

St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



May 21, 2017



Sixth Sunday of Easter

"I will ask the Father,
and he will give you ...the Spirit of truth."

- John 14:16-17

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

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

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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, May 20, 2017

4:30 PM Francis Connors
(Lorraine & Neal Pronek)

Sunday, May 21, 2017

8:00 AM Sharon Storey
(Storey Family)

10:00 AM Jacques LeGrand
(Dean & Annette Wright)

11:30 AM Giacomo & Gaetano Pellicano
(Luigi & Rose Cantatore)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, May 22, 2017

9:00 AM Theresa Zygmund
(John & Anna Williams)

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

9:00 AM Anthony J. Cammarata
(Lowder Family)

Thursday, May 25, 2017 @ Main Church

9:00 AM Mary Raya
(Susan & Wally Giakas)

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Friday, May 26, 2017

9:00 AM Antoinette Pennetti & Family
(Libby Miller)



The Sanctuary light will burn the week of May 20 in memory of Bertrand & Marie Rottkamp at the request of Family



The St. Catherine of Siena votive light will burn the week of May 20 in memory of Margaret Morris at the request of Wayne & Joan Walling



The Immaculate Heart of Mary votive light will burn the week of May 20 in memory of Sharon Storey at the request of her Parents

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.

5/14/17 Weekly **\$6,821.00**
Mother's Day **\$1,730.00**

5/25/17 Ascension Thursday
5/28/17 Weekly & Catholic Communications



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, May 25 for Ascension Thursday. Masses will be held at the Main Church at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM



through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed to the Church: **Patrick Scott Trenton**
We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! Visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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 afternoon, Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Please listen to your heart and discern if you are being called. It is only once a week. It is a wonderful and rewarding experience. Email ccdnews@sienachurch.org or call 732-938-6229.

Annual Catholic Appeal as of May 5, 2017

135	Donors
14%	Participation
\$44,000	Overall Goal
\$30,417	Pledged
\$23,078	Paid
69	% of Goal Reached

New Parishioners

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

Robert & Susan Andrews
Richard & Ann Perrone
Anthony, Donatella, Victoria and Michael Ruggiero

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Julia Barbato, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, Lois Hradil, 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

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.

FAMILY NIGHT-Friday, May 26, 2017-Church of the Visitation would like to invite all parents, children and teens for a special evening with Guest Speaker Dan Duddy. Dan is a teacher, mentor, former football coach and pastoral minister for Donovan Catholic and a father of eight! A renowned, spiritually gifted speaker, Dan enlightens his audience by sharing his dynamic gift of communications. He speaks not only to the parents, but to the children and young adults as well. Come and join us for an opportunity to share a meal, laugh, learn and grow closer to God and each other! Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm and it is pizza, salad and "all you can eat" wings for \$1.00. Dessert will be ice cream, so come on out and spend some time with us and your children. You may register until Thursday, May 25 at 732-477-7059 Ext. 214 or dzanetti@visitationrchurch.org.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS & COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On Monday, Memorial Day, May 29, at 9:00 AM, St. Veronica's will be celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to pray for peace in the world, for all our men and women in the military who have given their lives in the cause of peace, been injured while serving in the military, or are currently serving in the military, and for all our veterans. A free Communion Breakfast featuring a hot buffet provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 6201 in honor of our troops and veterans will follow the Mass in the school cafeteria. All are welcome. For more information, please call 732-367-2565.

Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive Thursdays, June 8, 15, and 22 from 9:30am till 3:00pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1, Holmdel. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, administrative support and special projects to support our mission of caring and compassion. Call (732) 224-6933 or visit www.vnahg.org/volunteering.

St. Denis Recovery Ministry will be hosting a 12-Step Christian Recovery One-Day Retreat "Let Go, Let God" Acceptance-Surrender-God's Amazing Grace on Saturday, June 10, 10-3, Church of St. Denis School Cafeteria, 90 Union Ave, Manasquan, NJ, RSVP 732-223-0287 or www.eventbrite.com. \$10 Lunch, fellowship, speakers, workshops, reflection-all in a 12-Step Christian Recovery setting. Open to those in Recovery, those struggling with Addiction AND FAMILIES of those afflicted! Call Laura with questions at 848-333-7085.

