

# 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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### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 30, 2018



*Jesus said to his parents,  
“Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I  
must be in my Father’s house?”*

Luke 2:49

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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

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

**WE PRAY ... CELEBRATE ... REMEMBER**

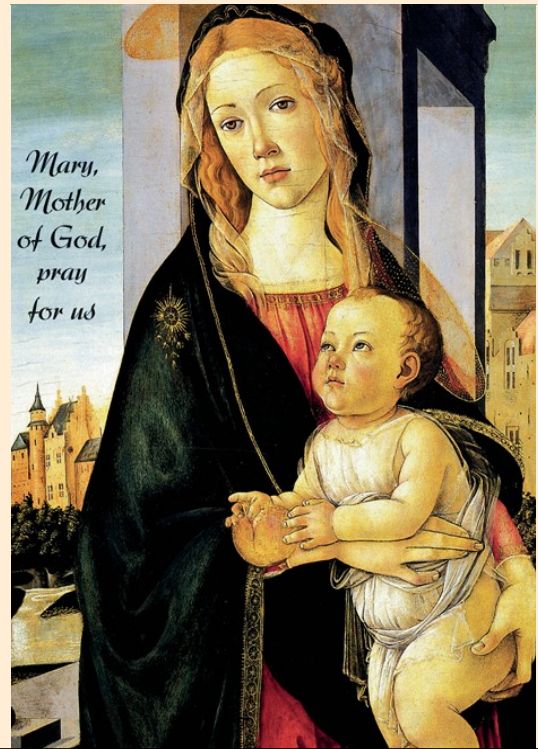


**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

9:00 AM Mass  
Chapel

Dec 29 SAT	4:30 pm	Dennis Fitzgerald Req. by Terry Porter & Family
Dec 30 SUN	8:00 am	Eleanor & Rodney King Req. by Peter & Suzanne DeGrande Dominic Martinez Req. by Tim & Luanne Lindon
	10:00 am	James Gratton Req. by Maureen & Ken Hillers Marie Veza Req. by John & Cathy Keegan
	11:30 am	Sal Remigio Req. by Nancy Martinez Lorraine Trenergy Req. by Nancy Doran & Ellen Burk
Dec 31 MON	9:00 am	Walter Sullivan Req. by the Randazzo Family
Jan 1 TUES	9:00 am	Deacon Michael Principato Req. by Roy & Terri Murray Mary Smilek Req. by Joanne Monroe
Jan 3 THURS	9:00 am	Anna Lombardi Req. by Granddaughter, Laura Ann
Jan 4 FRI	9:00 am	Enzo Fusaro Req. by Joanne Monroe, Elda Richard & Theresa Canziani



**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
Cyril Elias	Lauren MacArthur	Wayne Sos
Mary Flannery	Teresa Magyar	Yolanda Spinelli
Bob Fort	Margie McCullam	Ilona Supczynski
Sharon Foster	Amber Painter	Melissa Tortorello
Marlene Gravatt	Esther Peraza	Richard VanVolkom
		Roseann Williams

**HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS**

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Feast of the HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

I wonder if by any chance you have seen the bumper sticker that says, "There's no free lunch!" I like that kind of sassy irreverence; and it came to mind as I looked at the reading for this Sunday. There is much truth in that bumper sticker because it implies that in life nothing is handed to us and even though life can be difficult we need to overcome our human frailty and deal with the pain and frustration of our human limitations.

First, in today's Gospel I see this remarkable family keeping the fourth commandment by likewise, keeping the first commandment which is, "I am the LORD your God; you shall have no other gods before me." The very first words of Luke's account show this family putting first things first. It states, "Now the parents of Jesus obediently went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover, and when Jesus was twelve years old, they traveled there according to custom."

This is a good reminder for us that we cannot truly keep the fourth commandment, or the fifth or sixth or any of them, without first keeping the first commandment. God alone is Lord of Life. Jesus himself reminds us, "Seek first the dominion and the righteousness of God." Jesus continues, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind." The second commandment states "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." That is important to keep in mind. It keeps your priorities straight.

