

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



July 9, 2017



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

- Matthew 11:28

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Diocese of Trenton
Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Pastor
Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

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Rev. Alfred Burke

Deacon
Deacon Daniel Sakowski

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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

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732-938-5375 ext. 3

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732-938-3454

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732-938-5375 ext. 8

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732-938-3260

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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 8, 2017

4:30 PM John Mallard
(Betty Cuyler)

Sunday, July 9, 2017

8:00 AM Daniel Cherellia
(Daughter, Debi & Frank)

10:00 AM Thomas Joseph O'Reilly
(Sister)

11:30 AM Paul Sullivan Sr.
(Phillip & Kristin Natilli)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, July 10, 2017

9:00 AM John R. Ball Jr.
(St. Catherine's Rosary Altar Society)

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

9:00 AM Zinna Maximenko
(Palmie Cummings)

Thursday, July 13, 2017

9:00 AM "Living" John Tengowski
(Kopack Family)

Friday, July 14, 2017

9:00 AM Arthur Kennedy
(Kevin & Deneen & 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.

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

New Parishioners

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

Robert & MaryEllen O'Sullivan

TAKE ACTION TO STOP PHYSICIAN

ASSISTED SUICIDE IN NJ: "Our moral tradition holds that human life is the most basic gift from a loving God....a gift over which we have stewardship, not absolute dominion." United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. Go to NJRTL (NJ Right To Life) website, CLICK Legislation, Click "No Assisted Suicide," click take Action, type in your zip code, press enter. Fill in your name, etc. to send to your state senator. God Bless your stand for LIFE.

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.

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, Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Please listen to your heart and discern if you are being called. It is only once a week. 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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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](tel:732-492-6861) or email scottrubinson@gmail.com.

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

"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.

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 Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.

Jesus, the Master and Lord reveals an interesting paradox in our Gospel reading today, which is an excellent learning, or a high IQ, is not a guarantee of knowing the deepest truth. As we can see, Jesus makes known to others the heart of the Father, and knowledge of this is something that comes to us as a pure gift, an extraordinary blessing. We do not have to be on the highest position of academia to come to this awareness. Instead, the father, in his great generosity, makes it known to whomsoever he wishes, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus. Those to whom the Father reveals his truth and who respond to it are rightly called children because they become members of God's family.

At the very core of Jesus' public ministry is a compassion that truly demonstrates the tender love at the heart of the Godhead. Jesus' invitation for all those who are struggling to come to him is an active one. Jesus holds out his hand, drawing us to himself, so that we may follow his example. Putting on Christ can never be burdensome. However, following Jesus and maturing in his discipleship require that we know that we are yoked to him. Then, learning from Jesus, and having delight in his gentle and humble heart, we can start to appreciate how the vision of the kingdom in the first reading is not only a possibility, but something already in our midst and something to work with.

Perhaps we have varied and different experiences in coming to Christ as we learn of his amazing loving care. We hear so many stories about people who are down and out and then encountering Jesus in the midst of their desperation. There is no need for us to look for such witnesses. There are several accounts of people who have experienced the tender mercy and wonderful compassion of God.

It is one thing to share about how Jesus has been so gracious to us, offering us shelter and refuge in the midst of our crises. It is another thing to become that which we have received. An important question is, are we ready to become like Christ by seeking to be a safe haven ourselves? When we were baptized we were called to be Christ-like. Hence, being people who can embrace and hold safe those who are challenged and struggling will hopefully be a top priority on our list.

This may be difficult or dangerous but nonetheless, being a place of refuge for those who need comfort need not be as risky as it sounds. It does not mean we even have to open up our homes, although we may be called to do that. But it asks us to open our hearts. Even though our hearts may feel inadequate and conflicted, we can trust that Christ, dwelling deep within us, can possibly communicate his tenderness through us. All we have to do is to trust him and let our gifts of hospitality be built upon us.

Understandably, the majority of us live busy lives, we meet all kinds of people every single day who need a listening and patient ear, or a shoulder to cry on, or some kindly thoughts and encouragement. Let us not hesitate to demonstrate the love of the Father by reaching out to them. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to guide us and Jesus will touch their tender hearts. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

