

# 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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### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus observed how the crowd  
put money into the treasury.  
Many rich people put in large sums.  
A poor widow also came and put in  
two small coins worth a few cents.

Mark 12:41-42



**November 11, 2018**

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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**



**Nov 10 SAT.** 4:30 pm **Mary & John Kruse**  
 Req. by Daughters, Maryanne, Patty & Stephanie  
**Frank Colossi**  
 Req. by Bob & Carol Coyne

**Nov 11 SUN** 8:00 am **Angelina & Patsy Percaccio**  
 Req. by the Percaccio Family  
**Dominick Martinez**  
 Req. by Anthony & Shelia Infante

10:00 am **Tom Howard**  
 Req. by the Diamond Family  
**Alice Antunes**  
 Req. by the Callari Family

11:30 am **Rose Cantatore**  
 Req. by Husband & Family  
**Stephen Whitesell**  
 Req. by "Bunco" Friends

**Nov 12 MON** 9:00 am **John T. Dale**  
 Req. by Palmie Cummings

**Nov 13 TUES** 9:00 am **Ralph Suozzo**  
 Req. by the Ciccone Family  
**Genevieve Kissinger**  
 Req. by Fred & Sally

**Nov. 15 THURS** 9:00 am **Ralph Suozzo**  
 Req. by Nina Zirpolo

**Nov. 16 FRI** 9:00 am **Catherine Fitzgerald**  
 Req. by Mary Elizabeth Whitehouse

**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	Yolanda Spinelli
Marlene Gravatt	Margie McCullam	Ilona Supczynski
John Hart	Amber Painter	Melissa Tortorello
	Esther Peraza	Roseann Williams

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we Welcome to the Church:

**Briella Marie Andersen**  
**Leighton Louise Ryan-Hannaway**  
**Emily Denise Greenwood**

*We ask God's blessings on these children and their families every day of their lives!*

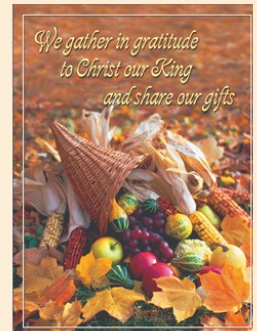


May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

**Lorraine Tresnery**

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

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*



All parishioners, families, and friends are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 am on Thanksgiving Day.



**Homebound Ministry**

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



**Rosary Altar Society**

We invite you to join in praying the Rosary on **Sunday, November 18 at 11:00 am in the main church.**

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

We are calling on our parishioners to see who would be interested in being a Cantor and a member of the Choir of the parish. This is a great opportunity for you to do your stewardship by sharing as you contribute with the community your potential, blessing, time and talent as part of our music ministry. Anyone who is interested, please get in touch with the parish Music Director, Alice Kovach, at [akovach9@aol.com](mailto:akovach9@aol.com).

As you can see in the Bulletin, we are still short of our goal of \$44,000 for the Annual Catholic Appeal. For those who have not responded, please prayerfully consider donating for this wonderful endeavor as we are still short 15%, which is \$6,563.00. We truly appreciate your generous contribution. Thank you so much.

### THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

A constant phrase that we hear nowadays is, "It's not a rocket science." Usually the one who speaks is trying to convince us that the message on offer should be relatively obvious and therefore easy to understand. Another appeal which people may make is that we need only use our common sense and the message will be clear.

When we listen to Jesus inviting us to reflect on our experience, he does something similar, often presenting us with paradoxes, statements that seem self-contradictory, but which in fact are inviting us to be honest with ourselves and recognize that it is all too easy to deceive ourselves, especially if the truth is likely to disturb what is commonly called our "comfort zones."

We sometimes hear people say, rightly or wrongly, that the poor are more generous than the rich. But are they really? What is your take on this? Our answer will probably depend on where we are coming from. If we believe that generosity is determined by how much we give, then the rich who usually can give more are therefore more generous than the poor. Do we agree?

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites his listeners to observe what is going on. The scribes were those learned men whose job was to interpret the Jewish Law, yet, like so many people vested with authority, they were tempted to go beyond their brief and introduce unnecessary new laws and customs. And these were designed to ensure that while they retained their social status and their comfort zones, others were forced to carry the additional burden. All Jesus needs to do is to invite his listeners to observe what is going on. They are opposite the treasury, where there were collection boxes to help defray the costs of running the Temple. The money was flowing in and it would seem that there were those who made sure that others were aware of how much they were contributing, but they were the rich and they could well afford it. By contrast Jesus draws their attention to the poor widow, who just put in two very small copper coins worth only a few cents.

