Center supplies all the painting needs and instructions along with light refreshments. BYOB and join the fun. We will be painting the image from the Knock Shrine, Ireland.



**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:**

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

What could be better than a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter day? Please help the Rosary Altar Society make our fourth annual "soup-er bowl" a success. We will be collecting cans of soup and non-perishable items (pasta, spaghetti sauce, PB & J, cereals, napkins, toilet paper, tissues, etc.) from now through Super Bowl Sunday. We will use these items to stock the St. Vincent De Paul "Emergency Food Closet." Please drop all contributions off in the church lobby. \*\*\*Please check the expiration dates. \*\*\* Thank you and God Bless.

**Catholics are welcome to the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption for Mass with Bishop David O'Connell prior to the NJ Right to Life Rally at the Statehouse, January 23**  
Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. and all are welcome. There are no designated parking lots available at the Cathedral as the lots behind the Cathedral are owned by the state and used by state workers during the work week. Visitors will need to find on-street parking or use nearby parking decks.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

On the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the 11:30 am Mass, all children in grades K-4 (ages 5-10) are invited to participate in CLOW. Young children are given the opportunity to listen to a children's version of the Sunday readings and Gospel stories at their own level of understanding and participate in activities that bring the readings to life. Each Sunday's Liturgy of the Word is enriched and modified to make it important and relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. After the Opening Prayer the Priest will call the children forward along with the Catechist for a special blessing, before being dismissed to classroom 1. Children are returned to their parents in the Church before the Presentation of the Gifts. Email [clow@sienachurch.org](mailto:clow@sienachurch.org) for more info.

**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](mailto: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, email [RCIA@sienachurch.org](mailto:RCIA@sienachurch.org).

St. Catherine's is in need of additional Ushers to help at all masses. Anyone over age 12 can sign up or for those receiving Confirmation, you can get service hours. Email [scottrubinson@gmail.com](mailto:scottrubinson@gmail.com) or call 732-492-6861.

The following programs will be offered at the Upper Room Diocesan Spiritual Center, Neptune, NJ for the month of January.  
**CENTERING PRAYER**  
Come to learn and pray with Fr. Thomas Keating (DVD) as he leads us deeper into our center and transformation in Christ.  
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 10am-2pm \$35-\$50  
**LIVE, LAUGH AND BE BLESSED**

Come and experience how joy, laughter and gladness can become spiritual practices and help us to live each moment.  
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7-9:30pm \$25~45  
**KNITTING AND PRAYER**

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills, prayer and compassion and be rewarded with the satisfaction of creating a prayer shawl. Little or no experience required.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1:30-3:30pm  
Free Will Offering

### **PROFESSIONAL DAY**

**HEALING FROM SEXUAL ABUSE: THE ROLE OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND PSYCHOTHERAPY**  
Wednesday, January 25, 9:30am-4pm  
\$75~\$100 lunch included

**"BE STILL AND KNOW...!"**

### **CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY FOR TOTAL WELL-BEING**

This workshop will give you an overview of Cranial Sacral Therapy, discuss the many health benefits, demonstrate techniques and offer you a unique opportunity to experience the healing process in the context of a spiritually-grounded environment.  
Saturday, Jan. 28, 9:30am-5:30pm  
\$100 (Continental Breakfast, beverages and snacks provided)

**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](mailto: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](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; 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,

The whole Parish Family of St. Catherine welcomes our very own 1st and 2nd graders of our religious education program at the 11:30 A.M. Mass. We are happy to have them together with their parents, friends and relatives and of course our dedicated teachers and aides.

The Church calendar started Ordinary Time on Tuesday, January 10. Ordinary Time in the calendar of the Church, most especially Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community, which comes together remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of worship and play is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever.

We have to see how significant things happen in our Church every Sunday for it is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. And so this is not ordinary at all.

Today is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Today's gospel does not tell us who the Baptist was addressing when he gave his testimony about Jesus. Maybe it is us he is talking with. He begins by telling us Jesus is "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." The image of the lamb was a very rich image for the Jews. It spoke of the paschal lamb that was sacrificed at Passover and was the main part of the Passover dinner when the Jews celebrated their freedom from slavery and their special covenant with God. It could also refer to the servant whom Isaiah writes about who was led like a lamb to the slaughter.

As we celebrate the Mass, when we recite or sing 'lamb of God' before Holy Communion, we say he takes away the 'sins' of the world. The singular word 'sin' is used as a description of the general state the world finds itself in: poverty, war, injustice, hatred, dishonesty, mass killings, sexual perversion, greed, unnecessary suffering, etc. Our sins are expressions of our participation in the sinful environment we live in. On the other hand, our good actions are expressions of the kingdom of God Christ came to establish.

Last week when Jesus came to be baptized, we heard the Baptist tell Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you and yet you are coming to me?" Today the Baptist gives testimony to that wonderful event. He saw the Spirit come down on Jesus and remain on him. John realized his mission to prepare for Jesus' coming, and so as John the Baptist gives his testimony about Jesus today, let us also share that testimony of faith in Jesus with other people. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

