

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.

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First Sunday of *Advent*

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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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

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WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER



Dec 1 SAT.	4:30 pm	John Flannery Req. by the Flannery Family John Donlon Req. by Marion & John Dubil
Dec 2 SUN	8:00 am	Sharon Storey Req. by the Storey Family Francis X. Levy Req. by the Levy Family
	10:00 am	Marie & Frank Aversano Req. by the McLaughlin Family Joseph Diaz Req. by Mary Ann O'Brien
	11:30 am	Consuelo Remigio Req. by Nancy Martinez Mark Livosi Req. by Suzanne & Peter DeGrande
Dec 3 MON	9:00 am	Al Sakovich Req. by Tim McCobb
		Alice Hill Req. by the Ciccone Family
Dec 4 TUES	9:00 am	Jeanene Moniot Req. by Michael & Connie Golden
Dec 6 THURS	9:00 am	Helen Steinecke Req. by sister, June Hankel
Dec 7 FRI	9:00 am	Antoinette Vitiello Req. by Donna Lee

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

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



*The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Holy Day of Obligation

December 8, 2018 9 a.m. Mass
Church
To fulfill the obligation to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we have to attend the 9 am Mass on Saturday, December 8. The 4:30 pm Mass is to fulfill the Sunday obligation.



The Altar Flowers are given this weekend to honor **Our Blessed Mother** at the Request of **The Gonzalez Family**



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

HEARTFELT
Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others.
--St. Peter Julian Eymard

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the beginning the New Year of Grace of the Church's Calendar.

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. The very word "Advent" means coming. But there are two comings of Christ: his first coming, when he was born of Mary in Bethlehem, and his second, when he will come again in glory at the end of time. And so, the Church divides Advent into two parts.

The first part, which begins today and goes until December 16th, emphasizes preparation for the second coming of Christ. The second part, from December 17 through Christmas Eve, emphasizes preparation for the celebration of his birth.

Like the prophets before him, Jesus is painting a grim picture of the future in order to influence what is happening now. He does not want to paralyze people with fear but energize them into action. The real purpose of speaking of the final day is to say something about today, that we should stay awake. Since the future is determined by those who share responsibility for shaping it, we must all stay awake to what is happening now. The future starts from where we are today.

Today's Gospel encourages us to do two things, which are difficult to hold together: to be realistic about the way the world is going, and at the same time not to lose hope in the future. This is difficult. The danger is that we see the terror clearly and lose reason for hoping. And given the muddle we are often in, Jesus must convince us about a future that is really liberating. The way he does that best is through his own life from birth to resurrection.

So, Advent reminds us that we don't have to sleepwalk into the future. We must remember the story of Jesus again, and that memory of love becomes the ground of our hope. The future holds hope only because we are convinced of God's actions in the past. That is why we retell the story of Jesus again and again beginning with each Advent. We all need to be reminded of God's love. We need to check the record to assure ourselves. When we do, we see how far-reaching God's love is when we look at his Son, Jesus. Only, if we keep looking at him through the year, can we keep reason for hoping. 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 and 6:00 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 honored on the four Sunday's of Advent.

ADMINISTRATION and PARISH NEWS

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

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, November 24/25 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,452.00	142 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,369.00	133 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,859.00	139 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,096.00	174 people
Totals	\$5,776.00	588 people
Online Giving Nov 19 — Nov 25	\$1,165.99	57 donors

Second Collection

Energy & Fuel	\$1,365.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,010.00



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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

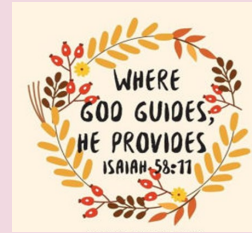


If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, requests are due to the parish office no later than

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.

You can pick up a form in our Narthex, or Parish Office. Parishioners can also use the Christmas Flower Envelope provided in the envelope books. Donations begin at \$15.

Please make checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena. Note Flower Memorial in the Memo



The Good Samaritan Ministry

A LETTER OF THANKS...

