



St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

November 12, 2017

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Email:
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Parish Office Hours
Monday-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

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

Parish Office Secretary
Carol Morton

Director of Religious Education
Kyle Galante

Religious Education Secretary
Janice Deakyne

Sacristan
Francine Gagliano

Music Director
Alice Kovach

Parish Trustees
Robert Mercado & June Hankel

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

Baptisms:

2nd Sundays of the month 12:30 PM *Church*

Baptism Classes:

Last Mondays of the month 7:30 PM *Classroom 10*

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

2nd/4th Sundays 11:30 AM *Church*

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Holy Day Masses:

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM *Main Church*

Homebound Ministry:

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

Knights of Columbus

If interested, please contact Mark Dalton, Grand Knight 732-233-0842

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:

Meeting Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 PM *Classroom 10*
Pray Sunday, November 19, 11:00 AM before 11:30 AM Mass *Church*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

732-938-3454
2nd Mondays @ 7:00 PM *Parish Hall*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 11, 2017

4:30 PM John & Mary Kruse
(Daughters)

Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:00 AM George Steinecke
(Wife, Helen)

10:00 AM John T. Dale
(Palmie Cummings)

11:30 AM Deceased Legionaries
(Legion of Mary)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, November 13, 2017

9:00 AM Janet Bonk
(Dan & Nancy Mettale)

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

9:00 AM Bob Cassano
(Jack & Mary Sillup)

Thursday, November 16, 2017

9:00 AM John & Irene Sillup
(Son, Jack & Family)

Friday, November 17, 2017

9:00 AM Mary E. Dale
(Palmie Cummings)



The St. Catherine of Siena votive light will burn the week of November 11 in memory of Stephen Pfail at the request of Ann Albano

Sunday Collection

Week of: 11/5/17

All Saints Day	\$1,093.00
All Souls Day	\$ 882.00
Weekly First Collection	\$6,094.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,376.00

Next Weekend's Collection

Week of: 11/19/17

Weekly First Collection & Campaign for Human Development

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Holiday Coffee and Conversation Sunday!

Fellowship today in the parish hall after the 10 and 11:30 masses. Come learn about the many upcoming events planned for this Christmas season. Hot cocoa bar and baked treats will be part of the festivities. Join us and celebrate with your church family! For more info please contact Margaret Tamburri at hospitality@sienachurch.org.



Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
- Matthew 25:13

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

This Weekend November 11/12 NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE will be selling raffle tickets.

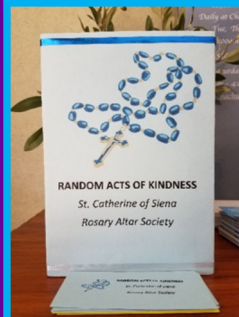
The prizes this year are:

- 1st PRIZE** - 2018 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$43,500, Volvo's bestselling vehicle loaded with innovated safety features
- 2nd PRIZE** - \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card
- 3rd PRIZE** - \$750.00 ShopRite Gift Card
- 4th Prize** - \$500.00 ShopRite Gift Card

Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right To Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket! The cost is \$10.00 per ticket.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet Sunday, November 12th at the 11:30 am Mass. All children in grades K-4 (ages 5 -10) are invited to participate. Young children are given the opportunity to listen to a children's version of Sunday's 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. To sign up for November's sessions, please email clov@sienachurch.org.

The Rosary Altar Society will continue the Random Acts of Kindness project until May



when we will offer up all of these kind acts to Mary in conjunction with the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Look for the small box on the table in the narthex, write your random act of kindness on one of the little cards by the box, and drop the card into the box. We encourage all parishioners to join the Society as

we pray the Rosary on Sunday, November 19, at 11:00 am before the 11:30 am Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

After the 10 and 11:30 Masses this weekend, everyone is cordially invited to the Parish Hall for our usual Hospitality Sunday. It will be a great time for new parishioners and everyone else to meet, chat, have some coffee and fellowship. As a parish family it is always wonderful to spend some time together and do our Sunday's best.

Today at the 11:30 Mass is Children's Liturgy. We remind the respective parents of our parish community to bring their children to the Eucharist to be an important part of the celebration. This is an effective way and means to let these young boys and girls to become familiar with and understand the Mass.

This Sunday is the 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cautions and warns his listeners to stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour. He warns them not to be like the foolish bridesmaids who were unprepared. They assumed they could get more oil for their torches whenever they needed it, and that the door of the house would be opened for them even if they arrived late. The foolish bridesmaids were shocked to discover that, at the decisive hour, because they were unprepared, they were excluded. Until then, there seemed to be no difference between the wise and foolish bridesmaids. They all became drowsy and fell asleep, Jesus tells us. But the midnight call to action finds the wise prepared and welcomed, and the foolish unprepared and left out. Although at first sight, it's not really being asleep that proves to be the problem, all ten bridesmaids grew drowsy and nodded off. However, five of the women were truly 'awake,' prepared to do the one thing that was asked of them, to welcome the groom home.

