



St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

November 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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, December 17, 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 25, 2017

4:30 PM Nancy & Chet Swistock
(Gagliano Family)

Sunday, November 26, 2017

8:00 AM Joanne Kennedy
(Kevin & Deneen and Family)

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

11:30 AM Umberto Gemignani
(Family)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, November 27, 2017

9:00 AM James Allocco
(Ust Family)

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

9:00 AM Therese Crepeault
(Neal Family)

Thursday, November 30, 2017

9:00 AM Ronald Newcomb
(Giakas Family)

Friday, December 1, 2017

9:00 AM John Flannery
(Family)



The St. Catherine of Siena votive light will burn the week of November 25 in memory of Raymond Neiland at the request of Ann Albano



"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

- Matthew 25:35

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

*Welcome
to Our New Parishioners ...*

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

Kim, Morgan, Austin & Brooke Pillar

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

Next Weekend's Collection

Week of: 12/3/17

Weekly First Collection & Maintenance & Repairs

All Parish Offices will be closed from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM on Monday, November 27. Religious Education Office will reopen at 3:00 PM.



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES
TO ...

**JONATHAN MITCHELL
KIMBERLY COPPOLA**

who were married at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

**MAY GOD BLESS THIS COUPLE WITH A LONG
HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER!**



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES
TO ...

**BRIAN UNGLERT
ALISHA FIORINO**

who were married at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

**MAY GOD BLESS THIS COUPLE WITH A LONG
HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER!**

Final Weekend for Giving Tree Gift Returns



This is the final weekend for returning gift purchases for the Giving Tree Recipients. Please be sure to bring your **unwrapped bagged item** with the **original paper ornament** to the church vestibule by **12:30 pm this Sunday**. Thanks for your cooperation and generosity!

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)

Dear Parishioners,

Once again today at the 11:30 Mass, we have the Children's Liturgy. Last month's attendance and participation were quite impressive inasmuch as there were more children and parents who responded to our invitation. We would like to reiterate that if we want our families, most especially our young ones, to start getting familiar and used to the Sunday's Liturgy, then we have to get involved. Tom and Laura who took the initiative and stepped up to bring this program almost two years ago are doing their best to invite and to make us an important part of it and teach our kids all about the word of God.

As your Parish Priest, let me reiterate the invitation for this upcoming season, ANIMA an Advent series for our Parish Family. This is a visually stunning and thought-provoking series of videos with accompanying discussion guides with each presentation. This Advent Experience will begin this Tuesday, 11/28 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall and will continue for two more Tuesdays, 12/05 and 12/12. Let us be mindful of our journey as we continue to nourish ourselves with God's word and prepare, full of enthusiasm and gladness for the celebration of Christ's Birth.

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

In the Church's calendar, today's Solemnity always takes place on the last Sunday in Ordinary time before the beginning of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year. This year is patterned after the story of Christ, beginning with our Advent preparation for his coming through the Lenten season and Holy Week, with the rest of the time devoted to what Jesus said and did.

Even though this Solemnity exalts the royal and divine attributes of the Christ, Prophet Ezekiel prophesies the coming of a Messiah who will live humbly as a shepherd. He has to focus his efforts on seeking out the lost, the straying, the injured and sick: "I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark." Evidently, this shepherd promises a safe ground for pasture, and rest for the weary of his flock. Most importantly, Prophet Ezekiel suggests the personal concern and care the Lord will show for each of his lambs: "I myself will look after and tend my sheep." Interestingly, this reading is very much present in the mind of Jesus centuries later when he summons the same image in the Gospel, that of the shepherd separating the sheep from the goats.

In the Gospel, Jesus is described as coming in glory and sitting on his throne. But totally different from one who lords it over others, this King is also the "Good Shepherd" who knows and welcomes his sheep, who recognize his voice. However, the "goats on his left" are those who did nothing for the poor, the stranger, and the prisoner with whom Christ Jesus identifies himself.

