



St. Catherine of Siena

31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

January 7, 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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.
Bishop of Trenton

Pastor

Rev. Angelito I. Anarcon

Weekend Assistant

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Deacon Daniel Sakowski

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Religious Education Secretary

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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:

Pray Sunday, January 21, 11:00 AM before 11:30 AM Mass *Church*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

732-938-3454
February 19 @ 7:00 PM *Parish Hall*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 6, 2018

4:30 PM Thomas & Eileen Neff
(Mary Anderson)

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:00 AM Kathryn Ward
(Jones Family)

10:00 AM Gerald Langton
(Ryan-Hannaway Family)

11:30 AM Leo Bulvanoski
(Denise Dipierri)

Weekday Masses @ St. Catherine's Chapel

Monday, January 8, 2018

9:00 AM Jay Brahney
(Galante Family)

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

9:00 AM Angela Mastrolia
(Jim & Virginia Piccolo)

Thursday, January 11, 2018

9:00 AM Patricia Smith
(Robert & Mary Ellen O'Sullivan)

Friday, January 12, 2018

9:00 AM Patricia Smith
(Piccolo Family)

Sunday Collection

Week of: 12/24/17

Weekly First Collection	\$ 7,243.00
Energy & Fuel	\$ 1,394.00
Christmas	\$ 27,185.00

Sunday Collection

Week of: 12/31/17

Weekly First Collection	\$ 5,391.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 4,017.00
Flowers	\$ 2,051.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 587.00

Next Weekend's Collection

Week of: 1/14/18

Weekly First Collection & Diocesan Assessment



What could be better than a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter day? Please help the Rosary Altar Society make our fifth annual "**Soup-er Bowl**" a success. We will be collecting cans of soup and non-perishable items (pasta, spaghetti sauce, PB & J, cereals, napkins, toilet paper, tissues, etc.) from the weekend of January 6/7, 2018 through February 4, 2018 Super Bowl Sunday. We will use these items to stock the St. Vincent de Paul "Emergency Food Closet" and any extra food will be taken to Joshua House. Please drop all contributions off in the narthex of the church. ***Please check the expiration dates*** Thank you and God Bless.



**All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.**
— Psalm 72:11

First Reading — Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading — Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel — Matthew 2:1-12



of all our Parish family and friends, and especially the recently departed:

Robert S. Hoffman

(Husband of Kathy, Father of Eric, Ciara & Caylei)

Yolanda Gabriel

(Sister of Jennie Grosso)

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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, Margie McCullam, Amber Painter, Esther Peraza, Jeanette Picciani, David Piccolo, Barbara Sansevere, Nancy Soper, Ilona Supczynski

Walking with Purpose
Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture



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://www.pstore.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.

Dear Parishioners,

The EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

Many stories, ancient and modern, begin with the advent of a stranger in a small town. With the coming of the outsider, the settled way of the neighborhood is disturbed and the scene is primed for conflict. In a scene where everyone knows everyone else a sudden unannounced arrival can provoke reactions from mild curiosity to acute fear. People's attention is engaged, questions are asked. Who is he? Why this place? Does this traveler know something the locals do not? Will the town ever be the same after he has gone?

In today's Gospel we hear Matthew's classic story of the arrival of three wise men. So who were they really? Who were these mysterious visitors from the east, and why did they come? They were also called "magi," from a Greek word which is the origin of the word "magic." They were pagans, magicians, astrologers, readers of the stars. Whoever they are their identity is never revealed. They know something the local people do not, that is, that the king of the Jews has just been born in the neighborhood of Jerusalem.

We need not think of the pagans and worshippers of other gods in the Graeco-Roman world of Jesus' time as living in darkness and the same is true today. In fact, the 2nd Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, speaks of how other members of other faiths are part of God's plan of salvation. It also says, "nor is God remote from those who in the shadows and images seek the unknown God, since he gives to everyone life and breath" (LG 16). The magi went off in search of a greater light. Their reading of the stars succeeded on this occasion led by God. And yet when they finally reached their destination, the magi left behind their worship of the stars, and fell down to worship and honor the one who made the sun, the stars and life itself.

It has been a couple of thousand years since those magi travelled to Bethlehem, searching for the light. Their journey cannot have been easy. The same thing with our journey to Christ, isn't it? No doubt they had to give up a great deal to find him, but nothing was more important to them than their spiritual search. They grasped the truth that while they were searching, God had been leading them. For it was God who lit the star, and God who encouraged them to set out. It was because God loved them and God wanted to be found by them.

One of the most wonderful things that the magi's journey gave them was the gift of time. They reflected, they prayed and they called on God. And that is one great benefit of a pilgrimage. There is ample time to ponder some basic questions, and come to realize, like the wise men, regardless if we are Catholics or not, Christian brothers and sisters of other churches, or different members of faiths, or some other people who are still searching to find their faith, there is always something more to seek and find. One of the most special and significant moments was when the magi fell down to worship Jesus and gave him their gifts. It is a similar moment when a person is baptized, comes into the Church or takes a further and new step in faith.

Let us keep in mind, the magi were lost on their spiritual journey, first arriving in Jerusalem rather than in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. However, they were wise enough to ask and find the way. Let us pray that our parish family may always be ready to welcome, encourage and show the path to those who are seeking. Like the magi, may they find Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet Sunday, January 14th 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 this month's sessions, please email clow@sienachurch.org.

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Sharing the Gospel

God wants these gifts from you: love, forgiveness, and sharing. The wise men took Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. You may not have these to give to God. You can give God gifts more valuable than gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Forgive someone. It is worth more than a piece of gold. Say NO to bad ways. This is worth more than frankincense. Share with others. This is worth more than myrrh.