We might feel it is somewhat selfish of the five bridesmaids not to share their oil, but that really is not the point of the story. This parable is set within a group of Jesus' teachings about the return of the Son of man and the final judgment, and of our need to be awake and ready to face that day. The oil is a symbol of the bridesmaids having prepared themselves for his coming. It is an incredible sign of having heard the message of the Gospel and responded by living lives of love and mercy. The main point in Matthew's Gospel is that one responds first and foremost by one's deeds, not one's words. We have to keep in mind the words of Jesus: "It is not those who say to me, Lord, Lord, who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father."

The question is, how then, can we best be prepared to meet the Lord? The first reading may have the answer. Wisdom can be found by those who seek her. The wisdom we seek, to be prepared to meet the Lord is found in what Jesus teaches his disciples. His message is about how we are to live in the kingdom of God here on earth, so as to live with God after our death. Evidently, His lessons are about forgiving others generously, being grateful for the generosity of others, following through on our word, and not expecting any reward for doing the right thing. Most importantly, he teaches loving God with all our mind, heart and soul, and humbly loving our neighbor as ourselves. They are the greatest commandments.

The lessons Jesus taught his listeners as he prepared for his death gives us all the wisdom we need for being prepared for our own finality and death. He reiterates that we have to stay awake in seeking to live in the wisdom he shares. Let us nurture ourselves as we grow in wisdom by finding ways to grow in our love for our neighbors. Amen.

God bless us,

Father Angelito

Walking with Purpose

Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture

Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how Scripture applies to your everyday life?

If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose at St. Catherine of Siena.

Opening Your Heart, our 22-week foundational Bible study is designed for women new to Walking with Purpose as well as those with more Bible study experience. Purchase the Opening Your Heart study guide at

<https://wwpstore.com/collections/study-guides>.

Weekly group sessions began on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 in our Parish Hall at 10 a.m. The 22-week 2018 program is now forming. For registration and program information, please e-mail wwp@sienachurch.org or visit the parish website, sienachurch.org.

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time – Sunday, November 12, 2017



Sharing the Gospel

Make sure your heart is ready for Jesus. One-day Jesus will come back. If your heart is empty and dark - without love - you will be left out. But if your heart is filled with God's love for other people, Jesus will bring you into heaven with him forever.

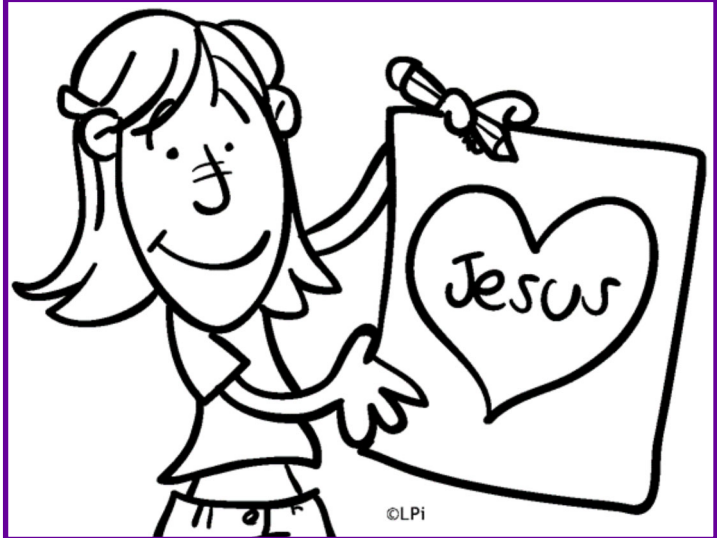
Prayer

God, fill my heart with your love. I want to be ready for Jesus.

Mission for the Week

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then donate them to charity.

FORMED, a "Catholic Netflix," was introduced last month and parishioners were encouraged to watch FORGIVEN. Forgiven is a series under STUDY/SACRAMENTAL PREP on formed.org. Have you watched all four episodes yet? Have you discussed the series with your family and friends? Have you explored any of the other content on formed.org? We'd love to hear from you. Contact Stephanie at [732-771-7022](tel:732-771-7022) or sharakal@optonline.net or Terry at [973-222-0461](tel:973-222-0461) with feedback or questions. Contact jutz@rcds.org for technical questions.



