

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



January 22, 2017



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted,
and wait for the LORD.
- Psalm 27:14

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]

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, January 21, 2017

4:30 PM Morris J. DeGennaro
(Ventura Family)

Sunday, January 22, 2017

8:00 AM Loretta C. Straniero
(Sal & Amy Straniero)

10:00 AM John Fox
(Werner Family)

11:30 AM Walter & Julia Grybowski
(Daughters & Family)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, January 23, 2017

9:00 AM Gidgie Morabito
(Anthony & Kyle Galante)

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

9:00 AM Leo Tuohey
(Anne Hilker & Family)

Thursday, January 26, 2017

9:00 AM Justin Ciccone
(Lou & Marcia Ciccone)

Friday, January 27, 2017

9:00 AM Nancy Barbato
(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.

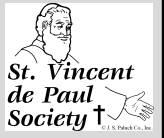
NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2017

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.

1/15/17 Weekly Energy & Fuel \$6,983.00
\$1,636.00

1/29/17 Weekly & St. Vincent de Paul

PLEASE NOTE: SVDP right now is extremely low on funds, having to reach out to other Parishes for assistance, so if you are able to help at this time, it would be greatly appreciated.



If anyone wishes to make a donation at any time, simply place your monetary donation into one of the special envelopes found in the Church foyer, and drop it into one of the collection baskets at Mass. It then will be forwarded to St. Catherine's Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist the less fortunate in our area.

New Parishioners

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

Andrew & Lisette Hoffman



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

Dorothy Sullivan (Grandmother of Denise Beckerle)

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

Congratulations to our generous parishioners at St. Catherine's for reaching the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge goal. Pledges totaled \$44,284.99 which is **101%** of our \$44,000.00 goal.

Payments of \$42,756.99 have been made to date. We only need an additional \$1,243.01 to qualify for a rebate from the Diocese of \$6,600.00. If you have not already paid your pledged amount, please prayerfully consider paying it as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

Results & Data For This Year's Annual Catholic Appeal

(through 1/10/17) Parish Goal is \$44,000

955 Registered Families in Our Parish

186 Pledges Received to Date

19% Participation by Registered Families

\$44,285.99 in Pledges

101% of Goal (Based on pledges)

97% Paid

\$42,756.49 Amount Paid and Received

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Jackson Boyden-Daley, 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

The Safety Management Committee is applying for a Homeland Security Grant which would fund numerous safety enhancements for our church, facilities, staff and congregation. We are seeking experienced individuals to assist in preparing the government application. Please contact Gerald Aponte at gaponte2611@aol.com or call 973-975-5232

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. Call 732-492-6861 or email scottrubinson@gmail.com.

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 or call 908-894-2347. Space is Limited!!! \$55 Donation.

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.

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.

Have you considered the benefits of a Catholic School Education? St. Veronica School will host an Open House that offers you the opportunity to explore how your child could benefit from our faith filled, academically excellent school! Come Visit St. Veronica School Open House 4219 Route 9 North in Howell Sunday, January 29, 2017 12:00-2:00PM, call 732-364-4130 x0

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 for more info.

"Self-Love Recovery Retreat"
February 11, 10am - 3pm
St. Denis Church, Manasquan NJ
Speakers, Lunch, Reflection, Fellowship
Due to the overwhelming success of our Advent Recovery Retreat we are hosting another! Call 848-333-7085.

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 or use that same email address to discuss when you would like to have your picture taken, no charge.

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 or call (732) 835-2049.

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.

Seeking fellow parishioners to participate and join in the pro life cause. Call 732-580-1387.

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,

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Fish and fishing have played a major role in the life of Christianity. From the calling of Jesus' first apostles, to the Christian symbol of the fish representing Christ, to eating fish on a Friday, fish have been involved. Fish has always been considered good for the brain. St. Thomas Aquinas, while he was teaching in Paris, was given a barrel of fish a week by King Louis IX.

Jesus chooses his first apostles from among fishermen. It is quite obvious that this has something to do with the Lord's plan of salvation. Our Lord is sanctifying the job of the apostles and he is choosing men who are tough for they are used to dealing with the sudden big storms on the Sea of Galilee. Later on, our Lord chooses Matthew, who would be able to read and write so that he could record things accurately. Evidently, on Jesus' teaching, he uses the image of the shepherd a great deal. In fact, when he confirms Peter as the head of the apostles, he does so with the command "feed my sheep."

Today's Gospel also alludes to the times when our work is not going so well, and therefore, remedial work is really necessary. When Jesus sees James and John, they are in their boat, mending their nets. On one level, they are just carrying out a simple task. On another level, the scene might represent all those times when our work grinds to a stop, the nets are broken, the wheels come off. This happens all the time in our lives.

Nevertheless, whatever our line of work, whatever skills and experiences we have, whatever talents we have, we can recognize them, first of all, as gifts from God. These are, at the same time, our own works and our own gifts and talents. God can take what we have naturally, and raise it up to a supernatural level by God's power. This is so important as a very basic element in Christian reflection. God's grace builds up and perfects all that is natural. It does not override. It is because everything created is already loved and kept in being by God, it is already well and good. God can raise up any natural thing to become even better by God's almighty power. This is very true also of human beings. Even though we are fallen and bruised and damaged, we are still basically good. God can heal us of our weaknesses and raise us up to be incredible instruments of God's grace. We can see this especially in the sacraments. Here we see the ordinary elements of our world, namely, water, bread, oil, wine, human words, and human gestures, all raised up to become channels of supernatural life.

In conclusion to this reflection, we see Jesus choosing the humble, and lowly fishermen, and the outcast and despised tax collector; we can be encouraged that all of us have an important role to play in building up the kingdom of God. Let us respond to God's wonderful invitation of being involved actively to continue to establish his kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

