

# St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



March 26, 2017



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

- Psalm 23:1

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41**

**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, March 25, 2017**

4:30 PM Olympia & Joseph DeMeo  
(Libby Miller)

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

8:00 AM Patricia Madzin  
(Little Lighthouse Academy)

10:00 AM Joseph Gaffney  
(Debra Mueller & Ryan Gaffney)

11:30 AM Liam Ryan  
(Ray & Noreen Kraddock)

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

**Monday, March 27, 2017**

9:00 AM Rev. Lawrence K. Kunnel

**Tuesday, March 28, 2017**

9:00 AM Sara Arce  
(Jim Piccolo)

**Thursday, March 30, 2017**

9:00 AM Joseph Piccoli  
(Son, Jim)

**Friday, March 31, 2017**

9:00 AM Jean DiGirolamo  
(Lou & Marcia Ciccone)

**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:**

Jackson Boyden-Daley, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Carmen Devaux, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, 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

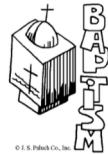
3/19/17 Weekly Diocesan Assessment \$6,150.00  
\$1,506.00

4/2/17 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs

Thank you for your generous contributions.

***ALL FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT  
LENTEN SOUP SUPPER @ 6:00 P.M.  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7:00 P.M.***

This *free* dinner, consisting of soup, bread, and salad will provide an opportunity to come together as a community to prepare for Easter.



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

**Lachlan Niel Morison**

*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*:

**Joseph, Michelle, Raymond, Joseph, Matthew  
and Michael Cartigiano  
Anthony, Angela & Angelina Clemente**



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

**Dennis FitzGerald**

**Phillip Pondaco** (Husband of Concetta)

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

The parish community is so fortunate and blessed with so many things most especially parishioners and leaders who are so diligent, dedicated and do their job very well when they accept the position that has been entrusted to them. On behalf of our parish community, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Mark Ackermann for being on the Finance Council as a member and a committed Chairman for several years. They say that if you want to accomplish something, get somebody who is quite busy and they will get the job done. Mark's utmost commitment to the parish is incredible. We thank him so much, but now he has to step down from his position as his job requires him to be in different places of the world and of the country. Big thank you to Mark. Being in the parish and on the council for quite a while, we are pleased to welcome Thomas Randazzo as the new chairman of the Finance Council. Let us show our willingness to work with him as we support his new ideas for the benefit of the community. We request your prayers as we move forward towards a strong and vibrant Church as we build up the kingdom of God.

Sunday Mass during Lent has been different as people called “the elect” and “candidates” have been called forth to the altar. RCIA is mainly for these two groups of people: the unbaptized and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Church. Our Church prepares to welcome these participants in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion & Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil Mass. RCIA is not only for those seeking full initiation into the Church; RCIA involves the whole Christian community. We invite our parish community to join us in celebrating the scrutinies with our Catechumen (Elect) and Candidates as they journey closer to the Sacraments of initiation. As a Community we ask you to embrace, welcome and pray for them. **On Saturday March 25, 2017 at the 4:30 PM Mass and Sunday April 2, 2017 at the 10 :00 AM Mass we will celebrate the last 2 Scrutinies. We also invite you to the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer at the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 and the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday April 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM.** Scrutinies, Rites of Repentance and self-searching, offer the Catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of Baptism worthily. For those who are already baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter we renew our baptismal promises as we see the Catechumens baptized. So during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the Catechumens scrutinized. The scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.

#### **THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION! Clergy and Religious Administration**

The Ministry of Clergy Personnel assists the Bishop every day in the assignment of priests and deacons in the diocese, handles all personnel matters pertaining to active and retired priests, and works with priests from outside the diocese who seek to minister in the diocese. Ministry of Clergy Personnel keeps priests and deacons informed of events in the diocese specifically for its clergy, assists in the continuing education of clergy, the annual convocation of priests and in working throughout the diocese. Your gift supports the Bishop, priests and deacons in serving all parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton.

We're excited to announce some changes coming to our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday weekend! You'll notice a new location for our beautiful piano and Presider's Chair (Celebrant Chair) – The chair in which the priest sits, as well as the chair for the Deacon and altar server. Additionally, we will be relocating the Tabernacle to where the Presider's chair used to sit. These moves will allow more room for our ever-growing music ministry and overall worship space within our sanctuary.

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.