CHOIR NEWS



Cantors and Choir members needed in our Music Ministry here at St. Catherine Parish. If you love to take part of our ministry of giving to the Glory of God through music please come and join us! Planning ahead for special liturgies, possible concert series, and preparing for the Advent and Christmas season, contact our Music Director Alice at akovach9@aol.com to sign up and begin a journey of learning and growing with your Parish. The choir will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Church.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

MaryAnn Aulisi, Julia Barbato, Jean & Mike Burke, Joseph Cocuzza, Kathleen Cottrell, Nancy Drake, Bob Fort, Angie Gorda, Marlene Gravatt, Lori Jones, Edward Kress, Barbara Lipari, Lauren MacArthur, Teresa Magyar, Betty McCann, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Barbara Sansevere, Marie Selvaggi, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Sharon Watson-Pereira

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those that helped make our Harvest Bake Sale such a success. Whether you donated or purchased a baked item we deeply appreciate your support. A special thank you to the Rosary Altar Society and Religious Education Program for their support as well. Your generosity will help make over-flowing Thanksgiving Baskets for our clients.



The Christmas Giving Tree has arrived!



The St. Catherine's Giving Tree, our parish wide effort to help make Christmas a little brighter for local families and children in need, has been set up in the vestibule. Please help make someone's life a little cheerier by choosing one or more paper ornaments, purchasing the requested gift(s), and returning them to church by November 26th. Each tag contains information about a specific gift recipient and their gift request. To allow all to participate, the cost of the gifts vary from a few dollars to perhaps the cost of a coat. After you select an ornament(s), please do your best to purchase the requested gift.

Place the unwrapped gift in a gift bag and attach the ORIGINAL PAPER ORNAMENT to the outside of the bag. It is important that the ornament be attached to the gift as this is the only method we have for distributing the gifts to the proper individual.

All gifts **MUST** be returned to the Church narthex **NO LATER than Sunday, November 26th**. Your timely return of the gifts will ensure that they are distributed on time to the different organizations who will then distribute to the specific individuals needing assistance.

Thank you for your generosity and giving spirit!

Annual Catholic Appeal as of October 27, 2017

166	Donors
17%	Participation Percentage
\$44,000	Overall Goal
\$34,759	Amount Pledged
\$31,169	Amount Paid to Date
79%	of Goal Reached

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Join us for an Advent Series for our Parish Family.

We will meet at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays, November 28, December 5 and 12. Together we will grow as a parish family as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, along with our sister parishes of St. Veronica and St. William the Abbot, will be presenting a Christmas Festival, **"This is Christmas," on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 7 pm.** in our Parish Hall. This is a special event that shares the gift of music in a warm community setting, stirring the heart and drawing us into the true meaning of Christmas. This community-wide event will include choir performances, a tree lighting ceremony, a cookie and cider reception, and St. Nicholas as our special guest.

We invite you along with your friends and family to be a part of this joyful celebration. Space is limited so to reserve a seat or for any questions, please RSVP to christmasfestival@sienachurch.org by **December 1st**.

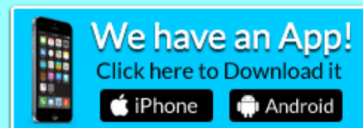
CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL REQUESTS MUST BE RETURNED BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, in order for them to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Any requests between 12/15 and 12/22 will be included in the December 31 bulletin, due to deadlines. Anyone wishing to make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to the Parish Office at 31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727. Parishioners can also use the Christmas flower envelope provided in their envelope mailing.

OFFERED FOR: _____

REQUESTED BY: _____

OFFERING: _____ (Suggested Offering: \$10)

SMART PHONE USERS We now have a mobile App! Go to **SCOSNJ.Catholic.Cloud** right on your iPhone or Android to get it. It's free! You'll be able to get up-to-the-minute announcements, check out the Mass schedules, call the parish office with one push of a button and more. We'd like your feedback!



AN ADVENT EXPERIENCE

St. Catherine of Siena Church



7 PM PARISH HALL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

Light Refreshments Served

Join us for a 3-week, video based study on formed.org to create an Advent to remember for our parish family. Meditate on the reason for the season with **ANIMA**— a visually stunning and thought provoking series of videos with accompanying discussion guides.



WEEK ONE

Explore the most fundamental questions of the human heart.



WEEK TWO

Explore the Person of Jesus, who emptied Himself to become human.



WEEK THREE

Explore how we are called to be the light of the world.

For more information, please contact Barbara Ust at barbaraust411@gmail.com

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 Mark Dalton, Grand Knight @ mmdd18@optonline.net or call him at 732-233-0842.

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.

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. 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, call Terri at 732-462-7452.

St. Catherine's is in need of additional Ushers to help at all masses. Anyone over age 12 can sign up and for those receiving Confirmation, can get service hours. Call 732-492-6861 or email scottrubinson@gmail.com.

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

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.

"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.

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. See the donation crate in the church's narthex.

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 Classroom 10 at 7:30 P.M. on the last Monday 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*.