*Dear Good Samaritan Ministry,
 I would like to thank the parish for your help in paying my electric bill. My daughters and I broke the chain of domestic violence and left. We had to sneak out in the middle of the night with only a bag of clothes and food for my newborn. I receive no assistance from the state or their father. If the parish didn't pay the electric bill, it would have been shut off. We greatly appreciate helping me get on my feet. Feels nice to know good people do still exist. Thank you again and God bless!
 Always, A Grateful Family*



The Good Samaritan Ministry

Here at St. Catherine of Siena, through the works of the Good Samaritan Ministry, it is our goal to help local individuals and families of all backgrounds, who are facing temporary, emergency hardships. Since the ministry began in August 2018, we have successfully assisted 18 individuals with financial and food assistance and most importantly spiritual assistance. Sadly, the volume of financial requests is numerous and due to lack of funds we have not been able to assist everyone.

Your generous support provides the fuel that drives our ministry and allows us to fulfill our mission of the Church. Should you wish to make a monetary donation to the Good Samaritan Ministry, envelopes can be found in the Narthex or in the Parish Office. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in the ministry, please email, socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org



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

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Diocese of Trenton
Traveling Torch

St. Catherine of Siena Church



A big warm thanks to...
Religious Education,
RCIA, Rosary Altar
Society, Legion of Mary,
& Walking with Purpose.

A special thanks to our
Knights of Columbus and
Hospitality Ministry for hosting a beautiful
reception for our parish family.

Also we are grateful to our Knights of
Columbus and our parishioners who devoted
their time to attend the Bishop's Celebration
on Saturday, December 1.
Viva la Guadalupe!



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA The Giving Tree Final Weekend

This is the final weekend for returning gift purchases for The Giving Tree recipients. Please be sure to bring your unwrapped bagged items/s with the original paper ornaments to the church vestibule by **12:30 pm this Sunday.**

Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

The Good Samaritan Ministry



Blessing Baskets

Thank you to everyone who made donations for our Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets. We truly appreciated your generosity which helps many who are struggling during this holiday season.

We would also like to thank our Religious Education Program, volunteers, students and families, with your outpouring of canned and boxed goods. A special thanks to the volunteers and the 8th grade students who helped create 18 Blessing Baskets for our local families in need. We especially would like to thank Howell Middle School North Student Council and Advisors, Angela Echols, Kerry Trigués, Rita, Lyostis. They donated 21 boxes of canned goods! Special thanks to Steve!



Sponsored by Our Knights of Columbus Council

Sunday, December 16, 2018

After the 10 am and 11:30 am Masses

Parish Hall

All are Welcome!

COMMUNITY CORNER

Santa's Workshop



When: Saturday, December 8
6 pm to 9 pm

Where: St. William the Abbot Church



Come experience Christmas games, crafts, hot cocoa and cookies, caroling, and of course photos with Santa

Watch our play depicting the story of Jesus' birth!



St. Anthony of Padua's
Music Ministry
presents

Camille Saint Saens'
Christmas Oratorio
&
Benjamin Britten's
A Ceremony of Carols


with the combined choirs of
St. Anthony of Padua and
the Diocesan Festival Choir and
the Orchestra of St. Cecilia
under the direction of Shawn Mack

Friday
December 14, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Admission \$20⁰⁰ for Adults
\$15⁰⁰ for Senior & Students

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT PETER WELCOMES

Brother Loughlan Sofield

Enter Christmas & the New Year with a *New Heart!*

The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation presents
Forgiveness—It's Good for Your Health!

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:30AM or 7 PM—Kolbe Hall

The inability to deal effectively with anger seems to be endemic to almost every culture. Interestingly, church literature and the mental health field identifies forgiveness as the treatment of choice for anger. This workshop will explore: **1) the causes of anger as well as the healthy and unhealthy ways of dealing with anger; 2) the unique role of forgiveness; 3) the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation.** Each session will conclude with a meditative prayer experience led by Carol and Roger Pisani.

Contact: episai@saintpeteronline.org or Call (732) 892-0049 ext. 303 406 Forman Ave Pt. Pleasant Beach Free Will Offering

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Men's Spirituality Group

Our desire is to grow in spirit and move closer to God by generating loving, supportive discussions on all things spiritual.

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018
Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Fee: \$10

12 Step Spirituality for Every Day Life

Re-cover your relationship with God, yourself, and with others utilizing the practical tools of traditional 12 Step spirituality to foster patience, forgiveness, compassion, acceptance, trust and love.

Date: Monday, December 17, 2018
Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Fee: \$15 - \$30 (sliding scale)