On Saturday, June 17, 2017, the "Roamin' Catholics" of the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, will be sponsoring a bus trip to see the magnificent vistas of Longwood Gardens in Brandywine Valley, PA. We will be leaving St. Robert's at 12:30 p.m., arriving at Longwood Gardens by 2:00 p.m. Stroll the awesome beauty at your own pace and enjoy dinner at one of the three dining areas within the gardens. We will return back to St. Robert's following the water fountain display experience at nightfall. \$44/person includes the cost of entry and the cost of transportation. Dining charges will be the responsibility of the attendee. A limited number of tickets will be available. Call 732-462-7038 or email comehome@strobert.com.

St. Veronica Church Catholic Vacation Bible School 2017

Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive. Come join us for a fun week of games, skits, crafts, music and lessons as we discover more about the marvelous gift of the Mass and Holy Eucharist. Mon. July 10 - Fri. July 14 9 am - 12:30 pm. Children Ages 4-5 (fully potty trained) and entering Grades 1 thru 6. \$40 per child (\$150 maximum per family). Includes t-shirt and snacks. Registration forms are available at the rectory and CCD office. Registration deadline is June 3. Space limited to first 80 campers. Email svmcg21@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 at the 11:30 Mass, we welcome our students who due to some valid reasons cannot come to their usual classes in the Religious Program, hence they are taught by their parents at home. We are happy to welcome them as they participate in prayers, readings, singing and most importantly receiving Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament, The Eucharist.

Please keep in mind that our beloved Bishop, David O'Connell is coming next week as he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to our eighth graders on May 30th at 4 and 6 PM. His presence is a great blessing for the whole parish as the Shepherd of our Diocese come to us on that given day. We are extremely grateful to the Bishop for gracing the occasion. Thank you so much Bishop David.

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

In the Gospel, we heard Jesus taking to the apostles as they were and where they were. They were mixed up, puzzled, confused and frustrated. Jesus understood how his apostles felt. He wished to make it clear that their fear was groundless as he said, "I will ask the Father and he will give you a Paraclete, to be with you always... I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you."

We can see one example of the fulfillment of Jesus' promise today in the first reading. Even after his ascension Jesus did not abandon the people of Samaria, in whose region he had worked miracles during his public ministry. His help to them came from Philip the deacon, who was acting on the impulse of the Holy Spirit, as he responded to Christ's command to preach the Gospel. Philip left Jerusalem for Samaria. There his preaching met with immediate success. When further spiritual help beyond Baptism was needed, that is, the giving of the Holy Spirit by laying on of hands, Philip, Peter and John came to Samaria and confirmed the new converts.

What happened in Samaria has continued down through the centuries. The promise of Jesus has also been fulfilled in us. We too have received the Holy Spirit, and because of him we are not left alone. But we have to find God even within ourselves. In other words, we have to pray.

Simple prayers are good prayers. Exalted though the Mass truly is, even here we find simple prayers and sincere prayers as should be. We begin the Mass with the sign of the cross, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Prayer begins with a recognition of God, and should include an awareness of his presence within us. We stand unworthy before God because of sin. As a group of people trying to offer God suitable worship, we humbly asked for forgiveness of our sins. That is a theme which continues as we pray "Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed."

Throughout the Mass we turn to God for help in all the many prayers of petition, especially the Prayers of the Faithful as well as in the presidential prayers at the entrance rite, the preparation of the gifts, and the Communion rite. Each Mass itself is a total prayer of praise and thanksgiving, as the word 'Eucharist' signifies.

It is indeed a terrifying experience to be left all alone in life. Because of God's presence within us, we need not have that experience if we learn to turn to God with simple, earnest prayer in all the aspects of our lives. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito

