

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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Fourth Sunday of *Advent*

December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

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



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|------------------------|----------|--|
| Dec 22 SAT | 4:30 pm | George Hankel Req. by Agnes Rottkamp Julie Michaels Req. by Phyllis Hurley |
| Dec 23 SUN | 8:00 am | Gene A Ravally Req. by Leon & Pam Davison Ed Kozemchak Req. by Flo & Jim Roth |
| | 10:00 am | Nancy Fitzgerald Req. by Terry Porter & Family] Katherine Modero Req. by Ryan Keegan & Jaclyn Kehoe |
| | 11:30 am | Dorothy & Billy Gabbard Req. by Son & Family Connie & Phil Pondaco Req. by Alfano Family |
| Dec 24 MON | 4:00 pm | Carmelo Annunziata Req. by Suzanne & Peter DeGrande & Family Betty McCann Req. by Cedric McCann |
| | 6:00 pm | Alfano & Screnock Families The Alfano Families |
| | 10:00 pm | Eleanor & Rodney King Req. by Suzanne & Peter DeGrande & Family |
| Dec 25 TUES | 8:00 am | Cataffo & Callari Families Req. by Joanne Callari |
| | 10:00 am | Angelo & Antoinette Pennetti & Family Req. by Libby Miller |
| | 11:30 am | James Dramis Req. by Wife, Lillian & Children |
| Dec 27 THURS | 9:00 am | James Hilker Req. by Wife, Anne |
| Dec 28 FRI | 9:00 am | Larry DeGrande Req. by Peter & Suzanne DeGrande |

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.



Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).
Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).
Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).
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Please Pray For the Sick and All Those Who Have Asked For Our Prayers:

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| 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 |

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. In a few more days, we will be celebrating the most magnificent day in history, that is, the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are anything like me, you are not a fan of long, intense meetings, which so very often, take up lots of people's valuable time. Most meetings end up using all the allotted time, even if the business is finished long before the scheduled amount of time has passed. Interestingly, "Meeting" was one of the earliest names given to Sunday worship in the Church, and today we have a model of a meeting.

This one is a simple encounter between the two women and perhaps, it can guide us in figuring out what our meetings can look like. The setting is familiar to you. The scene takes place in Luke's Gospel just after the Annunciation of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel, and in a wonderful way, links up the two great births that Luke is describing in his infancy narrative. One of the items on Luke's agenda is to show the superiority of the birth of Jesus to that of John the Baptist.

Mary has just heard that her relative Elizabeth is pregnant, which is a miraculous event because of Elizabeth's age. Elizabeth will confirm the Angel's message of Mary's own pregnancy. So, Mary undertakes a journey from Galilee to Judea, a journey to support someone in need. And what does she get when she arrives at this holy meeting? She hears the same greeting she received from the Angel, from God's messenger, "Blessed are you, truly happy are you; you're what a human being supposed to be, you trust in God." And Mary's response is to praise God more in the beautiful and powerful poetic song we call the Magnificat.

"I come to do your will." That's a good motto for any meeting, especially the holy meeting of these two women or the holy meeting that we're in today, in which we respond to the invitation to meet around the Lord's own table. This meeting is a constant reminder that the Lord has come to meet us and to save His people, despite all our differences, and in all our uniqueness. That is what we celebrate in this season of the Lord's coming, this season of Advent, and what we look forward to celebrating with special joy in the upcoming feasts of Christmas and Epiphany. Just as Mary's visit fills Elizabeth to the brim with joy, so the Lord's encounter with us does the same thing. Amen.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS to ONE and ALL

While the crib scenes in our Church may look so beautiful at this special time, it is but right not to forget the reality of the birth of Christ. Jesus' birth would have been a chaotic affair. Born in the midst of the stench of animals in a land filled with fear, his arrival into the world was not aesthetically pleasing one, as our cribs might wish to portray. Jesus was born into the messiness of our world in a decidedly, messy way. This, however, is where we find our greatest hope, inasmuch as we recognize that the light of the world comes to be born of the messiness of our lives. While darkness can be found all around us, if we look closely it is often deep within us too. The good news of today's feast is that Christ comes to illuminate that darkness. Christ is a torch. He is a lover. A shining light, lighting up our lives.

