

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

OFFICE HOURS
Mon—Thurs: 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m.—12:45 p.m.
Religious Education
Monday: 10 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 • www.sienachurch.org



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 16, 2018

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
Luke 3:16

PARISH INFORMATION
PASTOR

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

WEEKEND ASSISTANT

Rev. Alfred Burke

DEACON

Daniel Sakowski

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—4:30 p.m.

Sunday—8 a.m. / 10 a.m. /
11:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

MAIN CHURCH 9 a.m./7 p.m.

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
CHAPEL**

One West Main Street

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—9 a.m.

Tuesday—9 a.m.

Thursday—9 a.m.

Friday—9 a.m.

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

1st FRIDAY 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA**

Monday after 9 a.m. Mass

PARISH OFFICE: 732-938-5375 • OFFICE OF REL. ED: 732-938-6229 • PARISH FAX: 732-938-3260

WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER



Dec 15 SAT	4:30 pm	Patrick Sages Req. by the Aulisi Family John Flannery Req. by the Flannery Family
Dec 16 SUN	8:00 am	Eustace Nedd Req. by the Storey Family Rosemary Clerkin Req. by Marie McGarry
	10:00 am	Bonnie Calvey Req. by the Favilla Family Katherine Modero Req. by John & Adrianna Keegan
	11:30 am	Rose Cantatore Req. by Daughter & family Doris Screnock & Renald J. Alfano Req. by Alfano Family
Dec 17 MON	9:00 am	Federick Edwards Jr. Req. by Jim & Marian Ferris
Dec 18 TUES	9:00 am	Julia Pondaco Req. by Concetta Pondaco Janet Falenski Req. by Kathy Falenski
Dec 20 THURS	9:00 am	Frank Sardone Req. by the Sardone Family
Dec 21 FRI	9:00 am	Francis Lacitignola Req. by Joseph Aulisi & Family

Please Pray For the Sick and All Those Who Have Asked For Our Prayers:

MaryAnn Aulisi	John Hart	Jeanette Picciani
Peter Bennett	Lori Jones	David Piccolo
Jean & Mike Burke	Janice Kehoe	Barbara Sansevere
Joseph Cocuzza	Charles "Butch" Lavin	Lenore Sears
Nancy Drake	Barbara Lipari	Nancy Soper
Mary Flannery	Lauren MacArthur	Wayne Sos
Bob Fort	Teresa Magyar	Yolanda Spinelli
Sharon Foster	Margie McCullam	Ilona Supczynski
Marlene Gravatt	Amber Painter	Melissa Tortorello
	Esther Peraza	Roseann Williams

Advent Prayer Reflection From the Homily of Rev. Angelito Anarcon December 2, 2018



My brothers and sisters as we begin the season of Advent, the Church reminds us that Jesus is the reason for the season, the reason for Christmas. In our culture evidently, we are in the midst of the rushing and hustle and bustle of our existence in life and to get everything ready for Christmas. We do not want to forget that Jesus is the reason for Christmas. Keep in mind that Jesus asks us to pray. And if we are too busy to pray, then we really are too busy. As St. Paul reminds us on how to use our time, *"we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants..."* (1 Thes 4:1)

How do we spend our time? We need to stay away from what is a waste of time and not too good for us and instead to "stay awake, praying at all times..." The following brief poem helps us to reflect and be mindful about how we use our time every day:

**I knelt to pray but not for long, I had too much to do.
 I had to hurry and get to work, for bills would soon be due.
 So I knelt and said a hurried prayer, and jumped up off my knees.
 My Christian duty was now done, my soul could rest at ease.
 All day long I had no time, to spread a word of cheer.
 No time to speak of Christ to friends, they'd laugh at me I'd fear.
 No time, no time, too much to do, that was my constant cry.
 No time to give to souls in need. But at last the time,
 the time to die. I came, I stood with downcast eyes,
 for in his hands God held a book:
 It was the Book of Life. God looked into his book and said
 "I waited for you each day my child, I sent my Son Jesus for you
 But the time for him you rarely found..."
 - Author Unknown**

How do we use our time? Here is another interesting poem.

**Take time to think... it is the source of power.
 Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.
 Take time to play, it is the secret of staying young.
 Take time to be quiet, it is the opportunity to seek God.
 Take time to be aware, it is the opportunity to help others.
 Take time to love and be loved, it is the greatest gift.
 Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
 Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
 Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of.
 Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.
 This season of Advent the Church calls us to take time for Jesus.
 - Author Unknown**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is getting closer and obviously, it is in the air as we have BREAKFAST with SANTA today in the Parish Hall. This great event is an opportunity not only for our kids but also, for the families of the community to celebrate and be together for coffee, breakfast and most importantly, for fellowship and camaraderie. A big word of thanks and appreciation to our Knights of Columbus and Hospitality Committee for spearheading and taking care of this beautiful celebration.

