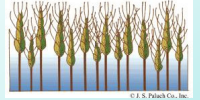


St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow
with a rich harvest.

- Psalm 65:12

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

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 & June Hankel

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

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, July 15, 2017

4:30 PM Luca & Michael Canzona
(Family)

Sunday, July 16, 2017

8:00 AM Veronica & Joseph Schoenenberger
(Claire Schoenenberger)

10:00 AM Denise & DeSio Sokolowski
(Jillian Barracato & Family)

11:30 AM Consuelo Remigio
(Martinez Family)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, July 17, 2017

9:00 AM Carol M. Hughes
(Mary Anne Frasier)

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

9:00 AM Joseph R. Fichner
(Talcott Family)

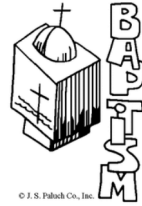
Thursday, July 20, 2017

9:00 AM William Tucker Mathis
(Peter & Tara Quigley)

Friday, July 21, 2017

9:00 AM Joseph Rinaldi
(Nick Bruno)

7/2/17	Weekly Peter's Pence	\$5,939.00 \$1,408.00
7/9/16	Weekly Maintenance & Repairs June Parish Pay	\$5,847.00 \$1,281.00 \$6,883.33
7/23/17	Weekly & Energy & Fuel	



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

**Wyatt Irwin McGuire
Ella Rose Thompson
Everly Kate Vargas
Caleb Jason Weigert**

*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:

Scott, Lynn, Jack & Leigh Mullins



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

Mary Conigliaro (Mother of Glenn)

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

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.

CATECHISTS NEEDED for the 2017-2018 School
Year. If you are willing to share your faith with
children, we need you! Training is available. We need
teachers for Monday afternoons & evenings and
Wednesday afternoons. Please listen to your heart
and discern if you are being called. Call
732-938-6229 or email ccdnews@sienachurch.org.

BRINGING "FORMED" TO ST. CATHERINE'S

The Augustine Institute of Denver CO has teamed up
with Dioceses and Parishes throughout the country
to harness the power of today's technology to
provide never before seen access to the truth, beauty
and goodness of the Catholic Faith. The program
called FORMED is somewhat like a Catholic Netflix.
FORMED features hundreds of movies, videos,
audiotapes and books along with leader, teacher and
participant guides. It presents beautiful and deeply
compelling content for faith formation, RCIA,
sacramental preparation, marriage and family
ministry, scripture study, youth ministry, Marian
devotion and much more. Through the gift of a
generous benefactor and our pastor, Father
Angelito, we will be introducing FORMED to St.
Catherine's in our various ministries and eventually
to our entire parish community. If you are involved
in a parish ministry and wish more information
please contact the coordinator, Terry Liddy at
732-707-4372. Stay tuned for further updates.

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,
Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2017, October 8, Monmouth County. 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.

Help support our NOT-JUST-FOR-THANKSGIVING Food Drive. The Knights of Columbus are teaming up with the St. Vincent de Paul Society to collect canned and boxed food for our local community. Because hunger does not occur just during Thanksgiving, your food donations will help our local needy all year long. The crate to collect your donations will be placed weekly in the church's narthex.

As you are all aware, Bishop O'Connell recently announced the results of Faith in Our Future, which is the diocesan planning initiative launched last year, aimed at creating a long term, sustainable parish model that better aligns with today's Catholic Church. Our parish's role in this initiative is as a collaborative participant with the other two parishes in our group, St. William the Abbot and St. Veronica's. Collectively, we have been designated Cohort 11. Beginning in July, you will start to see more and more communication around what this collaboration will look like going forward. In the meantime, please take notice of the poster in the narthex, which provides some basic information. For additional information, you can contact Fr. Angelito or our parish core team at faithinourfuture@sienachurch.org.

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 information about this program and how you can be a part of this group that starts in September.

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.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY - Join us for a summer study of a true story about why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams, and lack the courage to simply be our true selves and how to start choosing happiness again! Mondays, 7-8:30 pm July 10 -August 14, Sacred Heart of Bay Head Hall. Contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or call 732-899-1398. Go to Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly - Free Book to get a free copy.

Food donations to the church are distributed to the needy by the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and by Joshua House. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

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 please contact, Terri at 732-462-7452.

"Legion of Mary Pilgrim Statue" is available to visit homes in our Parish Community. If interested, call 732-616-3127 or email pheathers7@yahoo.com.

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 is the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A common advice offered to public speakers is to catch people's attention with your first sentence. The same is absolutely true for preachers. If we send you to sleep at the beginning of a homily there is not much of a chance of getting your attention and concentration at all. A teacher in the classroom may be able to employ visual aids to grab the students' attention. Public speakers often use digital presentations. However, we priests don't usually have these advantages. At the seminary we are encouraged to begin homilies with a good story, though it isn't always easy to create one. Once in a while some local or national events or activities, with some implications for the faith, may put an idea for a homily into our minds.

Let us be reminded that in Jesus' day, farmers in Palestine suspended a large bag of seed from their necks and, walking up and down the field, threw the seeds out with both hands as far as they could. Inevitably some seed fell on the edge of the path, some landed on rocks, others among thorns. But other seed landed in rich soil where it produced a great crop. It is one of the few parables that Jesus explains in detail. The seed is the word of God. Some of the scattered seed inevitably bears no fruit when people don't understand it, or if they get overwhelmed by trials or persecution, or with the worries of this world and the lure of riches. But the central point of the parable is that the word of God produces a bumper crop, maybe thirty or sixty percent, some even one hundred percent. It is powerful. Palestinian farmers thought they had done well if their seeds yielded seven percent. Ten percent was a great harvest. Thirty percent unheard of.

So, here is an interesting question, where are we in all this? If we are tempted to think that we belong among the seed that fell on the edge of the path or on the rocks or weeds, think again. Jesus did not tell us this parable to discourage us but rather the reverse, to make it a point that there is no limit to what God's grace can do in us. What God can make of us, and what goodness and fruit God can produce.

Admittedly, we have to be mindful that realistically we have our own faults, as what St. Paul in the second reading said, "all of us who possess the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies." There is struggling, a breaking away from the things that hold us back. We may fall, but we rise again, as we pray, "Lord, have mercy." The saints and the prophets, like the Blessed Mother, never look down on us with our sixty or thirty percent. They do not regard us as failures. The fact is that we are all different. Some can become wonderful saints; we ask for their intercession, we ask them to pray for us, and we can learn from them as role models.

There are other people, maybe not saints, whom we nonetheless adore, respect and admire for their goodness, love and kindness. But in all our struggles and trials Jesus tells us never to give up and get discouraged. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