What is our response to all of this? St. Athanasius has applicable answer, he said, "The Son of God became man so that we might become God." The incarnation, this wonderful feast of Christmas, reminds us that the true light has come into our lives by taking on our flesh. God has become one of us and our response can be to recognize that we, in turn, are being transformed into ever brighter lights. The light of the world penetrates our lives so that we might be a shining light for others, reflecting God's generous love and desire for the salvation of the whole creation. Amen.

May God bless you and have a Merry Christmas.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Jim Hurley & Betty Polay
Phyllis Hurley

Miller/Moore Families
Miller/Moore Families

William Pellechia
Grace & John Buonavita
Grace Pellechia

Mama – Phyllis Cupo

Jean & Warren Madsen
Vivian & Kie Madsen
Sal & Jennie Placa
Dom & Mary Greico
Peter & Katherine O’Connell
Juanita & Robert Kirchgessner
Chris & Sally Jo Madsen

Robert & Helen Feeley
Robert & Maureen Conley

Luigia, Louis, & Diamante D. De Meo
Emilio & Dolores D’Onorio DeMeo
Michele Savignano

Marion Hedner
Perry & Nancy Mastrola

Michael A. Natilli
Filippo & Maria Natilli
Giuseppe & Benedetta Cosentino
Thomas Magnano, Sr.
Phillip & Kristin Natilli

Elias Family, Koenig Family,
Margaret & Paul Wilke
Cy & Lois Elias

Morro & Shapiro Families
(Deceased)
Anthony & Jane Morro

Tillett Family
Mary Jean Tillett

John & Tessie Zebrowski
Ronald & Barbara Magner
Kenneth & Paula Magner

Maria Curreri
Scott & Christine Sweeney

John, Vittoria & Sandra Koziar
Joanne Monroe

Deceased Family Members
Cullmann Family

Deceased Members – Ambrose & Camia Families
Robert & Diane Ambrose

Cranmer Family, Gifford Family & Perri Family
Roy & Pat Cranmer

LaRocca Family & Del Priore Family
Ella Larocca

Brian Burke
Helen & Harold Burke
Dawn Burke

Screnock & Alfano Families & Friends
Reynold & Debra Alfano

Alfred Goerke
Richard & Michael Goerke
Dolores & Richard Goerke

The Einsiedler Family
Love, Lisa Dillon

Lucy Dugan
Don Dugan
Lucy Dugan & Family

Nash-Hilker Deceased Members
Dylan – Joyce
Anne Hilker

Richard Walker
Marie E. Walker

Living & Deceased Family Members & Friends
Agnes Rottkamp

John N. DeLuca, Patricia Bicca, Susan Ferentz
Julie DeLuca

George Hankel
Phillip & Stella Olenitsky
June Hankel

Jeanette, David, David, Jack, Jim, Edith
Dennis Sullivan

Our Deceased Family & Friends
Daniel & Donna Sakowski

Eugene Travinski, Gene Travinski, Tekla Kaczor
Walter & Debra Kaczor

Eleanor Kodning, Carmelo & Annunziata DeGrande
Peter & Suzanne DeGrande

Jack Nagle & All the Nagles & Clarks
Dennis Nagle

Billy Costello
William & Cheryl Costello

Ann & Michael Phillips, Ann & John Sowpel
Richard & Joyce Sowpel

The Miracola & Clemente Families
Anthony & Angela Clemente

Consuelo Remigio, Vincinta Martinez
Jose’ & Nancy Martinez

Monica Ann Talcott
Lee Family

Charles Carey
William & Margaret Shaughnessy

Anthony Siniscalco, Dorothy Siniscalco
Richard & Louise Giordano

John & Ellen Mahoney
Jerry & Mary Coleman

Deceased Loved Ones
Donna Lee



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Francis Kneucker
Bruno & Helga Kneucker