Join Msgr. Sam Sirianni,  
Fr. Daniel Peirano  
& Fr. Anthony Sirianni,  
on a trip to the Holy Land  
November 12-20, 2017  
For complete details please join us for  
a meeting on March 27, at 7:00pm  
St. Robert Bellarmine  
61 Georgia Road, Freehold NJ  
or contact Graycar Travel 800-214-6723.

On Thursday, March 30, the  
Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine  
will be offering a "Lenten Holy Hour"  
with Fr. Bausch, from 11 am-12 pm.

St. Veronica School will be holding its  
33rd annual dinner and gift auction  
on March 31 at 7:00 pm at South Gate  
Manor in Freehold. \$60 tickets are on  
sale now. Call 732-299-2477 or visit  
[www.stveronicaschool.com](http://www.stveronicaschool.com).

20th ANNUAL FLASHLIGHT EGG  
HUNT to be held at Kateri Center, 160  
Conover Road, Marlboro, Friday  
March 31, 8:00 pm. Join us after dark  
– bring a flashlight and a basket – and  
search the field for over 2000 REAL,  
colored eggs. Find the prize eggs and  
win! This is a fun and exciting event  
for children and adults. \$10 tickets at  
[www.katericenter.org](http://www.katericenter.org).

The Catholic Women of Zion will hold  
a Ministry Retreat Day on Saturday,  
April 8, 2017 at Holy Family Church,  
1139 East County Line Road,  
Lakewood. The day begins with Mass  
in the Church at 8:00 am and is  
followed by music, prayers for healing,  
speaker Mary Ann Collett, sharing,  
networking, and a luncheon in the  
Parish Hall, finishing by 12:00 pm.  
Admission is \$20, payable at the door,  
and includes lunch. Register online  
at [cwoz.org](http://cwoz.org) or call 732-363-0139 ext.  
777 no later than Tuesday, April 4,  
2017. Leave your phone number and  
spell your last name.

Please join us at Equestra Clubhouse  
Ballroom, 40 E. Milan Blvd,  
Farmingdale, on April 8, for our Spring  
Bazaar from 10AM-3PM. There will be  
door prizes, and numerous vendors  
selling handmade arts and crafts,  
jewelry, skin care products, holiday  
wreaths, chocolates and much more!  
Open to the Public. All are welcome.

### **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; and 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,

We welcome our dedicated and committed bike riders and volunteers from Harbor House. They come to the parish community every year asking for our generous donations and all the of support that they can get for a great cause. The team is going to be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. We appreciate your kindness and offer a big thank you to all who participate and donate generously.

Today we are going to have the Second Scrutiny for our RCIA candidates. Let us support them through our prayers as they desire to be strengthened by Christ and be in full communion with His Church. As faithful people of this congregation let us be reminded of the need to reflect on our own transgressions and sins and the strong need for God's help and grace.

In today's Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, John introduces the narrative of the man born blind. This is the sixth sign or miracle that Jesus performed. The man healed in today's Gospel is twice brought before the Pharisees to explain who restored his sight. With his new sight, he recognizes his healer as a prophet and a man from God. And now it is the Pharisees, unable to recognize Jesus as the Son of man, who are truly blind.

As we reflect on the Gospel, it is striking that in the story of the man born blind, the man's neighbors enter into a debate once he is healed as to whether it is in fact the same man. It is as if they have difficulty recognizing him once the blindness, which was for them his defining feature, is gone. It is also interesting that they refer to him as the one who used to sit and beg. For them, he was not a person with a name and a story, but simply a part of the landscape, wholly defined by his blindness and his begging. Moreover, despite the fact that they know nothing about him, and seem not to be interested in him, they presume that his blindness must be the result of sin, that is, either his sin or that of his parents.

What is ironical in the story is that it is the man's neighbors who are really the blind ones. It is they who cannot see beyond their presumptions and prejudices.

Furthermore, they cannot truly see Jesus, saying that they know that he is a sinner. As Jesus heals the man's physical blindness, he is also trying to heal the blindness of the bystanders by giving them the eyes of faith, so they can see what the blind man now sees; that if Jesus were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.

Sometimes we might think of healing physical blindness as a great miracle; the Gospel of John seems to be saying that it is the spiritual blindness that really needs to be overcome, and it is the healing of the spiritual blindness that is the greatest miracle.

O Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the World, you who have come to heal our blindness, give us eyes to see others, so that we may know them even as you know them. Amen.

May God bless us,  
Father Angelito

