



St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

November 19, 2017
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Website:
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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:

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 18, 2017

4:30 PM Rose & Mike DelPriore
(Ella LaRocca)

Sunday, November 19, 2017

8:00 AM Angelina Martins
(Kevin & Deneen and Family)

10:00 AM Viola O'Reilly
(Daughter)

11:30 AM Kathleen Alice Fitzgerald
(Anne Hilker)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, November 20, 2017

9:00 AM Terrence Fay
(Chadwick Family)

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

9:00 AM Terrence Fay
(Shirley DeFranco)

Thursday, November 23, 2017 @ Main Church

9:00 AM John DeGrande
(Pam & Leon Davison)

Friday, November 24, 2017

9:00 AM Dorothy Smith
(Rosary Altar Society)

Sunday Collection

Week of: 11/12/17

Weekly First Collection

\$6,548.00

Diocesan Assessment

\$1,301.00

Next Weekend's Collection

Week of: 11/26/17

Weekly First Collection & Energy & Fuel



Religious Education WILL NOT be in session on Monday & Wednesday, November 20 & 22.

The Parish Office will close at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, November 22 and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving. All offices will reopen on Monday, November 27.



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

Brandon Christopher Clemens
Ava Marie Fiorenzo
Zachary Robert Howard

We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!

Welcome to Our New Parishioners ...

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

Fredrick & Theresa Balbi
Richard & Natalia Carter
Robert Clays
Louise Donnelly
Mary-Elizabeth & William Whitehouse



Blessed are you who fear the LORD.

- Psalm 128:1a

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Barbara Sansevere, Marie Selvaggi, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski, Sharon Watson-Pereira

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



Lidia Cruz

Betty McCann (Wife of Cedric, Mother of Cathy Sabo, Karen Utz and Mary Schuld)

William C. Whitehouse

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

for Thanksgiving are offered for:

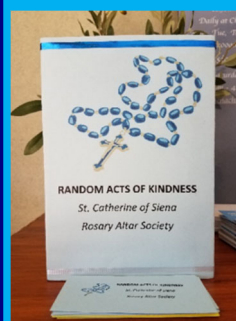
John DeGrande

at the request of Pam & Leon Davison

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,

Today we welcome our 5th and 6th grade students of the parish's religious education program as we celebrate our Sunday Liturgy at 11:30. Together with their respective parents and teachers let us celebrate our Sunday's best for each one's wonderful presence as we listen attentively to God's word and break bread. Let us continue to lift up our minds and voices worshipping, praying and thanking the Lord God for his many blessings and gifts.

On November 23, our beloved country celebrates Thanksgiving Day, a day to express our gratitude, appreciation and immense thanks for who we are and what we have been as individuals. This is also a great time to contemplate and reflect, and pray for our society, community and nation as we unceasingly thank the Lord for his guidance and direction. The parish community is going to have the Thanksgiving Mass at 9 AM in the Church.

As we move forward with our journey in faith, we are all invited to save the dates for an Advent experience in our parish. Everyone is invited to join us for a three week, video based study, on formed.org as faithful followers of Jesus. The program invites us to meditate on the reason for the season with ANIMA, a visually stunning and thought-provoking series of videos with accompanying discussion guides. The Advent series are going to be held in the Parish Hall at 7 PM on November 28, December 5 and December 12. Light refreshments will be served at the event. Please come and bring your family members and friends with you.

Today we celebrate the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In today's Gospel, the word "talent" carries multiple meanings, a bit confusing, hence we need some clarity. When we hear the word talent nowadays we think that somebody has a special attribute like in sports, art, and music. We look at talents as gifts that enable people to excel in a particular field in their lives. These talents are not earned, but they can be developed. We seem to be unhappy with gifted people who don't use their talents properly. We are particularly impressed with people who use their talents for the benefit of others and the community.

The talents in today's Gospel are different. They are like sums of money that can be invested, which is what two characters in the parable do with them. One man does what people in the New Testament times were advised to do with their money, he buried it for safety. Two thousand years ago the sensible thing was to dig a hole and bury your savings because it was too easy for burglars to literally break a hole in the wall of the house and steal valuables. The talent was a measure of a weight of an amount of metal. A single talent of silver was worth more than 15 times the basic daily wage of the time, so gifts of one, two or five talents were very pricey.

Jesus' parable is saying something here. St. Matthew touches on the end of time where the master is Jesus, the Son of Man, coming back to judge the world. The servants are the disciples entrusted to his work or mission while they await his coming. During his absence, since only God knows the day and hour of his return, the disciples are joined together to be watchful and to act responsibly as faithful stewards.

Our Gospel parable reminds us that we have been given much by God. We don't have the option of not using our gifts to build God's kingdom. Whatever we invest, the promised reward is to share it in the joy of the master's kingdom. It is a great idea to continue this month of November when our prayers are intended for our beloved dead. We have to continue praying for them and for ourselves. We have to secure ourselves in the promise that if we invest in the kingdom of God, then we can look forward to a life that takes us into the fullness of God's life. Amen.

God bless us,

Father Angelito



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://wppstore.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 evening program is now forming. For registration and program information, please e-mail wpp@sienachurch.org or visit the parish website, sienachurch.org.

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Sharing the Gospel

You can choose to waste your time, your money and your special talents. You can be selfish with them, too. Or, you can use those gifts from God to spread good news about Jesus. When you choose to use your gifts for God, and he will fill your heart with joy.

Prayer

God, help me to use my time, my money and my special talents for you.

Mission for the Week

God has given your family money. Use some of it to buy food for a needy family.



Have you registered yet for FORMED.org? The easiest way is to go to the parish website and click on the Formed graphic or either of the links to formed.org. The parish code, QCVKRC, is already entered for you. Advent is coming soon and parishioners are encouraged to watch FORGIVEN if they have not yet done so. There will be several opportunities for Reconciliation during Advent and this series offers you good information on this sacrament. Forgiven is found under STUDY/SACRAMENTAL PREP on formed.org. We'd love to hear what you think of FORMED and/or how you are using it. Contact Stephanie at sharakal@optonline.net or 732-771-7022 or Terry at 973-222-0461 with feedback or questions. Contact Jeff at jutz@rcds.org only for technical questions.



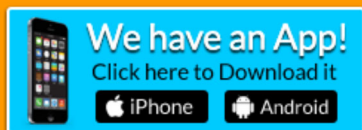
Cantors and Choir members needed in our Music Ministry here at St. Catherine Parish. If you love to take part of our ministry of giving to the Glory of God through music please come and join us! Planning ahead for special liturgies, possible concert series, and preparing for the Advent and Christmas 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.



Read the Gospel and Color



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!



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 varies 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 individuals.

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 them to the specific individuals needing assistance.

Thank you for your generosity and giving spirit!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet Sunday, November 26th 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 clow@sienachurch.org.

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, at 7pm** 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 **by December 1st** to christmasfestival@sienachurch.org.

St. William the Abbot will be having a Parish Mission on November 26, 27 & 28 at 7 PM each night, with nationally known Catholic speaker Jon Leonetti, a best-selling author and radio host.

Christmas Around the World will be held on Saturday, December 9th, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at St. William the Abbot. This is a free event for all ages.

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)

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 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. 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*.