Today at the 10 AM and 11:30 AM Masses we are going to have with us our Religious Education students together with their respective parents, catechists, and aides. The Sunday congregation is more than happy to welcome these young boys and girls as everyone participates in the Sunday Liturgy. We are grateful to the catechists and aides who dedicate and lend their time, effort, and experience towards the faith formation and education of these students in their on-going journey of faith. Let us be reminded that these young people are the future of the Church.

The Parish Community of Saint Catherine of Siena is happy to announce that on December 21 at 7 PM there will be a traditional Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi) in the Church. This wonderful tradition has started in the Philippines and is shared throughout the world to evangelize and enhance our faith. Before the Mass starts, there will be Confession and Absolution along with recitation of the Holy Rosary. Following the Mass, everyone is invited to a sumptuous meal in the Parish Hall. Please keep in mind that this event is for everyone, since all of us want to prepare spiritually for the Birth of our Savior.

Third Sunday of Advent

The Church describes this as a joyful season of expectation, not of penance. So, we might ask ourselves: What do I expect? Some of us might find it difficult to expect anything better than "more of the same." Does your worldly wisdom instruct you to be cynical about any attacks on hope? It seems that society, at this time of the year, gets significantly disturbed by the evil surrounding us. For example, the violence people bring against one another, neighbor against neighbor, nation against nation. This heightened awareness could be, in itself, a positive sign. We recognize that we are terribly disheartened, and that we need the Messiah. Some of us turn to look at the crèche scene, the Child, Christ our hope even in the face of intimidating, and paralyzing odds, came to us in the strange power of poverty and weakness. He also died for us in the wisdom of God that was folly to the world. He baptized us in fire. It is a precious time to stir up the gifts given to us.

We, the holy people of God, can dream of new birth because the Spirit dwells in us, empowering us to always try anew. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito



CHRISTMAS AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH



WELCOME CHRISTMAS

ADVENT

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays 3:30—4:00 pm

Monday, December 10 · 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 12 · 4:30 pm

Advent Benediction & Prayer Service & Fellowship

Sunday, December 2 · 7:00 pm · Church

Sunday, December 9 · 7:00 pm · Church

Sunday, December 16 · 7:00 pm · Church

Sunday, December 23 · 7:00 pm · Church

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8 · 9:00 am · Church

Simbang Gabi

Friday, December 21, 2018

Recitation of Rosary · 7 pm · Church

Mass 7:30 pm · Church

8:30 pm Reception Parish Hall

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24 · 4:00 pm

6:00 pm—Children's Mass · 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

8:00 am · 10:00 am · 11:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29 · 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 30 · 8:00 am · 10:00 am · 11:30 am

Masses for New Year's Day

Monday, December 31 · 9:00 am · Chapel

Tuesday, January 1 · 9:00 am · Chapel

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 5, 4:30 pm

Sunday, January 6, 8:00 am · 10:00 am · 11:30 am

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



First Friday Devotion in December will be observed by having the Liturgy in the Chapel. However, we are not going to have the Exposition Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as the Exposition and Benediction will be held on the four Sundays of Advent in our Church.

ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection
Saturday/Sunday, December 8/9 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,396.00	190 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,767.00	190 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,683.00	164 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$998.00	181 people
Totals	\$5,844.00	725 people
Online Giving Dec 3 — Dec 9	\$2,600.00	80 donors

Second Collection

Retirement Fund	\$1,672.00
Christmas Flowers	\$160.00

Immaculate Conception Collection
\$1,131.00



December 22 & 23 Collection
Energy & Fuel



The Good Samaritan Ministry
A LETTER OF THANKS...

I want to thank you for the help with my utilities and thank the Church for understanding my situation at this time.
Thank God for you.
God Bless,
A Grateful Farmingdale Neighbor

2018 ACA
AT 90% of GOAL!

GOAL—\$44,000.00
 December 10, 2018
 Raised—\$39,787.00
TO REACH GOAL—\$4,213.00
 Donors—172
 Paid Pledges—\$37,731.70
 Balance—\$2,055.30

ONLY 10% REMAINING to ACHIEVE GOAL

Thank you so much for your generosity!
*If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so by **December 31, 2018.***

Weekly Offering

2019 ENVELOPES

We have a new envelope company, Cathedral Corp. for 2019. For those who used envelopes in 2018, your envelopes will be mailed to your home every 2 months. January and February envelopes will be mailed in December. March and April envelopes will be mailed in February, and so on. If you no longer want envelopes because you have switched to WeShare Online Giving, please contact the Parish Office. If you go away for an extended time, please update the Parish Office with the dates you will be away.