Preciosa Cardoso, Joao Cardoso
Manuel & Marie Afonso

Mary T. Pellechia
Nick Pellechia

Blanche Corvino, Felix Corvino
Ronald & Dolores Ruff

Keegan & DeCongelio Families
John & Cathy Keegan

Kathleen & James Maher
Walter & Agnes Kelso

**Andrew & Jean Stepen
Edward & Olga Zak**
Richard & Andrea Zak

Souls of Purgatory
Edward Walker

Mattus, Jessi & Edward Zalewski
Diane Brennan

**Frank Percaccio, Percaccio Grand-
parents**
Mary Ann Percaccio

**Frank P. Cue (Father of Marianne
Ivanicki)**
David & Marianne Ivanicki

Cecil Gravatt
George & Marlene Gravatt

Olive Gravatt
George & Marlene Gravatt

Lillian Winthers
Marlene & George Gravatt

Charles Winthers
Marlene & George Gravatt

*A Warm Thank You to Everyone Who
Contributed to the Parish Christmas Flower
Memorials.*

**Harakal & Krulan Family Members,
Living & Deceased**
John & Stephanie Harakal

**Frank & Marie Sardone,
Daniel Cherellia, Fr. Justin Biase,
William Smith, Cathy Taylor Attara**
Frank & Debra Sardone

Christopher Pflum
Michael & Lauren Misner

Jozef Cebulak, Zbigniew Sliwa
Jack & Beata Sliwa

James E. Scott
Thomas & Lisa Scott

Elilzabeth Doran, Neville Tompkins
Mr. & Mrs. J. Doran

Judith Lyon
Christopher & Lisa Bascone

**Lou & Jane Brogno,
Luciano Pantalena**
Brian & Franca Brogno

Luca Michele Canzona
Daria Canzona

For Our Deceased Loved Ones
Harry & Lynn Reed

Spinelli & Iannicelli Families
Brett & Doreen Sabio

Rosaria Sciascia
Sciascia Family

**Diamante D'Onorio De Meo, Luigina
D'Urso, Luigi D'Onorio De Meo**
Fred & Anna D'Onorio De Meo

**Bonnie Calvey, Ralph &
Caroline Favilla**
Charles & Colleen Favilla

Sergio Bello & Cecilia Boyle
Ryan & Maxx Boyle

James V. Ferraro, Jr.
*Anna (Daughter) &
George Gravatt, Jr.*

James V. Ferraro, Jr.
*Grandchildren: Allie,
Nicholas, Olivia & Leah
Gravatt*

**Marianne Wilkes Drake,
Matthew & Catherine
Wilkes,
James & Catherine McKee**
Jack & Cathy McKee

**Louis Sr. & Josephine Polce,
James & Frances DeLuca**
Louis & Martha Polce

Col. Dean Wright
Annette Wright

**Pamela Mullen,
Rich & Violet Furjanic,
Peter & Josephine Greco**
Peter & Laura Greco

DONATIONS:

*Wayne & Phyllis Anne Jeffrey
Ann Ryan
Edwin & Elisa Morales
Robert Andrews
Andrew & Patti Diamond
Robert & Debra Mueller
David & Nicole Applegate
Michael & Patricia Baldasari
Louis & Margaret Di Bello
Stephen & Megan Ferraro
Watters Family
Scott & Leslie Decker
John & Nancy Shanley
Loretta Desanto
Matthew & Barbara Howarth
Ronald & Maribel Novera
Marie Liddy
Richard & Maria Eskew
Charles F. & Jennifer
Okerson
Teodorico & Ninfa Gonzales
Andrew & Lisette Hoffman
The Doran Family
Sophie Fitzsimmons
Lilo Tonon*



ADMINISTRATION



**WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, December 24, 2018 through
Tuesday, January 1, 2019. We will open on
Wednesday, January 2, 2019.**

**The Religious Education Office will be closed
Monday, December 24, 2018 through
Tuesday, January 1, 2019.
Classes resume on Wednesday,
January 2, 2019.**



**Thank You to our Knights of Columbus for
fun and festive Breakfast with Santa!**

**THANKING YOU
FOR YOUR KINDNESS**

**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.



**ONLINE
GIVING
By WeShare**

**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.**