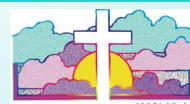


St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727



May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter

"They have kept your word."

- John 17:6b

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11a

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

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, May 27, 2017

4:30 PM Thermon Perry Sr.
(Giakas Family)

Sunday, May 28, 2017

8:00 AM George Steinecke
(Wife, Helen)

10:00 AM Violet Furjanic
(Peter & Laura Greco)

11:30 AM Liam Ryan
(Christopher, Maryann & Family)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, May 29, 2017

9:00 AM Dean Wright
(Sharon & Steve Cline)

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

9:00 AM Catherine Catrini
(Anne Hilker)

Thursday, June 1, 2017

9:00 AM Rose Mincieli
(Phil & Darlene Sardone)

Friday, June 2, 2017

9:00 AM Kathleen Fitzgerald
(St. Vincent de Paul Society)



The Sanctuary light will burn the week of May 27 in memory of Patricia Fox at the request of the Ventura Family



The St. Catherine of Siena votive light will burn the week of May 27 in memory of David DeSio at the request of the Pereira Family



The Immaculate Heart of Mary votive light will burn the week of May 27 in memory of Bert & Marie Rottkamp at the request of 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:

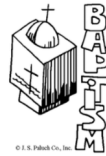
If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, contact the Parish Office.

5/21/17 Weekly Energy & Fuel \$5,789.00 \$1,359.00

6/4/17 Weekly & Maintenance & Repairs



The Parish Office and Religious Education will be closed on Monday, May 29, in honor of Memorial Day.



through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed to the Church:
Rey Hera Morton
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:

Christopher, Amy, Grace, James & Mason Cantagallo

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 & 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.

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.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Julia Barbato, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Lois Hradil, 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

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.

**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. Monday July 10- Fri July 14, 9am – 12:30pm Children ages 4-5 (fully potty trained) and entering Grades 1 thru 6 \$40 per child (\$150 maximum/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 Don't miss the fun!! Contact Jo-Anne at svmcg21@yahoo.com

"Brunch by the Sea," Saturday, June 10, 11:00am – 1:30pm, WATERSPIRIT at Stella Maris, 981 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch. Join WATERSPIRIT at Stella Maris on the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy Brunch, Dessert, Mimosas, Bloody Mary's, Music, a Gift Auction and Wine Cellar. \$85 per person. For reservations please call 732-923-9788 or email water@waterspirit.org.

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.

Take a look at Donovan Catholic Summer Camps!

Sports camps: Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Lacrosse
Academic Camps: The Joy of Color, SAT Boot Camp. Getting Ready for High School Algebra, Writing the College Essay
Go to www.donovancatholic.org for dates, descriptions and forms.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

This past January, Donovan Catholic joined the prestigious International Baccalaureate Organization, which offers academically talented and motivated high school students an opportunity to take IB courses and to earn an internationally recognized diploma. Call Kathy D'Andrea at 732-349-8801 x 2429.

Host Families Needed

The Donovan Catholic Admissions Department is proud to announce that we will be expanding our international student body next year through two new exchange partnerships involving Colegio Los Sauces, a bi-lingual school with four campuses throughout Spain and ASSE, an International Student Exchange Program. If you are interested in hosting a student from Spain or would like more information, please call (732) 349-8801 x2421.

Offered at the Upper Room, Diocesan
Spiritual Center, Neptune, in June.

Woman's Gathering

Saturday, June 3, 10:00am, \$15-\$25

Centering Prayer

Tuesday, June 6, 10am - 2pm, \$35-\$50

Spiritual Well-Being

Tuesday, June 13, 7-9:30pm, \$25-\$45

Gentle Chair Yoga

Mondays, June 19 & 26, 7-9pm, \$35-\$50

Healing The Wounds Of Abortion

Thursday, June 22, 7:00-8:30pm

On Saturday, June 17, 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 pm, arriving at Longwood Gardens by 2:00 pm. We will return back to St. Robert's following the water fountain display experience at nightfall. \$44/person includes the cost of transportation and entry. 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.

WATERSPIRIT'S Summer Solstice Celebration, Wednesday, June 21, 7-8:30pm, Stella Maris, 981 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch.

Join WATERSPIRIT for an evening to welcome Summer with prayer, reflection and song. We will celebrate, with gratitude, the blessings of Light, Energy, Warmth and Food, gifts of the Season. We hope to see you and that you enjoy the seasonal refreshments. Reservations preferred. Donations according to means. Call 732-923-9788 or email water@waterspirit.org.

On Saturday, June 24, 9 am—4 pm at St. David the King Church, 1 New Village Rd, Princeton Junction, all are welcome for the Diocese Conference, "Together in Mission." Nationally known speaker, Jon Leonetti will be talking about The Family: Home of Evangelization. Terry Ginther, Director of Pastoral Life for the Diocese will present on how we go forward together in God's mission. \$15 includes breakfast and lunch. Call 609-403-7132 or register at lrvivas@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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,

On Tuesday, May 30, at 4 and 6 PM, Bishop David O'Connell, the Shepherd of our Diocese, is coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the Eighth Grade students of our Parish Religious Education Program. We are indeed so fortunate and blessed to have His Excellency come to our parish on that given day to grace this solemn occasion. On a different note, let us continue to pray for the young people of the parish who are receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, that they would become the New Evangelizers as we try to build God's Kingdom. Let us also pray for their parents, teachers and aides as we thank them for their invaluable support and dedication to be instruments of spreading the Gospel of Jesus. In advance we congratulate our Confirmandi.

Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

As human beings, we are not too good at saying goodbye. As our experience shows, it's a bit of a challenge most especially when that goodbye seems to be the final one. It is not only for some, I think, that a final farewell is the most difficult as they cling to life to a very great degree, often times filled with anxiety and fear about what lies beyond this life here on earth, or how those who are left behind will cope without them. For some, death comes peacefully and with a firm resignation. However inevitable, it is never something we happily embrace.

The Evangelist John has several chapters in his Gospel dedicated to Jesus saying goodbye to his disciples just before his passion. This Sunday's Gospel reading is part of that final discourse, and it clearly summarizes his teaching at the same time expressing his concern that they better be ready for his absence. Jesus' intention is to convince his disciples that his leaving is for the best, and that in his wake they will receive the Spirit who is going to empower them to continue his wonderful mission.

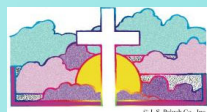
Notice that as we heard in the Gospel, part of Jesus' farewell is in the form of a long prayer that at once gives thanks for the work he has done to glorify his Father. Jesus sets aside his eternal glory, but makes it known to the whole world when he takes it up again in the resurrection; that glory would be shared with his disciples.

What is this glory all about? It is the eternal life he shares with the Father and that he now offers to his disciples; it is none other than life in abundance.

Today as we gather on this Seventh Sunday of Easter, how does this message of the Gospel speak to us? As disciples of Christ today, we can take comfort in our relationship with him. Just as he speaks with his disciples with care, love and affection, he has the same love, affection and care for us.

However, above and beyond this reflection, today's 2nd reading challenges us to see our sufferings and sacrifices as a share in the sacrifices and sufferings of our Lord. We pray that as Jesus' sufferings would lead to the glory of the resurrection, likewise our own sufferings would lead to a share in Jesus' glory. Amen.

May God bless us,
Father Angelito



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