If you do not receive your new envelopes by the end of December, please contact the Parish Office. Your first envelope is dated January 1, 2019.

The Parish Office phone number is 732-938-5375 and email is frontoffice@sienachurch.org



We are so happy to welcome new members to our Parish family! We invite you to stop by the Parish Office, Mon.-Thur. 9 am - 2 pm or Sunday, 9 am—12:45 pm., for registration, to learn about our various ministries and to receive offertory envelopes.

Young Adults who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or are employed full-time, are encouraged to register under their own name.

For address changes, including a change in Parish, please stop by the office or call us at 732-938-5375.

We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our services.



Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish community online as it does benefit our parish in so many important ways. To get started with online giving, go to sienachurch.org, click on the Online Giving logo, and follow the easy registration steps. For assistance, please contact the parish office at 732-938-5375.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Sponsored by Our Knights of Columbus Council
Hot and Cold Breakfast • Hot Cocoa and More!

Sunday, December 16, 2018

After the 10 am and 11:30 am Masses

Parish Hall

All are Welcome!



*FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION TO
THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA...*

*We give MUCH THANKS TO
CORNER-COPIA FARM MARKET & NURSERY
1169 Route 33, Farmingdale
Christmas Evergreens*

CLAYTON MCGIRR FUNERAL HOME
100 Elton Adelpia Road, Freehold
2019 Calendars

Altar Server Training

December 17 at 5:45 pm & 7:15 pm

December 19 at 5:45 pm

Save the Dates...

Baptismal Preparation Classes

Sunday, January 27, 2019

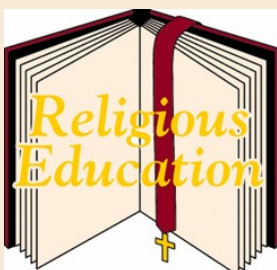
Sunday, February 24, 2019

Sign-up at www.sienachurch.org

Religious Education Program Grade 1 Monday Evening Christmas Crafts



Special thanks to
Mr. Madzin, for carving and
painting the wooden manger
and Christmas tree.
The children were excited
and happy to decorate the
crafts for their tree!



Catechists, Aides and Parents, please note:
Classes are in session on Monday, December 17, 2018
and Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

PARISH EVENTS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH WELCOMES SIMBANG GABI

Advent Novena of Masses

Friday, December 21, 2018 7 PM—Church • 8 PM Reception —Parish Hall



Simbang Gabi is a tradition held by Filipino Catholics to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Also known as *Misa de Gallo* ("Mass of the Rooster"), the tradition began in the 1600s in the Philippines where church bells would start ringing as early as 3:00 a.m. during the last nine days of Advent leading up to Christmas. The bells and the loud crowing of the roosters awakened the townspeople for 4:00 a.m. or 5:00 a.m. Mass and allowed farmers and fishermen and their families to go to Mass before they worked in the fields or when they came back from the seas in the early hours of the morning. The Filipino Catholics brought the tradition to the United States. And since the cold December weather would not allow them to celebrate at dawn, the celebration was held at night. Thus, the tradition became known as Simbang Gabi, which literally means "**Night Mass.**"

The *Monmouth County Simbang Gabi Community* invites *all* to the 9 consecutive nights of the Simbang Gabi. Each of the 9 Night Masses is held in a different church within Monmouth County. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, December 14 at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Robert Bellarmine, Freehold
Principal Celebrant/Homilist: Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton

Saturday, December 15 at Saint Ann Church, Keansburg

Sunday, December 16 at Holy Innocents Church, Neptune

Monday, December 17 at Saint Benedict Church, Holmdel

Tuesday, December 18 at Saint Catharine Church, Holmdel

Wednesday, December 19 at Saint Michael's Church, Long Branch

Thursday, December 20 at Saint Anselm Church, Tinton Falls

Friday, December 21 at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Farmingdale

Saturday, December 22 at Saint Joseph Church, Keyport

All 9 nightly Masses will start at 7:30 p.m. and are preceded by Rosary and Confession at 7:00 p.m.