Second, Jesus is given a measure of independence, a measure of freedom. The Gospel reads, "And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy stayed behind in Jerusalem." His parents thought him to be somewhere in the company. Jesus' parents apparently felt he could be trusted with a measure of freedom and independence. This is the kind of mutual respect and trust between parent and child that is a model of what our families ought to be like. Jesus' parents recognize that their son possesses his own center of freedom and responsibility. Such recognition begins, not when the child reaches the age of twelve, but the day of birth, and it continues life-long. Respect and honor are like love. You learn them by experience. You learn to love by being loved; you learn to respect and honor others by being respected and honored yourself. Amen.

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

January 1, 2019, The SOLEMNITY OF MARY, The MOTHER OF GOD. (Holy Day of Obligation)

Today the entire universal Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, the first day of the NEW YEAR. God's decision to choose Mary to become the Mother of Jesus marked the end of the reign of sin and the beginning of the life of grace.

Our new calendar year begins with biblical words of blessing, comfort and empowerment. The priestly blessing in the Book of Numbers proclaims God's promise to be with us. God's face shines upon this as graciousness, kindness and peace. A good friend of mine prays for peace in hearts, homes, cities, societies, Church and the world. Peace is more than the absence of conflict. Peace means we will be alright no matter what because God is with us.

We can find comfort by reflecting on God's visit and message offered through the birth of Jesus that we celebrate this season. Let us ponder this great event. We are invited to reflect on today's readings. What do they invite us to treasure? What difference does being God's daughter or son make in how we live?

Son of Mary, open our eyes to your presence around and within us. Fill us with your spirit so that we can be an instrument of your light and peace for those we meet today and every day. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MINISTRIES

### *SIMBANG GABI....A Special Thank You*



*Thank you to our Ministries and Parishioners for the outpouring of support and generous donations all helping to make our Simbang Gabi celebration a beautiful one!*



The first step for Infant Baptisms at St. Catherine of Siena Parish is our Baptism Preparation Class.

Upcoming sessions for new parents:

Sunday, January 27, 2019  
Sunday, February 24, 2019

For more detailed information and to register, visit our parish website, [www.sienachurch.org](http://www.sienachurch.org).



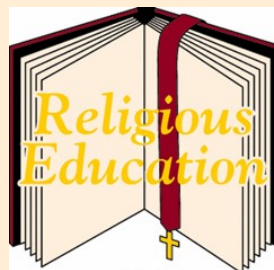
Youth Group Meeting  
Monday, January 14, 2019  
7:20 pm—8:20 pm

Kids grades, 7—12, come learn about the events and activities planned for 2019!

*Meet our new Ministry Leader, Richard Allen!*

### *Rosary Altar Society*

We invite all parishioners to join the Society as we pray the Rosary on **Sunday, January 20 at 11:00 am** before the 11:30 am Mass at the Church.



*Religious Education*  
*Grade 2 Parent Meeting*  
Wednesday, January 9, 2019  
6:00 p.m.  
*Parish Hall*



*The Parish Office and Rel. Ed. Office will be closed*  
*Monday, Dec. 31, 2018 and Tues. Jan. 1, 2019.*  
*We will open on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.*

*Religious Education Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.*

## ADMINISTRATION

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

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, December 15/16 2018		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,979.00	157 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,685.00	104 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$2,490.00	226 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,314.00	229 people
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,468.00</b>	<b>716 people</b>
Online Giving Dec 10 — Dec 16	\$1,666.00	62 donors



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.

Second Collection	
Diocesan Assessment	\$1,421.00



## 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](mailto:frontoffice@sienachurch.org).*

**2018 ACA**  
**AT 90% of GOAL!**  
 GOAL—\$44,000.00  
 December 17, 2018  
 Raised—\$39,831.70  
**TO REACH GOAL—\$4,213.00**  
 Donors—172  
 Paid Pledges—\$37,831.70  
**ONLY 10% REMAINING to ACHIEVE GOAL**  
 Balance—\$1,955.30  
 Thank you so much for your generosity!  
 If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so by **December 31, 2018.**



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](http://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.