If we go by the quantity or amount of their offerings, then the rich who gave much more than the poor widow can be said, indeed, to be more generous, but if we go by the quality or sincerity of one's offering, the poor widow gave more, much more. For, as our Lord himself noted, this poor widow, out of her poverty, put in everything that she had to live on.

Though the rich gave more to the temple treasury, whose money by the way, made the upkeep of the Temple possible, let us keep in mind that they gave out of their abundance, and therefore did not hurt their pockets that much.

In conclusion, generosity can either be quantitative or qualitative, two possible interpretations of one and the same act. But as to which is more pleasing to God, Jesus himself has answered it for us. It was the generosity of the widow that pleased him more because what she did was sacrificial as well as a selfless act. What the widow did was something that showed vividly her complete faith and trust in God's Divine Providence while not minding her own needs.

St. Pope John Paul II said, "Nobody is so poor that he has nothing to give and nobody is so rich that he has nothing to receive." Real generosity carries with it always the sweet smell of sacrifice. Generous behavior is a light that shines through the darkness. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH NEWS

## CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

Advent Preparation for the church will be the week of **November 25**. Rosary Altar Society and the Sacristan are asking for volunteers to help with the cleaning and decorating of our church.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP?

For more information, please contact Mary Jean Tillett at [rosary@sienachurch.org](mailto:rosary@sienachurch.org)



**BAKE SALE Thank you!**  
The Good Samaritan Ministry thanks everyone who stopped by the bake sale the weekend of Nov. 3 & Nov. 4. Because of your generosity (and appetitel), we were able to raise \$703.

The proceeds go towards the Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets and the works of the ministry to help local families facing temporary hardships.

A SWEET Thank You to our Rosary Altar Society and all who donated baked goods and helped work the bake sale. Your efforts truly made it a success!

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
Traveling Torch  
St. Catherine of Siena Church  
**Sunday, November 25**  
11 AM—1 PM Celebration



Traveling Torches in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be traveling throughout the Diocese from late October until December. The purpose of these torches is to encourage devotion and prayers to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas. On the morning of **Sunday, November 25**, our parish will be receiving the torch and presenting it to the parish community at the **11:30 am Mass**. The torch will remain in the parish until Saturday, December 1 when our Knights of Columbus members will continue its travels to St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton, for a special mass with our Bishop, David O'Connell at 12 noon.

During the time the torch is in the parish, all are welcome to attend devotions and prayer services with the torch. A basket will be provided for the collection of petitions.

For more information, please email Laura Randazzo at [passociate@sienachurch.org](mailto:passociate@sienachurch.org)

## ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Veronica & St. Catherine of Siena

## Christmas Carol Festival



FREE Family Event Includes:

- Singing Carols Together
- Fellowship
- Refreshments (coffee and cookies)

JOIN US!

December 1st, 2018  
at 7 PM in the St. Veronica school gym



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## Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale

Get a jump start on your Christmas Card mailing! The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards the weekends of **Nov. 10/11, Nov. 17/18, Nov. 24/25 and Dec. 1/2.**

Save the Date:

**Breakfast with Santa**  
**December 16, 2018**

After the 10 am & 11:30 am Masses

## ADMINISTRATION

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

### Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, November 3/4 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,350.00	153 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,607.00	138 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,424.00	148 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,179.00	159 people
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,560.00</b>	<b>598 people</b>
<b>Online Giving</b> Oct 29 — Nov 4	<b>\$2,826.99</b>	<b>61 donors</b>

### Second Collection

Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,374.00
All Saints Day	\$1,166.00
All Souls Day	\$665.00



### November 17 & 18 Collection Capital Campaign for Human Development



The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)



We are thankful to our Veterans for serving our country and our freedom!

On Monday, November 12, 2018, Daily Mass will be held for 9 am in the Chapel. The parish office will be open from 9-12 pm and the Religious Education Office will be open and classes will be held.

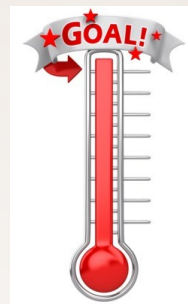


We are so happy to welcome new members to our Parish family! We invite you to stop by the Parish Office, Mon.-Thur. 9 am - 2 pm or Sunday, 9 am—12:45 pm., for registration, to learn about our various ministries and to receive offertory envelopes.

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,

## 2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL November 5, 2018



**Goal \$44,000.00**  
**Raised: \$37,437.00**  
**Paid: \$34,800.90**  
**Pledge Balance: \$2,636.10**  
**% of Goal: 85%**  
**Donors: 166**

**A sincere thank you to all who have contributed to the 2018 ACA. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!**

## 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 mailing.

**Donations begin at \$15.**  
**Please make checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena.**  
**Note Flower Memorial in the Memo**



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.

