



St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

November 5, 2017

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.
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Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

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Rev. Alfred Burke

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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 4, 2017

4:30 PM Lillian & Anthony LaRocca
(Ella LaRocca)

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:00 AM Patsy & Angelina Percaccio
(Grandchildren)

10:00 AM Nancy Batta
(D'Andrea Family)

11:30 AM Legionaries Past & Present
(Legion of Mary)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, November 6, 2017

9:00 AM Vittoria Koziar
(Joanne Monroe)

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

9:00 AM William Smith
(Sardone Family)

Thursday, November 9, 2017

9:00 AM Amarjit Ghuman
(Suzanne DeGrande)

Friday, November 10, 2017

9:00 AM Consuelo Remigio
(Martinez Family)

Sunday Collection **Week of: 10/29/17**

Weekly First Collection
St. Vincent de Paul

\$5,924.50
\$3,145.00

Next Weekend's Collection **Week of: 11/12/17**

Weekly First Collection & Diocesan Assessment



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 10, in Honor of Veteran's Day.

Join us for Coffee and Conversation Sunday! Fellowship on November 12th in the parish hall after the 10 and 11:30 masses. Come learn about the many upcoming events planned for the holiday season. Celebrate with your church family! For more info please contact Margaret Tamburri at hospitality@sienachurch.org.



The Weekend of 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 states 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.



The greatest among you must be your servant.

- Matthew 23:11

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b. 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12



ALTAR FLOWERS
for this weekend are offered for:

Olga Zak

at the request of her Son,
Richard & Andrea Zak

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet on 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 clow@sienachurch.org.

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

An interesting story was told about a teacher who reminds his students of an old joke about education. "You know the definition of education?" he said to them. "It is when the notes of the teacher become notes of the student without passing through the head of either of them." It is a good point as well as a funny one. Of course we can fool ourselves that we are learning things simply because we are writing them down, but if we never take a moment of our time to think about what we write, then we have learned nothing except how to be like parrots.

Similarly, that is what is true nowadays about a dialogue between people. We think we know what a conversation or dialogue is and we perhaps think that we practice a good dialogue, when the fact of the matter is what we are doing is talking. You talk and then I talk, but we do not quite listen. Then we are in a heated conversation and then we end up fighting. Sadly, many people think that dialogue has been tried and found wanting, and so they stop believing in it. It is seen as more essential today to speak your own version of the truth audibly and to convince others to follow your way. Our present world has even been called a "post-truth society." Since no one can agree on the truth, some people think that it is better to develop your own propaganda and to make the images that will get you what you want. The modern media and politicians are very much aware of these powerful forces for shaping the world.

This Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks to us about the failings of the scribes and Pharisees, the leaders during his time. What Jesus has to say is true and valid for all time and for all in authority. Government and authority should be respected, but we need to be aware to the weaknesses of human nature. Those people in power can become uncaring of others, most especially of those who are marginalized, the poor, and people in power can become so addicted to the advantages and privileges that go with the job.

Honestly speaking, what is true of those in public office is also true of ourselves in our own areas of power. How often parents or teachers can become authoritarian in their attitude towards the children in their care. Notice how often people in the workplace can become rigid and rude in dealing with fellow workers. We do not have to go that far, because the same can all too easily become true within the Church too, in the relationship between clergy and people. Let us be mindful that it is easy for individuals to become dictators in their own way, in their own backyard.

Our Lord Jesus gives an emphasis to not bossing others. We are to be servants of one another. A great motto and a wonderful attitude in our life should be "at your service," because it encourages us to be receptive of other people and not so self-obsessed.

St. Paul reminds us, the Gospel is not some human thinking. Neither is it a particular philosophy or social theory that we can agree or disagree about. We have to keep in mind that the Gospel is a message from the living God. Hence, it is a challenge to us every day of our lives. The challenge for us is to practice what is taught to us by our Lord.

St. Augustine's words could guide and direct us for he says: "To you I am a Bishop, but with you I am a Christian. The saint admits to the fact that God has called him to be in ministerial power, however at the same time affirmed that he was a companion and a friend with all the baptized. For him the one in power is called to be one with the people. Amen.

May 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://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.

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Sharing the Gospel

Some people think that they know everything that there is to be known about God. They think they are better and smarter than other people, too. Watch out if you think you are acting that way! Tell God you're sorry. Ask God to help you change your attitude, and serve others.