## SACRAMENT & FAITH FORMATION

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** To schedule an anointing, call the Pastor's Office at 732-938-5375 OPT. 7

**BAPTISM:** We celebrate Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM or during the 11:30 AM Mass. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor letters, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is mandatory for parents. Classes are held in Classroom 10 on the **4th Sunday of the month**. To sign up, please fill out the registration form on our website for the date you wish to attend. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples planning a marriage must contact the parish office to begin marriage preparation at least one year before the anticipated wedding date.

**RCIA:** The process by which adults become Catholic and/or receive the Sacraments is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

**SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN:** The RCIA for children is a process that invites any child age 7 to 18, interested in the Catholic Faith, to discover what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. It is open to anyone seeking to get to know Jesus. Like the RCIA for adults, this process is accomplished in a comfortable, friendly and informal environment designed for children. Certain Rites are celebrated in the church throughout their journey in faith. Near the end of the process, the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist—are celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

**OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY:** 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, the welcome envelopes located in the narthex, or via WeShare online giving*); 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.

*Save the Date....*  
*Walking with Purpose*  
*Tuesday, January 8*  
*10:00 a.m. Parish Hall*



## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### The Good Samaritan Ministry



Here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 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 20 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](mailto:socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org).

### The Good Samaritan Ministry

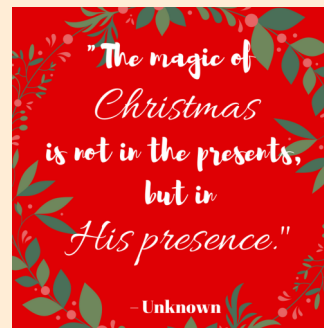
#### A LETTER OF THANKS...

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Church and  
Good Samaritan Ministry,

I cannot express into words how grateful I am for your generous gift of warmth! Thank you for taking care of providing heat to my home.

You have alleviated a great burden from me! I will NEVER forget what you have done for me and my girls. We will work hard to pay it forward in the name of the Lord and His Church.

God Bless,  
A Grateful Farmingdale Family



## COMMUNITY CORNER



### Christmas Gift

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse?  
Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 25 - 27.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information.

Visit us at: [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org) for more information.

### Upper Room Spiritual Center

**3455 West Bangs Avenue, Building 2 , Neptune, NJ 07753**

[www.theupper-room.org](http://www.theupper-room.org)

#### 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.

**Facilitator:** Jack Hudak

**Date:** Wednesday, January 9, 2019

**Time:** 7:30pm - 9:00pm

**Fee:** \$10

#### Centering Prayer: Continuing Our Transformation in Christ

Come to learn and pray with Fr. Thomas Keating, (DVD) as he leads us deeper into our center and transformation in Christ.

\*Includes Centering Prayer session

**Facilitator:** Sun Spriggs

**Date:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Fee:** \$35 - \$50 (sliding scale - light lunch included)

#### Knitting and Prayer

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills with prayer and compassion, and create a prayer shawl, for someone in need of prayer. Little or no experience required.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019

**Time:** 1:30pm -3:30pm

**Fee:** Free Will Offering

#### Dreams and Inner Healing

Dreams are a language of the heart, a way that our deeper self speaks to us. They are a language of symbols and metaphors that help us to understand what lies beneath our fears and inner struggles. Every dream is an attempt of our unconscious to center us, balance us, and heal us. Dreams expand our capacity to experience God and our true self.

**Presenter:** Maureen Conroy, RSM, D. Min

**Date:** Thursday, January 24, 2019

**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:30pm

**Fee:** \$25 ~ \$50 (sliding scale)

#### 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.

**Presenter:** Grace Conte, M.A.

**Date:** Monday, January 28, 2019

**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Fee:** \$15 - \$30 (sliding scale)

To register for all programs please call (732) 922-0550 or email [office@theupper-room.org](mailto:office@theupper-room.org)