## SACRAMENTAL & 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.

**OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF EIGIBILITY:** 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.



## Preparation Class

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

Upcoming sessions for new parents:  
**Sunday, November 25, 2018**  
**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

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

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA The Giving Tree



## Has Arrived!

The St. Catherine of Siena Giving Tree, our parish-wide effort to help make Christmas a little brighter for local seniors, families and children in need, has been set up in the vestibule. Please help make someone's life a little cheerier by choosing one or more paper ornaments, purchasing the requested gift(s), and returning them to church by

**Sunday, December 2.**

Each tag contains information about a specific gift recipient and their gift request. To allow all to participate, the cost of the gifts vary from a few dollars to perhaps the cost of a coat. After you select an ornament (s), please do your best to purchase the requested gift so no one will be disappointed.

Place the unwrapped gift in a bag and attach the **ORIGINAL PAPER ORNAMENT** to the outside of the bag. It is important that the ornament be attached to the gift as this is the only method we have for distributing the gifts to the proper individual.

All gifts **MUST** be returned to the Church vestibule **NO LATER** than **Sunday, December 2**. Your timely return of the gifts will ensure that they are distributed on time to the different organizations and individuals needing assistance.

Thank you for your generosity and giving spirit.



## SOLES4SOULS SHOE DRIVE

A **BIG Thank You** to everyone for supporting the

Soles4Souls Shoe Drive!

Your generosity and commitment has been an inspiration and a beautiful representation of the good and the kind among us.

We collected **549** pairs of shoes!

Email: [socialconcernscomission@sienachurch.org](mailto:socialconcernscomission@sienachurch.org).

## COMMUNITY CORNER



### CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION

The Catholic Women of Zion Chapter I Outreach Ministry will hold a Ministry Retreat Day on **Saturday, November 17, 2018** at St. William the Abbot R. C. Church, 2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Road, Howell NJ 07731.

The day begins with Mass in the Church at 9:00 am and is followed by music, prayers for healing, sharing, networking, a luncheon in the Parish Hall, and a speaker (Keaton Douglas), finishing by 1:00 pm. Admission is \$20, payable at the door, and includes lunch.

Register online at [cwoz.org](http://cwoz.org) or call 732-363-0139 ext. 777 no later than Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Please leave your phone number and spell your last name.



On Saturday, December 1st, 2018, the "Roamin' Catholics" of the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine will be sponsoring a bus trip to:

**Radio City Music Hall in New York City to see "Christmas Spectacular" starring the Radio City Rockettes.**

**Bus leaving St. Robert's - 2 pm leaving NYC - 8:30 pm**

**Tickets: \$182 per person**

**NO REFUNDS-RETURNS-ALL SALES FINAL**

We will be leaving St. Robert's at 2:00 pm for the 4:30 pm performance.

This will allow ample time to get to our destination. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase on a "FIRSTCOME-FIRST SERVED BASIS." **ALL PURCHASES ARE FINAL, With No Refunds, Returns and Exchanges Permitted.**

Tickets include Transportation to and from Radio City Music Hall with seating located in the 1st Mezzanine- center stage. Our return trip back to the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, will be leaving Radio City Music Hall at 8:30 pm. You will have 2 1/2 hours after the performance to enjoy whatever you like, dinner from hundreds of restaurants or do some sightseeing in the City at Christmastime, like St. Patrick's Cathedral or the Famous Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center, just a block away or Shop 'til you drop.

We have a brand-new way to order your tickets! Just follow the link below and you can pay with either your debit or credit card. <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-4160342/>

For more information, please contact Marty Weisman at: 732-462-7038 or email me [comehome@strobert.com](mailto:comehome@strobert.com)

### Relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina to visit the Diocese of Trenton



Following the historic tour of the United States in 2017, relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina – better known as Padre Pio – will resume touring several Archdioceses and Dioceses in the United States of America from February 6th to May 11th (first part), and from September 6th to November 11th 2018 (second part). The relics will also be touring for the first time in Mexico and Canada. The relics will be at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine of the Diocese of Trenton, on **Tuesday, November 13, 2018, from 10 p.m. to 6:30 p.m..**

The relics of Saint Pio available for public veneration will be the following (here on the picture): Saint Pio's glove; Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds; Cotton-gauze with Saint Pio's blood stains; A lock of Saint Pio's hair; Saint Pio's mantle; Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died. Mons. Thomas Gervasio, Vicar General of the Diocese of Trenton will celebrate **a Mass in honor of Saint Pio at 7:00 p.m.** The Saint Pio Foundation, which is sponsoring the tour on the occasion of the 50th commemoration anniversary of his passing, will sell books and items related to Padre Pio in the entryway of the Cathedral.