There is a strong temptation to think that the last judgment is some kind of final examination, which we either pass or fail and we may have the feeling of fear. As we are haunted by such an understanding, we may look at the moral life as a kind of a game, which we play with God or which God plays with us. But, for all the sufferings we endure and the sins we commit, God's judgment is not some kind of lottery. For what it's worth, St. John's Gospel, which was written much later than the three synoptic Gospels, recalls Jesus advising us that the judgment has already taken place: "I tell you most solemnly, whoever listens to my words, and believes in the one who sent me, has eternal life; without being brought to judgment he has passed from death to life."

Jesus is totally different from other kings. The only crown our king wore was made of thorns and brambles. Today, as we conclude the season of Ordinary Time and move into Advent, I would advise each of us to make an accounting of our stewardship before our King's coming. We pray with the coming season of Advent that Jesus will lead us and direct and guide us in the ways of loving and serving, helping us to manifest our love for God by how we love and serve one another. Amen.

God bless us,
Father Angelito

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 December'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.

As we begin this season of Advent, evangelization parish efforts to reach out to those Catholics whose connection with the Church has become weak or has been broken are underway. Parishioners are urged to support this evangelization initiative with their prayers and by inviting inactive relatives, friends, and neighbors back to the Faith. All those who are away are lovingly invited to come to their family in faith, to find healing, answers, love and support. This Holy season of Christmas promises to be an exciting time for evangelization and our parish will be offering a Christmas Festival, called "This is Christmas" on Friday, December 15th at 7 pm in our Parish Hall. Please join us as we welcome returnees and new parishioners with enthusiasm, love, and joy.

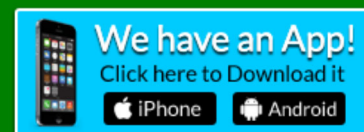
St. Catherine of Siena Parish, along with our sister parishes of St. Veronica and St. William the Abbot, will be presenting a Christmas Festival, "**This is Christmas,**" on **Friday, December 15, at 7pm** in our Parish Hall. This is a special event that shares the gift of music in a warm community setting, 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.

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. Experience different foods, traditions and customs of how Christmas is celebrated in countries across the globe. We are looking for tent donations that we can use that evening. If you have one that we can use please contact summerbear25@yahoo.com.

 The Rosary Altar Society will hold their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 6, beginning at 6:00 pm at Huddy's in Colts Neck. We invite all parishioners to join the Society as we pray the Rosary on Sunday, December 17 at 11:00 am before the 11:30 am Mass at the Church.

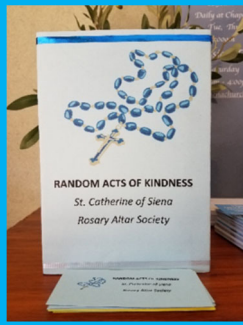
 By the end of October, over 100 parishioners had registered on formed.org and averaged about 8 visits per registration. The short Opening the Word videos for each week continue to be very popular although parishioners are viewing, listening to, and downloading a wide variety of offerings from the site. Not registered yet? Go to formed.org and use parish code QCVKRC to register (or click on the graphic or the links to FORMED on the church website at sienachurch.org and the parish code will be entered automatically for you.)

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!



FOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING CREMATION, THE FUNERAL LITURGY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ... a pamphlet "The Church and Cremation" is now available from our pamphlet rack located in the Church narthex. This, as well as other religious materials, are provided for our parishioners and visitors, free of charge. Why not take a look for yourself today?

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, December 17, at 11:00 am before the 11:30 am Mass.

Christ the King- Solemnity of the Lord Sharing the Gospel



Sharing the Gospel

Share food with the hungry. Give clothes to the poor. Visit people who are sick. Share the good news about Jesus with people who have made bad choices. Jesus came to forgive them. God will see the loving things you do. He will reward you one day in heaven.

Prayer

God, help me to share what you have given to me.



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

CHOIR NEWS



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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



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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.



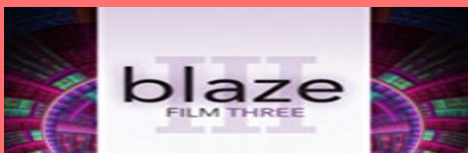
WEEK ONE

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*.