Prayer

God, help me to follow you with a humble heart.

Mission for the Week

Look up the words "humble" and "proud" in the dictionary. When you remember that everything you have is a gift from God, it is easier to be humble.

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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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.



Thank you to everyone who came out to pray the Rosary as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Fatima. It was a rainy day, but we braved the drizzle and enjoyed the fellowship in the Parish Hall after praying. The next Rosary meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15, at 7 pm in Classroom 10. We will be praying the Rosary at 11:00 am before the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 19. We will hold our Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 6, at Huddy's in Colts Neck beginning at 6:00 pm.



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.



It's Almost Time for The Christmas Giving Tree!

Next weekend will be the kickoff of St. Catherine's Giving Tree, our annual parish-wide effort to help make Christmas a little brighter for local families and children during the holiday season. Thanks to our parishioners' kindness, last year we distributed over 400 gifts to those in need and we are hoping for your generous response again this year. Please take one or more ornaments off the Giving Tree in the narthex, purchase the requested gifts, and return them to church by Sunday, November 26th. Complete directions will be in the bulletin next weekend. Thank you in advance for your generosity and willingness to help those in need!

We have an App!

Go to
SCOSNJ.Catholic.Cloud
to Download



Smart phone users, we now have a custom St. Catherine of Siena App for use on your iPhone or Android device! The easiest way to get our App is to type in SCOSNJ.Catholic.Cloud right in your smart phone's browser. Then you can install the App on your homescreen. You can access things like this bulletin easily, right from your phone with many updates, new features and news about St. Catherine of Siena coming very soon. We look forward to your feedback on our new App!



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?

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)

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*.

The GCU Student Veterans Association presents: The Art of World War I: Images of Propaganda and Grief by Dr. Lisa Festa. Georgian Court University's presentation begins with a summary of the art of WWI and then focuses on five German artists: Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Max Beckmann, George Grosz, Otto Dix, and Kathe Kollwitz. Thursday, November 9, 2017, 2 – 4 pm, in the McAuley Heritage Center. Light Refreshments will be served. Open and free to all who wish to attend.

St. Peter School's 40th Annual Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 11 in beautiful Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. This popular, indoor craft show will be held from 9-4 and features juried crafters, direct sale vendors, food provided by Rolling Dough Pizza and Personal Chef Heather Harm, Gift Basket Raffles and 50/50 prizes, door prizes, Santa Photos and Kid Zone with tattoos, sand art, and face painting. Please visit www.stpschool.org or email spscraft_fair@yahoo.com for more information.

The Catholic Women of Zion will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on Saturday November 11, 2017 at St. William the Abbot R. C. Church, 2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell NJ 07731. The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, sharing, networking, a luncheon in the Parish Hall, and a speaker (Fr. Michael Sullivan will speak on "The Mary's of the Bible"), finishing by 1:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Register online at cwoz.org or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name.

You Can Understand The Bible! The Bible Timeline Seminar with Jeff Cavins

Hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world have had their lives transformed by learning how to read and understand the Bible from a Catholic perspective with The Bible Timeline Seminar. Now, this popular Catholic Bible Seminar, part of The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Series, is coming to the Diocese of Trenton in a **LIVE** presentation by Jeff Cavins **HIMSELF!! The live "Bible Timeline Seminar" will be held on November 17th and 18th at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert, Bellarmine, Freehold, NJ.** You will discover how knowing the Bible Timeline can help you understand your story, the story of Scripture. Your faith will grow deeper from this experience because all of our faith springs from this amazing story! This will be a life changing event for you, for your family and friends. For more information and to register please contact Maria at (609) 403-7154 or email her at mguzma@DioceseofTrenton.org.

Parish Counseling Services

A collaborative program of the Diocese of Trenton/Catholic Charities.

The Diocese will provide 6 sessions with a licensed counselor.

- The fee is \$75 per session.
- If needed, financial assistance is available.
- The parishioner is always responsible for a \$25 co pay.
- Referrals must come through pastor or parish priest.
- Diocesan contact: Maureen Fitzsimmons
609-403-7129 or email
mfitzs@dioceseoftrenton.org

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or email lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Veronica's 20th anniversary was September 14, 1997-2017

"If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

New adorers are always needed to maintain 24/7 adoration by committing to a specific hour that you attend weekly. Call Debbie Revoir at 732-367-7750 and leave a message with your name and number or email drev514@aol.com to get more information or commit to an hour of your choice.

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.