Prayer

Lord, help me do things worth more than gold for you.

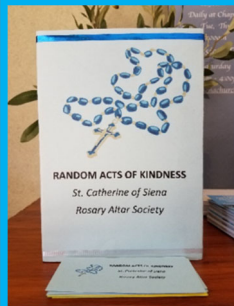
CHOIR NEWS



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Cantors and Choir members are needed for St. Catherine's Music Ministry. If you would love to be part of our ministry of giving to the Glory of God through music please come and join us! We are planning for special liturgies, and a possible concert series. 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 meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Church.

The Rosary Altar Society will continue the Random Acts of Kindness project until May when we will offer up all of these kind acts to Mary in conjunction with the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Look for the small box on the table in the narthex, write your random act of kindness on one of the little cards by the box, and drop the card into the box.



We invite all parishioners to join the Society as we pray the Rosary on Sunday, January 21 at 11:00 am before the 11:30 am Mass at the Church.

 **Read the Gospel and Color**



Have you signed up yet for **FORMED**, an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and e-books On Demand anytime, anywhere? As a member, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. This resource is provided to our parishioners, free of charge, to help you learn and grow in your faith. You will also be able to easily access any featured content promoted within the **FORMED** community from time to time. So sign up now if you have not already done so.

Also, once you have signed up, don't forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put **FORMED** at your fingertips.

We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift; please spread the word to others.

To sign up for FREE, just go to <https://sienachurch.formed.org>.

We have an Online Parish Photo Directory! If you would like to be included in this private, password protected section of the website, go to the website at <http://www.sienachurch.org>, click on Parish Photo Directory, choose either Online Sign Up Form or Photo Directory Info Sheet (pdf) and sign up. The directory includes photos of Clergy, Staff, Ministries and Parishioners as well as a listing of all parishioners. Obtaining photos of parishioners and parish groups is an ongoing effort. Names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of parishioners will be included in the directory unless you opt out.



ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH WARMLY WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW PARISHIONERS:

Nicholas, Anne & Nicholas DeToro

Do you have an extra Nativity set? We would like to put one in each Religious Education Classroom. Please drop it off to the Office or bring it when you come to Mass. Thank you. Kyle Galante, 732-938-6229.

Please don't forget to pick up your 2018 offertory envelopes.



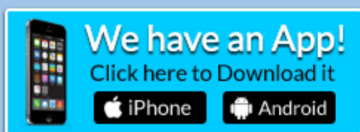
By the end of November, a total of 116 parishioners had registered on formed.org and averaged about 9 visits per registration. The short

Opening the Word videos for each week continue to be very popular although parishioners are viewing, listening to, and downloading a wide variety of offerings from the site. Not registered yet? Go to formed.org and use parish code QCVKRC to register (or click on the graphic or the links to FORMED on the church website at sienachurch.org and the parish code will be entered automatically for you.)

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.

SMART PHONE USERS We now have a mobile App! Go to **SCOSNJ.Catholic.Cloud** right on your iPhone or Android to get it. It's free! You'll be able to get up-to-the-minute announcements, check out the Mass schedules, call the parish office with one push of a button and more. We'd like your feedback!



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?

Be a Voice for the Voiceless!
Don't wait! - - Get involved this year!
January 2018 will mark 45 years of legalized abortion in the US



Mass for Life/Rally for Life in Trenton

Monday, January 22, 2018 – 45th Anniversary of Roe v Wade

Join hundreds of people from all over New Jersey who oppose the killing of the innocent unborn through abortion as we *PRAY* and *RALLY* for *LIFE*! This day will be Pro-Life, Pro-Woman and Pro-Family! **Join Bishop O'Connell for a Mass for Life** at 9:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren St., Trenton. Find directions to the Cathedral at: saintmaryscathedral-trenton.org/directions/. Parking on street may be metered. There is a reasonable public parking garage on Warren St. just down the street and across from the Cathedral. After Mass, we will process to the Statehouse Annex, 131 W. State St. (next to the State House) for the **Rally for Life** which will begin at 11:00 am and end at about 1:00 pm. Signs will be provided by NJ Right to Life. Come to hear Pro-Life Leaders, elected officials and clergy address the current abortion related issues. Be a Voice for the Voiceless and join us in Trenton!



Bus Trip—March for Life! Washington D.C. Friday, January 19, 2018! Mark your

calendar and **GET ON THE BUS!!** Join hundreds of thousands of people from all over the country in peaceful protest against legalized abortion! This is an AMAZING, UPLIFTING experience for both the young and old! Since the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973, about 60 million babies have been killed by abortion and each day about 3,300 babies are aborted. Be a voice for the voiceless and **GET ON THE BUS!**

When: Departures are the morning of **Friday, January 19, 2018**

Where: There are bus departures from locations all over the Diocese of Trenton. To find the location closest to you, go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry

Questions: Rachel Hendricks, Coordinator for Respect Life Ministries, Diocese of Trenton (609) 403-7192; rhendr@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 e-mail lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, MONMOUTH COUNTY, REACHES OUT! Our Outreach Services support local families, children and singles in need. We make holiday gifts and baskets, distribute back-to-school supplies, and organize coat and food drives. Learn more about what we do and how you can help. Your time and talent, great or small, can make a difference. For more information call Mary Lee at 732-241-5841 or email Mary at: mlee502@gmail.com.

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

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](tel:732-492-6861) or email scottrubinson@gmail.com.

Seeking fellow parishioners to participate and join in the pro life cause. Call 732-580-1387.

"**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 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. 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*.